

Bobcat Tales

Whiteford Agricultural Schools
6655 Consear Road
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



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Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



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2025 – 2026 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 27Teacher PD Day
August 27..... 1-12 Open House

August 28.....TK/K Open House

Sept. 2First Day of School
(students report at noon)

Nov. 3.....NO SCHOOL
(Teacher PD Day)

Nov. 13.....EARLY DISMISSAL
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Nov. 26.....EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Thanksgiving Break)

Nov. 27-28NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 19EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Christmas/Winter Break)

Dec. 22-
Jan. 2.....NO SCHOOL
(Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 5.....School Resumes

Jan. 19NO SCHOOL
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 22-23EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)

Feb. 16NO SCHOOL
(Teacher PD Day)

Feb. 20EARLY DISMISSAL

March 27EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Spring/Easter Break)

March 30-
April 3NO SCHOOL
(Spring/Easter Break)

April 6School Resumes

April 15STATE TESTING DAY
(No School Grades K-7, 12)

May 25NO SCHOOL
(Memorial Day)

June 4EARLY DISMISSAL
(Exams)

June 5*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 limi-
tation on number of days/hours can-
celled or delayed during the school
year.



Food Pantry Dates / Hours

Crossroads Church

1st Thursday of Month
4:30 PM—6:30 PM

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of Month
10 AM—12 PM

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

*3rd Thursday: 12:00—2:00 Lott Indus-
tries 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 Com-
munity Center 225 S. Irwin Rd., Hol-
land, OH 43528

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS Bobcat Tales

This newsletter is also available on the district's website: www.whiteford.k12.mi.us December 2025

COLLIN EMERSON COURTYARD



On Saturday, September 20, Whiteford held a dedication ceremony for the newly restored courtyard in honor of Mr. Collin Emerson. Mr. Emerson, a beloved biology and horticulture teacher at Whiteford for 35 years, originally created the courtyard in the 1980s. This past spring, the FFA students, maintenance team, and other volunteers came together to revitalize the space. The newly named **Collin Emerson Courtyard** stands as a lasting tribute to Mr. Emerson's passion, care, and countless hours of dedication. For more than 40 years, the courtyard's beauty has brought joy to students, staff, and community members, and it will continue to serve as an inspiring outdoor learning environment for generations to come.



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From the Superintendent’s office...

Superintendent’s Message



Hey, Bobcat Families,

As we move into this special time of year, I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, families, staff, alumni, and community members. The holiday season is a moment to pause, reflect, and appreciate the many gifts we enjoy as a school community—among them, the compassion of our students, the commitment of our educators, and the unwavering support of our families and community members. At Whiteford Agricultural Schools, these strengths shine brightly every day, and the weeks ahead give us even more opportunities to celebrate them together.

This season naturally invites us to slow down and take stock of what matters most. For many, it is a time to reconnect with loved ones, to express gratitude, and to find joy in traditions both old and new. In schools, it also becomes a chance to celebrate learning, creativity, and community spirit in ways that bring people of all ages together. I encourage everyone to take a moment to enjoy the small joys of the season. Over the next several weeks, our buildings will host a number of holiday-themed events designed to bring our community together in celebration. These programs highlight the talents of our students and the dedication of the staff who support them.

Our concert performances, art displays, and classroom activities offer moments of joy and pride for everyone involved. Whether students are taking part in their first elementary performance, showcasing their musical growth in middle or high school, or volunteering to support younger Bobcats, these events reflect the heart of who we are as a district. I hope you will join us whenever you can—your presence means more to our students than you may know. Families play an essential role in creating a positive, encouraging environment, and your participation helps make each event even more meaningful.

As we move through the busy weeks ahead, I also want to acknowledge the care and effort of our staff. Their dedication ensures that our students experience a season filled not only with celebration, but with meaningful growth. Please take a moment to thank a teacher, paraprofessional, bus driver, office assistant, custodian, coach, or any staff member who has made a difference in your child’s school experience this year. Their daily contributions are truly appreciated.

Finally, as we look ahead to winter break, I hope you each find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy moments of peace. From our Bobcat family to yours, may your holiday season be joyful, safe, and memorable.

Scott L. Huard, Superintendent

The Strategic Plan 2022-2027, which was created by a very broad and diverse group of 32 stakeholders and the survey results of over 400 people, was Board approved at the May 9, 2022 meeting. Throughout the planning process, the community expressed high expectations of Whiteford Schools becoming a world-class school district and having all students graduate from high school. Even though some of the goals are extremely high, they reflect the strong desire that has been expressed to embrace significant change and dramatically improve the school system for the next five years.

Mission

Whiteford Agricultural School District’s mission is to engage in purposeful learning and empower all for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

Vision

Whiteford Agricultural School District’s vision is to develop value-driven leaders and critical thinkers who will positively impact their community.

Shared Belief Statements

- We Believe...
- Everyone has the ability to be successful.
 - In meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe.
 - A highly qualified and dedicated staff.

Strategic Plan Goal Areas

Academics & Programs

Personnel & Leadership

Culture & Learning

Facilities

Spotlights...

Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to the following Staff Members of the Month winners!

September **Janie Valdez** (MS/HS Special Education Teacher)
October **Laura Dibert** (Elementary Title 1 Aide)

Each winner was presented with a \$100 gift card from Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the monthly board meetings.



October 20-24, 2025, we celebrated **National School Bus Safety Week**, and at Whiteford Agricultural Schools we are lucky to have incredible Schools bus drivers! Each day, our drivers ensure that hundreds of students get to and from school safely — no matter the weather, the early mornings, or the long routes. Their dedication, patience, and commitment to safety make them true everyday heroes. Thank you to our bus drivers and bus aide, **Debra Keefe, Misti Burtscher, Melinda Casey, Cathy Granata, Kris Schroyer, Julie Harsh, Rachael DeBarr** and **Natasha Brown**, for being the first smiling faces our students see in the morning and the last ones they see at the end of the day. They are an essential part of what makes our Bobcat community so strong!



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
Samuel Marsh
ext. 104 or 110

MS/HS Principal
Jeremy Fielder
ext. 102 or 108

Athletic Director
Mirandia Green
ext. 103

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

Elem. Counselor
Danielle Brossia
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

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**.

From the athletic director...

Athletics

Submitted by Mirandia Green, Athletic Director

The success of our fall sports season would not have been possible without the dedication and support of our amazing coaches and volunteers. Game-day operations involve many moving pieces, and we are especially grateful to everyone who volunteered to run the chain gang, take tickets, announce games, or operate the scoreboards. Without your help, we could not provide our student-athletes with the best possible game-day experiences. Our coaches also deserve recognition for their countless hours spent reviewing game film and carefully planning practices. Their tireless efforts ensure that our student-athletes have every opportunity to compete at the highest level.

The fall sports season was filled with outstanding achievements and unforgettable moments for our student-athletes. In cross country, **Braelynn Chiotti**, **Briar Wing**, and **Grant Rasor** earned first-team honors in the TCC league, with all three qualifying for the state competition. The volleyball team captured the TCC championship for the first time since the 2014 season, and **Addeson Cousino** reached a career milestone of 1,500 assists. The football team had an impressive season, earning the TAAC championship and numerous individual honors. Defensive first-team selections included **Shevy Alexander**, **Andy Trejo**, **Drew Ruddy**, and **Gabe Speweik**, with **Brek Ruddy** named to the second team. Offensive first-team honors went to **Rocco Pillarelli**, **Jake Scott**, **Gavin Peters**, and **Nolan Walker**, while **Drew Ruddy** and **Logan Riffle** earned second-team recognition. Special accolades included TAAC Special Teams Player of the Year **Drew Ruddy**, Offensive Player of the Year **Brek Ruddy**, and Defensive Player of the Year **Mason DeBarr**, with honorable mentions going to **Brody Hillard**, **Caden Stewart**, **Antonio Nachtrab**, and **Tre Eitnrear**.

2025-2026 COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading

HS Jordan Younglove
MS..... Leslie Lehberger

Cross Country:

Varsity..... Jay Yockey (Head)

Football

Varsity..... Todd Thicken (Head)
Ben Avis (Asst.)
Thomas Eitnrear (Asst.)
Alex Lipka (Asst.)
Kevin Kaufman (Asst.)
Drew Knaggs (Asst.)

JV Tony DuPree (Head)
MS..... Rob Recker (Head 8th)
Mike Lee (Head 7th)

Volleyball:

Varsity..... Janie Valdez (Head)
Jessica Dusa (Asst.)
Maddie Goforth (Asst.)
JV Jayda Copciac (Head)
MS..... Madison Peek (Head)
Anna Schober (Asst.)

WINTER SPORTS

Bovs Basketball

Varsity..... Jordan Bollin (Head)
Mychal Hand (Asst.)

JV Matthew Taylor
7th Isaiah Joerin
8th Luke Masserant

Girls Basketball

Varsity..... Nicholas Kopp (Head)
Mark Keeling (Asst.)
JV Julie McCullough

8th Tori Edmonds
7th Casey Andrews

Competitive Cheer

HS Jordan Younglove
MS..... Leslie Lehberger

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball

Varsity Terry Pant (Head)
Nick Guthrie (Asst.)
JV James Salow (Head)

Softball

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

Track & Field

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

Golf

Varsity Collin Welch (Head)
Jessica Ovall (Girls)

Winter Athletic Schedules

NOTE: All dates and times are subject to change.

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball

Fri.....	11/21	Scrimmage—Airport	Home.....	TBA
Tues.....	12/09	Milan	Away	5:30 PM
Fri.....	12/12	Summerfield	Away	5:30 PM
Mon.....	12/15	Blissfield (JV Only).....	Home.....	5:30 PM
Fri.....	12/19	Britton-Deerfield	Away	5:30 PM
Fri.....	1/2	New Year's Tournament.....	Home.....	5:30 PM
Sat.....	1/3	New Year's Tournament.....	Home.....	3:00 PM
Tues.....	1/6	Morenci	Away	5:30 PM
Fri.....	1/9	Lenawee Christian	Home.....	5:30 PM
Tues.....	1/13	Sand Creek	Home.....	5:30 PM
Thurs	1/15	Flat Rock	Away	5:30 PM
Sat.....	1/17	Evergreen	Away	4:30 PM
Tues.....	1/20	Erie-Mason	Home.....	5:30 PM
Thurs	1/22	Morenci	Home.....	5:30 PM
Tues.....	1/27	Summerfield	Home.....	5:30 PM
Thurs	1/29	Sand Creek	Away	5:30 PM
Sat.....	1/31	Madison	Away	12:00 PM
Mon.....	2/2	Lenawee Christian	Away	5:30 PM
Weds.....	2/4	Ida	Home.....	5:30 PM
Tues.....	2/10	Britton-Deerfield	Home.....	5:30 PM
Thurs	2/12	Erie-Mason	Away	5:30 PM
Mon.....	2/16	Grass Lake.....	Home.....	5:30 PM
Thurs	2/19	Dundee	Home.....	5:30 PM

Middle School Boys Basketball

Mon.....	11/3	Summerfield	Home.....	4:30 PM
Weds.....	11/5	Sand Creek	Away	4:30 PM
Mon.....	11/10	Erie-Mason	Home.....	4:30 PM
Weds.....	11/12	Lenawee Christian	Home.....	4:30 PM
Mon.....	11/17	Morenci	Away	4:30 PM
Weds.....	11/19	Erie-Mason	Away	4:30 PM
Mon.....	11/24	Sand Creek	Home.....	4:30 PM
Weds.....	12/3	Lenawee Christian	Away	5:30 PM
Sat.....	12/6	TCC MS Tournament	Home.....	9:00 AM
Weds.....	12/10	Britton-Deerfield (7th Grade)	Home.....	4:30 PM
Weds.....	12/10	Cardinal Stritch (8th Grade)	Home.....	5:30 PM
Mon.....	12/15	Britton-Deerfield (7th Grade)	Away	4:30 PM
Mon.....	12/15	MVCD (8th Grade).....	Away	5:00 PM
Weds.....	12/17	Summerfield (7th/8th side x side) ..	Away	5:00 PM

Varsity Competitive Cheerleading

Sat.....	12/6	Leslie High School	Away	10:00 AM
Sat.....	12/20	Onsted High School.....	Away	10:00 AM
Sat.....	1/10	Addison High School.....	Away	10:00 AM
Sat.....	1/17	Jonesville High School	Away	TBA
Fri.....	1/30	Clinton HS/MS	Away	TBA
Sat.....	2/7	Hillsdale High School.....	Away	TBA
Tues.....	2/10	Morenci	Away	TBA

JV/Varsity Girls Basketball

Thurs.....	12/4	Scrimmage—Clinton (V Only).....	Home.....	5:30 PM
Tues.....	12/9	Dundee.....	Home.....	5:30 PM
Thurs.....	12/11	Morenci	Away	5:30 PM
Sat.....	12/13	Evergreen.....	Home.....	12:00 PM
Tues.....	12/16	Lenawee Christian	Away	5:30 PM
Fri.....	1/2	New Year's Tournament.....	Away	12:30 PM
Sat.....	1/3	New Year's Tournament.....	Away	12:30 PM
Tues.....	1/6	Hudson.....	Home.....	5:30 PM
Thurs.....	1/8	Britton-Deerfield.....	Home.....	5:30 PM
Tues.....	1/13	Sand Creek	Away	5:30 PM
Thurs.....	1/15	Erie-Mason	Home.....	5:30 PM
Mon.....	1/19	Milan	Away	5:30 PM
Weds.....	1/21	Maumee Valley Country Day	Home.....	5:30 PM
Tues.....	1/27	Summerfield	Away	5:30 PM
Fri.....	1/30	Erie-Mason	Away	5:30 PM
Tues.....	2/3	Ida	Away	5:30 PM
Fri.....	2/6	Summerfield	Home.....	5:30 PM
Mon.....	2/9	Washtenaw Christian	Away	5:30 PM
Fri.....	2/13	Britton-Deerfield	Away	5:30 PM
Tues.....	2/17	Lenawee Christian	Home.....	5:30 PM
Fri.....	2/20	Morenci	Home.....	5:30 PM
Tues.....	2/24	Sand Creek (Senior Night).....	Home.....	5:30 PM
Mon.....	3/2	DISTRICTS	Home.....	TBA
Weds.....	3/4	DISTRICTS	Home.....	TBA
Fri.....	3/6	DISTRICTS	Home.....	TBA

Middle School Girls Basketball

Weds.....	1/14	Summerfield	Home.....	4:30 PM
Weds.....	1/21	Sand Creek	Away	4:30 PM
Mon.....	1/26	Erie-Mason	Home.....	4:30 PM
Weds.....	1/28	Lenawee Christian	Home.....	4:30 PM
Mon.....	2/2	Morenci	Away	4:30 PM
Weds.....	2/4	Erie-Mason	Away	4:30 PM
Mon.....	2/9	Sand Creek	Home.....	4:30 PM
Weds.....	2/18	Lenawee Christian	Away	5:30 PM
Weds.....	2/25	Britton-Deerfield	Away	4:30 PM
Sat.....	2/28	BD MS Tournament.....	Away	TBA
Mon.....	3/2	Britton-Deerfield	Home.....	4:30 PM
Weds.....	3/4	Summerfield (7th/8th side x side) ..	Away	5:00 PM

Middle School Competitive Cheerleading

Weds.....	12/17	Morenci High School.....	Away	TBA
Sat.....	12/20	Onsted High School.....	Away	2:00 PM
Sat.....	1/10	Addison High School.....	Away	10:00 AM
Sat	1/24	Tecumseh High School.....	Away	2:00 PM



GO BOBCATS!

Annual Notices

FOOD SERVICE FAQs

Whiteford Agricultural Schools will again be participating in the Michigan School Meals program as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2025-2026 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://whitefordagmi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/whiteford.jsp>**; 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 2025-2026 school year are:

Milk (grades TK-12) \$0.60
Breakfast (grades TK-12)* \$1.10 (\$.30 reduced)
Elementary Lunch* \$2.75 (\$.40 reduced)
MS/HS Lunch* \$3.10 (\$.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?](#) To complete the Education and Nutrition Benefits application form, login to Whiteford's Infinite Campus Parent Portal at: **[https:// whitefordgmi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/whiteford.jsp](https://whitefordgmi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/whiteford.jsp)**, which can be accessed from the district's website on the Food Service page. Click on More, Click on Meal Benefits, Complete the form, Submit the form. If unable to submit via the parent portal link, please complete the paper application and return to the school district as soon as possible. A paper copy of the application is available online or by contacting your child’s respective building office. Information on the application submitted is confidential.

[What is the Infinite Campus® 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 Infinite Campus® POS system is to put money on your child’s account to insure sufficient funds are available for all ala carte purchases. Parents can do this via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

[How do I know if my child has a low balance for ala carte purchases?](#) You can view account balances 24/7 in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This link can be accessed on the district’s website’s main page under Parent Access—Infinite Campus.

[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.

Annual Notices

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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.

Prices for the 2025-2026 school year are: Milk (grades TK-12)\$0.60
Breakfast (grades TK-12)*\$1.10 (\$.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!

From the booster groups...

Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA) News

Submitted by Ali Houghtaling, WPA President

The WPA Board officers for the 2025-2026 school year are: **Ali Houghtaling- President, Ahna Roush-Vice President, Kristi Browning- Treasurer, and Amy Fyn- Secretary.** We have started the school year strong and we need your help! Join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria for our monthly meetings.

On August 20, 2025, the WPA hosted the Elementary Back to School Picnic. This event kicked off our new school year and provided the opportunity for families to gather, find out teacher assignments, and enjoy hotdogs, chips, and cookies.

On September 2, 2025, the WPA sponsored the Staff Breakfast for the first day of school. We welcomed back the Teachers and Staff with treats from Emmy's Kitchen. Thank you to Emmy and Vince Bagnato for making scones, cinnamon rolls, quiche, cookies, and an incredible breakfast spread. We hope the teachers and staff felt appreciated!

We began the year with Dine-to-Donate opportunities at **Mayberry Ice Cream, Jo-Jo's Original Pizzeria, and Sidelines.** Thank you to all the families and community members that came to support!

Our Cookie Dough Fundraiser was a Success! Students in Transitional Kindergarten- Sixth Grade sold Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough and other gift items. Students with enough sales earned a Limo Ride for pizza!

On November 15, the WPA hosted Mother/Son Night in the Middle School Gym. This Glow Themed event had putt-putt, a boom-stick battle, garbage ball, ring toss, glow games, and glow in the dark beaded keychains. We had 116 students and 101 parents in attendance!

Mark your Calendar for the WPA's Upcoming Events:

WPA will support Santa's Workshop: **12/8/2025-12/12/2025.** Sign up to volunteer to help students shop or come to wrap gifts! Volunteer forms are available online and can be turned in at the school office.

Monthly WPA Meetings:
January 14, 2026, February 11, 2026, March 11, 2026, April 8, 2026, May 13, 2026

Dine-to-Donate Opportunities:
These events will be open to all grade levels and community members, and will help raise money for the WPA while supporting local restaurants. A percentage of sales will come back to the WPA with each purchase. Our next Dine-to-Donate event will be in March.

Please **Follow us on Facebook**-simply search for Whiteford Parents' Association! Check there for upcoming events and ways to get involved. Family, Friends, Grandparents, Community Members, we have opportunities throughout the year and we need you!



Whiteford Recreation Club
K-6th Grade Sports (WRC)

Happy Holidays from Whiteford Recreation Club (WRC)! We want to thank all the wonderful volunteer parents that helped make our fall football season a success. Currently boys’ basketball is underway and there are some strong teams this season. Kindergarten clinic, Co-ed 1st thru 2nd grade and Girls 3-6th grade Basketball will begin after our winter break. We look forward to another great season with our young Whiteford Bobcats.

This year Whiteford Recreation has gone paperless. Announcements for sign up will be done on Schoology group announcements, online and threw the school text blast. So don’t miss out on sign ups check out the information page on our website and set a reminder on your calendars.

<https://sites.google.com/view/whitefordreccsignups/home>

Whiteford Recreation Club is a 501© (3) Organization nonprofit volunteer program

We are looking for new team members for our Recreation Board next year. Please consider joining the team at 7:00 p.m. each month on the 1st Tuesday in the media room to get involved.

GO BOBCATS!



Athletic Boosters

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!

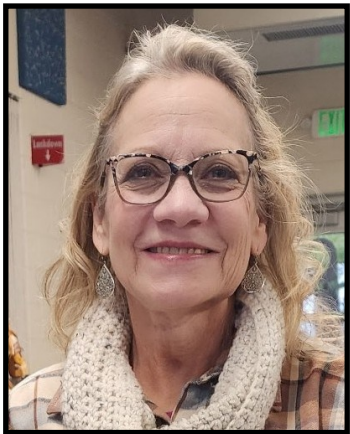
New Faces At Whiteford



Hello, Bobcat families! My name is **Ashley Biegajski** and I’m happy to be an official part of the Bobcats. My three children have been attending the school since Corbin was in fourth grade and now he is a junior. I have helped out in the middle school and elementary school volunteering for the last several years. My parents also are a part of the school teaching in the high school: Jeff and LeeAnn Thomas. I love raising my chickens, chasing my kids to the pool at Greenhill's, and going to garage sales with my mom when I am not at school. My husband Steve and I also love watching our boys play in their respective sports. I look forward to many years of helping in the elementary school and being a blessing to those here at Whiteford.



Hi, I’m **Natasha Brown**! I’m a new bus driver for Whiteford Agricultural School, where my two kids Harper and Coy also attend. Whiteford is school of choice for us, and I took this job because I wanted to get to know the people my kids go to school with and be more involved in our community. And the bonus? I get paid to take them to school and bring them home! I’ve been married to my husband for 10 years—he works in the oil industry—and we’re raising our family with a love for the outdoors, strong values, and a whole lot of heart. I also work as a real estate agent and have my brokers license. In my free time, I enjoy working out, staying active, and living a healthy, happy lifestyle. I’m an animal lover through and through, with two Frenchies and two Saint Bernards at home who keep life fun and full of love. Also, we have a white pony named Marshmallow. So far, I’ve really enjoyed getting to know the amazing staff at Whiteford, and I’m so excited to be a Bobcat!



Hello! My name is **Melinda Casey**. My nickname is “Linda”. I have four children and five grandchildren. You will see four of them walking the halls of Whiteford Elementary and Middle School. Eva, Paul, Madeline, and Vivian Vine. I am from Bedford, Pennsylvania. I moved to this area in 2019. I have been a school bus driver since 2011. I currently drive Bus #5. I love driving, working with children, and making a positive difference in their lives. When I’m not driving, I enjoy reading, singing in the choir, and teaching the girls at my church.

New Faces At Whiteford



Hello! My name is **Mirandia Green**. I am a graduate of Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio, and continued my academic and athletic career nearby at Lourdes University in Sylvania, where I played collegiate basketball. I earned a Master of Business Administration in Sports Management from Tiffin University while serving as Assistant Athletic Director at Tecumseh High School and later worked as Middle School Athletic Director and Youth Coordinator at Clinton Community School. These experiences have shown me the dedication required to excel both academically and athletically. I am excited to join Whiteford and collaborate with teachers and coaches to maintain strong education-based athletic programs, while being present to support student-athletes in creating positive, lasting experiences through sports.



Hello! My name is **Danielle Brossia**. I am so excited to be a Bobcat this coming school year! I will be joining the Elementary staff as the new School Counselor! I graduated and completed my internship in School Counseling this past Spring. I have previously worked as an Elementary Secretary for 6 years and am so eager to get back to working with elementary students! I live in Ohio with my husband, four children, and golden-doodle Charlie. I look forward to getting to know the students and community of Whiteford and helping the students to build a bright future!



Hello! My name is **Amanda Kelly**, and I am incredibly excited to join the Whiteford family as the new high school art teacher. I graduated this past winter from the University of Toledo with my Bachelor's degree in Multi-age Education. I first came to Whiteford as a student teacher and quickly fell in love with the district. I'm thrilled to now be here full-time and cannot wait to share my passion for the arts with the Whiteford students and community! Go Bobcats!



Hello! My name is **Ms. Waldecker**, and this year I joined Whiteford Agricultural Schools as the new Elementary and Middle School Art Teacher. I graduated from Oakland University with a B.A. in Art History, and I'm excited to be back in Monroe County sharing my passion for art with our students. Outside the classroom, I love painting murals, tending to my garden and assortment of indoor plants, and travelling. I'm currently working toward my goal of visiting all 50 states and each of the 63 national parks! I'm thrilled to begin this creative journey with the Whiteford community and can't wait to see all the wonderful projects we'll make together this year.

From the booster groups...

Robotics

Robotics Expands to 8th Grade!

Rank Robotics Comps from 1-10

Weston Warren said "9 because it was fun!"

How fun is programming practice?

Oliver Kemritz stated, "It can be fun but Welling can talk a lot but we joke around a lot too."

Why did you join robotics?

"Because no wasn't an option" joked Maximus Pendencygraft.



Summer comps allow students to try different roles. **Grace Ross '26** tries technician and **Kaia Rasmor '29** trying out human player. Alumni Ava Fielder and Adam Linkey coach up these new roles.



Pep talk or chit chat?

Coach Welling helps the drive team figure out strategy. Here **Bradyen Alcock '27** is taking human player for a test run with **Kaia Rasmor '29** taking on technician. Welling can be full of seriousness but also has a lot of jokes up his sleeve!



The playoff alliance

During a competition at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, Whiteford teamed up with 7211 and 5090 going into the playoffs.



Let's focus!

James Valasek '27 and **Jeter Perry '28** are in charge of controlling the robot. Coach Welling stands over to make sure things are going as planned and coaches them through the match.



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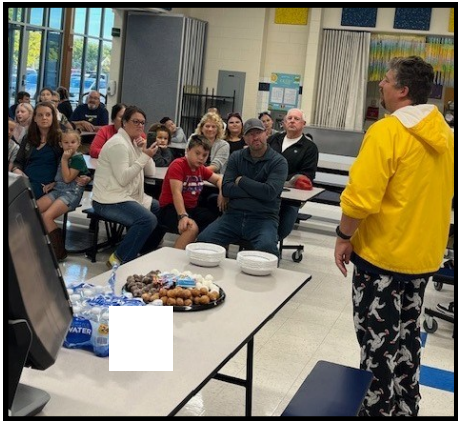
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Elementary

This year, Whiteford Elementary School will again focus on a special value each month. At the end of each month, one student from each class who is "caught" exemplifying the value of the month in an exceptional way will be recognized with a celebratory breakfast where parents and/or other important family members are invited to join. September's value was kindness, and October's was respect.



Elementary School Counselor, Mrs. Brossia, curated a wonderful week, Healthy Choices Week, full of themed dress-up days centered around heart, body, and brain health. Students participated in a Healthy Choices Bingo game, and there was a Puzzle Piece activity whereby each student wrote on their very own puzzle piece about the healthy choices they would make in order to live their healthiest life. At the end of the week, those puzzle pieces were pieced together to show all the many ways we can choose to be the healthiest version of ourselves!



Mrs. Cisek's 1st grade class learned about the Hispanic holiday, Dia De Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, which takes place on November 1st. The holiday celebrates the remembrance of special family members and friends who are no longer with us. Mrs. Cisek's class teamed up with Ms. Kwasniak's 6th grade Spanish class for "Spanish Buddies." The below pictures show students participating in the cultural experience of face painting that so often accompanies the special holiday!



Second grade celebrated Diwali, the festival of Lights, as part of their study of ancient Asian civilizations. Their Diya craft brought the Festival of Lights to life!



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FRESHMAN CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE
KENDRA LEHBERGER



SOPHOMORE CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE
HARLOW JURGENSON



JUNIOR CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE
AVA SMITH

2025 Queen and
King
BRIAR WING
and
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NACHTRAB



2024 Homecoming
Royalty, Queen
Sophia Williams,
with Princess Au-
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Homecoming 2025



FRESHMAN FLOAT—WINNER!



SOPHMORE FLOAT



JUNIOR FLOAT



SENIOR FLOAT

From the classroom...

Elementary



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Elementary Scholastic Book Fair was held November 10-14, 2025, and was a huge success! Thanks to the amazing support of our community and volunteers, we were able to pull off the most successful fair yet! The Book Fair helps raise much needed funds that will directly support library programs and student activities. The continued support from the community, everyone who shops, volunteers, or spreads the word about the fair continues to help build our library and inspires a love of reading throughout our school.



From the classroom...

Middle School

The Young Writer's held a contest for K-12 grade entitled Strange Sagas - Midnight Myths. Our students entered the mini-myths category that had to be no more than 100 words and yet tell a complete plot. There were 23 seventh graders whose Sagas were chosen by the Young Writers Association for publication! According to the Young Writers Editorial Board a good story includes these elements: perception, imagination, creativity, expression, originality, and use of language. The publication is scheduled for January 12, 2026.



On Thursday October 23 , Mr. Gust and Mr. Russell’s Ag classes went to the FFA Chicken Broiler Contest. Out of the ten teams Whiteford sent, four of them were 8 grade teams, and two of those teams have a preliminary place of 2 and 3 . Team “Chicken Fingers” got 2 and “6,7 Chicken Wings” earned 3 . The contest took place at Munsell’s Poultry Processing. The classes had spent four weeks raising their chickens. When it was time for the contest the students got to help with picking up their chickens when they were getting ready to be processed and after when they were getting judged. Many of the students thought the process was gross while others thought it was interesting.



The 5th graders attended Camp Michindoh September 9-12, 2025. They enjoyed various outdoor education classes like: Outdoor Living Skills, Fire Making, Shelter Building, Reptiles and Amphibians, Rock-wall, Team Building, and Archery! They learned lifelong skills and made priceless memories with peers, cabin leaders, and teachers. It was a great week for all!



From the classroom...

High School

On October 16, 2025, Mr. Fielder and Ms. Head took 31 Whiteford students to the Build my Future event at the Wood County Fairgrounds. Students were able to drive a skid-steer, operate a concrete truck chute, backhoe bucket, articulating dump hauler simulator, build a small cabinet, build a tin box, and several Whiteford students helped Bryce Bankowski of Bankowski Builders install siding, an exterior door, and aluminum trim on a shed. Many students competed in a hammer and nail competition sponsored by Mavillino Custom Homes, some students worked on clipping and unclipping non-live electrical wires on a transformer power pole. Students operated a flooring screw gun, learned about HVAC controls and installation, operated a roofing nailer and learned about shingles from Owens Corning. More than 30 schools attended this free event sponsored by the Toledo Home Builders Association.



On November 18, 2025, members of the Student Prevention Leadership Team (SPLT) traveled to Summerfield to hear Terry Hessbrook from the B#4 Foundation share his son Brady's tragic story of mental health struggles and depression. Mr. Hessbrook visited Whiteford in May, but this was a great opportunity for SPLT members to hear this message again as they work toward creating a safer and more inclusive environment at Whiteford.

