

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

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MR. MARK HEURING, SUPERINTENDENT

WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MR. NATHAN RAKERS, PRINCIPAL

MRS. KIM BOSSLER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL


MRS. MONICA LAURENT, PRINCIPAL

MR. JAIME COTTO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	No School - Winter Break
2	No School - Winter Break
5	No School - Teacher's Institute
6	Students Return to School STEM Club Challenge
7	Elementary School Hat Day Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM) First Drama Club Rehearsal
8	Math Team Meeting
12	8 th Grade Honor Band at Belleville East NJHS Meeting Student Council Meeting 2:50 - 3:45 PM PTC Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
14	Booster Club Meeting - 6:00 PM
15	Math Team Meeting
16	Student Council Hot Chocolate Extravaganza
19	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
20	STEM Club Challenge
21	Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
22	Math Team Competition at Belleville East
24	PTC Pancakes & PJs
26	Belle Fair Music Festival (Select Band Students) NJHS Meeting

NO SCHOOL



JANUARY 1
JANUARY 2
JANUARY 5
JANUARY 19


STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following elementary students who were selected by their teachers for showing Perseverance!

Ka'Marri Anderson	Sally Quinn
Yasmine Baird	Ava Holmes Randolph
Ivy Brown	Laila Reed
Olivia Castrillo	Princeton Reid
Holden Gray	Parker Wilborn
Oliver Mathis	

Congratulations to the following middle school students who were selected by their teachers!

Zoe Howse
Boston Jackson
Kennedi Jackson



The **Young Author Conference Contest** is beginning! One grade-level writer will be chosen to represent Whiteside District 115 at the St. Clair County Young Authors' Conference on the evening of March 11th. Look for informational flyers with more details sent home before Winter Break. All finished manuscripts should be turned in to teachers by Friday, February 6th. So...let's get writing!

WHITESIDE BAND

Congratulations to the following band students who were selected to represent Whiteside in the Belle Fair Music Festival:

Tristan Ash, Jacob Balard, Riley Benson, Thomas Biondo, Lawrence Clark, Jillian Costello, Rocco Fares, Robert Koningsdorf, Kamariana Fluker, Ava Houston, Zoe Howse, Elijah Jensen, Isabelle Johnson, Adeline Jung, Elijah Leonard, Hannah Lettau, Paul Pickens, Mia Ramirez, Evelyn Rozenski, Konrad Sporleder, Cyrenity Crain and Cason Westbrook.

Take note of these important dates:

January 12 All 8th Grade Honor Band at Belleville East

January 26 Belle Fair Band Festival (selected students)

March 13 Solo and Ensemble Contest (6th, 7th, and 8th grade)

April 14 National Anthem at the Cardinals Game (6th, 7th, and 8th grade)

May 2 Six Flags Music Festival (Concert band)



IAR & ISA Testing

Elementary School IAR
(3rd and 4th Grade Only!)
March 23 – March 27

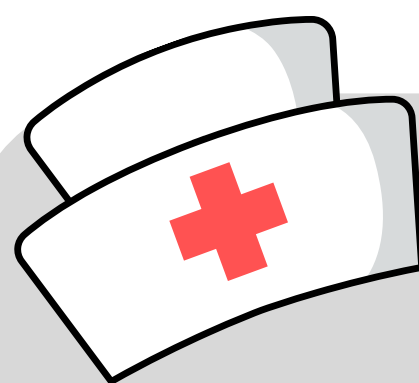
Middle School IAR
March 23 – March 27

5th Grade ISA
April 14 – April 16

8th Grade ISA
TBD

SNOW DAYS

If school is cancelled due to weather, the closing will be announced on TV channels **2, 4, 5, and 11** and on the district website. 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.



NURSES' NOTES

Donations Needed!

The middle school is in need of girls leggings
(kids small – XL and junior sizes)

&

sweatpants for boys and girls
(kids and junior sizes)

Donations can be brought to the middle school office.

Thank you!
~Nurse Crystal

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK ONLINE!

ORDERS DUE BY FEBRUARY 1ST

INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER
CODE: 0273BY

ADD PERSONALIZATION \$2.00 TO ADD STUDENT'S NAME	\$5.00 TO ADD STUDENT'S NAME AND PICTURE
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GLEE CLUB

SAVE THE DATE!! We sing the "National Anthem" at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 16th! Tickets will go on sale beginning in April.

~Mrs. Keys

nicole.keys@wssd115.org



The Student Council will be hosting a **Hot Chocolate Extravaganza** on Friday, January 16th before school in the middle school lobby! Stop by for a morning cup of yumminess!

Whiteside Cares and Shares

Whiteside social workers and counselors were very busy this holiday season coordinating and organizing efforts to serve our families in need. We are appreciative and proud to share that our school community was able to collect food items for over 60 holiday food baskets and provide gifts and coats for almost 100 students in need. We want to express our sincere gratitude to the people and organizations who helped make this possible by providing gifts, coats, gift cards, needed supplies, and contributing to the food drives in both buildings: Towerview Baptist Church, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Knights of Columbus, Blue Steel Volleyball Club, employees of Ameren Sparta, Shiloh PD, The Whiteside Helping Hands Fund, Whiteside staff (current and retired) and Whiteside students and families. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring community.



Thank you!!

-Amy Leritz, Jessica Spiller, Kacey Selliers,
Beth Schabbing, and Megan Porter



PTC CORNER

- Monday, January 12 - Monthly PTC Meeting
 - 6 PM in Middle School Library
 - Join us to find out what's happening in our schools and be in the know with all the events coming.
 - Can't join us in person? Join us on Zoom
- Monday, January 19
 - Dine and Donate at Papa John's
- Saturday, January 24
 - Pancakes and Pajamas

Glo Bingo is fast approaching! Save Friday, March 27, 2026 on your calendars for this year's fun night!

If you own or know someone who owns a local business that would like to sponsor this event or make an in-kind donation, please contact the PTC to give us their contact information.



Monday, February 9

Monthly PTC Meeting
6 PM

February 3-5

Dine & Donate Joe's Pizza & Pasta Fairview Heights



Friday, February 13

Elementary Friendship Class Parties

Thursday, February 26

STEAM Carnival



Athletic Arena

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the basketball teams for a great season! Shout out to the 6th Grade Boys Basketball team for being undefeated for the second year in a row!

Keep up the great work!!

Thank You!

Thank you to the coaches, parents, volunteers, and Whiteside Staff members for all that they do for our student athletes.

- Athletic Director Luke Ryterski



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS



**7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
2:15- 4:00**



**5TH AND 6TH GRADE GIRLS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
3:15-5:00**

Questions:
5th and 6th
jarrah.lindley@wssd115.org
7th and 8th
dawn.vollmer@wssd115.org



Sports Calendar

- 6** 4:00PM Home v. Red Bud - 8th Girls
6:00PM Home v. Millstadt - 8th Boys
- 7** 2:15PM 7th & 8th Girls Volleyball Tryouts
- 8** 3:15PM 5th & 6th Girls Volleyball Tryouts
4:30PM Whiteside v. Carriel - 8th Boys
- 13** 4:00PM Whiteside v. Mascoutah - 8th Boys
TBD 8th Girls Regionals at JAMS - First Day
- 15** 6:00PM Home v. Collinsville - 8th Boys
- 20** TBD 8th Girls Regionals at JAMS - Last Day
TBD 8th Boys Feeder at Central Jr. High
- 21** TBD 8th Boys Feeder at Central Jr. High
- 22** TBD 8th Boys Feeder at Central Jr. High
- 24** TBD 8th Girls State at Rend Lake College - First Day
- 27** 5:30PM Whiteside v. Wesclin - 8th Boys
- 31** TBD 8th Girls State at Rend Lake College - Last Day



Booster Club

The Whiteside Booster Club is looking for more members and encourages everyone to participate in these upcoming events.

- Wednesday, January 14th -
Booster Club Meeting in the
MS lobby at 6pm



BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

GIRLS LACROSSE

5TH- 8TH GRADES

COME GIVE LACROSSE A TRY!

This program is a great way for girls to get familiar with the sport in a fun and supportive environment. Players will learn the fundamentals passing, catching, shooting, and game movement through engaging drills and scrimmage-style play.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – ALL EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED!

SATURDAYS – JAN 24, 31, FEB 7, 14, 2026

10-11:30AM

\$80

THE CAMPUS TURF ROOM

2300 W. MAIN ST



SIGN UP HERE!



WWW.BELLEVILLE.NET/SPORTS – 618-233-1416

Drama Club!

First Rehearsal: January 7th
Save the Date for the Play
on **Friday, April 24th!**



The **Middle School Art Room** is looking for donations! We love to make **ART** with **FOUND** and Recycled Objects. Ms. McGehee is looking for bottle caps, recycled plastic food containers, lids, old buttons, cans, jars (especially cleaned baby food or yogurt jars), water bottles, and other knick-knacks. Help us breathe new life into something you might otherwise throw away.



WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY

S.T.E.A.M CARNIVAL

Thursday, February 26, 2026
6:00-7:30pm
Whiteside Elementary School Gym

Join us for a FUN experience! The STEAM Carnival is a come and go event. Stay for as long or short of time as you'd like. Experience booths with themed activities relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math Activities.

Cost: \$1.00 per person
CASH ONLY at the door
No Reservations Needed!

*If arriving before 6:00pm please wait outside the gym doors.



School Fees Reminder!

Please remember all fees, including lunch balances, have to be paid in full in order for students to participate in clubs, extra curricular activities, and sports as well as 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. If you have any questions or would like to set up a payment plan, please contact Mrs. Rist at rachel.rist@wssd115.org or 618-641-6051.

K.E.Y.S. Boys Mentoring Program

Lead by Mr. Ellis and Mr. Little

Students were introduced to higher education and the college experience during their tour of Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis, Missouri.



Whiteside Education Foundation Fundraisers

Need groceries? Why not make them count for something bigger? **Until May 15, EVERY** Instacart Gift Card you buy through our fundraising page helps support Whiteside Education Foundation. Redeem it on the Instacart app for delivery or pickup nationwide from top stores like Target, Walmart, Costco, Safeway, Kroger, and CVS. Get all your groceries, snacks & essentials while giving back at the same time. Groceries that give back? Yes, please! Get yours here:



Doughnuts for a cause!! Whiteside Education Foundation is giving you the best reason to indulge in a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. **Until May 15, 2026, 50% of your order** will be donated back to Whiteside Education Foundation when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online, visit your local store & redeem using your code. Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family here:

