

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – November 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 – November 2019

- 1 Robotics Scrimmage at Middle School 6:30-8 p.m.
- 5 5/6 Girls' BB at Central of O'Fallon 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB at Central of O'Fallon 6 p.m.
5/6 Boys' BB vs. JAMS at Home 4 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs. JAMS at Home 6 p.m.
Writing Club 3 p.m.
Yoga Club 3 p.m.
Math Team 3 p.m.
- 6 7/8 Girls' BB vs. Aviston at Home 5:00 p.m.
Photo Club 3 p.m.
Girls Group 3 p.m.
- 7 5/6 Boys' BB at Grant 4 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB at Grant 6 p.m.
5/6 Girls BB vs. Grant at Home 4 p.m.
Writing Club 3 p.m.
Art Club 3 p.m.
Rubik's Cube Club 3 p.m.
- 11 **No School – Veterans' Day**
- 12 5/6 Boys' BB vs. Wesclin at Home 4 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs. Shiloh at Home 6 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB at Shiloh 5 p.m.
Writing Club 3 p.m.
Go Team 3 p.m.
Math Team 3 p.m.
- 13 6/7/8 Girls' BB vs. Smithton at Home 4 p.m.
6/7/8 Boys' BB at Smithton 5 p.m.
Student Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 14 7/8 Boys' BB at High Mount 5 p.m.
Writing Club 3 p.m.
Art Club 3 p.m.
- 18 Science Club Meeting 3 p.m.
- 19 5/6 Boys' BB vs. Signal Hill at Home 4 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs. Signal Hill at Home 6 p.m.
5th Girls' BB at Signal Hill 5 p.m.
7th Girls' BB at Signal Hill 6 p.m.
Writing Club 3 p.m.
Yoga Club 3 p.m.
Math Team 3 p.m.
- 20 Photo Club 3 p.m.
Girls' Group 3 p.m.
- 21 5/6 Boys' BB vs. Wolf Branch at Home 4 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs West Jr. High at Home 6 p.m.
5th Girls' BB at Wolf Branch 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB at West Jr. High 5 p.m.
Writing Club 3 p.m.
Art Club 3 p.m.
Rubik's Cube Club 3 p.m.
- 25 5th Girls' BB at Signal Hill 5 p.m.

- 26 5/6 Boys' BB at Signal Hill 5 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB at Central Jr. High 5 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB vs. Central Jr. High at Home 5 p.m.
Math Team 3 p.m.
Middle School Picture Retake 8:30-11:30 a.m.

27 **No School - Thanksgiving Break (27-29)**



No School November 11th

Whiteside Elementary invites veterans and active duty parents, grandparents, and friends to be honored guests at our Veterans' Day Assembly on Friday, November 8th at 1:45 p.m. Thank you for your service.

Whiteside Middle School celebrates Veterans! Do you have a military veteran in your life (family member, friend of the family or neighbor) you want to celebrate? If you answered yes, we would like them to join us for a Recognition Breakfast on Friday, November 8th at 9 a.m. Please stop by Ms. Tami's office to pick up a RSVP form. RSVP's are due by November 5th.



**Thanksgiving Break
November 27th-29th**



Our after-school ESP program is currently at capacity. We are not accepting any additional students at this time. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for participation in afterschool ESP, please contact the elementary school office.

Please remember all fees have to be paid in full in order for students to attend field trips, end-of-year activities and for 8th graders to attend graduation. Please check your student's account throughout the school year for any outstanding lunch or school fees.



Watch out for that flu bug! The best prevention - get a flu shot and wash your hands often with soap & water or sanitizer. Check with your doctor when your child, especially a child under age 5 or with health problems, is ill. Stay home if you have a fever and cough, get lots of rest, and drink plenty of fluids. **All students must be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.**



Whiteside Elementary Family Science Night will be held on Thursday, January 23rd from 6-8:00 p.m. Online registration will begin January 6, 2020.

Whiteside Gives Thanks

Chastity Randle, a Whiteside parent and employee of Menasha Packaging in Edwardsville, contributed \$1000.00 on behalf of Menasha Packaging to the Helping Hands Fund in October. The company encourages their employees to participate in community service and also provides charitable contributions based on employees' nominations. Ms. Randle reached out early in the year and felt that the Helping Hands

Fund would be a great recipient for her application. The Helping Hands Fund was started by a now retired Whiteside teacher (Rozalie Stovey) and is now managed by the Elementary School Social Worker. The Helping Hands Fund is



supported by Spring Pictures as well. The Helping Hands Fund assists under-resourced Whiteside families to obtain needed items. Examples of what Helping Hands provides include: P.E. uniforms, sketchbooks for MS art classes, gift cards to grocery stores for holiday food bags, reusable shopping bags for holiday food bags, eye exams and glasses, school physicals and immunizations, recorders for Elementary students and caps and gowns for graduating 8th graders. The Whiteside community thanks Ms. Randle and Menasha Packaging for their generosity!



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVES

Once again our district will be collecting nonperishable food items to be shared with Whiteside families in need during the holiday season. Specific items needed

include: canned fruits and vegetables, soups and stews, canned meats, tuna, granola bars, chili, pasta, and boxes of macaroni and cheese (no glass containers, please).

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: The Elementary Food Drive runs from November 4th through November 15th. Our goal is to collect 700 items. All donated items will be added to holiday food baskets for Whiteside families in need. This is a great opportunity to "rock" our good character!

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Our collection will begin on Monday, November 18th and continue each day through Thursday, November 21st. Students are encouraged to participate by bringing in a food item every day that week. We have planned different themes on those four days that should prove to be fun for all. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

**JOB
OPENING**

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 1st, through Wednesday, November 6th. Fourth grade students will be decorating Veterans Day bags and filling them with the collected treats!

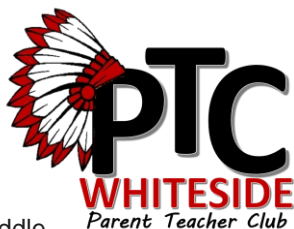
Please consider donating.

Save the
DATE™

Boys' Volleyball (Grades 7-8), Girls' Volleyball (Grades 5-8) and Bowling tryouts will take place the first week of January. Sports packets, physicals and fees are due by December 11th!

**Wacky Warrior Week
Monday, Nov. 18th-Friday,
Nov.22nd (Middle School)
Join us for Pack the Gym
Night
Thursday, November 21st!**

PTC Corner



Upcoming Events

November 5- PTC Meeting at Middle School 7 p.m.

November 16- Disney Trivia Night 6 p.m.- Shiloh Eagles
Join us for a magical evening of Disney Trivia
\$20/person with teams of 8 (must be 18 or older to play)
We will have cash prizes and a silent auction. Register today to save your spot!

November 23- Holiday Market 10 a.m.-3 p.m.- WS Middle School

Join us for a holiday shopping expo including craft & vendor booths, mobile boutiques and more. Contact us at whitesideptc@wssd115.org if you are interested in being a vendor.

Save the Date

December 6- Gingerbread Night

March 7- GLO Bingo and Auction

April 18- WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K

BOX TOPS for Education

Congratulations to the October contest winner - Mrs. Eschman's-Mrs. Frank's class! Don't forget to collect those holiday box tops! The next contest deadline is **February 15**.

For more information on WS PTC events, please contact us at whitesideptc@wssd115.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Congratulations to the band students who were selected to be in the ILMEA Honor Band:

Alyssa Ballard, Braylee Olsen, Ashlyn Tessereau, Sophia Black, Annarose McManus, Jaidyn Tennant, Alanna Camp, Matthew Gelin, Mark Gelin and Max Merchiori.



Also, congratulations to Mark Gelin and Max Merchiori who also were selected for the ILMEA Jazz Band.

The annual band fundraiser will begin on November 4th. Please watch for the Butter Braid packets to come home that day. The final turn in date is November 22nd.

The Winter Concert will be held on December 17th at 7 p.m. in the gym. This concert will include performances by the 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band and the Concert Band.



Where: Whiteside Middle School

When: Friday, November 22, 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 or 239-0000 ext. 3612

Those Who Excel Award

Each year the Illinois State Board of Education honors the top educators throughout the state at the annual Those Who Excel Dinner and Awards Ceremony. This year we are proud to announce that Whiteside had two of our very own being honored! Mrs. Mary Stratton and Mr. Mike Murakami received their award from the Illinois State Board of Education on Saturday, October 19th. Congratulations Mrs. Stratton and Mr. Murakami!



Gingerbread House Night

Friday, December 6, 2019

Whiteside Elementary School

Multipurpose Room (MPR)

6-8 p.m. Gingerbread House Building

6 p.m. Glee Club Performs

Bring your favorite decorations (candy canes, cookies, marshmallows, pretzels, left over Halloween candy, etc.)

and your best building ideas. We will provide the cardboard base, two packages of graham crackers and the icing. Each house costs \$5.00 (*Cash Only*).

Additional bags of icing and crackers will be available for purchase at \$1.00 each. Santa will also make an appearance!

Interested in volunteering? Contact: Amy Jung at

amy.jung@wssd115.org.

Thanks to Whiteside Girl Scout Troops #141, #92, #510 and #430.