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Board Video | June 23 & July 14 , 2025

In case you missed them, you can view the recordings of the [June 23](#) and [July 14](#) board meetings by following their links, and to [view Board agendas and minutes please visit BoardDoc.](#)

Back-to-School Information

We're excited to share important updates for the upcoming school year! For more details about our Back-to-School Night, All District Picture Days, and school supply lists, please [check out this Back-to-School flyer](#). We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another fantastic school year!

25-26 Registration Steps

Step Two of the annual registration process is available and required for parents to complete in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

The second step of the Student Registration Process is to pay annual school fees, register for fall athletics, and select any optional technology items. The 2025-26 student school fees have been added to Infinite Campus student accounts.

For planning purposes, please know that school fees can be paid one of two ways.

- **Online** through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal via credit card and eCheck (*eCheck is the preferred payment method*). *Online Payment fees will be waived if payment is made before July 31, 2025*
- **In person** at the Whitnall District Office, open daily from 7:30-4:00 PM.

Students who will require bus transportation for the 2025-2026 school year, must have their annual verification completed by **August 01, 2025**, to ensure they are routed by the bus company and transportation is available on the first day of school. Verifications completed after this date may be delayed in being routed. Please remember that ridership boundaries have changed and to check the [Transportation website](#) to see if your student is still eligible.

If you are not planning to return to the Whitnall School District for 2025-26, please contact Kathie Poss, District Registrar, at (414) 525-8411 or kposs@whitnall.com.

Student Immunization Records

Please be aware that if your student has recently had any immunizations, Infinite Campus records may not be up to date at this time. Student immunization records will be updated through WIR (Wisconsin Immunization Registry) after the school year begins. If Infinite Campus records are still incorrect after school begins, please contact Raquel Devine, Whitnall School District Nurse at rdevine@whitnall.com or (414) 525-8640.

Student Technology (grades 4-12)

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Chromebook Protection Plan: Parents also have the option to purchase the Chromebook Protection Plan for students in grades 4-12 that may help to cover or reduce repair costs for unintentional damages incurred. The Chromebook Protection Plan is available in the Infinite Campus School Store through October 1, 2025.

[How to use the Infinite Campus School Store](#)

Chromebook Cases: Students in grades 4-12 are provided with a district 1:1 Chromebook laptop to use at school and home. Chromebook cases are not required for students but are encouraged. The district is providing a list of recommended cases, however parents are also free to select a case of their own choosing.

4-5th grade devices: HP Chromebook x360 11 G3

If you purchased a case for your 4th-grade student last year, it can be reused in 5th-grade

[Gumdrop DropTech](#) (\$49.95)

[Gumdrop SlimTech](#) (\$29.95)

[iPearl mCover](#) (\$21.99)

8th and 12th grade devices: Asus Chromebook Flip C214

[Gumdrop SlimTech](#) (\$29.95)

[iPearl mCover](#) (\$19.99)

6/7th and 9/10th grade devices: Acer Chromebook 311 C723

[Max Extreme Shell](#) (\$34.95)

[Gumdrop DropTech](#) (\$49.95)

Help Your Student Transition Smoothly with Whitnall Readiness Courses!

Set your student up for success as they prepare to enter a new chapter! Whitnall is offering Readiness Courses designed to support students entering Kindergarten, 6th Grade, and 9th Grade. These courses are a great way to build confidence, ease first-day jitters, and get familiar with new environments.

Check out the course details below!

Introduction to Kindergarten

Grades: Incoming K5 Students

Dates: 8/4/25 - 8/8/25 (**Busing is not available**)

Time: 8:00 - 11:30 AM

Location: Students should report to their respective elementary school.

Description: This class is offered to children eligible to attend our 5-year-old Kindergarten in the fall of 2025. Your child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2025 and a birth certificate will be required to register if they are not already enrolled for Fall. This class will provide children the experience of a kindergarten environment. Children will experience attending large group activities, small group activities including early math and reading skills, art projects, and center time. They will learn about taking turns, sharing, following a routine, large and fine motor activities, and being responsible for their actions.

Transition to Middle School - Session 1 (ONLY PICK ONE SESSION)

Grades: Incoming 6th Graders

Dates: 8/4/25 - 8/5/25 (**Busing is not available**)

Time: 8:00 - 11:30 AM

Description: This course is designed for students entering 6th grade in Fall 2025 to help them become acquainted with middle school life. Students will work on organizational skills, becoming familiar with the

building, schedule, policies and procedures, and conquering lockers while making new friends from the other elementary school.

Transition to Middle School - Session 2 (REPEAT OF SESSION 1)

Grades: Incoming 6th Graders

Dates: 8/6/25 - 8/7/25 (**Busing is not available**)

Time: 8:00 - 11:30 AM

Description: A repeat course of Session 1 designed for students entering 6th grade in Fall 2025 to help them become acquainted with middle school life. Students will work on organizational skills, becoming familiar with the building, schedule, policies and procedures, and conquering lockers while making new friends from the other elementary school.

Ninth Grade Readiness

Grade: Incoming 9th Graders

Date: 8/22/25

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM (Freshman Tailgate and Football Game)

Description: This course is designed for students entering 9th grade in Fall 2024 to help them become acquainted with high school life. Students will meet their peer mentors for the year who will guide them in their first year as a high school student. Students will also meet their Freshmen Academy Teacher. Their teacher and peer mentors will help them become familiar with the school building, get them to know school rules and expectations, and tips on how to be a successful high school student. 9th grade students are invited to stay for the tailgate and home football game of Whitnall v. Milwaukee Academy of Science at 7pm. [Event Flyer](#) and [RSVP Here](#).

If you're interested in registering your student, please contact Jennifer Rotgers at (414) 525-8400 or jrotgers@whitnall.com for kindergarten and sixth grade courses or Rene Freyer at (414) 525-8524 or rfreyer@whitnall.com for the ninth grade course.

25-26 Student Schedules, Teacher Assignments, & Transportation

The 25-26 student schedules, teacher assignments, & transportation will be published in the Infinite Campus Parent and Student Portals on August 18 after 4pm.

Student Back to School Photo Days

All student photo days will be held in the WHS Large Gym.

- August 20: 10am-4pm
- August 27: 12-8pm

School Supply Lists

[High School School Supplies List](#)

[Middle School School Supply](#)

[Edgerton School Supply List](#)

[Hales Corners School Supplies List](#)

Food Service Help Needed

We have an open paid position available starting in September for food service help at Whitnall High School from 9:30-2:30pm. We also have paid positions available for food service substitutes which will cover for employee absences district-wide. Duties include helping with easy food preparation and serving the food to students. Hours, days, and school location are flexible. Please email [Karen Stichert](#), School Nutrition Manager or call 414-525-8431 if interested. We would love to have you join our team!

Attention all 2024–25 High School yearbook purchasers

The **spring supplements have arrived** and are ready for pickup! Stop by the **Counseling Office Monday - Thursday 7am-3pm**.

WHS 2025-26 Yearbooks

Mark your calendars! Beginning **September 1**, you can **pre-order your 2025–26 yearbook** at <https://yearbookforever.com>.

Early bird pricing starts at just \$65, but increases throughout the year—so don't wait!

You'll receive a receipt from **Walsworth Publishing** after purchase—please keep it for your records.

Not sure if you've ordered yet? Feel free to reach out to **Ms. Tentoni** (ntentoni@whitnall.com) to double-check. An updated list of purchasers will be shared quarterly to help keep everyone on track.

Don't miss your chance to secure your piece of the 2025–26 legacy! Once the books are shipped in May 2026, we can't guarantee extra copies. Any overprints will be available for **\$100 cash only**, first come, first served.

Thanks for supporting Whitnall Yearbook!

25-26 WHS Athletics & Activities Registration

All WHS sports and activities/clubs are available now for registration in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Please be aware that all current and past due fees must be paid or have a payment plan in place to register for an activity.

Follow the link to [Athletic and Activity Registration](#) for more detailed registration information or contact the Athletic Office at (414) 525-8500 or email sbeyer@whitnall.com

WMS Fall Sports Registration Information and Dates

Registration for all middle school athletics will open July 1, 2025. All athletes will need to be registered by the sports deadline. **No late registrations will be accepted.** During the registration process for **Athletics** a current completed and signed medical eligibility exam form needs to be uploaded (**medical eligibility exam forms need to be dated April 1, 2024 or after to be eligible for the 2025-26 school year**). Please upload or email all physical forms to jsobush@whitnall.com or fax them to 414-525-8651.

Fall sports

Cross country 6th, 7th and 8th grade

Register by Aug 26th

Starts Sept 2nd

Girls basketball 7th and 8th grade

Register by Aug 26th

Tryouts begin Sept 2nd

Dance 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Register by Aug 26th

Tryouts begin Sept 2nd

Please use the **ONLINE REGISTRATION** link below to register for athletic teams. If you have any questions please contact Julie Sobush at jsobush@whitnall.com 414-525-8661 . Thank you.

[Online registration](#)

[Physical form](#)

[Student portal login directions](#)

WMS School Supply Kit 25/26 Order For Ship to Home

WMS is offering a hassle-free way to provide your students with the supplies they need to succeed at school. You can avoid the hassle of the stores and order a prepackaged school supply kit. The deadline for ship to school has passed, however you can still order for ship to home. A portion of the sale supports WMS Student Activities Fundraiser. Pick-Up dates TBD:

The website to order is <https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/school/list-boxes/?schoolId=112920>

WMS Music Camp

Summer Band and Orchestra

Grades: 6-8 *Pre-registered

Location: WMS

Dates: 8/11/25 - 8/15/25 (**Busing is not available**)

Time: 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Practice Pre-ACT and ACT September 23, 2025 | Early Release

Students in 9th and 10th grade will have a practice Pre-ACT and 11th grade students will have a practice ACT on September 23rd. 12th grade students will have an asynchronous virtual day on September 23rd. This is a 1/2 day for both middle and high school students. Dismissal is at 11:15am.

ACT retake at Whitnall High School on October 14th

Dear Seniors and Guardians,

We are happy to announce that we are able to administer an ACT retake at Whitnall High School on October 14th. This retake will not include the writing portion of the test. All approved accommodations

will be implemented. To sign up please complete [this form](#) by September 2, 2025. If you have questions please email Mrs. Brown at rbrown@whitnall.com.

The Whitnall Youth Race is back for a Fifth Season

Once again this is an opportunity to start getting in shape for cross country, Girls on the Run or if you've never run at all, it's a fun chance to come out and explore the Whitnall School Forest for a fun event. The races take place on August 20 on the north end of Whitnall Middle School with a separate girls and boys race (Kindergarten through 8th grade). Click on the link below to be a part of this exciting event! Any questions? Contact Victor Vilar at vvilar@whitnall.com

[Whitnall Youth Race](#)

WHS Dance Fundraiser-You've Been Flocked!

Looking to prank your friends or neighbors in the Whitnall School District with a surprise they'll NEVER forget? We've got you covered! Support our Whitnall dancers by sending a flock of flamingos to land on someone's lawn — all in good fun and for a great cause!

Flocking runs throughout the month of July, but spots are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis — so don't wait!

We can't guarantee specific dates, but we can promise lots of smiles, giggles, and a yard full of pink!

Pricing:

- Flocking a friend: \$25 to send flamingos to a home in the Whitnall School District
- Flock Insurance: \$10 to keep your yard flock-free

Flamingos will be placed between 8:00–9:00 PM and removed the next evening around the same time.

Let the flocking begin!

Ready to send a surprise? [Fill out this form](#).

Questions? Contact Joie Gunderson at joieg79@gmail.com

[Click here to view flyer.](#)

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Whitnall Wellness | June

Summer Mental Health Activities for Kids

Hey parents! Looking for an opportunity to help support your children's mental health during the summer break? The Crisis Text Line created [three unique toolkits](#) to empower you in nurturing your child's well-being while enjoying the summer season together. There's practical resources and activities to make this summer memorable and meaningful for your entire family. Get ready to embark on a journey of connection, growth, and fun-filled memories with your children!

2nd Semester Grade Reports

2nd-semester grade reports for all Whitnall students will be published in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Thursday, June 12, 2025, after 4:00 PM. If you have any questions about your student's progress or scores, please contact your student's teachers or the school's assistant principal.

For more information about locating grade reports in the parent portal, please follow the links below.

[Elementary Grade Reports](#)

[Middle and High School Grade Reports](#)

WHS Graduation Live Streaming Link

If you are interested in viewing Whitnall High School's [2025 graduation ceremony](#), please use this link. Ceremony starts at 1:00pm and June 8, 2025.

8th grade Promotion

8th grade promotion ceremony [Details Here](#)

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm; Student Only Dance 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Date: Tuesday, June 10th

Location: WHS gymnasium

Students get dropped off at 5:30 pm and ceremony starts at 6:00 pm

8th Grade Dance

Please send donations via cash/check to WMS, via Paypal [@WhitnallMiddleSchool](#) or Venmo [@WMSPTO5300](#)

We also need volunteers to help at the dance. Please follow the link to the sign up genius. [8th Grade Dance Sign Genius](#)

Last Day of School | Early Dismissals

Please see below for early dismissal times for the last day of school, June 11, 2025.

WHS: 10:45am
WMS: 10:45 am
EES: 11: 20am
HCE: 11:20am

Summer Office Hours

Starting June 16, the Whitnall School District will operate under Summer Office Hours. Please see below for each building's updated hours of operation.

Please note that many staff members schedule vacations during the summer months. If you need to speak with a specific individual, we recommend calling ahead or making arrangements before stopping by to ensure they are available.

Whitnall District Office

Monday-Thursday: 7:30am-4pm
Friday: Closed

Whitnall High School

June 16th-30th: 7am-3:30pm Monday - Thursday (Closed Fridays)
July 1st-Aug 8th: 7am-3:30pm Monday - Thursday (Closed Fridays & August 1st)

Whitnall Middle School

June 16th- July 3rd (no school July 4th: 8am-11:50am (Summer School)
July 7th-Aug 18th: Mondays from 7:00am - 11:00am

Edgerton Elementary School

Tuesday: 7:00am-2:30pm
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: Closed

Hales Corners Elementary School

Tuesday: 6:00am-2:30pm
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: Closed

Free Summer Meals

Greenfield Food Service is once again offering free summer meals for all children 18 and under! Meals will be available Monday through Friday from June 23 to August 8, with a closure on July 4 in observance of the holiday.

Location: Maple Grove Elementary School - 6921 W. Coldspring Road (Please enter at Door #2)

Meal Times:
Breakfast: 7:45–8:15 AM
Lunch: 11:00–11:30 AM

Parents and guardians are welcome to join their children—we always appreciate the extra supervision and support.

For more information, please contact Greenfield Food Service at 414-281-3357.

[Click here to view the program flyer.](#)

Required School Immunizations

It is a great time to make sure your kids are up-to-date on their vaccines! Immunizations are important for school-aged children because children in school are regularly in close contact with others who may be able to spread these diseases. For the upcoming school year, all students will need the appropriate required immunizations OR an annual [waiver form](#) can be completed.

Please see the attached letter from the [Hales Corners Health Department](#)

You can look up your child's vaccine records online at [Wisconsin Immunization Registry](#)

Milwaukee Milkmen Game | July 13, 2025

Get ready to swing for the fences with us! The Greenfield Education Foundation, the Greenfield Public Library and the Whitnall Falcon Booster Club are teaming up with the Milwaukee Milkmen for an unforgettable "Fun-Raising" event on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at Franklin Field (7035 S. Ballpark Dr., Franklin, WI). Gates open at noon, and the first pitch is at 1:00 p.m. — a full day of baseball, family fun, and community spirit awaits!

[Click here to view flyer and get your tickets. Hope to see you there.](#)

Support Whitnall Athletics & Activities at Our Annual Golf Outing!

Calling all golf enthusiasts and supporters of Whitnall Falcon Athletics! Join us for a day filled with excitement on the greens, as we host a 4-person scramble golf event alongside games, delicious lunch, and refreshing drinks.

Your participation means everything! Whether you're teeing off, joining us for lunch, or becoming a valued sponsor, your support directly benefits all our athletic teams. Every swing, every laugh, and every contribution counts!

When: Friday, June 13, 2025

Where: Muskego Lakes Country Club

Time: 8:30AM Shotgun Start

Cost (includes picnic style lunch buffet, golfing, & other games):

June 2-9: \$140 per golfer

For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.whitnall.com/schools/high/activities/events.cfm>

Whitnall Youth Football and Cheer Registration

Interested in playing football or being part of a cheer squad!! Registration is still open for Whitnall Youth Football & Cheer for all football players and cheerleaders entering 3rd through 8th Grades!

Registration Closes on July 13th, don't miss out!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Whitnall Football Youth Camp 2025

Our youth camp is the first opportunity of the summer for your child to get started learning the Whitnall football program on both offense and defense. This camp will introduce your child to basic football fundamentals at multiple positions on both sides of the ball, language that is particular to our schemes, and specific instruction that will help your child excel within our system. We want your child to enjoy this experience and learn a little bit about the game and how to play it SAFELY!

[Check out the flyer for more information.](#)

2025 Whitnall Youth Wrestling Camp

Our youth camp is an opportunity for your child to get started learning the skills and techniques used in our Whitnall wrestling program. This camp will introduce your child to basic wrestling fundamentals and rules. We want your child to enjoy this experience and learn a little bit about the sport while getting some exercise and having fun!

Dates: Tuesday July 8, Wednesday July 9, Thursday July 10th

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Cost: \$40

Students going into - K5 - 8th

Location: Whitnall High School - Wrestling Room

To register and pay online, click [Whitnall Youth Wrestling Camp Registration](#)

For more information, contact Coach Maloney at tmaloney@whitnall.com

[Check out the flyer for more information.](#)

Boys Volleyball

Consider joining one of the fastest growing sports in the Midwest! Our High School Boys Volleyball program is building off a strong 2024 season and we welcome new athletes!! No experience needed!

Boys Volleyball Open Gym for New athletes

Who: Incoming Freshmen, 7th and 8th grade boys are welcome.

Where: High School main gym

When: June 18th, 2-3:30pm & June 25th, 2-3:30pm

Not sure?

Call coach Dave: 414-688-2078

Dmarek@whitnall.com

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All In Applause

This All In Applause is for WHS Orchestra teacher, Martin Ulrich!

A Whitnall parent wrote, "Mr. Ulrich should be recognized for his patient and supportive approach and for going above and beyond to make orchestra a meaningful, welcoming community where students can thrive—his dedication truly demonstrates what it means to be all in. Orchestra isn't just a class—it's a community, and in a time when students need connection, creativity, and expression more than ever, Mr. Ulrich reminds us why music is not only important but vital."

Join us in giving Martin a round of All In Applause!

All In Applause Nominations

Each and every day, our employees demonstrate what it means to be all in, and that deserves some applause. Please consider nominating a fellow Whitnall employee for All In Applause so they can be recognized online! The nomination form is [here](#).

*Please note that we will check with the nominee before posting to make sure they are comfortable with the public recognition.

Fun Fact Friday!

It's not your imagination—we really are seeing double! There are 8 sets of twins in the 8th grade at Whitnall Middle School this year!

Whether identical or fraternal, these dynamic duos are making 8th grade twice as fun.

Elise & Emma A.
Brock & Reese J.
Conner & Mason K.
Aubrey & Hailey M.
Addison & Ian O.
Caleb & Isabelle V.
Camryn & Nicholas W.
Clayton & Dylan W.

WI Forward Testing Results

On June 6, 2025, WI Forward results for students in Grades 3-8 and 10 will be emailed to parents via secure document delivery. The email will include some general information and a link to a PDF copy of your student's assessment results to download. There are a few steps you can take in preparation prior to receiving the results

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1. To Access the report, you will need to click on the secure link within the body of the email. After clicking on the link, you will be prompted to enter a password. The password is your child's student ID number.
2. If you do not know your student's ID number, it can be found in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Follow the link for detailed steps to [Locate your Student ID Number](#).
3. The report will be in PDF format. As a result, you may also need Adobe Reader to open the report. The Adobe Reader can be downloaded for free at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If your device already has Adobe Reader or another PDF reader installed, there is no need to install the app again.

Additional information will be included in the secure document email.

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Room For Seven | Whitnall Drama Club Original

Whitnall Drama Club is proud to present its original, student-written comedy, [Room For Seven!](#) Join us as seven students take on a world-famous puzzle room... and try to escape with their lives!

 Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31

 7:00–7:30 PM

 Whitnall High School

 Only \$2 at the door!

Come support our talented writers, actors, and crew in this hilarious half-hour adventure!

Whitnall Youth Baseball and Fastpitch - Night at the Park

Whitnall Youth Baseball and Fastpitch will be hosting Night at the Park on June 16th from 5pm-9pm. Join us at Schoetz Park for an evening of raffles, team photos, home run derby, and more! [Check out our flyer and register online by June 3rd to guarantee a shirt!](#)

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All In Applause

This All In Applause is for WMS ELA Teacher, Julie Granberg!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Julie gives her best for her students every day. Over the course of her long career at Whitnall, she has taken on many different roles, broadening her knowledge of teaching and earning the respect of her peers. She is considerate, helpful to her colleagues, and a devoted teacher, always seeking to do what's best for her kids. We're so lucky to have her!"

Join us in giving Julie a round of All In Applause!

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Did you know Whitnall employs seven amazing Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs)? These incredible staff members work with students across the district to improve their speech, language, reading, and listening skills!

From assessments and therapy sessions to family support and documentation, our SLPs do it all—with dedication and heart.

No School Monday, May 26, 2025

This is just a friendly reminder that there is no school on Monday, May 26 in observation of Memorial Day. Enjoy your long weekend!

Attention parents of graduating seniors:

Want to do something special for your graduating senior? Why not send them a bunch of kisses? For just \$3 you can send your Class of 2025 Senior a small, decorative bag of Hershey Kisses to show them how much you are going to miss them. Your own personalized message will be attached, telling

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your senior how much you love and are proud of them! Great for grandparents and other relatives and friends. [You can find the order form here.](#) Print out as many copies as you would like. Orders and payment are due to the Whitnall High School Office by Friday, May 30. Please indicate to the attention of Sara Brand.

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Summer School Schedules Now Available to View

Summer School schedules are now available to view on Infinite Campus for 1st-8th graders students that were registered for summer school. Instructions on where to find schedules on Infinite campus can be found [Here](#).

Please reach out to Jennifer Rotgers at Jrotgers@whitnall.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Please contact your current Assistant Principal should you have non-scheduling questions:

[Ryan Relich](#), WMS: 414-525-8663

[Ben Williams](#), HCE: 414-525-8837

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Summer School Bussing Request Form

All K5-8 families interested in having their child(ren) take a bus to and from Whitnall Summer School (*first three weeks*) will be required to fill out this bus transportation request form. **Please fill out a separate request form for EACH CHILD by THURSDAY, MAY 29TH.** Late submissions will not guarantee a spot on the bus.

There is no door-to-door bus service. Pre-established community pick-up and drop-off bus stops are listed below. For safety, a parent/adult is required to be present at pick-up and drop-off. Bus pick-up times will be established by First Student bus company prior to the start of Summer School and will be communicated with families.

As another option, families can drop off their child(ren) in the Whitnall Middle School drop-off line (7:45-8:00 AM) and pick-up in the dismissal line at the conclusion of the morning (11:50 AM).

The form can be found [Here](#)

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Please contact your current Assistant Principal should you have any specific questions regarding transportation:

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Whitnall Youth Baseball and Fastpitch - Night at the Park

Whitnall Youth Baseball and Fastpitch will be hosting Night at the Park on June 16th from 5pm-9pm. Join us at Schoetz Park for an evening of raffles, team photos, home run derby, and more! [Check out our flyer and register online by June 3rd to guarantee a shirt!](#)

Interested in joining WHS Boys Volleyball

Consider joining one of the fastest growing sports in the Midwest! Our High School Boys Volleyball program is building off a strong 2024 season and we welcome new athletes! No experience needed!

Boys Volleyball Open Gym for New Athletes!

Where: High School main gym

When: June 18th, 2-3:30pm AND June 25th, 2-3:30pm

Not sure? Call coach Dave:
414-688-2078

Summer Library Program | Hales Corners Library

[Check out this flyer from the Hales Corners Library for summer programming](#) (June 16-July 30).

Registration week is Monday June, 9 through Saturday, June 14. During registration week students will receive a free bookmark or door hanger.

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Cost: \$40

Students going into - K5 - 8th

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May 16, 2025

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for EES 5th Grade Teacher, Katie Malovec!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Katie is a wealth of knowledge and is always willing to share her expertise with her team. I am often asking her advice on how to make myself a better writing teacher. She goes above and beyond in her planning to provide our 5th graders with enriching activities that engage them as readers and writers. She has been a valuable member of our team since joining Edgerton several years ago."

Join us in giving Katie a round of All In Applause!

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Fun Fact Friday!

Did you know Whitnall has five amazing health room aides in our buildings who care for our students every day? Even more heartwarming — they're all moms or grandmas of Whitnall students!

We're so grateful for the compassion and care they bring to our schools, along with our incredible district nurse. Thank you for keeping our students safe, healthy, and supported!

Summer School Schedules

Hello Summer School Families! We are finalizing student schedules for summer school and expect to post them in Infinite Campus next week. Thank you for your patience as we work to ensure that each student is placed appropriately. In addition, a transportation survey will be sent out shortly to help us coordinate bus routes. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to a great summer session.

25-26 Returning Families - Registration Steps

Step One of the annual registration process is now open for all families returning to the Whitnall School District for the 2025-2026 school year. The required annual verification process, which includes updating student and family information for the upcoming school year, is open earlier than in previous years. Please complete the annual verification now to ensure your student and family data is accurate and up to date for the new school year.

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Vote Now!

Whitnall High School senior, Nataliha Oleniczak has been named one of Wisconsin's Top 20 High School Softball Outfielders for 2025 by High School on SI!

She needs your vote to take the top spot. Voting closes Sunday, May 18 at 1:59 AM CT.

Vote Here:

<https://www.si.com/high-school/wisconsin/vote-who-is-wisconsin-high-school-softball-s-top-outfielder-in-2025-01jtbx9c6z7e>

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Board Video | May 5, 2025

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Fun Fact Friday!

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From the classroom to the front office, from support staff to specialists, YOU are what makes Whitnall shine.

We're beyond grateful for everything you do—this week and every week!

25-26 Returning Families - Step #1 is NOW OPEN Registration Steps

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[Registration Steps for the 25-26 school year](#)

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Chromebook TikTok Trend

We want to bring to your attention a dangerous TikTok trend that has begun to occur here in our district. There is a trend where students are sticking paper clips, pencils, or other items into the USB ports of school-issued Chromebooks in an attempt to cause an electrical short within the device. This can potentially destroy the device or even start a fire.

Students found engaging in such activities may face school and/or district disciplinary action. Intentional damage is not covered by the Chromebook protection plan and fines of up to \$275 (full device replacement) may be applied.


Please have a conversation with your child about the dangers and consequences of this trend.


Help Support Whitnall SkillsUSA

We're heading to the national SkillsUSA competition in June, and we need your help to get there!

Join us for a QDOBA fundraiser on

 76th Street location

 July 17 Wednesday, May 14

 4:00–8:00 PM

WHITNALL SKILLSUSA



SCAN AT CHECKOUT
QDOBA ON 76TH ST.

Scan the QR code for Whitnall SkillsUSA when you order, and a portion of your purchase will help fund our trip. Thanks for supporting our future leaders in skilled trades and leadership!

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Board Video & Brief | April 28, 2025

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Notice: This will be the final Board Brief shared through *The e-Weekly* and *The Connect*. Moving forward, Board agendas and approved minutes will be available on [BoardDocs](#). Please note that minutes are posted following formal approval at the subsequent Board of Education Business Meeting. In the meantime, recordings of all Board meetings can be [viewed on the district's YouTube channel](#).

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for HCE Special Education Teacher, Cami Kuberka!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Cami is a dedicated Whitnall employee and a passionate advocate for her students, always going above and beyond. She possesses a wealth of knowledge and fosters a supportive, engaging learning environment. Her commitment to student success is evident in her personalized support, and unwavering encouragement. Cami not only inspires academic growth but also instills confidence and resilience in her students. Her dedication, passion, and positive impact make her truly deserving of recognition."

Join us in giving Cami a round of All In Applause!

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Did you know our team serves approximately 1,000 lunches every school day across our four district schools — Edgerton, Hales Corners, the Middle School, and the High School? And that's not all — they also prepare around 400 lunches daily for our private school partners at St. John's Lutheran and St. Jacobi!

That's 1,400 meals a day — crafted with care, nutrition, and heart.

To our school lunch heroes: THANK YOU for fueling minds and filling hearts, one tray at a time.

Whitnall Wellness | May

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

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To bring awareness, check out this [toolkit](#) on Mental Health of America's website to learn more about some topics such as: DIY mental health, The power of boundaries, Fitness, food, and mood, Healing through creativity, Rest and reset, Starting treatment, Action through advocacy and Giving back!

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April 25, 2025

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A Whitnall parent wrote, "Very simple...any problem, any situation I know that I can call Mrs. Callender and have someone who will find a solution with my kids best interest at heart. For four years she's been an asset for my son and daughter. To get even with her I'd have to cut her grass for 20 years."

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Fun Fact Friday!

This week, we're giving a special shoutout to our amazing Administrative Professionals in honor of Administrative Professionals Day, which we celebrated on Wednesday, April 23!

Did you know Whitnall has 13 incredible administrative professionals who work a combined 100+ hours each week to help our schools run smoothly? From managing schedules to supporting staff and students, they are the behind-the-scenes heroes of our district.

Thank you for everything you do — Whitnall wouldn't be the same without you!

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**Wednesday, April 30, 2025 - Senior Dinner and Show Dinner Time: 5:00pm Show Time: 6:00pm

Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool Clean Up

Spring is here, and an annual Earth Day cleanup event in our community is right around the corner. Join the Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool at Hales Corners Park on Saturday, April 26th from 8:00am-12 Noon, to be part of a powerful community effort that makes a real difference in our neighborhood and the world. Meet at the pool house and bring your gloves, rakes and brooms to participate in the 22nd annual Clean Up Day to keep Hales Corners Park and the outdoor pool looking beautiful. Lunch will be served to all volunteers who participate. This is a free and family-friendly event open to all ages.

[Check out the flyer for more information.](#)

Free e-Waste and Scrap Metal Collection

Scouting America Troop 574 is hosting a free e-waste and scrap metal collection on Saturday April 26, 2025 from 10AM-2PM at House of Harley-Davidson, 6221 West Layton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53220

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April 11, 2025

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A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Arianna is an incredible asset to the Edgerton team. She is calming, patient and enthusiastic with every student she works with. Students smile when they see her coming, and that is a true testimony to how she makes everyone feel. She is a hard worker with a true commitment to our students, staff and the entire culture of our building. We are very lucky to have her working at Edgerton!" Another colleague wrote, "As a proud Whitnall graduate, Arianna first began working with students at Edgerton as a volunteer during her senior year of high school. The following year, she officially joined the team as a paraprofessional—and has been making a lasting impact ever since. We are very lucky to have her at Edgerton!"

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Board Video & Brief | April 7, 2025


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LAST DAY TO REGISTER | K-8 Summer School


Get ready for a summer of learning and fun! Whitnall's K-8 Summer School program runs for three separate weeks at Whitnall Middle School:

 June 16-20

 June 23-27

 June 30-July 3 (No school July 4)

 Registration opens: Monday, March 17

 Registration closes: Friday, April 11

[Click here to check out the Summer Course Catalog](#)

Don't miss out—mark your calendars and sign up for an exciting summer!

Whitnall Youth Football and Cheer 3rd Annual Signing Day

Join us on April 12th from 2pm-5pm at Double D's for the 3rd Annual Whitnall Youth Football & Cheer Signing Day. All Football players and Cheerleaders entering 3rd through 8th Grades can register, take their picture while signing their player contract, and purchase spirit wear.

Registration is now open! To save time, register early before the event!. [Click Here to Register](#)

Let WHS Baseball Egg Your Yard - Sign Up by April 13

Give your kids their very own Easter egg hunt and support WHS Baseball. Choose from 25, 50, or 75 eggs filled with treats and trinkets. The players will come and hide the eggs in your front yard the evening of April 19th. See the flyer for details and to sign up by April 13th.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Fun Fact Friday!

Did you know that the Whitnall School District didn't have Assistant Principals at the elementary level until 2021?

Since then, our amazing APs have become an essential part of our schools. From building strong relationships with students and families to celebrating growth and progress, our Assistant Principals bring energy, heart, and dedication to everything they do.

They love that no two days are ever the same—it's always a new adventure!

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No School April 18 & April 21

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Reduced Home Internet Opportunity

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is offering an opportunity for qualifying families to receive reduced-price home internet.

To see if you qualify, simply fill out a short survey.

Click the link for more info and to access the survey: <https://apps.psc.wi.gov/InternetDiscountFinder>.

Spring Student Engagement Survey

During the week of April 22, students in grades 3-12 will be asked to participate in the spring administration of Whitnall's Student Engagement Survey. This survey will provide us with data around our core values of Advancement, Belonging, and Courage and will help us determine ways to maintain a positive school and district culture. Survey responses are used to help identify district needs and areas on which we can concentrate to improve learning and engagement for all students.

All survey results will remain confidential. Results will be viewed by grade level, building, and district. Your child will enter their five-digit student ID number to begin the survey, but no identifying information will be shared and all results will be presented collectively.

Students will complete this survey during school hours on April 22, with make-up days from April 23-24. The survey consists of 33 questions and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. A preview of survey questions can be found by [clicking here](#). If you would like to opt out your grades 3-12 child(ren) from taking this survey, please complete [this form](#) no later than Friday, April 18. Please email Jackie Winter (jwinter@whitnall.com) with any questions about this survey.

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Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is coming up!

Help us celebrate our incredible Whitnall School District staff by sending them a "Scoop of Appreciation"!

Take a moment to share a message of gratitude with a teacher or staff member who has made a difference. All messages will be delivered during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (May 5-9, 2025).

 Submit your messages by Friday, April 19!

 Fill out the form here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYtgaW_epJrLh2pRuvOUe3oAxTUN5yXubX0Jsrsfwl0yfSg/viewform?usp=header

Let's show our Whitnall staff how much they mean to us!

You're invited to Spring Children's Art Day!

Join WHS National Art Honor Society students in a fun day of art making! Children can work with our talented high school art students and choose which art projects they want to participate in. A snack, drink, art materials, guided instruction (for multiple projects) and supervision is included.

When: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Session 1: 10:00am-12:00pm (all ages)

Where: Whitnall High School Multipurpose Room (lower level)

Fee: \$20 per child

[Click here to sign up and view the flyer.](#)

May & Summer Swim Lessons at Whitnall

May Lessons

Our group swim lessons are an excellent option for those looking to improve their swimming abilities. With a maximum of three students per class, our highly trained instructors provide personalized attention to help swimmers level up at any time. Regardless of skill level, our 30-minute lessons are designed to deliver results and help your swimmers reach their swimming goals. Below is our 2-week session.

Format: 30-minute classes; Tuesday-Friday

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Dates: May 20 - 30 Whitnall HS (no 5/23 class)

REGISTRATION:

Saturday April 5 9 AM Members

Sunday April 6 9 AM Non-Members

Summer Lessons

We are offering group and private swim lessons this summer. Our highly trained instructors provide personalized attention to help swimmers level up at any time. Regardless of skill level, our 30-minute lessons are designed to deliver results and help your swimmers reach their swimming goals.

Location Dates #Days Times

Whitnall 6/16 - 6/27 10 2 – 4 PM

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Check out these flyers for more information: [May Lessons Flyer](#) | [Summer Lessons Flyer](#)

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April 4, 2025

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for HCE School Psychologist, Ellen Olszewski!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Ellen is an outstanding member of our HCE team! She works tirelessly to understand students, approaching multiple avenues while exploring for evidence and analyzing data. She communicates clearly and openly with fellow colleagues and offers a wealth of knowledge around details of EMLSS. If she doesn't know, she is diligently dedicated to finding out and circling back. Her key contributions continue to develop and enhance several layers of our system of support to benefit our entire Whitnall community. Thank you, Ellen!"

Join us in giving Ellen a round of All In Applause!

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Fun Fact Friday!

Did you know? Whitnall School District has over 45 dedicated paraprofessionals who support our students every day!

National Paraprofessional Day was April 2, and we want to take a moment to thank these incredible individuals for their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they have on our schools.

Whitnall Wellness | April

WHY SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Student Services/Prevention and Wellness team is excited to share the ["Why School Mental Health Matters" video](#), which features educators from across Wisconsin sharing their perspectives and experiences on why school mental health is essential for building a safe and thriving educational environment for all students.

Schools are a central hub in children's lives, shaping not only their academic futures but also their social and emotional well-being. With mental health support integrated into the school environment, students can learn to manage stress, build resilience, and foster positive relationships. Early intervention can help identify and address mental health issues before they escalate, ensuring that students are better equipped to face challenges both inside and outside the classroom. By prioritizing mental health, schools can create a nurturing environment that supports the holistic development of every student, paving the way for healthier, happier, and more successful futures. To learn more, visit DPI's Student Services Prevention/Wellness [School Mental Health webpage](#).

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2025 Educator Job Fair+

We wanted to let you know of an upcoming job fair for education professionals! The annual Educator Job Fair+ (sponsored by CESA 1 and the Closing the Achievement Gap Consortium) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM and will be held at Greenfield High School. The fair is open to all education professionals: administrative staff, teachers, pupil services, and educational

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assistants, and those in the process of obtaining their license. This fair isn't just about job placements. You can also learn how to expand your license area or how to become a teacher.

There is no cost for candidates to attend the fair and pre-registration is encouraged. Walk-ins welcome. Participating schools and districts can be found at: ow.ly/cCAb30nRF5H

[Register today!](#)

For more information see this [Flyer](#)

Reduced Home Internet Opportunity

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is offering an opportunity for qualifying families to receive reduced-price home internet.

To see if you qualify, simply fill out a short survey.

Click the link for more info and to access the survey: <https://apps.psc.wi.gov/InternetDiscountFinder>


Whitnall Youth Football and Cheer 3rd Annual Signing Day

Join us on April 12th from 2pm-5pm at Double D's for the 3rd Annual Whitnall Youth Football & Cheer Signing Day. All Football players and Cheerleaders entering 3rd through 8th Grades can register, take their picture while signing their player contract, and purchase spirit wear.

Registration is now open! To save time, register early before the event!. [Click Here to Register](#)

Senior Citizen Dinner & a Show – Bye Bye Birdie: Youth Edition!

Join us for a delightful evening featuring a delicious meal and an entertaining performance by the Whitnall Middle School Theatre!

 Wednesday, April 30, 2025

 Cost: \$7

 Dinner Time: 5:00 PM

 Show Time: 6:00 PM

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Get your tickets here: <https://square.link/u/kw9k2OLZ>

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Tickets on Sale NOW | Bye Bye Birdie – Youth Edition!

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Performances:

Saturday, May 3 at 7:00 PM

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March 21, 2025

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Board Video & Brief | March 17, 2025

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All In Applause

This All In Applause is for Whitnall School District Special Education Coordinator, Tanya Fox!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, " Tanya is an incredible resource and mentor for educators. Because of her dedication and support, educators are continually improving their practice to create a rigorous and enriching learning experience for students. What truly sets Tanya apart is her natural ability to build genuine connections with both students and staff. She creates an environment where educators feel supported, encouraged, and valued. Her dedication to fostering strong relationships and promoting collaboration is a tremendous asset to our team. Whitnall is incredibly fortunate to have Tanya's passion and expertise driving our collective success"

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Since we won't be at school to celebrate, we wanted to take a moment now to wish him the happiest birthday! We hope his day is filled with belly rubs, ear scratches, and plenty of treats!

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Whitnall School Board Candidate Forum on March 19th

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If you missed the forum, you can watch the recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkBQZU-Qf6E>

Reminder: Whitnall has two Board of Education seats on the April 1 ballot, with four candidates running. For more details about the candidates, [visit our website](#). For voter registration and polling location information, head to myvote.wi.gov.

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-  Meet Paralympic Medalists – Including Paralympic Gold Medalists from Paris 2024!

This is a can't-miss event for sports fans and community members alike! Come out, have fun, and help the D1 WASA Golden Eagles get to Nationals!

We hope to see you there!

[Event Flyer for more information.](#)

Whitnall Youth Baseball and Fastpitch Softball

Whitnall U14 Select Baseball team is looking to add a player or two for this season. Interested parties should contact Coach Vasta at FallBall@whitnallyouthbaseball.com.

[2025 Registration is open NOW](#) for our summer baseball and softball Rec leagues! Teams typically 1-2 games per week - games played on weeknights at Schoetz Park. Please see attached flyer for more information! We can't wait to see you at the park!

Community Paint Night | April 11

Unleash your creativity and have fun with friends and family at our upcoming Community Paint Night! Not only will you enjoy a relaxing evening of painting, but you'll also be supporting the WHS 2026 Japan trip. For just \$30, you'll receive everything you need: a canvas, paints, and guided instruction to create your own stunning 16x20 masterpiece! Plus, we'll provide snacks and beverages to keep the creativity flowing.

Don't miss out—[sign up today using this link](#) or [visit this link to view the flyer](#).

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You're invited to Spring Children's Art Day!

Join WHS National Art Honor Society students in a fun day of art making! Children can work with our talented high school art students and choose which art projects they want to participate in. A snack, drink, art materials, guided instruction (for multiple projects) and supervision is included.

When: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Session 1: 10:00am-12:00pm (all ages)

Where: Whitnall High School Multipurpose Room (lower level)

Fee: \$20 per child

[Click here to sign up and view the flyer.](#)

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March 14, 2025

Board Video & Brief | March 10, 2025

[Click here to view the recording](#) of the March 10 school board meeting, and [click here to read the board brief](#).

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for WHS Special Education Teacher, Jessica Kirk!

A Whitnall parent wrote, "Our student has received such kindness, patience and guidance from Ms. Kirk. She works with him daily, assisting him to understand and learn. Ms. Kirk also keeps in close contact with us. It is clear that she does her job well and is the perfect person for this role. He consistently moves towards or meets his goals. We are so thankful for Ms. Kirk's help!"

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Fun Fact Friday!

This week, we're celebrating the 65 staff, students, and community members who attended our Community Stakeholder Strategic Planning Meeting! Their insights made for a thought-provoking and rewarding session.


We're excited to use their feedback as we continue developing our new strategic plan for the future of Whitnall!

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Join the Fight Against Blood Cancer

Hi everyone! My name is Alejandro Austen, and I'm a junior at Whitnall High School. I'm working on my Eagle Scout Project, and for my project, I'm hosting a National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) recruitment event to help those battling blood cancer.

 When? April 5th, 9 AM – 3 PM

 Where? Whitnall High School (during the Spring Craft Fair)

 Who Can Join? Adults ages 18-40

Signing up is quick and easy! Just register online, swab your cheek, and you're done. If you're a match, the NMDP will contact you to help save a life.

This is my Eagle Scout Project, and I'd love your support in making a difference! Hope to see you there.

[Eagle Scout Project Flyer](#)

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MUSIC BOOSTERS

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[Whitnall School District - Music Boosters](#)

Whitnall Theatre Fundraiser

Leave the dirty dishes and cooking behind while supporting Whitnall Middle School Theater! Join us at Texas Roadhouse in New Berlin, Monday, March 17th from 3-8pm. Dine in or Take out. Make sure to show the [flyer](#) (on paper or on your phone) at checkout.

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March 7, 2025

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A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Tanya is new to Whitnall and the health room aide role this year. She has been a great addition to our building and is always willing to learn and jump-into to help. She has navigated various health-related events with grace and always shows up with a smile on her face, determined to do the best she can. She is welcoming to everyone she encounters and a great asset to our team!"

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Did you know? Whitnall is one of only 39% of school districts in Wisconsin with at least one school social worker—and we have three!

A huge thank you to Jackie Thao, Courtney Fleischmann, and Kayla Wigg for their dedication to supporting our students and families. They work tirelessly to connect our school community with valuable resources, ensuring every student has the support they need to succeed.

March 11 | ACT Day & Junior only Attendance at WHS

March 11 is the ACT Day for our 11th grade students. No other WHS students need to report on this day.

Vision Screening!

Our school district performs vision screenings on all K4, Kindergarten, 1st, and 5th grade students. Raquel Devine, school district nurse, will be conducting this vision screening on **March 11, at Edgerton Elementary** and **March 12, at Hales Corners Elementary**. This will be completed utilizing the Plus Optix vision screener. You can read more about this instrument at plusoptix.com. If you **would not** like your

child to participate in being screened please contact the school health room or Raquel directly to be removed from the list.

If you have concerns and would also like your child screened who is not in the following grades, please reach out and we would be happy to complete!

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Whitnall Wellness | March

Practicing Gratitude

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We can train our brains to be more positive! Writing down three things you are grateful for, for 21 days, can rewire your brain to be more optimistic and help you seek out the positives in life before the negatives. Also, journaling about a positive experience allows your brain to relive it, and makes the memory stronger.

More information related to gratitude can be found here; [How Gratitude Rewires your Brain](#)

This week, we are challenging our Whitnall Community to practice gratitude by completing one of the activities below;

1. Send 3 personalized gratitude emails to a colleague, friend, student
 2. Journal about positive experience
 3. End your day by identifying three things that went well or you appreciate
 4. Stay curious; when talking with others, ask about a highlight of their day or a positive experience they had recently
 5. Complete the gratitude prompts identified [here](#)
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Wisconsin Forward Exam

Wisconsin students in Grades 3 through 8 and Grade 10 will be participating in the WI Forward Exam assessment starting March 17, 2025. The Whitnall District is scheduled to take the WI Forward Exam

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from March 17th through April 11th. Follow the link to the [Wisconsin Forward Exam Parent Letter](#) to read the full communication.

The WI Forward Exam tests students in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and at some grades Science and Social Studies. One or more subtests may be administered daily during the identified time frame, and it is very important that your child(ren) be in school during this time. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

If you have any questions about the WI Forward Exam or the testing schedule, please contact your school's Assistant Principal.

Special Needs Resource Fair – April 15

For anyone interested in attending the Special Needs Resource Fair, it will be hosted at Union Grove Elementary School from 4:30-7:00 PM. This event is organized by multiple school districts in Racine County and the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC).

Those that are interested in attending can expect::

- ✓ Connect with 75+ agencies (and counting!)
- ✓ Resources from Racine, Walworth, Waukesha, Kenosha, Milwaukee Counties & beyond
- ✓ Support for families across Southeastern Wisconsin

[For the latest list of attending agencies and more information about this event, visit the Special Needs Resource Fair Webpage by clicking here.](#)

Athlete of the Week Update

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Join us for two thrilling games as the D1 WASA Golden Eagles (#2 in the Nation) take on the UW-Whitewater Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team (2024 National Champions).


Event Highlights:

 Two competitive games featuring top-ranked wheelchair basketball teams

 50/50 Raffle

 3-Point Contest

 Try-It Experience – An exciting opportunity for kids, parents, and spectators to hop into a wheelchair basketball sport chair and try out wheelchair basketball or wheelchair tag!

 Meet Paralympic Medalists – Including Paralympic Gold Medalists from Paris 2024!

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Join us for a night of heartwarming competition and community spirit at the First Annual Whitnall Shooting Stars Blue & Gold Basketball Game on April 24th! The National Anthem kicks off at 6:15 PM, with tip-off at 6:30 PM

What to expect:

A thrilling match-up between Whitnall's Life Skills Program students & Varsity Basketball players

A surprise halftime show you won't want to miss!

A fun raffle with amazing prizes

Delicious concessions to keep you fueled

Admission is FREE, so come pack the stands and show your Whitnall pride! Let's make this an unforgettable night of basketball, support, and celebration!

[Click here to view flyer](#)

WHS Cheer Pickleball Tournament & Fundraiser

Join us for a day of fun, competition, and community spirit at the WHS Cheer Pickleball Tournament & Fundraiser!

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2025 (Rain date: May 18, 2025)

Time: Registration begins at 8:00 AM (Event will last until

Team Registration: \$50 per team (Teams of 2 – includes a meal ticket!)

Spectator Tickets:

- Adults: \$10 (includes a meal ticket)
- Kids: \$5 (includes a meal ticket)

[Sign up your team here before spots are gone!](#) Don't miss your chance to play and support WHS Cheer!

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 - ✦ Olivia
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WMS & WHS Late Start | March 3

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Vision Screening!

Our school district performs vision screenings on all K4, Kindergarten, 1st, and 5th grade students. Raquel Devine, school district nurse, will be conducting this vision screening on **March 11, at Edgerton Elementary** and **March 12, at Hales Corners Elementary**. This will be completed utilizing the Plus Optix vision screener. You can read more about this instrument at plusoptix.com. If you **would not** like your child to participate in being screened please contact the school health room or Raquel directly to be removed from the list.

If you have concerns and would also like your child screened who is not in the following grades, please reach out and we would be happy to complete!

Vote for Athlete of the Week!

Ethan Schutten of our Whitnall High School Boys Swim and Diving is nominated for the Piggly Wiggly Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Athlete of the Week!

He made history at the Division 2 state meet, setting two state records in his event wins:



200-yard freestyle – 1:37.67



500-yard freestyle – 4:22.79

Cast your vote before Saturday, March 1, at 3:00 PM and show your support for Ethan!

Vote Here:

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/sports/high-school/2025/02/24/vote-for-the-milwaukee-area-high-school-piggly-wiggly-athlete-of-week-for-feb-17-22/79813500007/>

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March Madness Character Showdown | Hales Corners Library

Dates: March 1–31, 2025

Description: Sixteen beloved children's book characters go head-to-head in an epic tournament—but only one can be crowned the champion! Each week in March, kids can vote for their favorites as characters face off in exciting matchups. The winners move on to the next round until only one remains victorious. Stop by the library, cast your votes, and help decide the ultimate fan-favorite!

Storytime with MKE Ballet | Hales Corners Library

Date & Time: March 4, 10:30 am

Description: Join us for a magical morning as the Milwaukee Ballet takes over Storytime! Get ready for an enchanting mix of stories and movement as professional dancers bring tales to life through the beauty of ballet. Little ones will have the chance to listen, dance, and twirl along with our special guests.

No registration required—just bring your dancing feet!

Art Investigators: Rock Painting Fun! | Hales Corners Library

Date & Time: Monday, March 10, 2025, at 4 PM

Description: Join us for a creative adventure in this session of Art Investigators! We'll be decorating and painting rocks—perfect for adding a little color to your garden, gifting, or just for fun. No registration is required for this event, but future sessions may require sign-up. Drop in, get creative, and take home your masterpiece!

Link: [Art Investigators: Rock Painting Fun!](#)

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A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Mr. Dalpra deserves a round of applause and a half! He is a wonderful example of an educator ALL IN for ALL students and adults around him. Without question, he naturally creates a classroom community welcoming of anyone who steps inside, develops joyful routines the kids look forward to, and collaborates with others in purposeful ways. He is willing to take on any challenge and knows what we model for our students matters. Every day he enters with a 'new day perspective' - supported by his optimistic attitude and thoughtfulness. HCE is beyond lucky to have a teacher like Mr. D!"

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Upcoming Community Alliance Events

The Community Alliance, in partnership with Hales Corners and Greendale, is hosting two important events focused on substance misuse prevention and community wellness.

[Community Coffee Hour](#)



Date: March 4, 2025



Location: Hales Corners Lutheran (Please use the east church doors to enter)



Refreshments & Doors Open: 8:30 AM



Presentation: 9:30–10:30 AM

Join us for coffee and conversation with Laura Stack from Johnny's Ambassadors, who will share her powerful message on youth marijuana prevention. Plus, experience the Wake Up Call Teen Bedroom simulation, facilitated by the Community Alliance and Hales Corners Police Department. This presentation is geared for those 18+. Registration is not required but highly encouraged.

[Family Wellness Event](#)



Date: March 4, 2025



Location: Greendale Middle School



Event Start: 5:30 PM

Schedule:

- ◆ 8th Grade Health Advocacy Presentations & Wellness Vendor Fair: 5:30–6:15 PM
- ◆ Featured Presentation – Laura Stack, Johnny's Ambassadors: 6:30–7:30 PM

Explore local health and wellness resources, learn from 8th-grade advocacy projects, and hear Laura Stack's compelling presentation on the risks of high-potency THC use.

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February 17 | NO SCHOOL

Just a quick reminder that there is no school for all students on February 17 due to a professional learning day. Enjoy the long weekend and we will see everyone back on Tuesday, February 18!

Whitnall Wellness | February

Student Family Assistance Program (SFAP)

A healthy home and family life helps nurture academic excellence. To promote healthy homes, minds and families, Whitnall offers the Student Family Assistance Program (SFAP) to all K-12 students and families. The SFAP is a free and confidential benefit, paid for by the school district, to help your family create a healthy, supportive home environment and develop strategies to overcome various life challenges. The SFAP offers direct counseling and consultation with licensed professionals using a family systems approach.

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 March 23, 2025
 Root River Center
 Cash payouts for both sessions!
 Session 1: 11:30 AM
 Session 2: 3:00 PM

Come out for a fun-filled day of bowling while supporting a great cause!

[Click here to view flyer and sign up.](#) Any questions please reach out to [Officer Susie](#).

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Important Dates | No Student Attendance

February 13 | No School for K4 Students

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February 17 | No School for ALL WSD Students- Professional Development

Child Find

Do you have concerns about your child's development? The Whitnall School District will conduct preschool screening for children between the ages of 3-5 years old, or children not attending 5 year old kindergarten. If you have concerns about your child's development, you are encouraged to complete the [survey](#). Upon completion of this survey, parents will be asked to complete an Ages & Stages Questionnaire, by mail, which is a screening tool that assesses a child's development in five areas. A school psychologist will reach out after the tool is reviewed. If needed, an in-person screening will be

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Support Whitnall Athletics & Activities at Our Annual Golf Outing!

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Whitnall Athletics & Activities is excited to host our Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser. This important event directly supports our student-athletes, equipment needs, and athletic and activity programs.

We're seeking [business sponsors](#) (\$100 or greater) and [donations](#) for our silent auction, raffle, and prizes—to help make the event a success. Your generosity will not only benefit our programs but also provide your business with exposure to hundreds of participants and guests.

If you'd like to contribute, please use the following links or contact me directly at ccollins@whitnall.com or 414-525-8502:

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[Click here to view the event flyer!](#)

Mr. Joes' Family Storytime | Hales Corners Library

Join Mr. Joe for a fun and engaging Family Storytime at Hales Corners Library! Each week, we'll explore exciting stories, sing silly songs, and discover surprises with The Theme Hat—you never know what's inside! Storytime is the perfect way for families to enjoy books, music, and laughter together. Join us Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Board Room—no registration required!

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Board Video & Brief | January 27, 2025

[Click here to view the recording](#) of the January 27 school board meeting, and [click here to read the board brief](#).

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for WMS Science Teacher, Ashley Annacchino!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Ashley Annacchino is an outstanding employee at Whitnall Middle School, known for her unwavering loyalty, kindness, and selflessness towards her coworkers. She consistently goes above and beyond to support her colleagues, always offering a helping hand and fostering a positive, collaborative atmosphere. Ashley's creativity shines through in her lessons, where she skillfully integrates innovative approaches that captivate her students. Whether through interactive activities, thought-provoking discussions, or hands-on projects, Ashley ensures that every lesson is both engaging and educational. Her dedication to her students and team makes her an invaluable asset to the school community."

Join us in giving Ashley a round of All In Applause!

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Fun Fact Friday!

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- ◆ Over 150 courses to choose from
- ◆ 40+ activities & athletic teams to check out

Did you know?

- ✓ We have 19 clubs at WHS
- ✓ We offer 21 sports for students
- ✓ Our biggest club is National Honor Society (NHS) with 85 members
- ✓ Our biggest team is Football with 77 players
- ✓ Our smallest club is Bowling with 12 members

✔ Our smallest sport? We co-op for Hockey, and Whitnall has just 1 athlete on the team
Join us at the WHS Expo to learn more and start planning for an amazing year ahead!

Child Find

Do you have concerns about your child's development? The Whitnall School District will conduct preschool screening for children between the ages of 3-5 years old, or children not attending 5 year old kindergarten. If you have concerns about your child's development, you are encouraged to complete the [survey](#). Upon completion of this survey, parents will be asked to complete an Ages & Stages Questionnaire, by mail, which is a screening tool that assesses a child's development in five areas. A school psychologist will reach out after the tool is reviewed. If needed, an in-person screening will be scheduled to review the following developmental areas will be screened: speech and language, cognitive, personal-social, adaptive, motor skills, vision, and hearing.

The survey to request a questionnaire will remain open until February 14, 2025.

If you have questions, please reach out to Jackie Winter, jwinter@whitnall.com

WHS Expo | February 5, 2025

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This is also for students who will be freshmen in 2025-26. A presentation and school tours will begin at 5:00pm.

For more details please see [the website](#).

Falcon Fest | February 8

We are a week away from Falcon Fest 2025. The committee has been hard at work to make this a fun and successful event. Come enjoy beer and seltzer tastings provided by Explorium Brew Pub. Wine tasting is back this year! We'll also have raffles, a silent auction, games, and don't forget the popular custom painted wine and pint glasses from the National Art Honor Society. It's a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Whitnall families while supporting WHS. Get your tickets [here](#) before they are sold out!

Introducing the Candidates for the 2025 Spring Whitnall School Board Election

The following candidates will appear on the ballot for the upcoming election on April 1, 2025:

- ✔ Alicia Shaw
- ✔ Karen Mikolainis (Incumbent)
- ✔ Jason Craig (Incumbent)
- ✔ Joseph Hurkman

For additional information about the spring election and candidate profiles, please visit the Whitnall School District website here: <https://www.whitnall.com/district/board-elections-.cfm>

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Skill & Chill | March 3

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Stuffie Sleepover & Storytime

Date & Time: Thursday, February 7, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Location: Hales Corners Library

Description: Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for a cozy evening of fun! Children will create personalized name tags for their stuffies and enjoy a bedtime story together. Afterward, the stuffed animals will have their own secret adventures around the library, and photos of their escapades will be shared on our Facebook page. Stuffie drop-off begins at 4:00 PM, with pick-up the following day during library hours. For more information, visit [Stuffie Sleepover & Storytime](#).

Junior Science: Goo & Slime

Date & Time: Sunday, February 9, 2025, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM

Location: Hales Corners Library Boardroom

Description: Dive into the world of chemistry with our hands-on "Goo & Slime" workshop! Young scientists will learn about polymers and non-Newtonian fluids while making their own slime and gooey creations. This interactive session is designed to be fun and educational. All materials will be provided, so just bring your curiosity (and wear clothes that can get messy)! Registration is required to participate. For more details and to register, visit [Junior Science: Goo & Slime](#).

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January 24, 2025

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for EES 1st Grade Teacher, Taylor Kanugh!

A Whitnall parent wrote, "Mrs. Kanugh is an exceptional educator. She goes above and beyond to ensure her students feel welcomed, facilitating a smooth transition from kindergarten to first grade. Her classroom is a vibrant and engaging learning environment. Additionally, she maintains open lines of communication with families through the Seesaw app, allowing them to enjoy videos and photos of their children during active learning sessions. We hold her in high regard and are truly grateful for her!"

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Fun Fact Friday!

This week, we're celebrating the life and legacy of our district's namesake, Charles B. Whitnall, whose 166th birthday was on January 21st!

As Secretary of the Milwaukee County Park Commission (1907-1941), Charles dreamed of creating natural havens for people to enjoy. In 1924, he found the perfect spot, which became Whitnall Park in 1932.

At age 70, he also led the creation of the beautiful Boerner Botanical Gardens, a 40-acre gem within the park that we still enjoy today!

Thank you, Charles B., for your incredible vision and legacy!

2025-2026 Whitnall School District Calendar

[Here is the link to the approved 2025-2026 Whitnall School District Calendar.](#)

1st Semester Grade Reports

1st-semester grade reports for all Whitnall students will be published in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Friday, January 24, 2025, after 4:00 PM. If you have any questions about your student's progress or scores, please contact your student's teachers or the school's assistant principal.

For more information about locating grade reports in the parent portal, please follow the links below.

[Elementary Grade Reports](#)

[Middle and High School Grade Reports](#)

Winter Screening Results and Personal Reading Plans

Today, Winter screening assessment results for students in Grades K4-8 will be emailed to parents via secure document delivery. The email will include a link to a PDF copy of your student's assessment results to download. Additional information on how to access your student's results will be included in the secure document email.

Beginning the week of January 27, Personal Reading Plans will be sent home to all families of students in Grades K5-3 who score below the 25th percentile on the new state early literacy screening assessment, aimswebPlus. Personal Reading Plans are a way for us to communicate with families about their student's reading goals and their progress towards grade level reading skills. If your student receives a Personal Reading Plan, please ensure that a copy of the plan is signed and returned to school with your student.

Infinite Campus Contact Preferences

Email and phone contact preferences in Infinite Campus determine what types of district messages you will receive from Whitnall Schools. Parents will receive emails and text messages based on the preferences selected. In preparation for potential winter weather, now is a great time to check your contact preferences. It is recommended that parents select to receive all notification types to ensure that they do not miss an important communication. Follow the link [Updating Contact Preferences](#) for steps to locate your contact preferences in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Community Movie Night | January 25

Whitnall's Tri-M Music Honor Society is hosting a Community Movie Night on Saturday, January 25th at 6pm! This event is held at the WHS auditorium, doors will open at 5:30pm. **All are welcome to attend with free admission** - the movie will be *Hercules*, the animated Disney movie about the classic tale. Sing-along lyrics will be provided! Tri-M will have a bake sale available outside of the auditorium and some coloring activities for young ones. We hope to see you at movie night!

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Falcon Fest | February 8

Join us on February 8th for the WFBC's annual Falcon Fest fundraiser at Clifford's Supper Club. Enjoy a silent auction, raffles, and games all while supporting WHS students. A limited number of tickets are still available. Get yours [here](#)!

WMS Outdoor Learning Space



WMS PTO is building a new outdoor learning space for students and staff. If you are a current WMS family, a former WMS family, or a future WMS family, please consider purchasing a Family Brick to have placed in the new outdoor learning space. Each brick is \$100 and a portion of your sale is donated back to the WMS PTO.

Click the link [here](#) for details

Hales Corners Library | Tween Graphic Novel & Manga Book Club

Join us for a fun discussion on graphic novels and manga, perfect for tweens who love exciting stories and cool characters! This month, we're reading *Monster Locker* and *Haikyu!!!*, with a tasty Japanese snack to enjoy. Pick up your books at the Information Desk and join us on **Monday, February 19th at 4:00 PM** at your Hales Corners Library. Can't make it? No worries—we meet every month with new books and fun! Click [here](#) for more info!

Hales Corners Library | The Ididaread Winter Reading Challenge

Mush your way through the Ididaread Winter Challenge, now through **February 28th**! Your goal? Read **600 minutes** and cross the finish line to earn cool prizes. Register at the library or on Beanstack if you already have an account. Grab your books and race to reading victory before time runs out! For more info, click [here](#)!

Hales Corners Library Lego Club

The Hales Corners Library hosts a monthly LEGO Club in the Ben Hunt Room, offering both morning and afternoon sessions. Each month introduces a new theme to spark creativity, ranging from fairy tales to wind racers. Participants are encouraged to build themed creations or let their imaginations guide them. No registration is required, and drop-ins are always welcome. Check out other cool library programs [here](#)!

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January 17, 2025

Board Video & Brief | January 13, 2025

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All In Applause

This All In Applause is for HCE 5th Grade Teacher, Bill Rogan!

A Whitnall parent wrote, "I would like to recognize Mr. Rogan for his dedication to the students he teaches. My daughter and her friends share how Mr. Rogan challenges them, and encourages them. He is always responsive to me as a parent when I need assistance with communications sent out. I too, believe that if I ever needed support with academics or extracurricular activities going on at the school for my daughter I can always reach out to him for guidance. He is an all in, attentive, dedicated, and caring teacher. I am very grateful that my daughter gets to be in his class for her last year in elementary school. Thank you Mr. Rogan for all you do!" Another Whitnall parent wrote, "He is energetic, kind and patient and knows how to bond with students. He always has a "true" smile on his face. My son loves math because of him! He is so happy to have him as a teacher and loves going to his class. He talks about him with joy!"

Join us in giving Bill a round of All In Applause!

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Over the last 30 years, 26 dedicated individuals have served on our school board, helping to shape the vision, policies, and future of the Whitnall School District.

Thank you for your commitment, leadership, and countless hours of service to our students, staff, and community.

Let's give a big round of all in applause to these champions of education!

K4 Registration & Parent Information Session

The Whitnall School District is excited to kick off K4 registration for the Class of 2039!



Parent Information Sessions

January 21, 2025 – Hales Corners Elementary (5:00–6:00 PM)



Priority Registration Details:

- Opens January 27, 2025
- Register online at www.whitnall.com under the “Families” section.
- Families will select a preferred session (AM or PM) during registration.
- Session placement will be determined by a lottery on March 3, 2025.



Need Help?

Kiosks are available at the Whitnall District Office from 7:30 AM–3:30 PM for families without home Access.



Questions?

Contact Kathie Poss, District Registrar

Call: 414-525-8411

Email: kposs@whitnall.com

Let's make the start of your child's educational journey amazing!

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MUSIC BOOSTERS

The next Music Boosters meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21st, at Whitnall High School. Please enter through door 30 near the school's main entrance and follow the signage.

Whitnall Youth Baseball and Fastpitch Softball:

Calling all girls who love sports and want to grow their skills in a fun, supportive environment! Whitnall Youth Softball is designed to help players improve, develop their passion for the game, and compete at a higher level. Whether you're just starting out or already have experience, we offer opportunities for growth, teamwork, and building lasting friendships.

Why Join Whitnall Youth Softball?

- Skill Development: Our coaches focus on individual growth while developing team dynamics.

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Who Can Join? Girls in middle school born between September 1st, 2011 and August 31st, 2013 who are ready to learn, grow, and have fun!

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Bye Bye Birdie: Youth Edition | Looking for Stage Crew Members

Bye Bye Birdie: Youth Edition is looking for stage crew members! Stage Crew meets on weekdays from 3:15-5:30pm and could involve set building, painting, making props, costume management, or stage management. Applications for Stage Crew are due by Friday, January 24th, here's the [Application Link](#). Email Ms. Wagner with any questions: jwagner@whitnall.com

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A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "she was willing to take on the role of department head for a young department. This year, she has been a strong leader that has helped us advocate for the department and helped them get on the same page and really work well together. Colleen is also a strong advocate and supporter of her students"

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Fun Fact Friday!

In the fifth year of conducting our Employee Engagement Survey, we achieved our highest-ever rate of employee satisfaction! Staff rated their overall satisfaction with the district as a 3.85 out of 5.

This milestone reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a supportive and positive work environment. Thank you to all our incredible employees who make our district a great place to work and grow!

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Youth Gymnastics Clinic with FMOW Gymnastics

When: Sunday, January 19, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Where: Altius Gymnastics, 9670 S Franklin Drive, Franklin, WI

FMOW Gymnastics is hosting a fun and engaging youth gymnastics clinic for students ages 5-12—no gymnastics experience necessary!

Highlights include:

- A full 90 minutes of gymnastics activities, including vault, bars, beam, and floor
- An opportunity to race through an obstacle course designed by the high school gymnasts
- An exhibition by the high school team
- A free team t-shirt

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Cost: \$30 per child / \$25 for additional siblings

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December 20, 2024

****Please note there will not be a Connect on Friday, December 27th due to winter break.**

Board Video & Brief | December 16, 2024

Click [here](#) to view the recording of the December 16 school board meeting, and click [here](#) to read the board brief.

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for WMS Paraprofessional, Kristin Stenmark!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Kristin is new to our district this year, and in a very short time she found an amazing connection with both the kids and fellow employees. She is amazing with the special ed students she works with. She takes extra time and care to make sure their days go well. Kristin makes the students comfortable, and helps them laugh in some of the most difficult situations. She pays close attention to details with all of the kids she helps each day! Kristin has been a great addition to the WMS team, and deserves a ton of praise for all of her hard work!

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Extra fun fact: The average candy cane is 5 inches long!

That's a whole lot of holiday spirit, Whitnall!

Understanding your Tax Bill

With the arrival of tax bills, we'd like to provide some helpful information to clarify how the **school district portion** of your overall tax bill is calculated. Click [here to view our 2024 Tax Bill Explanation](#) or [here to visit our website](#). Both will provide you with the same information.

Whitnall District Office Winter Break Hours



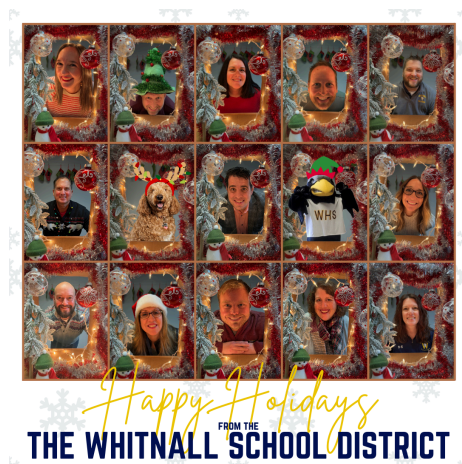
Please note that many District Office staff members will be on vacation during all or part of Winter Break. If you need to meet with someone, please reach out directly to confirm their availability.

School Board Candidates:

To schedule a time to drop off your candidacy paperwork, please contact Jessica Matthews at jmatthews@whitnall.com. All paperwork is due by January 7.

Thank you and enjoy the break!

🌲 ✨ Wishing You Happy Holidays from the Whitnall School District! ✨ 🌲



From all of us at Whitnall, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments with those closest to you. This time of year is perfect for reflecting on the memories we've created together and celebrating the accomplishments that make our community so special.

WMS Bucks Night-Last Day to buy tickets!

Don't miss out on tickets for Whitnall Middle School's PBIS Night at Fiserv Forum on Friday, January 17th, when the Milwaukee Bucks face the Toronto Raptors at 7pm. A portion of each ticket sold supports the PBIS Program at WMS. Students with VIP or MVP behavior status may be selected for a special fan experience, such as watching pre-game practice, cutting the nets, or high-fiving Bucks players. To qualify for priority selection, students must have zero behavior referrals and no tech violations. [Order tickets by December 18th at here](#). Tickets are digital and will be sent to the Bucks app. Get yours before the holidays!

[Check out the flyer here!](#)

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December 13, 2024

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A Whitnall parent wrote, "Mrs. Verdegan has worked with our son for some time now. Everytime we see her, she is smiling and upbeat. She always talks about how she enjoys working with our son. We know that she truly cares as she not only says it, but shows it with both him and us. He also really likes working with her. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication! It is appreciated more than you know!"

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Fun Fact Friday!

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Calendar Update for Elementary Families | Jan. 17, 2025

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Calling All Judges!-WI District 5 DECA Competition Needs Your Help

On Saturday, January 11, 2025, over 500 Wisconsin DECA members from 19 area high schools will gather at Kettle Moraine High School in Wales, WI for the annual DECA District #5 Competition! Students will showcase their talents and knowledge through rigorous role-plays in various categories, and we need over 140 judges to help make this event a success!

No prior judging experience is required! If you have experience as an employee, manager, or business owner in areas like Marketing, Management, or Entrepreneurship, you're qualified to judge. Some of the categories include:

-  Team Events
 -  Business Law & Ethics
 -  Marketing Management
 -  Sports & Entertainment
 -  Entrepreneurship
- ...and more!

As a judge, you'll be helping DECA competitors improve their critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills while gaining insight into careers in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship

If you're ready to make a difference, sign up by December 16, 2024 using the link below. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to support local students and help them reach their potential. Feel free to share with friends, family, and colleagues – all are welcome to judge!

 Sign Up Here <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdKTxEaM3iash.../viewform>

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Hosted by Whitnall High School Cheer Team



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Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Whitnall High School Multipurpose Room

Join us for a magical evening of dancing, games, glam stations, and so much more!

Tickets Include:

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Board Video & Brief | November 25, 2024

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All In Applause

This All In Applause is for HCE Special Education Teacher, Rachel Mayszak!

A Whitnall parent wrote, "Ms. Mayszak is an amazing Special Education teacher. She has gone above and beyond communicating with us about our son, during school hours and outside of the school day. She finds ways for my son to be included in all activities that make him feel like he is part of the group. She knows his likes and dislikes and has figured out several ways to help him be successful in school."

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All 4 of our schools were awarded the U.S. News & World Report "Best Schools" badges! Our Elementary Schools finished in the top 10% of their list and our Middle and High Schools finished in the top 20%!

These rankings reflect the incredible work of our staff, students, and families in building a strong, supportive community where everyone thrives. Thank you for your continued dedication and support in helping our schools achieve such success!

To learn more about each school's ranking and statistics, click the link below and search for our schools!

Link: <https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/search?state=WI>

Congratulations to Rianna Dobbie and Chelsea McDowell!

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The votes are in and they have been named Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's Athletes of the Week for November 11–16! With an incredible 51% of the vote (8,003 out of 15,515), their hard work and dedication have earned this well-deserved recognition.

Thank you to everyone who voted and supported these outstanding athletes. Let's keep cheering them on!

Calling all Whitnall High School students

Looking for a great job opportunity? Milwaukee County is hosting three lifeguard training sessions this January and February, with lifeguard positions starting at \$17/hour!

If you're ready to dive in and make a splash, now's the time. *The local pool in Hales Corners could open this Spring if enough lifeguards are hired*—let's make it happen!

Learn how to get certified and start training here: [Become a Lifeguard](#)

Spread the word and share with friends!

WHS Red Cross & Robotics Clubs Blood Drive

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Whitnall Park Rotary Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair

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Stop by Whitnall High School on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to explore the Whitnall Park Rotary Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair!




-  Over 200 booths featuring unique gifts and handmade crafts
-  Photos with Santa
-  Delicious food and beverages available for purchase

Admission is just a \$4 donation for adults, with all proceeds supporting the Whitnall Park Rotary Scholarship Fund and other community service projects.

Don't miss this festive event to shop local and give back to the community!

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***Please note there will not be an issue of “The Connect” next week due to the Thanksgiving Break.**

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for EES & HCE Social Worker, Jackie Thao!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Jackie is an incredibly positive, supportive, and flexible colleague. Her calm and patient demeanor is comforting to staff and students alike. She is the definition of a team player! EES and HCE are so lucky to have her!"

Join us in giving Jackie a round of All In Applause!

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In honor of National Educational Support Professionals Day on November 20, this Fun Fact Friday is dedicated to our WSD support staff!

Whitnall School District employs 151 support staff members, who work tirelessly to keep students safe, healthy, and ready to learn. Thank you to our amazing educational support professionals, today and every day!

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Interested in becoming a school board member?

Join us for an information session!

Date: November 25

Time: 6:30PM - Immediately following the School Board meeting

Location: Whitnall School District Community Board Room

School board members will provide an overview of the role and answer your questions. Please note that attending the November 25 board meeting is required, as observing a meeting is part of the session.

Registration is required!

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/W1qd7Z4T6oHdboBF6>

Additional Information

[BOE Elections Website](#)

[BOE Candidate Resource Sheet](#)

Vote for Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Athlete of the Week!

Whitnall High School's Rianna Dobbie and Chelsea McDowell are nominees for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Athlete of the Week for Nov. 11-16!

These talented divers made waves at the WIAA D2 state girls swimming and diving meet, with Rianna repeating as champion and Chelsea also earning runner-up honors again this year in the 1-meter dive.

Cast your vote before Saturday, November 23, at 3:00 PM and show your support for our Falcons!

Vote here! <https://www.jsonline.com/.../who-was-the.../76401795007/>

Infinite Campus Parent Resources

Do you have trouble navigating the Infinite Campus Parent Portal? Check out the resources available on the [Whitnall Infinite Campus](#) web page. The page includes links to download the mobile app, 'How To' documents, and a list of frequently asked questions. If you are unsure of your username or password, please contact the district office at (414) 525-8411.

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Hales Corner Library Presents: Big Blue Blocks

Come hang out in the Hunt Room of the Hales Corners Library during a Whitnall School District Staff Development (Non-Student Attendance) day! Use Imagination Playground's Big Blue Blocks to create animals, rocket ships, forts, robots, houses, factories, cities, and worlds where the only limit is your imagination!

There will be three sessions:

Monday Nov. 25th 1-2 PM and 4:30 – 6 PM

Tuesday Nov. 26th 2 – 3:30 PM

[For more information check out their website here.](#)

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November 15, 2024

Board Video & Brief | November 11, 2024

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All In Applause

This All In Applause is for WHS Technology Support Specialist, Jake Israel!

A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, Jake drops everything to help us immediately with our technology issues. He has been so patient and responsive to our needs. He keeps this school running efficiently with a smile! "

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Out of over 1,100 school psychologists in Wisconsin, we are proud to have four of them in Whitnall! Our school psychs love many things about their jobs, including fostering positive connections with students to best advocate for their needs, reviewing and analyzing data to ensure that students get the support that they need, getting hugs and high fives in the hallways, and recharging over the summer to prepare for another year—no two days are ever the same! Thank you, school psychs!

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[Whitnall School District - Music Boosters](#)

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Help support the Greenfield Police K-9 Unit—and show some love for Whitnall's beloved Gizmo! You can order exclusive merchandise using the [flyer QR Code linked here](#). Or, follow the steps below to use your web browser:

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4. Type in what item you are purchasing (including size if it is a shirt) and cost of Item- Use [this flyer to see items and cost](#)
5. Send payment
6. Send your proof of purchase to [Officer Susie](#), and she'll make sure you get your items.

Every purchase helps strengthen our local K-9 unit and brings us all together in community spirit. Thank you for supporting Gizmo and our local heroes!

NOTE: If you are interested in making a cash payment, email Officer Susie and she will help you arrange payment.

Student Absence Documentation

Some student absences such as medical or legal require documentation to excuse the absence. Did you know that when requesting an absence in the Parent Portal, parents can now upload the required documentation in the request? Whenever possible, adding the documentation to the request in the portal can help streamline the absence requesting process and eliminate the follow-up step of providing the documentation later.

[How to Request an Absence in the Parent Portal](#)

WMS Clothes Bin Program



It's the time of year when we bring out the sweaters, snow pants, hats and gloves.

Please keep the Clothes Bin in mind when you are cleaning your closets and getting your winter gear ready. Instead of tossing out items that no longer fit, the Clothes Bin is the perfect place to bring those items.

Thank you to our students, staff and family members in the community who have helped us collect 964 pounds of clothes, shoes, and other textiles for re-use and recycling this past month.

85% of textile waste ends up in landfills occupying unnecessary landfill space. The Clothes Bin Textile Recycling program is an opportunity to increase educational awareness of recycling and offer a convenient recycling program to students, parents and neighbors. Every pound of recycled items supports our school!

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A fellow Whitnall employee wrote, "Adrienne truly puts her all into her students. She continues to go above and beyond pushing students to reach their full potential. She has clear expectations and high standards for her students that takes them to the next level. Her students are willing to learn new skills and are not afraid to take a chance. She is a trusted teacher that her students feel they can go to for anything. It has been an honor to work alongside her and learn from her."

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Referendum 2024 Update

We're thrilled to share that, the majority of Whitnall School District voters have approved the facilities referendum on November 5!

With this support, we can now move forward with essential improvements that will strengthen our schools for years to come. We are deeply grateful for the community's backing and the constructive conversations about our district's future.

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Come Out and Support the Whitnall High School Choirs | Dec. 3, 2024

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WMS Dance Team Fundraiser

MOD Pizza Sura Lane Greenfield - [Flier here](#)

Nov 14th (all day) for new dance costumes for the WMS Dance Team

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.Performance Training at WMS

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Coach Vilar hosts training in the winter to help you better prepare for your sport. This year, I've asked Drake Sutton, who works at Aretas Physical Therapy to develop a program that can help any student athlete take that next step in their fitness. Yes, there is a cost (\$10 per session you attend if we get 10 or more to commit to coming)

When: Nov 13, 20 and Dec 4, 11, 18 (3:05-4:15). If you want to run, I'll stick around to get a run in from 4:15-4:30 (after the training).

Where: Meet in the WMS cafeteria

How: [Sign up here](#) You don't have to be at all of the workouts, but we're looking for people who commit to be at most of them. If we get 10+ the price will be \$10 per session.

WMS PBIS Night at Bucks Game

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WMS Book Fair

The Whitnall Middle School Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair November 18th-21st

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: Hours 7:40 am - 3:15 pm

Thursday: Hours 7:40 am - 8:00 pm

[Online Home Page](#)- shop online! You can start shopping online on November 10th.

[Set Up Your E-Wallett](#) - You can set up an online credit for your student. Please note funds not used will be issued a Scholastic gift card.

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November 1, 2024

Board Video & Brief | October 28, 2024

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A Whitnall parent wrote, " I believe she should be recognized for her dedication to her career. I'm aware she has been a teacher for over 5 years and I can see how that experience shows in how she is with the kids and parents. Very kind, sweet and informative. Very much appreciate her. 😊 "

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AP Exam Payments | Due Nov. 1st

AP Exam payments were due November 1st. If your child is taking multiple exams and you need more time please email Mrs. Freyer regarding a payment plan. All students who are in AP classes are automatically registered for the AP exam. You may cancel the exam by November 15th. Cancellations after November 15th incur a \$40 cancellation fee. To cancel an exam parents should email rfreyer@whitnall.com with the name of your child, exam and reason for cancellation.

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Don't Forget to Vote Nov. 5th

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Calendar Update for Elementary Families | Jan. 17, 2025

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- **5K-5th Grade Students:** Half day from 8:35 - 11:20 AM
 - **4K Students:** No school
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Contact Preferences

Email and phone contact preferences in Infinite Campus determine what types of messages you will receive from Whitnall schools. Parents will receive emails and texts based on the preferences selected. In preparation for potential winter weather, now is a great time check your contact preferences. It is recommended that parents select to receive all notification types to ensure that you do not miss an important communication. Follow the link [Updating Contact Preferences](#) for steps to locate your contact preferences in Infinite Campus.

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International Club Bake Sale | November 7

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Come Out and Support the Whitnall High School Choirs | Dec. 3, 2024

It's hockey season! The Whitnall High School Choirs will be singing the National Anthem at a Milwaukee Admirals game versus the Cleveland Monsters! This game is on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm in the UWM Panther Arena. Come support our singers and attend the game! You can [get \\$2 off your tickets by ordering here](#). Email Ms. Wagner with any questions: jwagner@whitnall.com. Go Ads!satisfied while you are waiting to talk with teachers. Thank you for your support!

Community Senior Citizen Dinner and Musical

Community senior citizens are invited to a dinner and performance of "Little Women - The Broadway Musical" on December 12 at Whitnall High School. Go [here](#) to purchase tickets online. Or stop at the high school main entrance during school hours to pay with cash or check. The deadline to purchase tickets is December 2.

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Join Us for Children's Art Day!

Join us for a fun day of art making with the talented Whitnall High School National Art Honor Society students on December 14. Go [here](#) for the details and to sign up.

WMS PBIS Night at Bucks Game

It's back this year! Whitnall Middle School will be having their PBIS Night at Fiserv Forum on Friday, January 17th when the Milwaukee Bucks play the Toronto Raptors at 7pm. A small portion of each ticket sold will be coming back to WMS to help support the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) Program. WMS students attending the game, who have VIP or MVP behavior status on game night, could potentially have an opportunity and be selected to take part in a special fan experience down on the court, which includes either watching pre-game practice on the court, cutting the nets down after the game, or high fiving the Bucks players on the court as they are announced for the starting lineup. First priority will be given to students who still have their MVP status on game night, which includes zero behavior referrals, and no cell phone or technology violations so far in the school year.

Tickets for the game can now be ordered at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/WMS25>. Tickets are digital and will be delivered to the Bucks app on your phone. Order your game tickets by Wednesday, December 18th. Click here for more information on the event [flyer](#).

WMS Book Fair

The Whitnall Middle School Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair November 18th-21st

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: Hours 7:40 am - 3:15 pm

Thursday: Hours 7:40 am - 8:00 pm

[Online Home Page](#)- shop online! You can start shopping online on November 10th.

[Set Up Your E-Wallett](#) - You can set up an online credit for your student. Please note funds not used will be issued a Scholastic gift card.

[Book Fair Information](#)

Administrative Assistant Whitnall District Office/Whitnall High School

Whitnall is a unique school district that is proud to serve approximately 2,400 students in the Village of Hales Corners, part of the City of Greenfield, and part of the City of Franklin. The Whitnall School District staff is driven by our passion statement, The Whitnall School District engages learners in safe, academically challenging, and supportive experiences so that all students can reach their personal learning goals. Our complete prospectus and strategic plan can be found at:
<https://www.whitnall.com/district/strategic-vision.cfm>

This Administrative Assistant position is part-time 25 hours per week, Monday through Friday, 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM and will pay \$16.00 - \$19.00 per hour. This position will be split between the Whitnall District Office and Whitnall High School front Office. The schedule will be:

- Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:30am-12:30pm at Whitnall High School and 12:30pm-3:30pm at Whitnall District Office
- Tuesday and Friday: 10:30am-12:30pm at Whitnall District Office and 12:30pm-3:30pm at Whitnall High School

Job Duties:

- Greet visitors in the district and/or high school office and direct them as appropriate
- Perform general office duties including answering telephone, handling mail and postage, maintaining and assisting with use of office equipment, filing, data entry, creating and maintaining spreadsheets and documents
- Support Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - Assist in the production of school course guides
 - Summer school planning
 - Monitor department budgets
- Assist with District Registration kiosk inquiries
- Accept District Student Registration fees
- Register staff members for conferences
- Manage inventory of office supplies, replenishing as needed
- Attend meetings as needed
- Other duties as assigned

Please send a resume to hr@whitnall.com.

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All In Applause

This All In Applause is for HCE Special Education Paraprofessional, Tammy Schwieso!

A Whitnall parent wrote, "Mrs. Schwieso has been an absolute blessing in my daughter's 4K classroom. She always has a smile on her face, and it is clear how much she cares about ALL students in the room. She sees the good in ALL kids and is accepting and inclusive of ALL friends. She praises the positives and celebrates the small successes. She is always willing to help and support anyone in the room. Mrs. Schwieso demonstrates positivity, equity, and love for ALL students. We are so glad she was a part of the classroom this year!"

Join us in giving Tammy a round of All In Applause!

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Important Financial News Regarding the November 5 Facilities Referendum

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Fun Fact Friday!

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And our awesome Whitnall students have already checked out 14,123 books so far this year!

In celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week, let's give a huge shoutout to everyone who supports our school libraries and helps foster a love for reading!

Keep up the great reading, Falcons!

Attendance Matters at Whitnall

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Additionally, showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

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WMS Veterans Day Fundraiser

Since 2021, Whitnall Middle School has proudly hosted local Veterans to commemorate Veterans Day and to give our students the opportunity to express their gratitude to our nation's service men and women. Each year, WMS donates student-raised funds to a veteran-support organization, and this year, we have selected **Canine Companions** for their continued support of veterans and our program.

Exciting News: All donations will be **matched by an anonymous donor**, and we will be collecting donations until **October 30th, 2024!** [Here is the link](#) if you would like to donate.

We would also like to give a special thank you to Catherine and Arrow from Canine Companions for stopping by our lunches the other day! We look forward to having them back on October 30th to help us close out this fundraiser strong!

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Board Video & Brief | October 14, 2024

Click [here](#) to view the recording of the October 14 school board meeting, and click [here](#) to read the board brief.

All In Applause

This All In Applause is for Whitnall District Nurse, Raquel Devine!

A Whitnall employee wrote, "Raquel goes above and beyond for her job! She has been training new staff at one school and filling in scheduling gaps in another. She is a breath of fresh air in the hallways as she is quick to help out whenever she can. We are lucky to have someone so caring and patient. I couldn't have asked for a better district nurse."

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Updates on Literacy Assessment and Support for Grades K4-3

Over the summer, we shared an important update regarding literacy assessments and support practices for students in Grades K4-3. We have included an update below regarding new reading screening practices that will take place beginning in January. We will continue to provide additional details as we approach the first administration of our new aimswebPlus screening assessment to help clarify what these changes mean for our K4-3 students and what families can expect and to ensure you are fully prepared for the transition.

Please review the updated communication below to familiarize yourself with the overview of the upcoming changes.

Literacy Assessment and Support for Grades K4-3

Beginning in Winter 2025, our district, along with all others across Wisconsin, will be implementing updated literacy screening and diagnostic procedures in accordance with the 2023 Wisconsin Act 20. This new law aims to enhance literacy support for students in Grades K4-3, ensuring that every child receives the necessary resources to thrive in their reading development.

Here's what you can expect:

1. **Continued High-Quality Instruction:** All Whitnall elementary students will continue to benefit from our comprehensive literacy curriculum, Wonders. Our dedicated teachers will continue to use differentiated instructional methods and materials tailored to meet the unique needs of each student.
2. **Assessment Overview:** Students in Grades K5-3 will undergo reading screening assessments in Winter and Spring 2025 using a new state-selected reading screening tool, aimswebPlus by Pearson. This assessment will help us identify students who may need additional support in their literacy journey. Students in K4 will also participate in this reading screening in Spring 2025. Parents will be notified of the results of these assessments for their student(s). In future school years, all K4-3 students will also be screened in reading using the aimswebPlus assessment in fall.
3. **Diagnostic Assessments:** For K5-3 students scoring below the 25th percentile on the aimswebPlus screener, we will conduct additional diagnostic assessments to identify specific areas requiring additional support. Parents will receive detailed reports on these assessments.
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Over the next few months, we will provide further details on these updated practices and how they will be implemented for our K4-3 students. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out to our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Adam Hengel, at ahengel@whitnall.com, or our Director of Advancement and Analytics, Dana Ryan, at dryan@whitnall.com.

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Fun Fact Friday!

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Dr. Reinke's favorite snack is a caramel brownie from our School Nutrition department, washed down with a refreshing Diet Mountain Dew!

Haunted Hallways

Haunted Hallways is Thursday, October 24 at Whitnall High School. Trick or treating for the younger children will be from 6:00-7:00pm with a free will donation, and the haunting is from 7:30-9:00pm with a cost of \$5.00.

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event for the whole family. For three nights each year, Wehr's woodland is transformed into an Enchanted Forest complete with a cackling witch, a talking owl, and even some rapping arthropods. Visitors are amazed by the over three hundred Jack-o-lanterns that light the path through the forest. The walk is just spooky enough to keep kids on their toes but is designed to create chuckles and smiles, not nightmares.

For more information, visit their website [here](#).

WHS SOFTBALL INCOMING FRESHMAN:

Mike Gappa, head varsity softball coach at WHS, will be conducting an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd in the WMS cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting is for parents/players that are looking to play softball when they get to high school. There is also the potential for interested 8th graders being invited to our weight lifting and open gyms.

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Don't miss out—[sign up today using this link](#) or visit [this link](#) to view the event flyer.

Please note there are limited spots so sign up early to guarantee your participation!

Parent Teacher Conference Dinner Donations:

What better way to thank our teachers during parent/teacher conference week than with food? The PTO is planning to provide subs for dinner to the teachers on Thursday, November 21st. Please sign up to contribute. Have your items in the MS school office before or by 3:00pm on the 21st. : [PTO conference dinner donation](#) .

WMS Yearbook Ordering is Open

Families can order their student's 2023-2024 Yearbook [here!](#) The cost of the yearbooks will be \$14. A portion of the proceeds will be a fundraiser to support WMS student activities. **Ordering will be available until May 4th, 2025, No cash sales.** Any questions? Contact VIP by emailing support@vipis.com or calling (262)375-4457.

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October 11, 2024

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A Whitnall parent wrote, "Nicole Tentoni is an exceptional art teacher who truly exemplifies being "all in." Her commitment goes beyond the classroom as she orchestrates vibrant, interactive art shows for families, complete with music, snacks, and hands-on activities. Nicole also enriches her students' lives with unforgettable experiences, including a recent trip to Greece and Italy, and is planning another international adventure due to her students' enthusiasm. Her dedication to nurturing creativity and fostering meaningful experiences demonstrates her unwavering commitment to her students' growth and success, making her a standout candidate for recognition." Another Whitnall parent shared, "Nicci is an amazing art teacher. She is very approachable and very patient with the kids. She is completely dedicated to giving her students the best learning experiences possible. She also did an amazing job leading 60 plus students on a trip to Greece and Italy. The trip was very well-coordinated and my son had the time of his life."

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Community Informational Sessions

Wednesday, October 16 | Edgerton Elementary School 6:00PM

Thursday, October 24 | | Whitnall High School 6:00PM

In addition to the formal Community Information Sessions, please join us for Breakfast with Brady and Refreshments with Reinke all throughout the month of October. During these 30-45 minute sessions, Dr. Reinke will share with you the basics for the upcoming November 5th referendum while enjoying a light breakfast or an afternoon refreshment. Please see [this flyer for more details on Breakfast with Brady](#) and [click here to view the details on Refreshments with Reinke](#).

Referendum 2024 Yard Signs

If you are interested in a Vote November 5th Referendum yard sign, please stop by the District Office to pick one up.

Attendance Matters at WSD!

As a reminder, state law allows parents to exclude their child from school for up to 10 days during a school year. Absences with an excuse from a medical provider are not included in this number. Medical excuses can be brought to your child's school office or emailed to the building attendance assistant.

Fun Fact Friday!

This week's Fun Fact Friday is dedicated to our amazing Whitnall School District principals! Did you know October is National Principals Month?

Our four building principals bring a wealth of knowledge and leadership to our schools. Together, they have a combined 63 years of experience as principals, and an additional 47 years in various school-based roles. That's an incredible 110 years of dedication to K-12 education!

We are grateful for their hard work, passion, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of our students and staff every day!

Happy Wisconsin School Board Week!

From October 6-12, the Whitnall School District would like to celebrate and recognize the dedicated members of our school board who work tirelessly to ensure the success of our students, staff, and community. Their commitment to education and leadership plays a vital role in shaping the future of our schools.

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Enjoy Halloween in nature at Wehr's Special 36th Edition of Halloween Haunts. Halloween Haunts combines the make-believe, spooky fun of Halloween with the beauty of nighttime nature to create a fun event for the whole family. For three nights each year, Wehr's woodland is transformed into an Enchanted Forest complete with a cackling witch, a talking owl, and even some rapping arthropods. Visitors are amazed by the over three hundred Jack-o-lanterns that light the path through the forest. The walk is just spooky enough to keep kids on their toes but is designed to create chuckles and smiles, not nightmares.

For more information, visit their website [here](#).

Little Falcon Dance Clinic

Clinic Details:

- **Cost:** \$60 per dancer (includes a T-shirt and the chance to learn a fun pom routine)
- **Practices:** Dancers will have three sessions with the Whitnall Varsity Dancers.
 - **Tuesday, October 15th:** 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Whitnall High School
 - **Wednesday, October 16th:** 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Whitnall High School
 - **Thursday, October 17th:** 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Whitnall High School
- **Performance:** Participants will showcase their skills during halftime at a Whitnall Varsity Football game on Friday October 18th!

Why join the Little Falcon Dance Clinic?

- **Fun and Engaging Instruction:** Your child will learn new dance techniques in a supportive environment from our very own Whitnall Varsity Dancers.
- **Meet New Friends:** This is a great chance for kids to connect and build friendships through dance.
- **Performance Opportunity:** Participants will showcase their skills in a special performance!



[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

Don't miss out—spots are filling up fast! If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your support!

MUSIC BOOSTERS

The next Music Boosters meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15th, at Whitnall High School. Please enter through door 30 near the school's main entrance and follow the signage. Their guest for the meeting will be Whitnall School District Superintendent Dr. Bardy Reinke, who will discuss the upcoming November capital referendum project.

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“Totes for Hope” Project for the Homeless- Whitnall High School

The Red Cross Club's "Totes for Hope" homeless project, which runs October 8-November 6, supports local homeless shelters to include homeless veterans. Homelessness is a serious problem in Milwaukee County and surrounding counties. The pandemic and inflation has increased our homeless population significantly, and the Whitnall community can make a difference. The club will be filling sling sacks with necessary items to assist those that are struggling and in need. Please see the list of suggested items. We are willing to pick up items as well from our elementary schools, middle school and community supporters. Email lmartin@whitnall.com, jmchmielewski27@whitnall.com or pjohnson27@whitnall.com for a pick up. Donations may be dropped off at the high school main entrance to the attention of Ms. Martin or have your high school student drop them off in room 247. Monetary donations are welcome! Please support this important cause; helping others benefits you as well! Please see the link for needed items: [Homeless Project List](#)

WMS Yearbook Ordering is Open

Families can order their student's 2023-2024 Yearbook [here!](#) The cost of the yearbooks will be \$14. A portion of the proceeds will be a fundraiser to support WMS student activities. **Ordering will be available until May 4th, 2025, No cash sales.** Any questions? Contact VIP by emailing support@vipis.com or calling (262)375-4457

WMS Clothes Bin Program



It's the time of year when summer clothes are packed away to make room for sweaters, flannels and fall attire. Please keep the Clothes Bin in mind when you are cleaning your closets. Instead of tossing out items that no longer fit, the Clothes Bin is the perfect place to bring those items.

Thank you to our students, staff and family members in the community who have helped us collect 1275 pounds of clothes, shoes, and other textiles for re-use and recycling in just the second month of our program. This is an increase of 300 pounds from last month, we are doing great things!

85% of textile waste ends up in landfills occupying unnecessary landfill space. The Clothes Bin Textile Recycling program is an opportunity to increase educational awareness of recycling and offer a convenient recycling program to students, parents and neighbors. Every pound of recycled items supports our school!

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Board Video & Brief | September 30, 2024

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All In Applause

This All In Applause is for WMS Library Aid, Beth Setum!

A Whitnall employee wrote, "Beth is one of the most engaged and hard-working employees the Whitnall School District had on its staff. If something needs done in the library, ask Beth. If a teacher needs additional resources, ask Beth. If you just need a good book recommendation, ask Beth. Her skills and her persistence go far above her station. We are incredibly lucky to have someone be a positive beacon of work ethic and knowledge at WMS."

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Referendum 2024

"Vote November 5th" yard signs are now available. If you'd like to pick one up, please stop by the District Office.

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The Whitnall School District Office is currently seeking a part-time HR assistant to join our team! For more information, please review the job description linked [here](#).

If you would like to apply, please send your resume to Whitnall Human Resources at hr@whitnall.com.

Infinite Campus Notifications

Did you know that you can set up Infinite Campus to send notifications for Attendance, Grades, Food Service Balances, and when a Digital Document Needs Your Attention? Parents using the mobile app can

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Fun Fact Friday!

This Fun Fact Friday is dedicated to our incredible Buildings and Grounds team in recognition of National Custodian Day on October 2nd!

Did you know that Whitnall School District grounds span over 80 acres? This includes playgrounds, parking lots, athletic fields, and even the school forest!

Our four school buildings alone cover 12.5 acres, with a total of over 544,000 square feet—that's more than SIX times the size of the turf at Lambeau Field!

Other comparison are:

- Almost as much as the footprint of the Great Pyramid of Giza (592,000)
- Bigger than the Wisconsin State Capitol building (531,315)
- Equivalent of 270 single family homes (at 2,000 sq ft per home)

That's a lot of space our amazing Buildings and Grounds team works hard to maintain!

THANK YOU to our 25 Buildings and Grounds employees for all their hard work in keeping our district running smoothly!

Congratulations to Whitnall High School!

Whitnall High School has earned Silver recognition on the 2024 AP School Honor Roll, along with the Success Award! This is the second year in a row we've achieved Silver status.

To qualify for the AP School Honor Roll, schools must meet or exceed criteria across three key metrics: College Culture, College Credit, and College Optimization. Whitnall saw increases in each of these areas from last year to this year, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to academic excellence and preparing students for college success.

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This All In Applause is for EES Kindergarten Teacher, Julie Horbinski!

A Whitnall Parent wrote, "Mrs. Horbinski is simply wonderful." The parent continues by saying, "Our daughter struggled in 4K last year, and Mrs. Horbinski has truly gone out of her way to ensure that she is off to a great start in kindergarten. It is evident that she truly cares about her students and helping them to thrive. She is strength-focused, and takes the time to really build a relationship with students and their families. We have noticed such a difference in our daughter's attitude and behavior already this year, and believe that Mrs. Horbinski is a huge reason why. We feel truly blessed that our daughter is in her class this year."

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Other than English, the most common languages spoken are Spanish, Serbian, Urdu, and Mandarin Chinese. What a beautiful reminder of the diversity and global connections we have right here in our community!

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Whitnall Middle School PTO Spirit Wear Sale

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September is Attendance Awareness Month!

As we prepare to close out Attendance Awareness Month, let's remember that every day in school counts! Regular attendance is key to building strong academic habits, improving achievement, and ensuring student success.

Remember: Attendance matters! If you need support or have questions, reach out—we're here to help. Together, we can keep showing up for our students and their bright futures!

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Community Informational Sessions

Tuesday, September 24 | Whitnall High School 6:00PM

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Attendance Communication for Families

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The Whitnall attendance policy is [linked here](#) for your review. If your child must be absent from school, please remember to submit an absence request through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal with the reason for the absence. If you have any questions regarding attendance of the District attendance policy, please contact your child's school.

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8th grade DC Trip 2025

Attention 8th Grade Students: Embark on an unforgettable journey to Washington D.C. in May of 2025! Join us for an enriching adventure filled with exploration, learning and camaraderie. From historical landmarks to natural wonders, this trip promises to ignite curiosity and create lasting memories. Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your horizons and bond with classmates in an exciting educational experience!

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Written information pertaining to the trip which was shared at the meeting will be pushed out to all 8th Grade families at the conclusion of the meeting. Registration for the trip will officially open at 8:00 PM on September 26.

Please contact us with questions.

Chris D'Acquisto (cdacquisto@whitnall.com)

Sarah Sandahl (ssandahl@whitnall.com)

Sarah Jackson (sjackson@whitnall.com)

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Board Video & Brief | September 9, 2024

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Kick off for All In Applause Nominations

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We invite you to nominate a Whitnall employee who you believe deserves some recognition. Whether they've made a significant impact in the classroom, shown extraordinary dedication, or gone the extra mile in their role, we want to hear about it!

To submit a nomination, simply fill out the nomination form [here](#).

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Let's celebrate the outstanding efforts of our team and give them the applause they deserve!

Referendum 2024

In April 2024, a survey was conducted by School Perceptions to measure community support for a proposed \$79.1 million capital referendum. The results revealed that of those who participated, 60.8% expressed either a definite yes or probably yes for the referendum. For more information about Referendum 2024, [please visit our website](#).

Annual Notices

All district families and students are invited to review our [Annual Notices webpage](#) with state- and federally-required notices and policies.

Chromebook Protection Plan

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[How to use the Infinite Campus School Store](#)

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Fun Fact Friday!

In honor of National Arts in Education Week, we've got a clay-tastic tidbit for you on this Fun Fact Friday! Over the 23-24 school year, our schools ordered a whopping 5175 lbs of clay for our students!

For some perspective, that's approximately the weight of two buffalo!

WMS Author Visit

Whitnall Middle School is hosting an author visit on Thursday, October 3rd with Scott Reintgen. Please see this [link](#) for information on the author and book order form. For any book orders through the school, students will be entered into a contest to be a character in the sequel to his book - *The Last Dragon on Mars*.

WMS 8th grade DC Trip 2025

Attention 8th Grade Students: Embark on an unforgettable journey to Washington D.C. in May of 2025! Join us for an enriching adventure filled with exploration, learning and camaraderie. From historical landmarks to natural wonders, this trip promises to ignite curiosity and create lasting memories. Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your horizons and bond with classmates in an exciting educational experience!

There will be an informational meeting for 8th Grade students and parents on **Thursday, September 26 at 6:00 PM in the WMS Cafeteria.**

Written information pertaining to the trip which was shared at the meeting will be pushed out to all 8th Grade families at the conclusion of the meeting. Registration for the trip will officially open at 8:00 PM on September 26.

Please contact us with questions.

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Referendum 2024

Did you know? On August 12, the Whitnall School Board unanimously voted to place a \$79.1 million referendum on the November 5 ballot! This referendum addresses the district's crucial infrastructure and facility needs. For more information, visit whitnall.com/referendum2024. Additionally, click [here](#) to view our press release announcing the referendum.

Whitnall Window: Summer Edition

The Summer edition of *The Whitnall Window* should be arriving in your mailboxes any day now, if it hasn't already. In the meantime, you can check out the digital copy on the Whitnall website using [this link](#).

Enjoy the latest updates and news!

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[1:1 Chromebook Protection Plan](#)

WMS Student Activities Fundraising Success!



Whitnall Middle School is proud to announce we have received our first fundraising check from The Clothes Bin recycling program to be put in our student activities account. Thank you to our students, staff and family members in the community who have helped us collect 978 pounds of clothes, shoes, and other textiles for re-use and recycling in just the first month of our program.

The Clothes Bin Textile Recycling program is an opportunity to increase educational awareness of recycling and offer a convenient recycling program to students, parents and neighbors. Every pound of recycled items supports our school!

Items that are accepted in our bin: Clothing, Footwear, Undergarments, Accessories, Handbags, Linens

The bin is located near the bike rack at the exit of the middle school parking lot.

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MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Music Boosters would like to invite parents and guardians of music students to attend their first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year on Tuesday September 24th at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Whitnall High School. Please enter through door 30 located near the school's front entrance and follow the signage. They are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new parents and guardians.

[Whitnall School District - Music Boosters](#)

Whitnall Falcon Booster Club Memberships & First Meeting

The next opportunity to pick up WFBC membership cards is this Monday, September 9th from 5:40pm until the start of our September meeting at 6pm in the WHS Library. Pick up your cards and stay for the meeting! See our [website](#) for more details

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August 30, 2024

Board Video & Brief | August 26, 2024

Click [here](#) to view the recording of the August 26 school board meeting, and click [here](#) to read the board brief.

A Message from Dr. Reinke

As we approach the final weekend of summer and prepare to get back into the swing of things, I want to extend my gratitude for your support and partnership. The Whitnall staff have spent much time preparing for your students, and the year ahead is going to be a successful one.

Make sure to enjoy these last moments of summer. We can't wait to welcome your students back on Tuesday for an exciting and productive school year!

Bussing Information Update

As previously communicated, there have been issues with IC in getting bus routes entered. The District also encountered issues with our transportation routing vendor. All of the current bus route information has been uploaded into IC. However, we continue to receive updates from our routing vendor. The District will continue to update bus route pick up spots with this information and as new parent entries are submitted. Please understand that this takes up to 48 hours to sync with IC's transportation portal. If you have questions or concerns about your student's pick up/drop off spot, please reach out to Joan at 414-525-8416. If you have questions about arrival/drop off times please reach out to First Student at 414-422-2020.

We apologize for the delay and inconvenience this has caused.

Whitnall Youth Football & Cheer 2nd Annual Fundraiser

We are hosting our annual fundraiser at Double D's on September 8th from 1pm-5pm with raffles and many other items! [Click here](#) for more information.

New Immunization Requirements For the 24-25 School Year

The Department of Health and Human Services has recently released new immunization requirements for the start of the 2024-25 school year.

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

- Required for students beginning the 7th (one dose) and 12th (two doses) grades in the fall.
- 12th graders who received their first dose of a Meningococcal ACWY-containing vaccine at age 16 or older are only required to have one dose.

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- Parents or adult students may either (1) provide proof of vaccination or (2) claim an exemption for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons. The attached form should be returned for either proof of vaccination or to claim an exemption. Please return the completed forms to your child's school.

Please contact your child's practitioner with questions and for additional information about these new statewide requirements. See the attached link for the 2024-25 [Immunization Form](#).

Completed immunization forms can be returned to your child's school either in person or by emailing to our district nurse, [Raquel Devine](#).

Currently Infinite Campus is flagging to not be compliant (even if you are), we are waiting on them to fix this error on their end. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Health Room- Medication

If your child has a chronic health condition, requires rescue medication for an allergy or asthma, or will need to take medication daily at school, please visit the [Health Services](#) page for current copies of the medication administration and health plan documents. These documents need to be updated by your child's medical provider each school year and submitted to the health room with their medication in the original package.

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August 23, 2024

Back-to-School Information

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District Picture Days

Whitnall School District photos for the 2024-25 school year will be taken on the following dates:

- Wednesday, August 21, 8:00am-8:00pm (A-L)
- Wednesday, August 28, 8:00am-8:00pm (M-Z)

Whitnall High School main gym (enter through door #5 or the main entrance)

All students must have a new photo taken each year for Infinite Campus. If you are not able to attend on the designated date, you can come on the other date.

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original package.

WMS School Supply Kits have arrived

School Supplies: Families that pre-ordered kits to be delivered to the school can pick them up in the middle school office beginning the week of August 26, 2024 between 8:00 and 3:00. Students that are not able to attend Back to School night are also welcome to bring their supplies and put them in their lockers the week of August 26, 2024 between 8:00 and 3:00. (Classrooms and teachers are not available during that time).

Whitnall Falcon Booster Club Memberships

2024-25 WFBC Memberships are now available! A WFBC membership covers admission to all regular season boys and girls home athletic events. We're going back to physical cards this year. Cards will be available for pick up at the first two home football games on August 23rd and August 30th, as well as at Back to School Night on Aug 28th from 4:30-5:30. We even have memberships for our non-WHS families. See [our website](#) for all the details and to sign up.

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August 16, 2024

Board Video & Brief | August 12, 2024

Click [here](#) to view the recording of the August 12 school board meeting, and click [here](#) to read the board brief.

The 24-25 Connect Newsletter

Starting this week, we are excited to resume sending out our weekly Connect newsletter from the district. These updates will keep you informed about important events, announcements, and other relevant information to help you stay connected with what's happening in our schools.

We encourage you to look out for these communications in your inbox every Friday and take advantage of the information provided to stay engaged with your child's education.

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Student Technology (grades 4-12)

Chromebook Cases: Students in grades 4-12 are provided with a district 1:1 Chromebook laptop to use at school and home. Chromebook cases are not required for students but are encouraged. The district is providing a list of recommended cases, however parents are also free to select a case of their own choosing.

4-5th grade devices: HP Chromebook x360 11 G3

If you purchased a case for your 4th grade student last year, it can be reused in 5th grade

[Gumdrop DropTech](#) (\$49.95)

[Gumdrop SlimTech](#) (\$29.95)

[iPearl mCover](#) (\$21.99)

7th and 11th grade devices: Asus Chromebook Flip C214

[Gumdrop SlimTech](#) (\$29.95)

[iPearl mCover](#) (\$19.99)

6th and 9th grade devices: Acer Chromebook 311 C723

[Max Extreme Shell](#) (\$34.95)

[Gumdrop DropTech](#) (\$49.95)

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[How to use the Infinite Campus School Store](#)

Outstanding Fees

If you have any outstanding fees from past years, please pay any balances that may exist. If you have any questions about fees or would like to discuss payment options, please contact District Office: 414-525-8411

24-25 Annual Verification & School Fees

If you have not yet completed the annual verification in Infinite Campus, please do so as soon as possible. Verifying/ updating your students' information is essential to keeping your students' records accurate. Use this link for steps on getting started. 24-25 school fees have been added to student accounts. Please be sure to pay all fees before the first day of school. Fees can be paid securely in Infinite Campus or by check/cash at the District Office. Contact Kathie Poss, District Registrar, at kposs@whitnall.com or 414-525-8411 with any questions.

24-25 Student Schedules, Teacher Assignments, & Transportation

The 24-25 student schedules, teacher assignments, & transportation will be published in the Infinite Campus Parent and Student Portals on August 19 after 4pm.

Back-to-School Information

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Free & Reduced Lunch

If you receive a message of Direct Certification in your Infinite Campus Portal in August, it is NOT necessary to complete a Free & Reduced application for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications are now available on the Infinite Campus parent portal. Simply log into your parent portal and click "More" on the left side of the page. Select "Meal Benefits" and follow the link to the online application. Current benefits will expire 30 days into the school year unless a new application is received and approved. You may apply at any time but benefits may not be back-dated. A new application should be resubmitted when a change in income status occurs. If you have additional questions please check the website via this [link](#) or contact the Whitnall School Nutrition Department at 414-525-8430 or jwalecki@whitnall.com.

WMS School Supply List 24/25

School Supplies: Families that pre-ordered kits to be delivered to the school can pick them up in the middle school office beginning the week of August 26, 2024 between 8:00 and 3:00.

Students that do not drop off supplies on Open House night should bring their school supplies and charged Chromebooks on the first day.

Food Service Help Needed

We have open paid positions available starting in September for food service substitutes which will cover for employee absences district-wide. Duties include helping with easy food preparation and serving the food to students. Hours, days, and school location are flexible. Please email [Karen Stichert](#), School Nutrition Manager or call 414-525-8431 if interested. We would love to have you join our team!

Whitnall Youth Race - August 21

Hello families! The Whitnall Youth races are back. On August 21 we'll have our first of two race dates. The race is one mile and runs through the Whitnall School Forest and middle school fields. Shirts and awards are available! Any student (K-8th) in the Whitnall School District, a school in Hales Corners or lives in Hales Corners is welcome to join! [Click on this link to sign-up today!](#) Any questions? Reach out to Victor Vilar at vvilar@whitnall.com

Whitnall Middle School: The Clothes Bin Textile Recycling Program



Whitnall Middle School is proud to announce our partnership with Clothes Bin to help raise funds for WMS Student Activities. 85% of textile waste ends up in landfills occupying unnecessary landfill space. The Clothes Bin Textile Recycling program is an opportunity to increase educational awareness of recycling and offer a convenient recycling program to students, parents and neighbors. Every pound of recycled items supports our school!

Items that are accepted in our bin: Clothing, Footwear, Undergarments, Accessories, Handbags, Linens

The bin is located near the bike rack at the exit of the middle school parking lot.

ACT retake at Whitnall High School on October 15th

Dear Seniors and Guardians,

We are happy to announce that we are able to administer an ACT retake at Whitnall High School on October 15th. This retake will not include the writing portion of the test. All approved accommodations will be implemented. To sign up for the retake simply email Mrs. Brown at rbrown@whitnall.com by September 2, 2024 and she will register you and provide you with testing instructions.

Whitnall Youth Basketball Club Tryouts

Mark your calendars! Whitnall Youth Basketball Club is planning on hosting tryouts at Whitnall Middle School on Mon. 9/9 and Tues. 9/10 with sessions starting at 5:30pm.

If you are not sure what the Whitnall Youth Basketball Club is about, WYBC is a basketball club for boys and girls in 3rd-8th grade that attend or live in the Whitnall School District. WYBC aims to be a competitive basketball organization with an emphasis on teaching basketball fundamentals and how to play winning team basketball. Our goal is to develop basketball fundamentals and build players mentally,

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physically, and emotionally within a team atmosphere and prepare them to play Whitnall High School basketball. Check out our website at www.whitnallyouthbasketball.com for more information. WYBC is a separate organization from the various basketball teams the Whitnall School District may offer. Many students play for their respective school team and our club.

If you have a 3rd-8th grader that is interested, register for **tryouts** here: [WYBC 2024-2025 Tryout Registration](#)

If you have any questions, contact us at board@whitnallyouthbasketball.com.

Also, if your child is selected for a WYBC team, you will receive email notification with instructions on how to register. Registration dates will be the following week.

WHS Music Department Brewers Fundraiser

Join us at American Family Field on Tuesday, September 17th for the 6:40pm game between the Brewers and Phillies. The WHS music department is selling blocked tickets for \$20 apiece.

Who: All are welcome- Whitnall students, families, staff members, or simply members of the community wanting to have a fun time at the Ballpark and support our trip.

How: Use the following link and choose "Register for event" to reserve your spot(s): [Brewers Fundraiser Signup](#)

If you can't attend but would still like to support the cause, we are also accepting donations through the same platform.

Why: We are raising money to benefit our upcoming trip to New Orleans in May 2025

Additional details:

- Your online registration through Classmunity is NOT your actual ticket. Physical tickets will be distributed at the game.
- This is NOT a field trip: transportation is not provided and student supervision is required

Hope to see you there!

Whitnall School Forest Apparel

Welcome back to school! Time to order some new Whitnall School Forest apparel. We have some great options for you to choose from! Click [HERE](#) to place your order by Sunday, September 15th, 2024 (11:59pm CDT). Select Student pick up to have your order delivered to you at school for free OR you can pay for flat free shipping if you want it delivered to a home address. Thank you for supporting the forest! Two dollars from every item purchased goes to further develop our one of a kind school forest! If you have any questions, email jmatusin@whitnall.com.

Whitnall Spiritwear

Are you looking to get "geared" up for the beginning of the year! The spiritwear store is open now and will close on Aug. 26th!

<https://bsg.chippily.com/falconsspiritwear/>

WHS Red Cross Club Blood Drive

The Whitnall Red Cross club is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, August 20th from 11am-4pm at Clifford's Supper Club and we need your help to make it a lifesaving event!

Each blood donation can help save patients in need—the lives of newborn babies and their mothers, the lives of those battling cancer, or those suffering unexpected traumas. Our service is not only to patients in need but to the families who love them. First time blood donors do not need to know your blood type to join and you will find out your blood type 1-2 weeks after the blood drive via your donor profile you set up when you schedule your appointment. It takes about 45 minutes to one hour to go through the blood donation process from the time you register to the time you finish your refreshments after you donate blood. It only takes on average 5-10 minutes for the blood donation! [All presenting donors will receive a \\$20 Amazon Gift Card by email!](#)

Rest assured it's never been easier to become a lifesaver.

- Download the Red Cross mobile [Blood Donor App](#) for helpful information on what to expect
- Fill-in your health questionnaire via [RapidPass®](#) within the Blood Donor App and save time on the day of the blood drive or you may do this on 8/20
- Enjoy post-donation refreshments like cookies and juice as you reflect on the pride of service.
- Donors must be 16 years old to donate blood. 16 year olds need a parental consent form (attached).
- [Parental-Consent-Blood-Donation 2023-24 \(1\).pdf\(49K\)](#)

[CLICK HERE to schedule an appointment.](#) Help ensure that patients battling their hardest days get another chance at better ones. Bring friends and colleagues!

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