

**WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115**

**618-239-0000**

**Smoke Signals - January 2021**

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

**\*\*Whiteside School District is conducting in-person classes at this time.**

We encourage all families to be prepared for an additional adaptive pause due to future COVID concerns. Whiteside School District may change to remote learning in the event of additional COVID cases, transmission evidence, and/or the availability of staff. \*\*

**Important Note:** If you are not receiving phone calls and/or emails, log into your Skyward account and update your contact information.

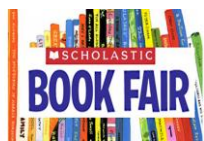
**Calendar of Events - MARCH**

- 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.
- 4 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 5 Teacher Conference Day - NO SCHOOL
- 10 Spring Pictures at Middle School
- 19 Teacher Institute Day - NO SCHOOL

**Spring Break April 1-5**



**Spring Pictures** will be taken at the Middle School on **Wednesday, March 10th**. Due to COVID restrictions and social distancing efforts, only individual pictures will be taken this year.



**ATTENTION:**  
**Whiteside Middle School's Book Fair ends March 2<sup>nd</sup>!!!**

Shopping hours: 24 hours a day  
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/whiteside>

**Welcome to Kindergarten**

**REGISTRATION for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year will begin April 6th, 2021**

Please come to the elementary school office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

You will need to bring your **Lease/Mortgage Statement, Occupancy Permit, 2 Current Utility Bills, & your child's certified Birth Certificate.**

If your student is currently enrolled in Whiteside's Early Childhood or Pre-K program, you **do not** need to register at this time.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 618-239-0000.

**NJHS will be selling candygrams for \$1 from March 10th to March 17th to support Joshua's Great Things as well as having a hat day on Friday, March 19th for Joshua's Great Things**



## All Sports Packets and Physicals Due March 2

- All fees need to be paid except for activity fee
- 3rd Quarter GPA must be a 2.0 on a 12.0 scale
- Sports Packets completed and signed by a parent or guardian (pick up in office)
- COVID Waiver completed and signed by a parent or guardian (in office)
- Current Physical signed by a physician



### \*\*Boys' 7th and 8th Grade Basketball\*\*

#### Coach Griffith

7th Grade Classroom Code - **ahs5lll**  
8th Grade Classroom Code - **xnrapkv**

#### Friday, March 5

8-9:30am 7th Grade Tryouts at Middle School  
9:30-11am 8th Grade Tryouts at Middle School

#### Saturday, March 6

8-9:30am 8th Grade Tryouts at Middle School  
9:30-11am 7th Grade Tryouts at Middle School

### \*\*7th and 8th Grade CHEER\*\*

#### Coach Brown

7th and 8th Grade Cheer  
Classroom  
Code- **w2fz67a**



**Clinic: Monday, March 8** 2-3:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 9** 2-3:30 PM

**Tryouts: Wednesday, March 10** 2-3PM

### \*\*Girls' 7th and 8th Grade Basketball\*\*

#### Coach Poettegen

7th Grade Classroom Code - **bwvvtqv**  
8th Grade Classroom Code - **gvyp2mn**



**Thursday, March 4** 2-4 PM 7th and 8th Grade

**Friday, March 5** 10 AM -12PM 7th and 8th Grade

**Monday, March 6** 2PM-4PM 7th and 8th Grade

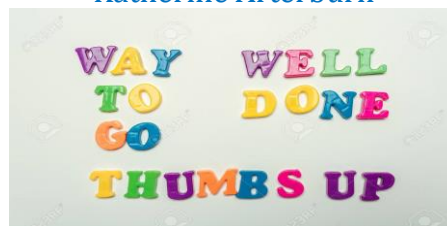
## Extended School Program "ESP"

For information on our after school program, please contact the elementary school office at 618-239-0000 or email Kristy Frazer, [kristy.frazer@wssd115.org](mailto:kristy.frazer@wssd115.org)

## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Er'Naijah Saverson  
Collin McGehee  
Katherine Arterburn



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jerrett January  
Isabella Morrow  
Destiny Randle  
DJournni Watson  
Isabelle Johnson  
Montrez Mitchell  
Mia Rivera  
Broderick Jung  
Jaliyah Burris  
Christian McCray

## **Attention Thespians!**

Tryout information for the spring play will be available

Monday, March 1st.

Audition forms to tryout are due to Mrs. Phillips no later than Tuesday, March 9th.

Tryouts are after school on Thursday, March 11 from 2-3:30 pm.

Information for crew will be available on Monday, March 15th.

Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to try out or apply.



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Let's raise some dough! All supporters, family, and friends are invited to eat pizza and raise funds for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. that will take place in April

**2022. The Dine and Donate will take place on Tuesday, March 2 at Dewey's Pizza in O'Fallon from 4:00 to 9:00 pm.** Please mention Whiteside Middle School when you place your order (unfortunately, this offer is not valid with delivery).

Thank you for supporting our wonderful students!



## Upcoming Events:

- March 9<sup>th</sup> – PTC Meeting via Zoom at 7pm
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to turn in Marathon Registration to guarantee a t-shirt
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – Dine to Donate Peel from 11a-9am, be sure to mention Whiteside
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Reading Night  
This event will also be virtual. Students signed up will receive a kit including activities & crafts. This is a free event, but in order to prepare enough kits, we ask for families to register: <https://family-reading-night.cheddarup.com/>
- April 1-30<sup>th</sup> – Warrior Marathon Challenge  
This is a virtual event where you can walk or run a cumulative total of 26.2 throughout the month of April. We will provide a list of local trails & times to walk on the Middle School Track. **Participants registered before March 10<sup>th</sup> will get a shirt designed by a Whiteside student, and those that complete the challenge will get a water bottle. Register at <https://warrior-marathon-challenge-4419.cheddarup.com> to guarantee t-shirt.**

For more information, email [WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org](mailto:WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org) and follow us on Facebook at Whiteside School PTC.

### NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Breakfast is served at both schools from 8-8:30 a.m. Fuel up to start the day! *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

**MEAL PACKS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY FROM 10:30-12:30**

Please remember to complete the online form that is emailed out every day to reserve your meal packs! We want to make sure we always have enough for everyone.

**Thank you!**



## A NOTE FROM OUR NURSES:

Happy Spring!!

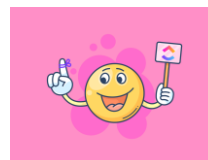
As we enter into the 4th quarter of this school year, the nursing staff would like

to remind our students and families to remain diligent with our COVID precautions. Please review the basic rules of safety and the following guidelines with your student (s).

1. Wear your mask! Each school has a limited supply of disposable masks in case students need a clean one in the middle of the day due to a spill or mess. However, the expectation is that all students arrive to school with a mask. Children riding the school bus must wear their mask while on the bus.
2. Keep practicing social distancing. Remember to remain 6 feet apart when possible and give our friends and teachers space.
3. Wash hands! Scrub hands for at least 20 seconds. Wash often. When soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
4. Stay home when sick. COVID-19 has many symptoms. If you are unsure whether or not to send your student to school, call the nurse at your child's building. They will walk you through the process.

Thank you for all you do to support Whiteside students!

**-Nurse Heather and Nurse Kayce**



The end of the school year is quickly approaching! **Please remember all fees have to be paid in full in order for students to participate in**

**any extracurricular activities, attend field trips, and attend any end-of-year activities.** Please check your student's account in skyward for any outstanding lunch or school fees.

**MARCH 14TH**



## **COVID-19 Dashboard**

**Our COVID-19 Dashboard will be emailed to all parents on Fridays through our Skyward student management system.** The COVID-19 information will provide parents the current, as well as a historical perspective, into the District's COVID-19 cases.

Many parents have been in contact with the school's nurses due to many COVID-19 situations. We want to thank and continue to encourage all parents to make these contacts and share COVID-19 information with the district.

Your willingness to share this information helps provide a safe environment for students and allows the district to continue to provide in-person learning.

**ST.  
PATRICK'S  
DAY**