

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – January 2019

Mrs. Peggy Burke, 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 – January

- 3 Classes Resume**
- 7** 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 3-5 p.m.
- 8** 5th Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
PTC Meeting at Middle School 7 p.m.
8th Grade Girls' Basketball Regionals Here
- 9** 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 3-5 p.m.
Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
Scholar Bowl vs. JAMS at Home 4 p.m.
Photo Club Meeting 3 p.m.
Student Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 10** Boys' Volleyball Tryouts 3-4:45 p.m.
6th Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
Art Club Meeting 3 p.m.
8th Grade Girls' Basketball Regionals Here
- 11** Boys' Volleyball Tryouts 3-5:30 p.m.
- 14** Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
- 15** 8th Grade Boys' Basketball vs. Pontiac at Home 4 p.m.
- 16 Early Dismissal (2:00 p.m.)**
Scholar Bowl at Grant 4 p.m.
- 21 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 22** 5th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 3-4:45 p.m.
6th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 4:45-6 p.m.
8th Grade Boys Basketball at Belle Valley 4 p.m.
- 23** 5th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 3-4:45 p.m.
6th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 4:45-6 p.m.
Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
Scholar Bowl vs. Shiloh at Home 4 p.m.
- 26** Girls' Volleyball Jamboree at Home 9-5 p.m.
- 28** Bowling Match at Bel Air Bowl 4 p.m.
Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
- 30** Bowling Match at St. Clair Bowl 4 p.m.
Scholar Bowl vs. High Mount at Home 4 p.m.
- 31** 7/8 Girls' Volleyball vs. Belle Valley at Home 4 p.m.
5/6 Girls' Volleyball at Belle Valley 4 p.m.
Boys' Volleyball vs. Belle Valley at Home 6 p.m.



**No School
January 21st**

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Breakfast is served at both schools from 8:00-8:15 a.m., with extended time for later arriving bus students. Fuel up to start the day! *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



WINTER SPORTS TRYOUTS

The Bowling Team (grades 6-8) tryouts will be held in mid-January.

Girls' & Boys' Volleyball tryouts will be as follows:

7th & 8th Grade Girls – (Tryouts at Middle School)
January 7 & 9 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

5th & 6th Grade Girls - (Tryouts at Elementary School)
January 22 & 23
3:00 - 4:45 p.m. (5th) & 4:45 – 6:00 p.m. (6th)

Boys' Volleyball (6-8) (Tryouts at Middle School)
January 10 from 3:00 – 4:45 p.m. &
January 11 from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Students must have submitted the proper paperwork by December 12th, all fees must be paid in full, and students must have a GPA of 2.0 or above to tryout. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you have questions, contact Mr. Jacob, Athletic Director, at ext. 3605.



Whiteside Cares and Shares

We are appreciative and proud to share that, during the course of this holiday season, our school community was able to collect enough food items for over 80 holiday food baskets and provide gifts for over 65 students in need. We wanted to express our sincere gratitude to the people and organizations who helped to make this possible by providing gifts, hams, turkeys, coats, gift cards, and contributing to the food drives in both buildings: Towerview Baptist Church, Shiloh Police Department, Fast Fitness Bootcamp, Cornerstone Church, Rotary Club, New Life in Christ Interdenominational Church, Faith Family Church, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene and Whiteside staff, students and families. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring community.

If school is cancelled due to weather, the closing will be announced on TV channels 2, 4, 5 and 11. You will also receive a call via Skyward. Please check Skyward to ensure your phone number is current. Whiteside will never dismiss early, but you may pick up your child at your discretion.



EMPATHY SERVICE PROJECT

During our Empathy clothing drive in December, we collected over 500 items for children in foster care in the Belleville area! Thank you to everyone who so generously donated clothing to children who may not otherwise have something new for Christmas!



The Elementary School Family Science Night will be Thursday, January 24th! Registration for family science night will be done online this year. The link will be sent out via Skyward upon return from break. Families that pre-registered will pay a cost of one dollar per person at the door on the night of the event.

KINDERGARTEN



Registration for all incoming Kindergartners for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Elementary School. You will need to provide a copy of your child's certified birth certificate and your current proofs of residency in order to complete the registration process. Proofs of residency include: (if you are renting) a lease, occupancy permit and 2 current utility bills or (if you are purchasing or own) a mortgage statement or tax statement and 2 current utility bills.

REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Your child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2019 to be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2019-2020 school year. **All current Pre-K and Early Childhood students who will be going to Kindergarten next year MUST come in and complete the Kindergarten registration process.**



The Middle School Spring Read-A-Thon will be coming in February! Be on the lookout for information soon!

Please help support Eden's Army, Whiteside, and our local hospitals by donating blood. January 17th from 3-6:30 p.m. Middle School MPR.



Walk-ins are welcome, and appointments are available at bloodcenterimpact.org.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR WHITESIDE NURSES

It's that time of year- cold and flu season! Please keep your students home if they have a fever, are coughing continuously or are too ill to participate in their usual school program. Remember, hand washing is your best defense against illness! **All students must be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.**



Miles of Smiles Dental Team will be at Whiteside School in February for free dental exams and dental hygiene. Please return

all completed dental permission forms to school no later than January 3, 2019. This exam can fulfill the state required dental exam for those students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades. ALL students who submit a completed dental form will be seen at school.



PTC Corner

Upcoming Events

January 8 - PTC Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Middle School

January 27 - Family Puzzle Day - 2-4:00 p.m. at Elementary School

Save the date

February 23 - Pancakes and Pajamas (Pancake Breakfast at the Elementary School - 8-11:00 a.m.)

March 8 - Family Reading Night

April 6 - GLO Bingo and Auction

April 13 - WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K

FREE Wellness & Fitness Fair = The PTC is currently seeking various businesses/organizations that can showcase activities, highlight events, share information, and/or provide giveaways/refreshments. For more information, please contact Kelly Remijan (wamser.remijan@yahoo.com)

BOX TOPS for Education

Collect those Holiday Box Tops! We will be collecting BOX TOPS at both WS Elementary and WS Middle School. The next contest deadline is **February 15** - BOX TOPS must include teacher 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 or follow us on Facebook: **Whiteside PTC**

