Calendar November, 2020

3  No School – Election Day
11  No School – Veterans Day
25  No School – THANKSGIVING BREAK
26  No School – THANKSGIVING BREAK
27  No School – THANKSGIVING BREAK

No School November 11th
Whiteside School would like to thank all Veterans for your service!

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Thanksgiving Break
November 25th-27th

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Extended School Program “ESP”
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 after school ESP, please contact the elementary school office at 618-239-0000

If you haven't returned your completed IMPACT AID SURVEY (blue paper that was sent home with your child or mailed and emailed to you), please do so ASAP! You may drop off at school, fax to 618-239-9240 or email: jamie.wolfe@wssd115.org

!!REMINDER!!
Our next phase is set to begin on November 2!! At this time, students in the district will shift from our hybrid model to 4 days per week of in-person instruction (Monday – Thursday). Except for our 7th-8th grade students. They will be FULLY remote until Nov. 13th. The district will continue to offer a full remote option for families who would like to remain or even shift their students to full remote status. Fridays will continue to be fully remote for ALL students in the district. Remote learning Fridays will not change during this upcoming phase in the event we have a holiday during the middle of the week. This is mainly due to switching to more days of in-person instruction. Please check your email for additional information.

Middle School Hours: 8:30 – 12:30
Elementary School Hours: 8:30 – 12:45

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

Both buildings will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of November to fill holiday food baskets. **At BOTH schools**, items will be collected starting **Monday, November 2nd until Friday, November 13th**.

**At the Middle School**, we will have a bin outside for collection as well! This will allow for virtual learners to bring in items as well! This bin will be outside until 8pm every night that school is in session from November 2, through November 13th.

Examples of food needed include canned meats; stews; pasta; canned fruits and vegetables; cereal; macaroni and cheese; soups; rice; and beans. **Please do not send any glass.** All food collected will be distributed to Whiteside families in need during the holiday season. **Show our Whiteside Pride by making a contribution!**

A NOTE FROM OUR NURSES:

The Whiteside nursing staff would like to help all of our students and staff stay healthy during the cold and Flu season! The best way to do that is to get your Flu shot and wash your hands. When possible, wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use hand sanitizer. **Stay home if you have any symptoms of Flu or COVID. If you or your child have COVID symptoms, make sure to call the nursing staff at 618-239-0000 so they can help you with next steps.** We look forward to seeing the students return for additional learning days on 11/2!

Nurse Heather, Elementary School & Nurse Kayce, Middle School

TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

Each year the Illinois State Board of Education honors the top educators throughout the state. This year we are proud to announce that Whiteside had three of our very own being honored!

**Mrs. Julie Crask received the Award of Meritorious Service in the category of Classroom Teacher**

- **and-**

**Ms. Taryn Harwell received the Award of Meritorious Service in the category of Early Career Educator**

- **and-**

**Connie Zalesky was selected for the Emerson Award this year.** Connie was selected for her outstanding contributions to education and the students she serves in District 115.

*Congratulations!!!*

**Congrats to Mrs. Crask, Ms. Harwell, and Mrs. Zalesky!**

Thank you to everyone who purchased Spiritwear! For those in person students, your items should be coming home with your child. Remote students’ parents can come up to the office to pick up your items.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **November 10th:** PTC meeting at 7pm via Zoom
- **November 17th:** Dine and Donate at Texas Roadhouse 4pm-10pm
- **December 1st:** PTC Meeting at 7pm via Zoom
- **December 4th:** Gingerbread Night
  - More information to come on picking up gingerbread kits
- **December 16th-19th:** Virtual Holiday Market; Calling all Whiteside Crafters and Vendors, claim your spot today by emailing WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org
EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETICS UPDATE

Our next season of athletics is basketball and cheer!

Whiteside Middle School will continue to wait for official guidance from the IDPH, IHSA, SIJHSAA, and partnering Belle-Fair Conference schools regarding a final decision whether basketball and cheer will take place this season. There is a TENTATIVE start date of November 16th for all basketball and cheer related activities. If basketball and cheer activities are allowed to take place, we will hold tryouts for our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams and cheer teams on November 16th and 17th; times will be confirmed after an official decision has been made. Games are set to begin on December 1st.

Student-athletes MUST have a current physical on file with their school and students need to be in good academic standing for the tryout process. It is very important that your student stays on top of their school work.

If you have any questions at all, please email our Athletic Director, Ms. Shea Lodes at shea.lodes@wssd115.org

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

Middle School:
Tyjuan Smith – 8th Grade
Stella Rendgen – 8th Grade
Mark Gelin – 8th Grade
Naelyn Nichols – 8th Grade
Xavier Jackson – 7th Grade
DJ Kingsbury – 7th Grade

Elementary School:
Corey Ward - Kindergarten
Auria Alexander - Kindergarten
Emma Sterns – 1st Grade
Grayson Richardson – 1st Grade
Elijah Leonard – 2nd Grade
Zoe Howse – 2nd Grade
Journey Granger – 3rd Grade
Paul Pickens – 3rd Grade
Kaydence McNeese – 4th Grade
Kenley Gray – 4th Grade
Please remember your mask! It is important for everyone to stay safe and healthy during this time.

That means doing your part by wearing your mask to school every day, social distance, and staying home if you are not feeling well.

For any other information regarding our Whiteside PTC:

Email them and/or follow them:
at WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org with any questions, and follow us on Facebook at Whiteside School PTC for updates and event information.