

Bobcat Tales

Whiteford Agricultural Schools
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Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



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2023 – 2024 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

| Building | Starting Time | Ending Time | Early Dismissal Time |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Elementary | 7:40 AM | 2:55 PM | 10:55 AM |
| Middle/High School | 8:00 AM | 3:00 PM | 11:05 AM |

August 30 Teacher PD Day

August 30..... EL & MS/HS Open House & 6th Grade Orientation

Sept. 5..... First Day of School (students report at noon)

Nov. 1 NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD Day)

Nov. 9 EARLY DISMISSAL (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Nov. 22..... EARLY DISMISSAL (Start of Thanksgiving Break)

Nov. 23-24 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 22 EARLY DISMISSAL (Start of Christmas/Winter Break)

Dec. 25- Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL (Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 3..... School Resumes

Jan. 15..... NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 18-19 EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)

Feb. 16..... NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD Day)

Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL (President's Day)

Feb. 20..... EARLY DISMISSAL (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

March 22..... EARLY DISMISSAL (Start of Spring/Easter Break)

March 25- April 1..... NO SCHOOL (Spring/Easter Break)

April 2 School Resumes

April 10 STATE TESTING DAY (NO SCHOOL K-7, 12)

May 27 NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

June 5..... EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)

June 6* EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams & Last Day of School)

**pending weather delays/closings; parents are reminded that additional days may be added to the school year should we exceed our state limitation on number of days/hours cancelled or delayed during the school year.*

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

*1st Tuesday: 4:00—6:00 Nova Faith 5105 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614

*1st Thursday: 4:30—6:30 Crossroads 6960 Sylvania-Petersburg Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

*2nd Tuesday: 3:00—5:00 St. Paul's Episcopal 798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616

*2nd Friday: 10:00—12:00 5 Points @ Augsburg Lutheran 1342 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43612

*3rd Thursday: 12:00—2:00 Lott Industries 3350 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43607

*4th Thursday: 4:00—6:00 Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist 640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43604

*4th Friday: 2:00—4:00 Agape Community Center 225 S. Irwin Rd., Holland, OH 43528

Food Pantry Dates / Hours

Crossroads Church

1st Thursday of each Month
4:30 PM — 6:30 PM

St. Michael Lutheran Church

2nd Saturday of each Month
9:30 AM—10:30 AM

Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of each Month
10 AM—12 PM



WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

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This newsletter is also available on the district's website: www.whiteford.k12.mi.us

August 2023

2023 MHSAA BACK-TO-BACK STATE RUNNER UP TEAM



Congratulations to our Whiteford softball team and coaching staff for pulling off a back-to-back run in the MHSAA state finals (this time in Division 3)! Once again, this talented team had an outstanding season and secured a spot in the state championship game at Michigan

State University, this time against the Standish-Sterling Panthers. The Bobcats battled in a scoreless game until the final inning when the Panthers knocked in a run to end the contest. Our Bobcats should be proud of all of their remarkable accomplishments throughout this season; the team finished 12-0 in the TCC and had an overall 37-5 record, they were the first Whiteford softball Division 3 District and Regional champs (along with a first for the aforementioned Division 3 state runner up title), and more importantly, they were an All-State Academic Team. We wish all the very best to our graduating seniors, Ava Hillard, Patrina Marsh, Allison Spradling, Alyssa Ulery, Jessica Ulery, Mackenzie Ulery, and Aly VanBrandt. With only having had 3 seasons to play due to a lost season during the pandemic, these young ladies have much to celebrate. They were 36-0 in the TCC, three-time TCC champs, three-time District champs, three-time Regional champs, an integral part of the two-time state runner up team, and were a three-time All-State Academic Team. Ava will attend Grand Valley State University to study Nursing. Patrina will head to Davenport University where she will study Sports Management and continue to play softball for the Panthers. Allison will attend the University of Toledo for Biology/Pre-Vet. The infamous Ulery triplets will also attend the University of Toledo with Alyssa studying Business and Jessica and Mackenzie studying Nursing. Aly will head to Indiana University where she'll study Exercise Science and play ball for the Hoosiers. Further team accomplishments are as follows:

All-TCC players: Allison Spradling, Karlei Conard, Patrina Marsh, Unity Nelson, Jillian Webb, Aly VanBrandt, Kaydence Sheldon, Shay Alexander. Sportsmanship award: Ava Hillard

All-District players: Allison Spradling (1B), Patrina Marsh (OF), Unity Nelson (P), Aly VanBrandt (SS), Kaydence Sheldon (C), Shay Alexander (UT)

All-Region players (at same positions mentioned above): Patrina, Unity, Kaydence, Shay

All-State First Team (at same positions): Unity, Aly, Kaydence

All-State Honorable Mention: Patrina

Monroe News All-Region: Aly, Patrina, Unity, Kaydence

Monroe News Softball Player of the Year: Aly

BCSN Dream Team: Unity Nelson as starting pitcher and Aly VanBrandt as starting SS

Michigan HS Softball Coaches Association Miss Softball Award for position player (all divisions): Aly VanBrandt

Finally, we would be remiss if we didn't mention that Coach Matt VanBrandt was named All-Region Coach of the Year! Congratulations to all on an exceptional season and, as always, we look forward to next spring!



Superintendent of Schools
Scott L. Huard

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Mike Iott

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Shane Hillard

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Kristi Mock
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Jeff Bunge

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

6:00 PM

September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

MS/HS Bobcat Den

District Mission / Vision

Engaged ... in our learning
Encouraged ... by our community
Empowered ... for our world
We are Whiteford!

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

Hey, Bobcat Families,

With the arrival of some cooler temperatures, it means that the start of the 2023-2024 school year is upon us. I hope that all of our families and students had an outstanding summer, and everyone is looking forward to the exciting start of a new school year. As the superintendent of Whiteford Agricultural Schools, I am honored to stand alongside you in our collective pursuit to ensure our students are engaged in their learning, encouraged by our community, and empowered for our world. Embedded in our strategic plan is our commitment to our shared beliefs:

We firmly believe that every student possesses the potential for success, a belief that fuels our dedication to nurturing and guiding each student's unique journey. Our classrooms are spaces where students can thrive, and where the transformative power of learning and discovery unfolds.

We believe in the importance of addressing the social and emotional needs of every student, ensuring that our learning environment is one that is physically and emotionally safe. Our staff is committed to fostering positive relationships where students can reach their full potential while feeling secure to explore, question, and grow.

We believe in a highly qualified and dedicated staff. Our teaching and support staff are the backbone of our schools. With unwavering dedication, they bring to life our vision of education. They serve as mentors, guides, and advocates, nurturing the seeds of knowledge that will blossom into lifelong learning.

We believe community support is valuable in promoting student success. We cherish the collaborative relationship we share with parents, guardians, and the broader community. Your involvement enhances the holistic growth of our students, exemplifying the power of a united educational front.

As we embark on this new school year, let us stand together in our commitment to academic excellence, personal growth, and community unity. Together, we will create an environment of learning and achievement for our students that leads to boundless possibilities, meaningful connections, and educational success.

We are better together - We are Whiteford!

Sincerely,

Scott L. Huard

Scott L. Huard
Superintendent



Getting to Know Our New MS/HS Main Office Administrative Assistant

Hello Bobcats! My name is Amanda Duval and I am the new face you have seen in the MS/HS office serving as the Administrative Assistant. I would like to start off by thanking everyone for being so welcoming...and patient with me as I learn the ropes here at Whiteford! I am looking forward to getting to know my Bobcats better. I love how close knit this community is, and the school spirit is contagious!

I have served a couple of local districts in the past several years, with my most recent adventure being at Dundee Middle School. Before that, I worked at Blissfield High School where my three handsome guys attended. My oldest son, Connor, is a Union Millwright. He has always had a mind for how things work. He and his wife Anna-JO are expecting their first baby very soon! We are adoringly calling the baby "Avocado" until we find out if he or she will be coming home from the hospital in pink or blue. Surprises are the best! Our middle son, Kendall, recently graduated from Defiance College with a degree in History. He was a pitcher for Defiance's baseball team (Go Jackets!) and now coaches JV Baseball at Dundee. He is currently working on getting his teaching certificate. Our youngest son, Landon, just graduated from Blissfield where he played football and baseball. He plans on becoming an Aviation Mechanic with aspirations of working for Delta. I have no doubt he will make that dream a reality.

My husband, Aaron, and I have enjoyed this blessed life together for the past 24 years. Up until this past spring, we spent most of our weekends at our kids' sporting events. As much as we have loved that life, we are excited for things to slow down a little and maybe...just maybe...take some of those vacations we have dreamed of. I'm sure some of our getaways will involve a baseball diamond or football field! That is, if we are not babysitting that new grandbaby!



Welcome Back!

SUBMITTED BY ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL MARCY ANDERSON



I hope your summer has been filled with fun, relaxation, and some reading, of course! The staff has been eagerly awaiting the day when each of you return to school and join us in all of the fun. The classrooms have been cleaned, rearranged, and decorated. New supplies have been brought in, pencils sharpened, and books organized. Now the only thing that is missing is your smiling face. We can't wait to start this amazing journey with you. This is going to be a fantastic school year!! We will see you soon!

"You don't have to be great to get started, but you have to get started to be great." ~ Les Brown



Middle School Honor Roll (Spring 2023 4th Quarter)

6th Grade All As

Dietz, Ella
Dubendorfer, Drew
Hill, Addison
Hill, Oliver
Iott, Clara
Johnson, Aubrey
Masters, Kate
Ovall, Macy
Pawson, Carter
Perez, Stafani
Puhl, Aiden
Rasor, Kaia
Rasor, Grant
Sanjur, Noah
Scott, Raelynn
Swy, Ava
Taylor, Lauren
Zawacki, Fischer

7th Grade All As

Butz, Ava
Griffith, Allison
Jurgenson, Harlow
Masters, Brody
Vida, Molly
Vida, Rory
White, Brielle
Wing, Breslin

8th Grade All As

Biggs, Paityn
Billau, Austin
Chiotti, Braelynn
Eitniear, Tre
Kahn, Sophia
Luse, Kayla
Masters, Marissa
Pirrone, Laney
Prange, Amber
Robertson, Blake
Ruddy, Brek
Saylor, Jess
Schumacher, Hailey
Stevens, Ava
Valasek Wienclaw, Alisyn
Wood, Avy
Zawacki, Thayne

6th Grade All As and Bs

Anderson, Kinsley
Blaisdell, Ayden
Cole, Jordan
Gillette, Mason
Huard, Anna
Krueger, Jaxton
McCormack, Colton
McCullough, Nathan
Meinert, Grayson
Oxley, Zahna
Peterlin, Wyatt

6th Grade All As and Bs

Sanjur, Logan
Swearingen, Autumn
Van Aken, Hailey
Wood, Cody

7th Grade All As and Bs

Benoit, Quinn
Biswas, Ellie
Ellis, Camden
Filas, Carson
Hamid, Sadia
Lake, Blair
Luzier, William
Meinert, Gavin
Miller, Jacoby
Milot, Emery
Mock, Indiana
Mohler, Carolyn
Olrich, Jade
Perry, Jeter
Pitney, Casey
Raker, Allen
Rodriguez, Brooklyn
Shingleton, Kallie
Smith, Parker
Speweik, Glory
Suchora, Eva
Thomson, Norah
Virost, Anthony

8th Grade All As and Bs

Alcock, Brayden
Bauman, Austin
Bieber, Charlie
Briem, Kaeleigh
Call, Cooper
DeBarr, Sierra
DuRocher, Delaney
Krajcar, Piper
Ray, Cooper
Schober, Cade
Smith, Ava
Stewart, Caden
Thomas, Jonathan
Turvey, Amanda
Tyrrell, Brookelynn
Williams, Leah
Wright, Leah



High School Honor Roll (Spring 2023 4th Quarter)

9th Grade All As

Andrews, Nate
Bahls, Mallory
Chung, Iza
Cousino, Addeson
Diesing, Cooper
Griffith, Cole
LaVoy, Kailee
Ross, Grace
Ruddy, Drew
Schalmo, Garrett
Scott, Jake
Shingleton, Rory
Spradling, Bailey
Turvey, Alison
Welker, Tyler
Wing, Briar

10th Grade All As

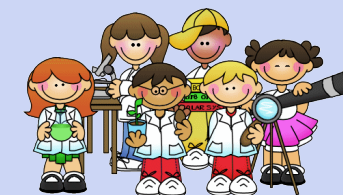
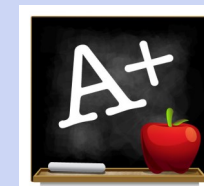
Biswas, Emmy
Butz, Megan
Butz, Brady
Consear, Layla
Fielder, Ava
Joerin, Rylan
Laws, Olivia
Lehsten, Isabell
Linkey, Adam
Lorenzen, Mariah
Luse, Haley
Masters, Brendon
McClain, Alaina
Mills, Brooklyn
Rasor, Emily
Saylor, Jenna

11th Grade All As

Aguado, Miasofia
DeSilvis, Rylie
Dickinson, MaKayla
Ellis, Avery
Gapp, Annabelle
Gorney, Ava
Hill, Joshua
Johnson, Abigail
Lay, Joslyn
Masters, Keegan
Minkowski, Sofie
Nelson, Unity
Ruddy, Ryin
Simmons, Aubrie
Stevens, Noah
Thomas, Margo
Turvey, Emily
Vida, Luke
Webb, Jillian
Wing, Reagan

12th Grade All As

Bauman, Ali
Blanchard, Morgan
Butz, Kaitlyn
DeBruyne, Lexi
Ellis, Alena
French, Thomas
Giesige, Jake
Gorney, Braden
Guilliam, Emily
Luse, Brayden
McCullum, Kennedy
Norman, Halle
Rasor, Luke
Ruddy, Shea
Siler, Ava
Spradling, Allison
Thomas, Madelyn
Turvey, Sarah
Ulery, Alyssa
Ulery, Jessica
VanBrandt, Aly



9th Grade All As and Bs

Billau, Koralynn
Brown, Nolan
Consear, Lana
DeBarr, Mason
French, Samuel
Hamid, Sarah
Henegar, Luke
Hillard, Brody
McCullough, Everett
Mills, Blake
VanHove, Addyson
Zawacki, Chase
Zimmerman, Brayden

10th Grade All As and Bs

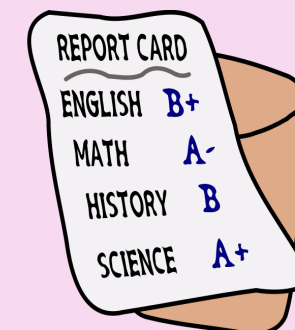
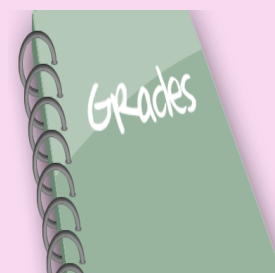
Billau, Lily
Bott, Connor
Cousino, Avery
Delmotte, Logan
Emerson, Virginia
Hill, Emily
Indoval, Austin
Lee, Chase
Neal, Dalton
Perez, Cristal
Stevens, Nathan
Vance, Bailey
Waterford, Malia
Williams, Sophia
Wolniewicz, Audrey

11th Grade All As and Bs

Alexander, Shaylin
Andrews, Makayla
Bieber, Madelyne
Brace, Victoria
Conard, Karlei
Crook, Jayden
Griffith, Keira
Henry, Jacob
Indoval, Adriana
Iott, Jackson
Iott, Jacob
Masserant, Kolby
Podgorski, Maysen
Schober, Anna

12th Grade All As and Bs

Cousino, Madelyn
Cousino, Aidan
Cox, Janell
DeBruyne, Logan
Donnelly, Addison
Huard, Claire
Knaggs, Owen
Kolmar, Cameron
Lipp, Karmen
Marsh, Patrina
McLaughlin, Mason
Rodgers, Elliott
Russell, Kennedy
Shingleton, Hailey
Speweik, Quinn



NEW FACES AT WHITEFORD SCHOOLS

The first day of school at Whiteford is **Tuesday, September 5th** (school begins at noon for students) and we're excited to announce a few new staff members this year as well as some familiar faces in new positions (information presented is current as of publication print date):

Elementary:

- **Jamie Bischoff** – 1st Grade Teacher
- **Milly Iott** – 4th Grade Teacher

Middle/High School:

- **Amanda Duval** – MS/HS Administrative Assistant

District Positions:

- **Cathy Machcinski** - Director of Human Resources
- **Misti Burtscher** - Special Education Route Bus Driver
- **Ali Lake** - Regular Route Bus Driver
- **Jared Leffel** - Technology Support Coordinator

These current staff members have new positions within the district this year:

- **Tori Gossard** – Middle School Math
- **Missy Haley** – 6th Grade Teacher
- **Dee Dee LaVoy** – Elementary Title 1 Aide
- **Tara Pawson** – Elementary Title 1 Aide & Library
- **Andrea Young** – 3rd Grade Teacher

Third Party Contract Positions:

- **Kadie Lindsey** - Director of Food Service, The Nutrition Group



To those employees who have recently retired from the district — **Christine Bischoff, former School Board President** — we thank you for your many years of exemplary service to the district and wish you all the very best! Don't forget, once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat!!!



Hi everyone! My name is Milly Iott, and I will be joining the elementary team as a 4th grade teacher this year. I earned my bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan this past spring — Go Blue! I also graduated from Whiteford High School in 2019 and am so thrilled to rejoin the Bobcat community and start my teaching career at home!



Hi, my name is Ali Lake. I will be starting my first full year as a Whiteford bus driver in September. When the school was forced to cancel routes last year due to driver shortages, I said, "Why not!" and signed up! I've been a part of Whiteford schools since 2016, serving in various capacities including the Whiteford Parents' Association and as a substitute teacher and substitute Admin. Assistant. I live in the district with my husband and two children (grades 4 and 6). I'm excited for this year to start, and I can't wait to see all of my bus 4 kiddos on September 5th!



Hello Bobcat Families! My name is Jamie Bischoff, and I am excited to join the first-grade team at the elementary school this fall! I graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's in elementary education with an integrated science degree. Then I taught kindergarten in Bedford, which is where I am from. My husband is a Whiteford alum and we recently moved to Whiteford. We have 2 boys; Jack my oldest will be starting kindergarten this year, and my youngest is Hank and he is 3. I am very excited as I have heard very wonderful things about Whiteford Schools! I am looking forward to a great year! GO BOBCATS!

WHITEFORD ATHLETICS

SUBMITTED BY JEREMY SIMMONS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

What an amazing time for Bobcat athletics! By the end of the 2022-23 school year, our athletic teams had won five Tri-County Conference titles (football, men and women's track, baseball, and softball), three district titles (football, baseball, and softball), four regional titles (football, men's track, baseball, and softball), numerous tournament and invite titles, a state-runner up title (softball) and two state championship titles (football and 4x400 men's relay team)! We have also been blessed to have watched seniors Aly VanBrandt (Ms. Michigan's Softball Player of the Year) and Shea Ruddy (Division 7/8 Football Player of the Year) as they closed out their high school athletic careers and now start their collegiate careers at Indiana University and Hillsdale College.

As that special year has now closed, we are excited for the opening of the 2023-24 season and, for some sports, new places to play. We thank our voters for our new beautiful and spacious high school gym. We hope you made it to our Athletics Orientation night to see what an amazing facility we have. We also have paved the path that leads to the football field, which will make it much easier for our fans and visitors to travel back and see our football teams play in the woods.

We welcome back our 2022 Football State Champions and coach Todd Thieken in his second year as our Varsity Football Coach. Seniors Hunter DeBarr, Jake and Jack Iott, Ryn Ruddy, Kolby and Stepan Masserant, Luke Vida, Liam Waterford, Drew and Brandon Knaggs, Jakub Diesing, Trent Olrich, Cooper Bieber, Austin Welker, and RJ Cornett will lead our Bobcats on the gridiron. Coach Thieken's team looks to capture its third consecutive TCC championship.

Janie Bunge (3rd year) is back as our Varsity Volleyball Coach. Seniors Aubrie Simmons, Anna Schober, Karlei Conard, Madelyne Bieber, Kenzie Gray, Annabelle Gapp, and Sofie Minkowski look to lead their team toward their first TCC title since 2014. The new gym produced giant smiles from our volleyball team, and they plan to take advantage of their new high school volleyball home.

Jay Yockey (4th year) returns as our men and women's Cross Country Coach. Seniors Keegan Masters and Zach Khan will lead our men's team looking for their first ever TCC title, and seniors Annabell Gapp, Jillian Webb, Maysen Podgorski, Margo Thomas and Reagan Wing will lead our women in seeking their first TCC title since 2010. Our cross country team will host two meets on our school campus for the first time in school history. Our student athletes are days away from creating new lifelong memories and we are so excited that you will be a part of this journey!



ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

The Whiteford Athletic Boosters would like to thank everyone who supported our annual golf outing. It was a big success, and we raised a lot of money for our Whiteford athletes! Athletic Booster meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the MS/HS Media Center. Come join the fun and help support Whiteford athletics!

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are not currently supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, please take a few minutes to register today and help support Bobcat athletics. Go to www.kroger.com, log into your account and follow the links to the Community Rewards page. Select organization number **PV787** as the donation recipient. Remember, this is free money and will not affect your fuel points!

ANNUAL NOTICES

AHERA—ASBESTOS: As required by the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), this is inform you that the documentation for our District Asbestos Management Plan, the semiannual surveillance inspections (continued monitoring of remaining floor tile in our buildings) and the three-year reinspection are available for your review in the Superintendent's Office. Information regarding response actions may also be found in the District Asbestos Management Plan.

All questions relating to the District Asbestos Management Plan should be directed to **Scott L. Huard**, Superintendent, at **734.856.1443, ext. 101**.

CONCEALED WEAPONS: State law establishes a "Weapon-Free School Zone" that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any school property.

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

As a School District, we have policies prohibiting the possession of weapons on school property, inside school buildings, and at school events. Obviously, weapons are not appropriate in a school environment.

These restrictions shall not apply in the following circumstances to persons who are properly licensed to carry a concealed weapon:

- A. A parent or legal guardian of a student of the school may carry a concealed weapon while in a vehicle on school property if s/he is dropping off or picking up the student from the school, and any person may carry a concealed weapon solely in the parking lot.
- B. A county corrections officer, a member of a sheriff's posse, a police or sheriff's reserve or auxiliary officer, a State Department of Corrections parole or corrections officer, a private investigator, a Michigan State Police motor carrier officer or capitol security officer, a state court judge, a security officer required by the employer to carry a concealed weapon while on the premises, a court officer, a parole, probation, or corrections officer or absconder recovery unit member of the Department of Corrections if that individual has obtained a Michigan D of C weapons permit.
- C. Retirees of the abovementioned law officials with the same proper training and weapons permits with the exception of retired sheriff's posse or reserve auxiliary officers and retired security officer.

These are very limited exceptions and do not change the district policy that firearms, pistols, and other dangerous weapons are prohibited on school property. Parents and legal guardians are strongly discouraged from bringing concealed weapons on school property even while in a vehicle for pick-up or drop-off of their student. We urge those individuals authorized to carry a weapon to refrain from doing so while in a vehicle on school grounds or while attending a school sponsored event in respect for the safety of our students.

PETS ON DISTRICT GROUNDS: Students play and conduct class and athletic practices on district grounds on a regular basis. Please help us keep our grounds clean and clear of pet debris by not bringing your pet on the district's grounds. ALL animals (except service animals) are prohibited from being on school property unless approved by the administration.

SCHOOL ZONES: Parents, student drivers and district residents are reminded of the reduced speed (25 mph) in posted "School Zones" on Consear and Sylvania-Petersburg Roads. The reduced speed is in effect from 7:30 AM—8:30 AM and 2:30 PM—3:30 PM. Fines are DOUBLED in these designated areas. To ensure the safety of our children and those approaching the district buildings, please adhere to these speed limits.

USE OF TOBACCO ON SCHOOL PREMISES: In compliance with P.A. 140 of 1993, no person at anytime shall smoke, chew, or otherwise use tobacco products, of any kind, in any school building, at school sponsored events, on School District property, on property under the control of the School District, nor in School District vehicles. This policy is in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year.

WATER QUALITY COMPLIANCE SUMMARY: Due to amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, K-12 schools and day care facilities that are non-transient, non-community water supplies are required to prepare and make available for inspection an annual water quality report from the previous calendar year.

A copy of the report is available for inspection in the Office of the Superintendent, Whiteford Schools, 6655 Consear Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. All questions relating to the water quality compliance report should be directed to **Scott L. Huard**, Superintendent, at **734.856.1443, ext. 101**.

FOOD SERVICE FAQs

Whiteford Agricultural Schools will be participating in the Michigan School Meals program as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2023-2024 school year. ***THE GREAT NEWS IS that all students enrolled at our schools can receive ONE healthy breakfast and ONE lunch each day at NO CHARGE to your household (second meals will be charged at the normal price, as well as any ala carte purchases).***

We still need your household to complete the Free and Reduced-Priced Meal Application since the amount of money the district receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs is based on the number of students who "qualify" for free or reduced-price meals. It is easiest to complete the application via the Family Portal link at <https://whiteford.familyportal.cloud>; a link can be accessed from the district's website on the Food Service page. If unable to submit electronically, please complete the paper application and return it to the school district as soon as possible.

Where can I find the monthly menus? An interactive menu from our food service provider can be found under the Food Service tab on the district's website (OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the MONTHLY MENUS heading). The menus provide many details regarding the food items served in the district (i.e., nutritional information, allergens, etc.).

How much does breakfast and/or lunch cost*? Prices for the 2023-2024 school year are:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Milk (grades K-12)..... | \$0.50 |
| Breakfast (grades K-12)*..... | \$1.10 (\$0.30 reduced) |
| Elementary Lunch*..... | \$2.75 (\$0.40 reduced) |
| MS/HS Lunch*..... | \$3.10 (\$0.40 reduced) |

*Cost of second meal if purchased during breakfast or lunch meal service the same day.

Where can I find an application for Free/Reduced Price Meals? Families are encouraged to annually submit applications for free or reduced priced meals—this includes breakfast and lunch. Complete the application online at <https://whiteford.familyportal.cloud>. A link to this site is available on the district's website (OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS heading). A paper copy of the application is also available online or by contacting your child's respective building office.

What is the Meal Magic® Point of Sale System? Whiteford Schools utilizes a computerized sale system for breakfast and lunch sales, which greatly benefits students, parents and staff alike. Each student has their own account and funds stay with the student until they graduate or leave the district. The most efficient use of the Meal Magic® POS system is to put money on your child's account to insure sufficient funds are available for all ala carte purchases. Meal Magic deposit envelopes are available near each building office. ***At this time the district is unable to accept online deposits for meal service.

How do I know if my child has a low balance for ala carte purchases? You can view account balances 24/7 at <https://whiteford.familyportal.cloud>; a link can be accessed from the district's website on the Food Service page. A link to this site is available on the district's website (OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the right under the RESOURCES link heading).

Who do I contact if I have questions regarding my child's account? Cathy Machcinski at 734.856.1443, ext. 111 or via email at cathy.machcinski@whiteford.k12.mi.us. She can also assist you with setting spending limits or restrictions on purchases for your child.

GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEALTHY START!

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast. Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program! Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. *Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal!*

Breakfast is offered daily for all students from 7:20 AM — 7:45 AM in the elementary building and 7:35 AM — 8:00 AM in the middle/high school building.

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| Prices for the 2023-2024 school year are: | Milk (grades K-12)..... | \$0.50 |
| | Breakfast (grades K-12)* | \$1.10 (\$0.30 reduced) |

*Cost of second meal if purchased during breakfast meal service on the same day.

If morning meals are difficult for your family, let the School Breakfast Program help you out!

HOW TO CONTACT US

MAIN PHONE

734-856-1443

PHONE PROMPTS

- 4 Elementary Office
- 5 MS/HS Office Athletic Dept.
- 6 Transportation Superintendent/ Business Office/ Maintenance

ADMINISTRATION / SUPPORT SERVICES

Superintendent
Scott L. Huard
ext. 101 or 401

Elementary Principal
Marcy Anderson
ext. 104 or 110

MS/HS Principal
Jeremy Fielder
ext. 102 or 108

Assistant Principal & Athletic Director
Jeremy Simmons
ext. 103 or 109

Dean of Student Services/Career Coach
Ken Groch
ext. 240

EI. Counselor
Lauren Ehman
Ext. 309

MS/HS Counselor
Jennifer Head
ext. 216

Director of Transportation, Buildings & Grounds
Charlie Butz
ext. 107 or 401

Director of Finance & Business Services
Marisa Tebbe-Cousino
ext. 105

Accounting Assistant
Laura Cruz-Hartland
ext. 106

Director of HR
Cathy Machcinski
ext. 111

OFFICE FAXES

Elementary Office
734-856-4724

MS/HS Office
734-856-2564

Superintendent / Business Office
734-854-6463

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2023-2024 COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Along with some new faces in our classrooms, we also have a few new faces in our coaching ranks this year. Listed below are the coaches for the upcoming seasons:

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading

HS..... Kim DeSilvis (Head)
MS..... Brandy Crawford

Cross Country:

Varsity..... Jay Yockey (Head)

Football

Varsity..... Todd Thieken (Head)
Ben Avis (Asst.)
Thomas Eitniewar (Asst.)
Jason Vida (Asst.)
Nathan Bauman (Asst.)
Ray Paige (Asst.)

JV..... Tony DuPree (Head)
MS..... Marcus Luzier (Head 8th)
Rob Recker (Head 7th)

Volleyball:

Varsity..... Janie Bunge (Head)
Jess Waganfeald (Asst.)
JV..... Jayda Copciac (Head)
MS..... Holly Bunge (Head)

WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball

Varsity..... Nick Abalos (Head)
JV..... Nick Welch
7th..... Isaiah Joerin
8th..... Luke Masserant

Girls Basketball

Varsity..... Jim Ross (Head)
JV..... TBA
8th..... Troy Giesige
7th..... Patty Iott

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball

Varsity..... Terry Pant (Head)
JV..... TBA

Softball

Varsity..... Matt VanBrandt (Head)
Varsity..... Charlie Butz (Asst.)

Track & Field

Varsity..... Jay Yockey (Head)
Ben Avis (Asst.)
MS..... Chris Thomas
Kristin Thomas



BACK TO SCHOOL KICK-OFF



On Tuesday, August 15, 2023, the Whiteford Agricultural School District hosted its 2023 Back-to-School Kick-Off and Grand Opening to celebrate the start of a new school year and to share with the community all the amazing updated and new spaces made possible by our generous voters who passed the bond back in 2019! A special thank you to former Whiteford Superintendent, Val Orr, who spearheaded the initiative, the Whiteford Board of Education, the ever-flexible building principals and staff, Jess Saylor and Todd Woda of Delvanthol, Brian Weber of Plante Moran Cresa, Rich Brienik of The Collaborative, and to the countless other hard-working hands who helped bring this phase of the bond project to completion. A big thank you to our current Superintendent, Scott L. Huard, and to our Director of Transportation & Buildings and Grounds, Charlie Butz, (and to the many other hands around the district) who embraced the project and helped bring the vision to life! We are so grateful for the incredibly inspiring new spaces, and most of all, we love our students and appreciate our dedicated and supportive Bobcat family!



CAMP INVENTION

SUBMITTED BY BRIANNA BEST, 2ND GRADE TEACHER



Camp Invention brings science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to life for children in grades K-6 with hands-on activities focused on developing creative, inventive thinking and problem solving skills. This summer our 38 campers in grades K-6 teamed up with friends in hands-on, open-ended challenges that delivered an unforgettable summer packed with imagination stretching fun!

The four modules that we explored allowed students to build their own mini skate park, become an awesome event planner, launch their own pop-up business and transform a robot into a stuffie! Not to mention the high-energy, team building, and water-based games that we got to enjoy everyday.

During this action-packed, confidence-boosting program, our campers:

- Design and build their own mini skate park, customize their mini skateboard and practice persistence as they take on ramps, bowls, rails and more
- Transform a robot into a one-of-a-kind stuffie while exploring genetics, finding inspiration in nature and taking pride in their individuality
- Take on the role of event planner as they design a grand celebration, invent a Party Assistant and create a light-up party hat and bubble art banner
- Launch their own pop-up business while building entrepreneurship skills, making smart financial choices, using green energy and attracting customers



SUBMITTED BY KAZIA KRAMER

Welcome back Whiteford! We hope your summer was filled with great memories. Whiteford Recreation was busy planning over the summer. Our 5th and 6th graders will be engaging in Tackle Football this fall thanks to a great team of volunteers. Come out and see our youngest Bobcats play a game. We will also continue to have our 1st through 4th grade Flag Football program out there learning new skills and making connections. Tackle practices will start in mid-August and Flag practice will start in early September. Your coaches will be reaching out soon. Sign-ups start in September for winter sports.

Do you want to stay up to date on schedules, sign-ups, and league rules?

Find all you need to know here on our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/whitefordrecreationsignups/home> or connect with us at <https://www.facebook.com/whitefordRec>

W.R.C. is looking for new volunteer leaders! If you are interested in **leading** our Whiteford Recreation Flag Football League, please contact Jake Ray for details @ 419-467-7629.

Join us each month in the High School Media Center on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7pm. We have several positions on the Whiteford Recreation Board open—come get involved and join the team!

WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JACLYN WARREN

Welcome back! We hope everyone had an amazing summer and is refreshed and ready to jump back into school! We here at the WPA have already met and been brainstorming ideas and events for the 2023-2024 school year. Some key dates to put on your calendars now:

- 9/27/23-Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough sale kick off (6th graders included this year!)
- 11/09/23-Cookie Dough Pick up (please remember this date!)
- 11/11/23-Mother/Son Night, in the old high school gym
- 11/27/23-12/01/2023-Santa's Workshop
- January 2024-Family Fun Night (new this school year!)
- 4/20/24-Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 5/17/24-Carnival/Track and Field Day



*****We will be in need of volunteers for many of these events so if you plan to help, please be sure to have a volunteer form on file. You can find it on the school website at the bottom right of the home page.**

We're starting this school year with some new faces on the board and a new energy, and we would love to see some new faces at our meetings, too! We meet at 6:00PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the elementary school cafeteria. This year, meeting attendees will be issued a "punch card" to be marked at each meeting; attend at least 6 of the 8 meetings and be entered into a prize drawing at the end of the school year!

Follow us on Facebook—simply search for Whiteford Parents' Association! Already following us? Please invite your Whiteford friends to like our WPA Facebook page, too! We don't want anyone to miss news and updates regarding all of our exciting events and opportunities for parents and grandparents to get involved!



WHITEFORD ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

WHEN:

August 30, 2023
5:00-6:30 pm



WHERE:

Whiteford Elementary Building
6655 Consear Road Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

CLASSROOM TEACHERS:

KG: Mrs. Bowen • Mrs. Nagel • Mrs. Ovall

1st: Mrs. Bischoff • Mrs. Cisek • Mrs. Prajzner

2nd: Mrs. Best • Mrs. Vogel

3rd: Mrs. Brunt • Mrs. Tabbert • Mrs. Young

4th: Miss Hanselman • Miss Iott

5th: Mrs. Biddle • Mrs. Shepherd

Resource Room: Mrs. Floyd

Interventionists: Mrs. Hillard • Mrs. Groch
• Mrs. Devantier •

K-5 SPECIALS TEACHERS:

Mrs. Seiser; Art • Mr. Hubbard; PE • Mr. Schreiber;
Music • Ms. Kwasniak; Spanish • Mrs. Welch; STEM
Mrs. Mills; Tech/Library • Mr. Welling; 5th Grade Band

WWW.WHITEFORD.K12.MI.US

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC!

WHEN:

August 16, 2023
5:00-6:30pm

JOIN US AT THE
ELEMENTARY PLAY-
GROUND WHERE
STUDENTS WILL GET A
LETTER FROM THEIR
TEACHER, MEET NEW
CLASSMATES, AND
PLAY! HOT DOGS, CHIPS,
AND DRINKS WILL BE
PROVIDED BY THE
WPA :)

Teacher welcome letters
will be mailed to students
on Thursday, August
17th, if not picked up at
the picnic. Please look for
these to know which
classroom to visit!

OPEN HOUSE:

Students and guests are
asked to use the outside
classroom doors to enter
and exit their new class-
room. Teachers will be in
the classrooms to meet
and greet their new
students and family
members.

GO BOBCATS!

WHITEFORD MS/HS BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS



CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Monday, 8/28, 5:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, 8/29, 9:00 AM-12 PM

STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12 WILL BE ABLE TO COME
TO THE MEDIA CENTER TO RECEIVE THEIR CHROME-
BOOK AND CHARGER. REGISTRATION UPDATES
MUST BE COMPLETED AND CHROMBOOK FEES/
POLICY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO RE-
CEIVING A DEVICE/CHARGER.



OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 5:00-6:30 PM

CELEBRATE THE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY RECEIVING
YOUR SCHEDULE, MEETING TEACHERS, MEETING THE
PRINCIPAL, AND EXPLORING OUR LEARNING SPACES
FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.



6TH GRADE ORIENTATION/SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 5:00 PM

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPEN HOUSE, 6TH GRADE
STUDENTS WILL MEET THEIR TEACHERS AND LEARN
THE INS-AND-OUTS OF TRANSITIONING TO MIDDLE
SCHOOL. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MIDDLE
SCHOOL GYM. A SOCIAL WITH HOT DOGS AND LAWN
GAMES WILL FOLLOW.



CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Students and guests are
asked to use the doors by the
HS office.

Registration update links will
be emailed. The update must
be completed in order to re-
ceive a Chromebook.

Student registration packets
will be emailed in the begin-
ning of August.

GUIDELINES

All parents and students are
welcome to attend the Open
House.

Please feel welcome to check
out all our new learning spac-
es if you haven't already had
the chance to see the incred-

HOSTS

Jeremy Fielder, Principal

Jeremy Simmons, Asst. Prin-
cipal/Athletic Director

Teachers and Staff

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