

**WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115**

**Smoke Signals – October 2019**

Mr. Mark Heuring, Superintendent

**Whiteside Elementary School**

Mr. Nathan Rakers, Principal

Mr. Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal

**Whiteside Middle School**

Mrs. Monica Laurent, Principal

Mr. Jaime Cotto, Assistant Principal

**Calendar of Events – October 2019**

- 1 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' BB Tryouts 3-5 p.m.  
Cross Country Meet at Fulton 4 p.m.  
Yoga Club 3 p.m.  
Writing Club 3 p.m.  
Math Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 2 Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 3 Art Club 3 p.m.  
Rubik's Cube Club 3 p.m.
- 7 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB Tryouts 5-6:30 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB Tryouts 3:30-5 p.m.  
Cross Country Feeder Meet at Clinton Hills  
(Boys: 4:30 p.m. - Girls: 5 p.m.)  
Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 8 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB Tryouts 5-6:30 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB Tryouts 3:30-5 p.m.  
Writing Club 3 p.m.  
Math Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 9 Spaghetti Dinner at Elementary School  
Student Council Meeting 3 p.m.  
Photo Club 3 p.m.  
Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 10 Middle School Picture Day  
Softball & Baseball Fall Celebration 6 p.m.  
Art Club 3 p.m.  
Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 11 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Elementary School Picture Day
- 14 **NO SCHOOL-COLUMBUS DAY**
- 15 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB Tourney at Home (15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>)  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' BB Tourney at EMGE (15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>)  
Writing Club 3 p.m.  
Yoga Club 3 p.m.  
Math Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 16 Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 17 Art Club 3 p.m.  
Rubik's Cube Club 3 p.m.
- 21 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB Tourney at Central Jr. High (21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' BB Tourney at Central O'Fallon (21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>)  
Science Club 3 p.m.  
Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 22 Parent-Teacher Conference 4-7:30 p.m.
- 23 **EARLY DISMISSAL (2:00 P.M.)**
- 24 **NO SCHOOL-PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 25 **NO SCHOOL-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY**
- 28 Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.

- 29 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB vs. Belle Valley at Home  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' BB at Belle Valley  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' BB at Wesclin  
Writing Club 3 p.m.  
Yoga Club 3 p.m.  
Math Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 30 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB at Pontiac  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' BB vs. Pontiac at Home  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' BB at Belle Valley  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' BB vs. Belle Valley at Home  
Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 31 Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.

*Fundraiser!*  
**YANKEE CANDLE**  
*America's Best Loved Candle*

Thanks to everyone who helped make our fall Elementary School Yankee Candle Fundraiser a huge success! Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help update classroom technology. Once a pick up date has been established, a notification will be sent home.



**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
4:00-7:30 p.m.  
**October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
**\*Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE:**

**NO SCHOOL:**  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>!  
**EARLY DISMISSAL:**  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> (2:00 p.m.)  
\*All end of the day transportation changes must be made before 2:00 p.m.!





**Whiteside PTC's Spaghetti Dinner** is Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at Whiteside Elementary (Warrior Hall). Dinner is served from 4:30-7 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, drink and dessert. The middle school band will perform at 5:30 p.m. and the elementary glee club performance is at 6:15 p.m. Everyone must have a ticket to eat, order forms are due October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are non-refundable. Shop the book fair from 4:30-7:30 p.m.!!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND



#### Important Dates for October:

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Concert Band will be performing at the PTC Spaghetti Dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Elementary School.

Good luck to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members who are trying out for ILMEA Honor Band on October 14<sup>th</sup>: Max Merchiori, Allison Dorn, Matt Gelin, Connor Becker-Pecina, Alyssa Ballard, Ashlyn Tessereau, Braylee Olsen, Blake Danridge, Alanna Camp, Sophia Black, Mark Gelin, Natalie Vincent, Jaidyn Tennant and Anna Rose McManus.



The Elementary School Book Fair is coming, but we need your help! It will run from October 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, with set-up and takedown right after school on October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>. Hours of operation for the book fair will be 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:15-3:00 p.m. We will also be open during Spaghetti Dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 p.m. We need volunteers to make this fair successful so if you have a morning, afternoon or can help during the Spaghetti Dinner, please contact Kelly Suhl at [mickandkelly@charter.net](mailto:mickandkelly@charter.net).



Where: Whiteside Middle School

When: Friday, October 18, 2019

Time & Location: 7:45 a.m., Room 612

All student athletes are welcome to attend.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is not affiliated with Whiteside Middle School.

Contact Mrs. Crask with any questions at:

[julie.crask@wssd115.org](mailto:julie.crask@wssd115.org) or 239-0000 ext. 3612

## Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Make Halloween count.™



### Trick or Treat for UNICEF!

During the month of October the elementary classrooms will be collecting donations for UNICEF. Your donation can help provide clean drinking water, food, vaccinations, blankets, school supplies, and much more to children around the world. Donations may be placed in the collection boxes in the elementary classrooms. The elementary school will have a hat day to raise funds for UNICEF on Halloween which is Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students may donate \$1 and wear a hat to school that day. You can make a difference! For any questions regarding UNICEF, please contact Ms. Bleich.

### Whiteside Booster Club Fundraiser

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019

Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Belleville Dairy Queen

15% of all proceeds raised between 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on this day will be donated!



### PICTURE DAY!

Middle School Picture Day is Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Elementary School picture day is Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please send order forms and payments in with your child on these days!



All state required doctor eye examinations (completed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist) are due by October 15, 2019. These are required for any student in Kindergarten or that has entered an Illinois public school for the first time. Eye exam forms are available from the office, nurse's office and from your eye care professional.

To stay healthy, remember please get your flu shot and that hand washing is the best defense against getting sick!

## Whiteside Trick or Trunk/Fall Festival



Trick or Trunk/Fall Festival will take place Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the elementary school parking lot. Whiteside families (Early Childhood through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come trick-or-treat and play games in a safe environment! Each family must come in a vehicle and must bring candy to pass out to the children. Vehicles do not have to be decorated but it's recommended. Hot dogs and soda will be available for pre-sale. Look for flyers coming home soon!



**Student Council Hat Day  
(Middle School)  
Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Bring \$1 to donate!**

Please log into Skyward to make sure your information is up to date. We use this information to contact you in the event of an emergency. If you need help with your user name and password, please call the school office. Please go to the school website to log in, [www.wssd115.org](http://www.wssd115.org).



**JOB  
OPENING**

Interested in working at Whiteside? We are currently taking applications for a part-time cafeteria position at the middle school. The hours for this position are 10:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please pick up an application in the school office if you are interested.

## Treats for Troops

### A Candy Give-Back Program

The Elementary School will again be collecting



unwanted Halloween candy to donate to the servicemen and women



at Scott Air Force Base. Candy collection will take place from Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, through Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Fourth grade students will be decorating Veterans Day bags and filling them with the collected treats!

Please consider donating.

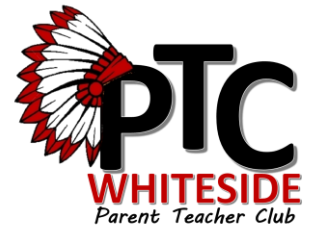
## WOW TEAM

The "WOW Team" (Warriors of Whiteside) encourages our students to take ownership of their behavior toward others and the behaviors they witness from their peers. WOW membership is open to all. Members will sign a pledge to lead by example, not bully other students and include those who are left out. Further, they stand up for those who are being bullied or they will get immediate adult help for their classmate. A WOW member vows to be respectful in their actions and words regarding themselves, others, school and their community.

For our first activity, WOW members are invited to attend our Fall Fest on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 p.m., free of charge. The activities are designed to encourage inclusion and acceptance of all of our students. Consent forms will be coming home soon. As always, thank you for your support.



### PTC Corner



#### Upcoming Events

**October 1** - PTC Meeting at Middle School 7:00 p.m.  
**October 9** - Spaghetti Dinner  
**October 15** - Box Tops Contest Deadline  
**October 20** - Trick or Trunk/Fall Festival

#### Save the Date

**November 16** – Disney Themed Trivia Night  
**November 23** - Holiday Market at the Middle School  
\*Calling all crafters or independent sales consultants, the Holiday Market is looking for you. If you have a business that you want to showcase, please send an email to [whitesideptc@wssd115.org](mailto:whitesideptc@wssd115.org) for your application.  
**December 6** – Gingerbread Night  
**March 7** - GLO Bingo

#### BOX TOPS for Education

We will be collecting BOX TOPS for Education at both WS Elementary and WS Middle School. The first contest deadline is **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. BOX TOPS must include the teacher's name and can be turned in at any time on collection sheets or in an envelope or baggie!

For more information on WS PTC events, please contact [whitesideptc@wssd115.org](mailto:whitesideptc@wssd115.org)

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