September 2023

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WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

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MR. MARK HEURING, SUPERINTENDENT

WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MR. NATHAN RAKERS, PRINCIPAL

MRS. KIM BOSSLER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4 Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- 5 Boy's Mentoring Meeting STEM Club Applications Due NJHS Meeting

PTC Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM Whiteside Night at Gateway Grizzlies Stadium

- 6 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM) ES Hat Day
 - Worries of WWW Presentation @ MS
- 7 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting
- 8 PTC Campout
- 11 STEM Club Meeting Washington DC Parent Meeting
- 12 First Glee Club 3rd Grade Boy's Mentoring Meeting
- 13 First Glee Club 2nd Grade

NO SCHOOL -SEPTEMBER 4 LABOR DAY



September - Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following elementary students who were selected by their teachers for showing Respect!

Cam McMullen Amari McIntyre Jonathan Hopkins Elizabeth Peterson Mikayla Catania Xanderkirk Eickhoff

Kameron Gause Sophia Gutierrez Zola Soriano Nia Carr Miles Finley Off Isabella Matney Jace Mettler

WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MRS. MONICA LAURENT, PRINCIPAL MR. JAIME COTTO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

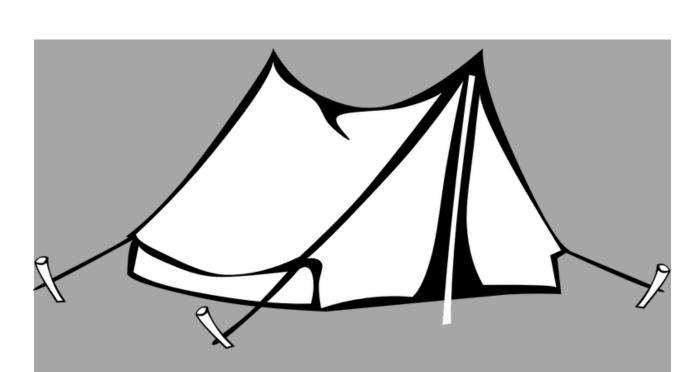
- Art Club Informational Meeting
- 14 First Glee Club 4th Grade Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting
- 15 5th Grade Donuts with Grown-Ups Middle School Fun Color Run
- 18 NJHS Meeting
 5th/6th Grade Book Club Meeting
 Cyber Bullying Safety Presentation for Parents @ MS 6PM
- 19 Boy's Mentoring Meeting
- 20 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM) PreK Screening - No PreK/EC Attendance
- 21 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 23 Child Passenger Safety Event 9:00 AM 12:00 PM
- 25 STEM Club meeting
- 26 Boy's Mentoring Meeting
- 27 NJHS Blood Drive at MS Character Coaches Meeting Booster Club Parent Meeting
- 28 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting
- 29 Fall Picture Day Both SchoolsFall Sports Picture Day @ MS6th Grade Donuts with Grown-Ups

Thank you S.O.S. Lunch Supporters!



We at Whiteside wish to express our sincere appreciation to Cornerstone Christian Church, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Faith Family Church, Towerview Baptist Church, and Living Hope for their volunteer efforts and generosity provided thousands of nutritious meals to families in our district. If you have questions or wish to make a contribution, contact the office.

We also appreciate the NJHS members and the many teachers/staff members for faithfully showing up every day. With everyone's help, great things were accomplished again this summer.



Whiteside Family Camp Out

When: Friday, September 8, 2023 until Saturday, October 1, 2022 @ 9:00 AM. Setup starts at 4:30 PM. (Rain Date is Friday, September 15, No Refunds)

What: A Tent/Camper camp out on the elementary school grass (bring your own tent or camper)

Who: This event is open to Whiteside Elementary Families only

Food: Hot Dog, chips, and a drink will be included for Friday's dinner. Donut, juice, and coffee breakfast will be provided Saturday morning. Bring your own items for s'mores, camping and lawn chairs.

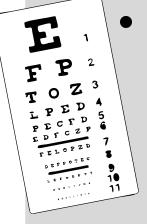


NURSES' NOTES

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are looking forward to a great year with students at both buildings! We have just a few reminders for all families.



- All medication needs to have paperwork on file with the nurse to be administered at school.
- Please make sure to get any updated physicals or immunications turned in to the nurses ASAP.
- Miles of Smiles will be at the Middle School on 10/11 and 10/12 and the Elementary School on 10/30 and 10/31. Please watch for a dental consent form and additional information coming home with your student soon.



 Don't delay getting those vision exams in. If your student is in kindergarten, or enrolled in an Illinois school for the first time, a vision exam must be on file by October 15th. Vision exams must be dated 10/16/22 or later



Cost: \$5.00 per person

Registration: Be sure to complete reservation form by Friday, September 1st at <u>https://whiteside-family-camp-out-2023-</u> <u>copy.cheddarup.com</u>

Please contact Heather Jarvis or Cassie Downs with any questions!

heather.jarvis@wssd115.org 239-0000 ext. 2229 cassie.downs@wssd115.org 239-0000 ext. 2121

Extended School Program

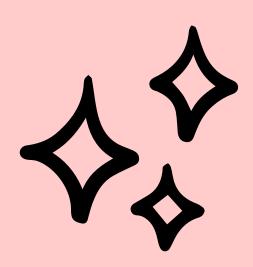
- We are full and no longer accepting any registrations
- Please email <u>kristy.frazer@wssd115.org</u> if you have any questions.

- Child Passenger Safety Event: 9/23/23 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to check car seat installation, ensure your child is riding in the proper seat and answer questions about vehicle safety.
- Nurse Heather is in need of boys and girls pants size 6-16. If you would like to donate pants, you can do so to the Elementary office, or by sending them with your student to school.

Have a great and healthy start to your school year! ~Nurse Heather ~Nurse Crystal







PTC Corner

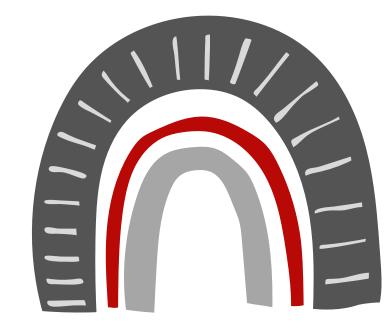
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, September 5th -Monthly PTC Meeting
 - 7 PM in Middle School Library
 - Join us for our monthly Whiteside Parents & Teacher Club meeting. We will have updates from the Administrators and on upcoming events.
- Friday, September 8th Elementary Family Campout
 - See the Campout section for more details
- Friday, September 15th 5th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups

 5th grade families please join your student for donuts, juice, & coffee between 7:15 AM -7:45 AM at the Middle School

 Friday, September 29th – 6th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups

 6th grade families please join your student for donuts, juice, & coffee between 7:15 AM -7:45 AM at the Middle School



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, October 3

ELEMENTARY (K - 4TH) CLASS PARTIES

Whiteside PTC plans 4 parties in collaboration with our teachers for K-4th grade classes including Halloween, Winter, Valentine's Day, and End of Year parties.



To provide the supplies needed, each classroom collects \$10 for every student to support these parties. Please submit your child's \$10 by September 9th using this link <u>https://2022-room-party-payment-</u> <u>copy.cheddarup.com</u>

- The first class to 95% before Sept 9th will earn a pizza party!
- Cash in an envelope with your child's name & teacher on it can also be turned into the office.

PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM

Wednesday, October 11

Whiteside Spaghetti Dinner & Elementary Book Fair

 4:30 PM – 7 PM at Whiteside Elementary School



• Order your tickets today! <u>https://my.cheddarup.com/c/spaghetti-dinner-</u> <u>whiteside-ptc-2023?cart=bb65f247-86ba-43a5-</u> <u>966a-38e1bb6afb00%21%2161286225</u>

Friday, October 13

7th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups

Friday, October 27

8th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups

6th Grade Team Building Event

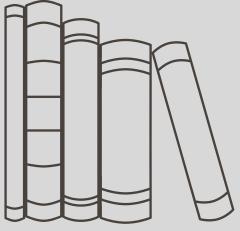
Friday, September 29, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 PM This event will be an opportunity for all 6th graders to get to know their peers and fellow students through fun, noncompetitive activities. The emphasis will be on positive communication, discovering common experiences, and sharing and listening to one another. The more students share in common, the more apt they are to encourage each other and build up their peers!

This will be an action packed and fun filled evening and we hope that all 6th graders are able to join us for this 6th annual event.

> Save the Date 7th Grade Team Building Event

> > Friday, October 13, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Students in Mr. Martinez's 7th grade literature class have a goal of 1000 minutes of silent reading hours by winter break.



BOOK CLUB

5th & 6th grade sign ups in in the office or talk with Mrs. Moore

7th & 8th Grade sign ups in the computer lab with Mrs. McDonnell

character coaches at the Middle School

Character Coach applications will be available from student's homeroom teachers on September 5th. This is a club open to 6th through 8th graders and is ran by Ms. Selliers and Ms. Gain. We will meet on the last Wednesday of each month after school until 3:45 (the activity bus will be available if needed). Character Coaches build leadership and good character through promoting positivity throughout our school and community. Examples of Character Coach activities: Holiday Food Drive, teacher recognition days, elementary to middle school transition events, and more! Application Deadline is September 12th.

NJHS Blood Drive

NJHS is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, September 27th with Impact Life. The drive will be from 2:30 to 5:30 in the Middle School MPR. People interested in donating need to make an appointment online. Use the website:

<u>https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor</u> <u>/schedules/drive_schedule/119238</u>

Athletic Area

8th Grade Recognition Night

Come help us celebrate our 8th grade soccer, softball, baseball and cross country athletes before our home games on September 13th at 4:00 PM.

Upcoming Tryouts

See the adjacent section about cheerleading tryouts. Be on the lookout for more information about basketball tryouts. Sports packets must be turned in by September 13, 2023 and all school fees must be paid to be eligible to tryout.

Current Team Stats

Soccer: 2-2 Cross Country: 1 meet in - Running well! Baseball: 4-5 Softball: 5-3

Thank You Coaches!

WHITESIDE NIGHT AT GATEWAY GRIZZLIES





September 5, 2023

Baseball Game Begins at 4:30 Softball Game to follow

- Whiteside Baseball and Softball Teams will be playing at Grizzlie Stadium against Belle Valley
- Two games for the price of one ticket. Each ticket is \$5.00. Children 3 and over must have a ticket. Children two and under get in free but do not receive their own seat.
- Middle School students have the opportunity to take a Fan Bus.
- Contact Athletic Director, Joe Glynn, or District Secretary, Kristin Runyan, with questions about ordering tickets to attend

Sports Calendar

- 4:15 Home v. Wolf Branch Soccer
- 5 4:15 Whiteside v. Belle Valley @ Gateway
- 4:15 Whiteside v. Belle Valley Softball @ Gateway
- 6 4:15 Home v. Belle Valley Soccer
- 7 4:15 Whiteside v. Emge Baseball4:15 Whiteside v. Emge Soccer

Shoutout to our Early Fall coaches, Troy Griffith, Amanda Dermody, Dusty Schulz, and Dawn Vollmer. Thank you so much for leading our Warrior Athletes in so many ways this season. Thanks also to our parent volunteers who assisted our coaches in any way.

-Athletic Director Joe Glynn

Booster Club

The Whiteside Booster Club is looking for more members and encourages everyone to participate in these upcoming events.

• Wednesday, September 27th -Booster Club Meeting in the MS lobby. 6pm

- 4:15 Whiteside v. Emge Softball 4:15 Home v. Queen of Peace Baseball 4:15 Home v. St. James Softball 4:30 Home v. Pontiac Soccer 4:15 Home v. Grant Soccer 12 13 Sports Packet Due (Late Fall Sports) 2:45 Cheerleading Clinic 4:00 8th Grade Recognition Night (Early Fall Sports) 4:15 Home v. Shiloh Baseball 4:15 Home v. Shiloh Softball 4:15 Home v. Shiloh Soccer 14 2:45 Cheerleading Clinic 4:15 Whiteside v. Central Jr. High Baseball 4:15 Whiteside v. Central Soccer 4:15 Whiteside v. Central Softball
- 15 2:45 Cheerleading Tryouts4:15 Whiteside v. St. Clare Softball
- 19 4:15 Home v. Zion Belleville Baseball

Regionals TBD

Cheerleading Tryouts!

Clinic: Wednesday, Sept. 13 2:45 -4:30 Clinic: Thursday, Sept. 14 2:45 - 4:30 Tryouts: Friday, Sept. 15 2:45 - 5:00

- Signup sheet is located in the MS Gym.
- Sports packet must be on file in the MS office
- You must be present for both clinics in order to tryout.
- You cannot participate in another fall sport if you make the squad
- Cheerleading is limited to 7th and 8th graders only
- Join the Google Classroom to start practicing the cheers for Tryouts Class Code: jc54wf2

See Mrs. Moore in room 705 if you have questions