

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115
618-239-0000

Smoke Signals – September 2021

Mr. Mark Heuring, Superintendent

Whiteside Elementary School
Mr. Nathan Rakers, Principal
Mrs. Kim Bossler, Assistant Principal

Whiteside Middle School
Mrs. Monica Laurent, Principal
Mr. Jaime Cotto, Assistant Principal

Calendar of Events

- 1 Application/Challenge Form for STEM Club Due (6th-8th)
- 2 Softball Game: Home v. Pontiac 4:15 p.m.
Baseball Game: Home v. Pontiac 4:15 p.m.
Soccer Game: Home v. Pontiac 4:15 p.m.
Camp Out Sign Ups Due
- 3 STEM Club Member List Posted
- 6 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 7 Softball Game: Home v. Wolf Branch 4:15 p.m.
Baseball Game: Home v. Wolf Branch 4:15 p.m.
Soccer Game: Home v. Wolf Branch 4:15 p.m.
PTC Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ MS
- 9 Softball Game: @ Shiloh 4:15 p.m.
Baseball Game: @ Shiloh 4:15 p.m.
Soccer Game: @ Shiloh 4:15 p.m.
- 10 Elementary School Camp Out
- 13 STEM Club Meeting
- 14 Softball Game: Home v. Grant 4:15 p.m.
Baseball Game: Home v. Grant 4:15 p.m.
Soccer Game: Home v. Grant 4:15 p.m.
- 15 Whiteside Wednesdays-Dine to Donate
- 16 Softball Game: @ Emge 4:15 p.m.
Baseball Game: @ Emge 4:15 p.m.
Soccer Game: @ Emge 4:15 p.m.
- 17 Elementary School Camp Out *Make up day*
- 27 STEM Club Meeting
- 29 Sports Packets Due (Late Fall Sports)



No School September 6th!



PTC Corner

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, Sept 7th – Monthly PTC Meeting via Zoom at 7pm
 - Join us our monthly Whiteside Parents & Teachers Club meeting. We will have updates for the Administrators and share our planned events & initiatives for 2021-2022 school year. We will also share some "wish I knew" information and have Q&A for any new or returning families.
 - Join us in person at the Middle School Library (*masks required*) or virtually through zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93263367037?pwd=WGQxRzY0VmlldGdzRG5FVGxCSTlnUT09> Meeting ID: 932 6336 7037 and Passcode: 99qq90
- Friday, Sept 10th – Whiteside Family Campout at Elementary School
 - See camp out section for more information
- Elementary Room Parties
 - Classroom parties are one the highlights of the elementary school year. In order for those to happen we need help from you. Your \$10 contribution for each of your elementary students will make that happen. We've made it easy for you, use our form below and choose you digital payment option of VENMO, PayPal or CheddarUp. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAcF21hU9sT35cFX9i53SG3EPNVH6ZB8QSulSxZyFRbmIA7Q/viewform>
 - The first class to reach 90% paid towards their room party account by September 9th will get a Papa Johns pizza party!

Save the Date:

- Wednesday, October 13th – Spaghetti Dinner
- Wednesday, November 17th – Whiteside Wednesday Dine to Donate with Papa Johns
- Saturday, November 13th – Holiday Market, email WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org for vendor information.
- Friday, December 3rd – Gingerbread Night
- Wednesday, December 15th – Whiteside Wednesday Dine to Donate with Signature Tap House
- Saturday, March 19, 2022- Glo Bingo & Auction



Make sure your child is riding in #TheRightSeat!

Have your child's car seat inspected by certified Child Passenger Safety technicians as part of National CPS Week!

This event is free of charge

Date: 9/18/21

Time: 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Place: Whiteside Elementary School
2028 Lebanon Rd
Belleville, IL 62221

- Come around to the parking lot off of South Wind Drive
- For more information, please contact Heather Kypta @ heather.kypta@wssd115.org
- Please bring your child (if possible) to ensure the best fit.



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Whiteside Wednesdays

On the 3rd Wednesday of every month

Join us this month at Joe's Pizza & Pasta at 4628 N Illinois St, Fairview Heights (618) 416-4464 from 11a-9p and mention Whiteside on September 15, 2021

For more information, email WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org or follow us on Facebook @Whiteside School PTC.



Notes from our Nurses

Welcome to the 21/22 school year! This year brings a new nurse to the Middle School. Nurse Molly Leech joined us from St. Louis Public Schools and we are so happy to have her.

Please remember all students and staff must wear masks, even if they are vaccinated against COVID-19. Masks are also required on the school bus for those students who ride. Please have your child put a spare mask in their book bag in case his/hers gets soiled throughout the day.

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.

We look forward to serving WSSD this school year!
-Nurse Heather and Nurse Molly

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Elementary School

Congratulations to the following elementary students who were selected by their teachers for showing RESPECT:

- Paige Sterns
- Marley Gill
- Vanessa Bequette-Stone
- Auria Alexander
- Brooklyn Cates
- Jayce Mettler
- Kaden Ingram
- Paige Hester
- Mason Coleman
- Evelyn Rozenski

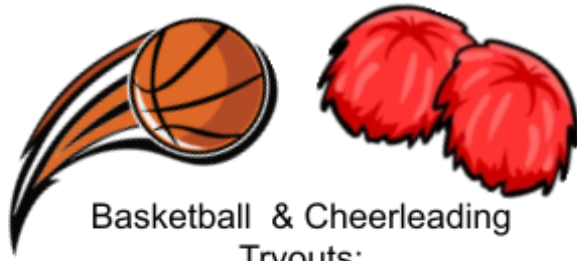


THANK YOU SOS LUNCH SUPPORTERS!

We at Whiteside wish to express our sincere thanks to those at Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Cornerstone Christian Church, Faith Family Church, LivingHope, and Towerview Baptist Church for their continued support of our SOS Program. Their generosity and volunteer efforts provided thousands of nutritious meals to families in our district.

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.





Basketball & Cheerleading Tryouts:

Sports Packet Due:
Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Tryouts for the following sports will be in Mid-October. Please contact the coaches if you have any questions.

7th & 8th Grade Boys (Griffin)
7th & 8th Grade Girls (Glynn)
5th & 6th Grade Boys (Leingang)
5th & 6th Grade Girls (Nelson)

School Supply Donations:

If you are looking for a way to help students within our school, below are some school supply items that we are short on that Middle School students are needing:

Zipper Binders
3x5 Index cards
Colored Pencils
Markers
Highlighters
Pencil Pouches
Wide/College Ruled Composition Notebooks



If you see a good sale or have extra of these items at home, every donation counts and is appreciated. Donated supplies can be dropped off at the front office or to Ms. Selliers or Ms. Gain. Thank you for your help!

Extended School Program (ESP)

Now Hiring

- Registration is still closed & Waitlist is full
- We are in search of ESP staff. Applicants must be high school seniors or older. Hours are Monday-Friday 2:30-5:30.
- Please email kristy.frazer@wssd115.org for more information.



Whiteside Family Camp Out

When: Friday, September 10, 2021 until Saturday, September 11, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. Setup starts at 4:30 p.m. (Rain date is Friday, September 17, 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 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

Activities: Games, kickball, bags, washers, bonfire, friendship, FUN, and much more!

Cost: \$4.00 per person

*An adult must be present in each tent and all participants must stay the entire night.

*Bathrooms will be available.

*Reservation forms are available in the elementary school office and due Sept. 2, 2021.

<https://whiteside-family-camp-out.cheddarup.com>

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Whiteside Middle School

Masks and appointments required!

Friday, September 17

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Donor Bus

111 Warrior Way

To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

or go online to www.bloodcenter.org/group

Use group code 10077 to schedule online

or scan QR code →



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