

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

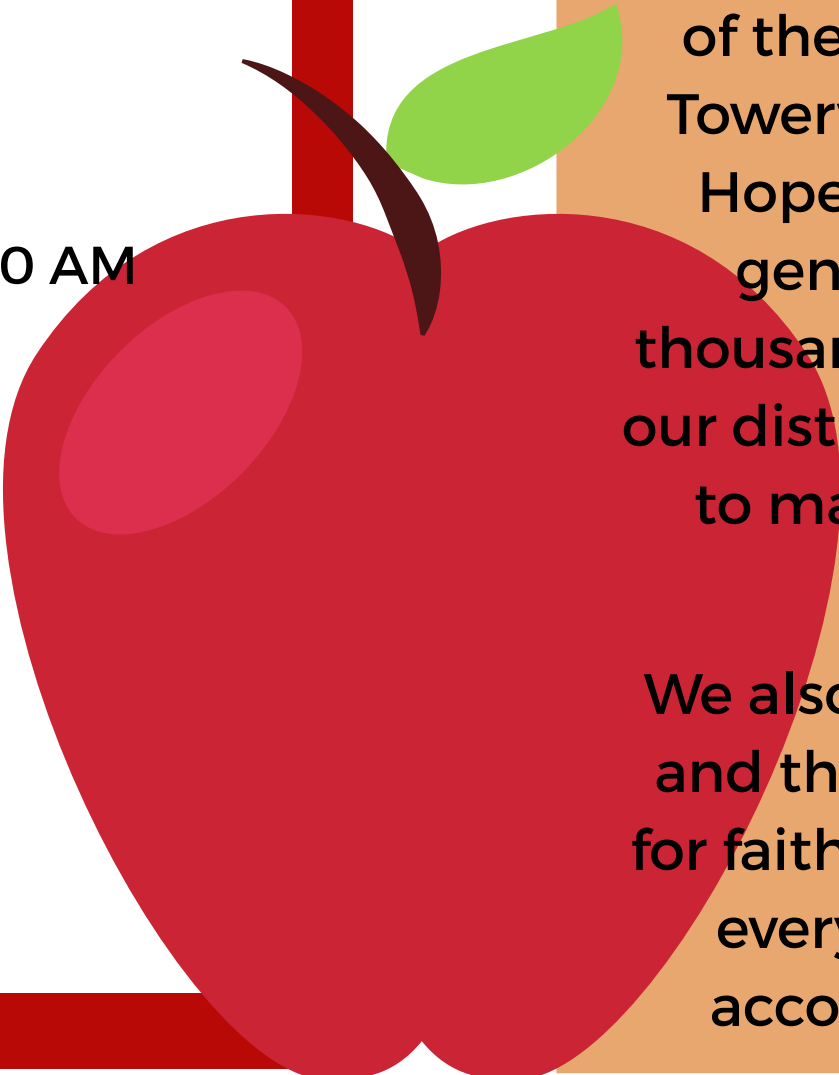
MRS. MONICA LAURENT, PRINCIPAL

MR. JAIME COTTO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Elementary Hat Day  
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
- 3 Math Team Information Meeting  
Shrek the Musical Auditions - 3:00 - 5:30 PM
- 4 5th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups - 7:30 AM  
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- 7 No School - Labor Day
- 8 Art Club Informational Meeting
- 9 NJHS Meeting  
Booster Club Meeting - 6:00 PM
- 11 6th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups - 7:30 AM
- 14 PTC Monthly Meeting - 6:00 PM
- 16 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)  
NJHS Blood Drive - 2:30 - 5:30 PM  
PTC Panera Dine and Donate - 4:00 - 8:00 PM
- 17 Math Team Meeting
- 18 7th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups - 7:30 AM
- 20 St. Louis City2 PTC Fundraiser - 4:00 PM
- 21 NJHS Meeting
- 25 8th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups - 7:30 AM  
PICTURE DAY!  
Elementary School, Middle School,  
and Fall Sports



NO SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 7



LABOR DAY

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Gavin Anderson       | William (Hank) Phelps |
| Nevaeh Ash           | Laterri Robinson      |
| Remington Buck       | Nova Scales           |
| Malik Dixon          | Ilanni Scott          |
| Kye Kirchhoff Hosler | Brycen Smith          |
| Aubrey Koelker       | Julia Vo              |

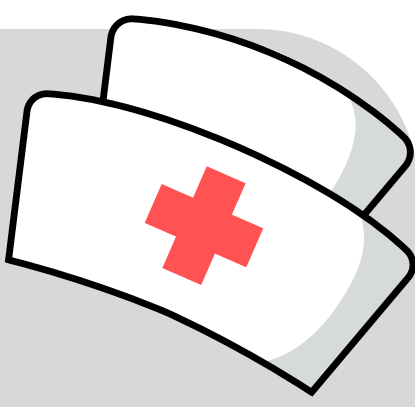
THANK YOU TO  
S.O.S. LUNCH  
SUPPORTERS!

We at Whiteside wish to express our sincere appreciation to Cornerstone Christian Church, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, GardenCity Church, Towerview Baptist Church, and Living Hope for their volunteer efforts and generosity that provided over six thousand nutritious meals to families in our district. If you have questions or wish to make a contribution, contact the office.

We also appreciate the NJHS members and the many teachers/staff members for faithfully showing up every day. With everyone's help, great things were accomplished again this summer.

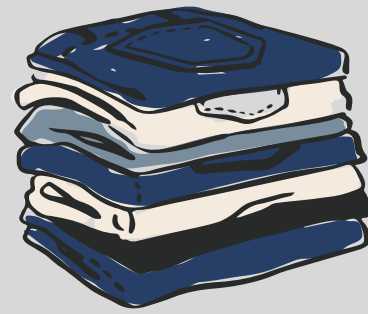
# NURSES' NOTES

Welcome back! We are excited to see new and returning faces as we get started with the 26/27 school year. A few reminders from the nurses:



## Elementary School:

1. Please make sure to get medical documents turned in by their due dates to Nurse Heather.
2. All medications must have a medication authorization on file with the nurse. We cannot legally administer medicine without this document.
3. Both nurses will take donations of new or gently used pants, socks, and underwear.
4. If you have questions about whether or not to send your student to school if they are ill, please refer to the 26/27 handbook.
5. Please make sure all of your student's emergency contact information is up to date in case they have a medical issue at school and we need to get a hold of you.



## Middle School:

1. Turn in your physicals, vaccine records, and other health information as soon as possible. If you have an appointment for the above items, please email Nurse Morgan.
2. Reminder: Whiteside is a nut free school. Parents need to provide notice to the Middle School at least 2 days before bringing food into class.
3. Medications and med authorization forms must be turned in and signed by both parents and physicians.
4. Please bring in your child's inhalers and asthma actions plans and/or med authorizations

Please email Nurse Morgan with any questions or concerns regarding your Middle School student.

~Nurse Heather  
[heather.kypta@wssd115.org](mailto:heather.kypta@wssd115.org)

~Nurse Morgan  
[morgan.hartung@wssd115.org](mailto:morgan.hartung@wssd115.org)

# 500+ Minutes Summer IXL

Congratulations to the following students who met their goal of 500+ summer IXL minutes and received a free pizza from Joes.

Audrey Davis  
Jamani Derisca  
Jru Derisca  
Alyssa Emig  
Aliyah Hunt  
Aubrey Hunt  
Kamryn Jenkins  
Ramiah Kelly

Emery Ladd  
Kalon Ladd  
Nova Lawson  
Dallas Marks  
Devyn Marks  
Adedamola Osikoya  
Ayotund Osikoya

Katherine Runyan  
Susan Runyan  
Jayla Simmons  
Miles Taylor  
Emberly Tucker  
Jaxson Tucker  
Naomi Tucker

# SEPTEMBER BAND SCHEDULE

| SUN | MON            | TUE             | WED            | THU             | FRI | SAT |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
|     |                | 1<br>Jazz Band  | 2<br>Drumline  | 3<br>Jazz Band  | 4   | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br>Drumline  | 8<br>Jazz Band  | 9<br>Drumline  | 10<br>Jazz Band | 11  | 12  |
| 13  | 14<br>Drumline | 15<br>Jazz Band | 16<br>Drumline | 17<br>Jazz Band | 18  | 19  |
| 20  | 21<br>Drumline | 22<br>Jazz Band | 23<br>Drumline | 24<br>Jazz Band | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28<br>Drumline | 29<br>Jazz Band | 30<br>Drumline |                 |     |     |

Rehearsals from 7:15 - 8:00 AM

## DRAMA Club Presents:

Shrek the Musical  
6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Permission Slips due to Mrs.  
Campbell-Adams by  
Wednesday, 9/2

Auditions: Thursday, 9/3 and  
Friday, 9/4 from 3:00 - 5:30 PM

## Whiteside 5th Grade Band Registration Form

1. Fill out the registration form below  
using the QR Code!
2. Come to our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Parent  
Meeting Monday (8/31) at 6:30 PM  
(Whiteside Middle School MPR)

Questions?

Contact Mr. D!

Email: [max.dipasquale@wssd115.org](mailto:max.dipasquale@wssd115.org)

To Register



## GLEE CLUB

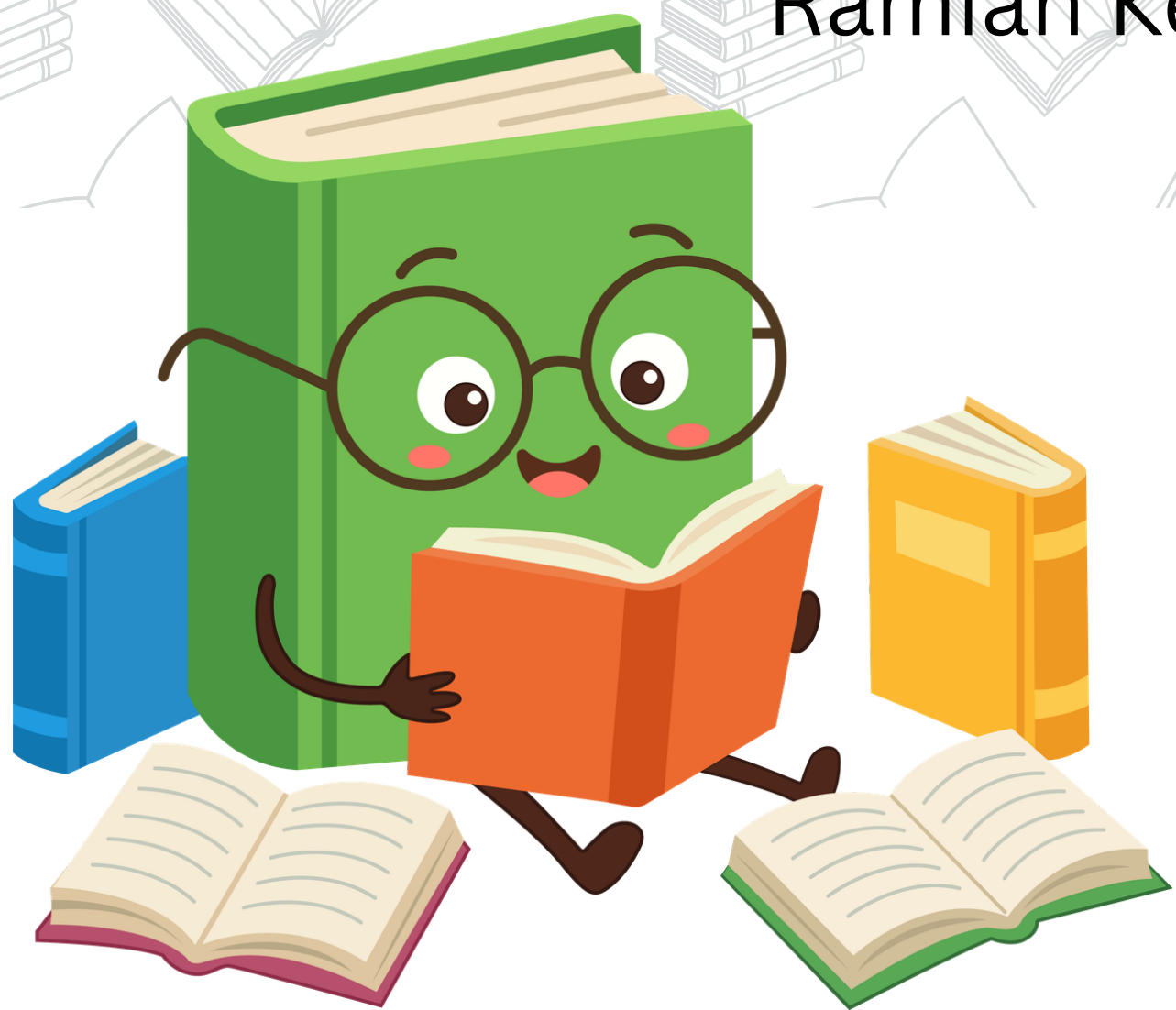
- 2nd - 4th grade rehearsals start on September 8<sup>th</sup>
- All fees must be paid before the first rehearsal to participate
- For any questions, email Laura Dimer at [laura.dimer@wssd115.org](mailto:laura.dimer@wssd115.org)

# CONGRATS

Congratulations to the following students who met or exceeded their AR reading points goal over the summer!

Noah Aldridge  
Audrey Berry  
Jamani Derisca  
Jru Derisca  
Aubrey Hunt  
Ramiah Kelly

Emery Ladd  
Kalon Ladd  
Dallas Ross  
Emberly Tucker  
Jaxson Tucker  
Naomi Tucker



## Extended School Program

- Please email Johnathan Marchbanks at [johnathan.marchbanks@wssd115.org](mailto:johnathan.marchbanks@wssd115.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

PurposeFULL  
People

Let's be PurposeFULL about  
**RESPECT** in September!

### Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what Respect means?
- What is 1 way you have practiced Respect lately?



# RESPECT

is seeing value  
in all people and things  
& treating them with care

PurposeFULL  
People

### Respect Overview

This month's focus is Respect. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways. We hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

Respect is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

Sing along to character songs with the  
**PurposeFull People Family Playlist:**

<https://www.characterstrong.com/purposefull-playlist>

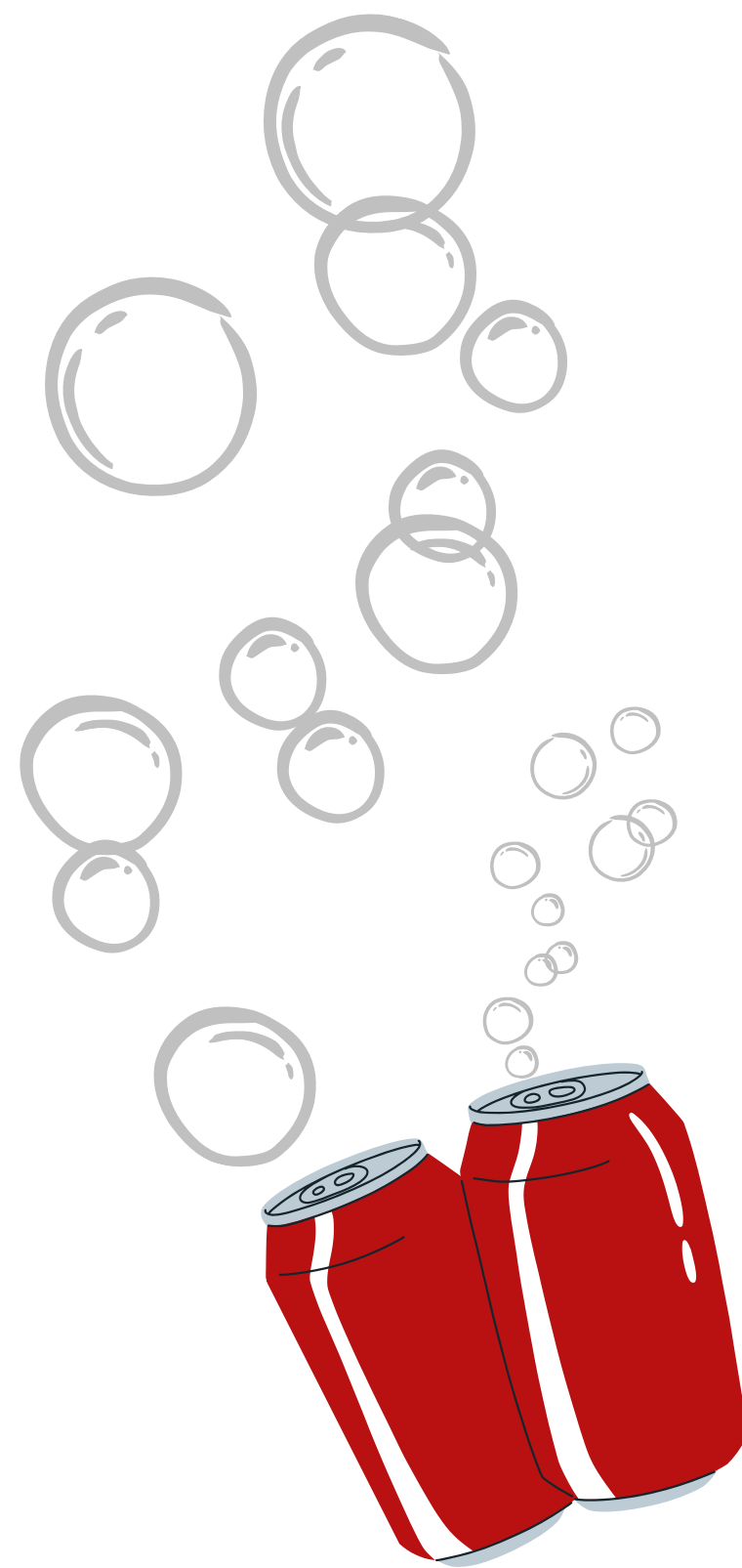




# WHITESIDE PTC — SEPTEMBER Monthly Calendar

Together  
we support  
our students,  
teachers,  
and families!

| SUN                                     | MON                                                 | TUE | WED                                                                    | THU | FRI                                                 | SAT |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|
|                                         |                                                     | 1   | 2                                                                      | 3   | 4<br>7:30 AM<br>DONUTS<br>W/ GROWNUPS<br>5TH GRADE  | 5   |
| 6                                       | 7                                                   | 8   | 9                                                                      | 10  | 11<br>7:30 AM<br>DONUTS<br>W/ GROWNUPS<br>6TH GRADE | 12  |
| 13                                      | 14<br>PTC MEETING<br>@ THE MIDDLE SCHOOL<br>6:00 PM | 15  | 16<br>Panera<br>BREAD<br>DINE & DONATE<br>FUNDRAISER<br>4:00 – 8:00 PM | 17  | 18<br>7:30 AM<br>DONUTS<br>W/ GROWNUPS<br>7TH GRADE | 19  |
| 20<br>ST. LOUIS<br>CITY 2<br>FUNDRAISER | 21                                                  | 22  | 23                                                                     | 24  | 25<br>7:30 AM<br>DONUTS<br>W/ GROWNUPS<br>8TH GRADE | 26  |
| 27                                      | 28                                                  | 29  | 30                                                                     |     |                                                     |     |



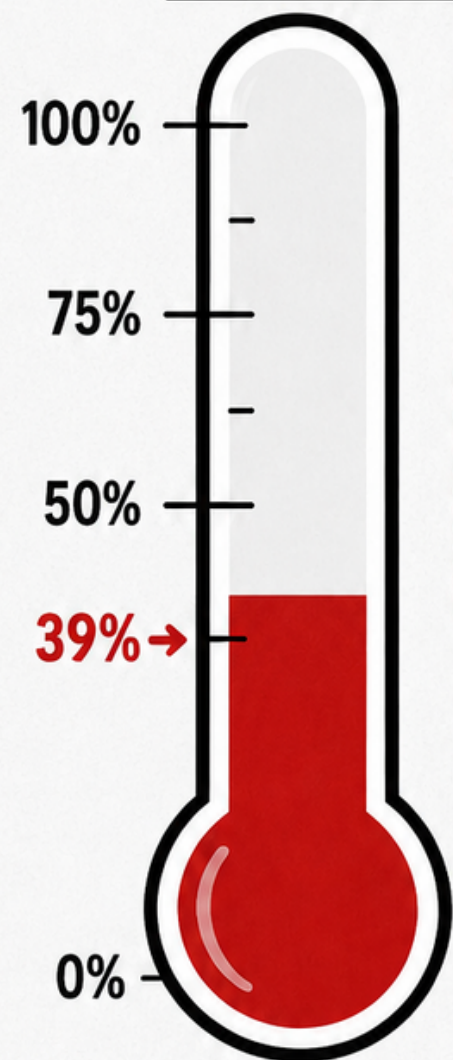
Thank you for supporting students, teachers, and families!

VOLUNTEER ♥ SUPPORT ♥ ENCOURAGE

 whitesideptc@wssd115.org

## CLASS PARTY PAYMENTS

WE'RE AT 39%!



**75% =**  
**ELEMENTARY  
PAJAMA DAY!**

Once 75% of K-4  
families have contributed,  
the entire elementary school  
celebrates!

Just **\$10** per  
**K-4 student**

helps fund four classroom  
celebrations all year long!

SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT TODAY!



<https://2026-2027-class-party-payment.cheddarup.com>

Cash payments can be submitted  
to your homeroom teacher.



Whiteside's

## SPAGHETTI Dinner

## SODA DONATIONS

The PTC is looking for Soda Donations. The top class that donates the most packs (12 cans) of name brand soda before September 29<sup>th</sup> will be treated with a pizza lunch. Soda can be dropped off at either building office. Be sure to attach a note with your student's teacher's name on the cases.

Every 12 pack of Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Dr. Pepper or Sprite will earn 2 points. All other 12 packs of sodas or capri suns will earn 1 point towards the collection.



Whiteside's

# SPAGHETTI *Dinner*

Join us for an evening of great food, music, and fun — enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner, performances by the Glee Club and Band, and shop the Book Fair all in one night!



Whiteside Elementary  
**2028 Lebanon Ave**



Wednesday  
**October 7, 2026**



Dinner

**4:30 – 7:00 PM – Kitchen & MPR**

MS Band Concert

**5:15 PM – Gym**

Glee Club Concert

**6:30 PM – Gym**

Book Fair

**4:30 – 7:00 PM – Library**



**REGISTER NOW:**



**Questions? Contact us at**  
**[WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org](mailto:WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org)**

**WHITESIDE PARENT TEACHER CLUB PRESENTS THE**

# Fall Elementary BOOK fair

**OCT 2-8, 2026**

**DURING SPECIALS  
AND PTC  
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**



We're also looking to grow our Book Fair planning team! If you love the Book Fair and would be interested in taking on a larger role in planning, organizing, or coordinating, we'd love to have you involved. Contact [WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org](mailto:WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org) to learn more.

SHARE THE FAIR: [HTTPS://SHOP.SCHOLASTIC.COM/STF/FUND?ORGUCN=600052349](https://shop.scholastic.com/stf/fund?orgucn=600052349)

SHOP ONLINE: [HTTPS://SHOP.SCHOLASTIC.COM/PARENT-ECOMMERCE/PARENT-STORE-2.HTML?FAIRID=6202995](https://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/parent-store-2.html?fairid=6202995)

VOLUNTEER: [HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20F054BAAAE29A5FC1-65286562-WHITESIDE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054baaae29a5fc1-65286562-whiteside)

# Athletic Arena

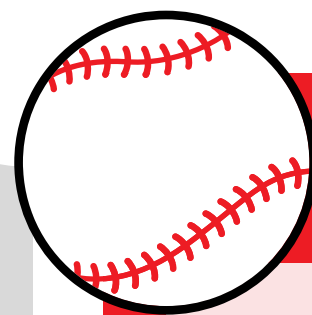
## Upcoming Tryouts

Sports packets and physicals must be turned in by Thursday, September 10 for Cheerleading and Basketball. Please note all school fees must be paid to participate in extracurricular activities.

## Thank You Coaches!

Shoutout to our Early Fall coaches Matt Fritsche, Abby Gray, Courtney Logan, Jason McErlain, and Roger Rakers. Thank you for leading our Warrior Athletes in so many ways this season. Thanks also to our parent volunteers who assisted our coaches in any way.

- Athletic Director Luke Ryterski



## Sports Calendar

- |           |                                                                                                                             |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | 4:00 Whiteside v. Grant Baseball                                                                                            |
| <b>2</b>  | 4:30 Whiteside v. Okawville Softball<br>6:30 Whiteside v. Okawville Baseball<br>at Arsenal BC Ballpark                      |
| <b>3</b>  | 4:00 Home v. Pontiac Baseball<br>4:00 Home v. Pontiac Softball                                                              |
| <b>8</b>  | 4:00 Whiteside v. JAMS Softball<br>4:30 Whiteside v. JAMS Baseball                                                          |
| <b>10</b> | 4:00 Home v. Central Baseball<br>4:00 Home v. Central Softball<br>4:00 Maryville Cross Country Invitational                 |
| <b>11</b> | 4:00 Freeburg Cross Country Invitational<br>4:30 Whiteside v. Columbia ICS Baseball                                         |
| <b>14</b> | 4:00 Triad Cross Country Jamboree                                                                                           |
| <b>15</b> | 4:00 Home v. Wolf Branch Baseball<br>4:00 Home v. Wolf Branch Softball                                                      |
| <b>17</b> | 4:00 Whiteside v. Belle Valley Baseball<br>4:00 Whiteside v. Belle Valley Softball                                          |
| <b>18</b> | 4:00 Whiteside v. Shiloh Baseball                                                                                           |
| <b>19</b> | TBD Summersville Cross Country Invitational                                                                                 |
| <b>22</b> | TBD Day 1 Baseball and Softball Regionals                                                                                   |
| <b>29</b> | 4:00 Cross Country Belle Fair Conference<br>at Belleville West High School<br>TBD Final Day Baseball and Softball Regionals |



## Booster Club

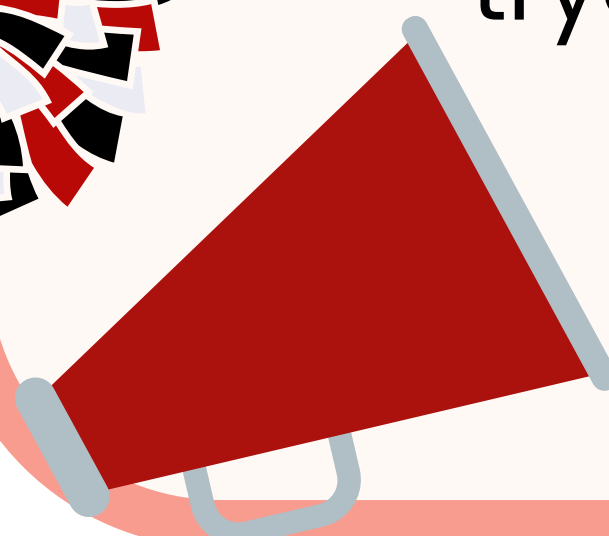
The Whiteside Booster Club is looking for more members and encourages everyone to participate in the next meeting.

- Wednesday, September 9th - Booster Club Meeting in the MS lobby at 6pm



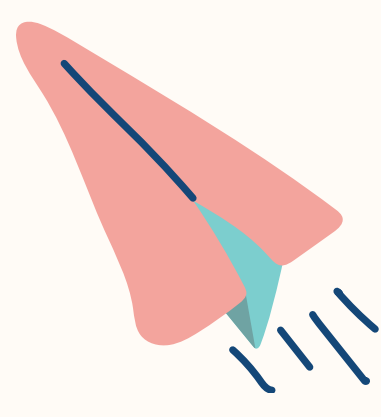
## Late Fall Sports!

Be on the lookout for more information regarding Basketball and Cheerleading tryouts!

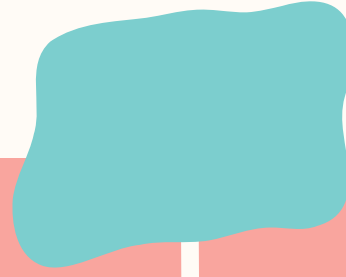




# CHARACTER COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026



## RESPECT IN ACTION

This month, our school community is focusing on **respect**: seeing value in all people and things, and treating them with care. Respect helps us create classrooms, homes, and school spaces where everyone feels safe, included, and valued.

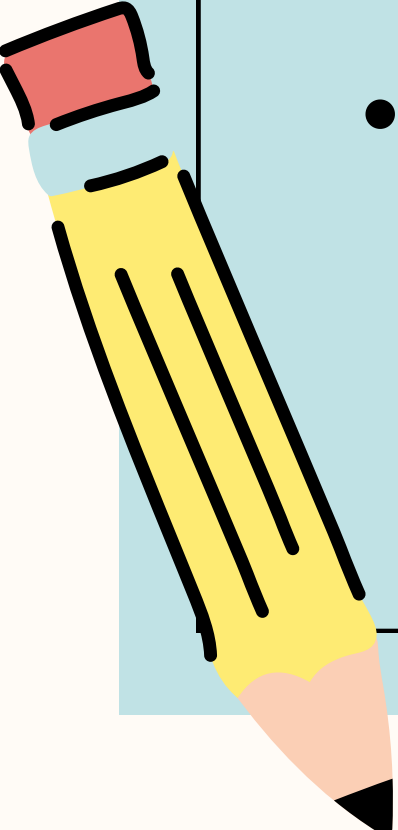


## SET UP FOR SUCCESS

Middle school students are learning to navigate new responsibilities, friendships, opinions, and challenges. Respect helps us listen thoughtfully, disagree appropriately, care for shared spaces, and recognize that every person has value. Small respectful choices can make a meaningful difference in our community

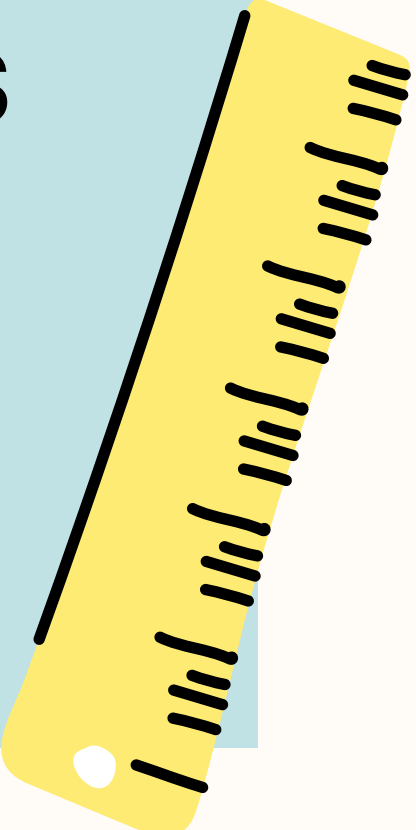
## CHARACTER COACHES & STUDENT COUCIL HAVE MERGED

Are you interested in leadership and showing good character? Join the new Character Council and be a part of making Whiteside a wonderful place. **Get your application to join from your homeroom teacher or the office.**



## WAYS TO PRACTICE

- Choose thoughtful words and actions. Before responding, ask yourself: Could this help, hurt, or include someone?
- Care for people and places. Include others, respect personal space, return materials, and help keep shared areas clean.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

9/4 : Charcter Council applications due



WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHARACTER COUNCIL APPLICATION  
**DUE BACK TO MS. SELLIERS OR MRS. SPILLER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH**

Student Council and Character Coaches have merged to create a new school leadership organization called **CHARACTER COUNCIL**! Sponsored by Ms. Selliers and Mrs. Spiller, this organization's purpose is to:

- Provide a platform for student voice.
- Promote a positive school culture through kindness.
- Create a sense of community.
- Develop leadership skills.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade level:    5th       6th       7th       8th

By completing this application, it does not guarantee you are on the Character Council. Applications will be reviewed by staff sponsors and you will be notified if you are accepted into the organization.

I understand that by signing this application, I am agreeing to the following:

- \*Commit to attending one 2:50 p.m. meeting each month.
- \*Be willing to participate in Character Council activities such as volunteer work and fundraisers. Even if some may occur before school, after school, or on a weekend.
- \*Understand that lack of participation, discipline problems, or failing grades may result in my removal from the Student Council.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

My student will be riding the activity bus home on Character Council meeting days:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Character Council Written Application:

Please answer all questions below as part of the application process. Write or type your answers (1-4 sentences) on a separate piece of paper.

\*Don't forget to attach it to this application.

1. How do you already contribute to a positive environment at Whiteside Middle School?
2. Give an example of a time you demonstrated good character or leadership skills at school.
3. What character trait do you think is the most important for middle school students to have and why?
4. What ideas do you have to make a positive impact at our school as a Character Council member?

Provide the names of at least **two** teachers that will provide a positive character reference for you when asked by Ms. Selliers and/or Mrs. Spiller:

Teacher Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_

### Character Council Executive Officers (**6th-8th Grade Only**):

Once your application is reviewed and you are accepted into Character Council, elections will be held for executive officer positions. If you are interested in holding a leadership position, your Character Council peers will be deciding based on a majority vote. The following **3** requirements need to be met in order to be considered for an executive officer position:

1. Acceptance into Character Council based on application process.
2. Come prepared to the first Character Council meeting on September 15th (after school) ready to tell your peers why you would be a good choice to represent them by doing one of these things:
  - Make a poster to highlight why you would be the best choice.
  - Prepare a 1-3 minute speech/presentation - This can be done in person, pre-recorded and played for the members, or through a slideshow. **Note:** any digital content you are using must be emailed to Ms. Selliers or Mrs. Spiller ahead of the meeting date.
3. Select from the options below indicating which elected position you will be running for, please note you may only choose one position. Mark the box next to your interest:

☐ **President:** Helps run meetings, speaks for the students, and guides school events.

☐ **Vice President:** Helps the president and takes on their responsibilities if the president is absent.

☐ **Secretary:** Writes notes at meetings and keeps track of important papers.

☐ **Spirit Coordinator:** Rallies students together to participate in dress-up days, and school spirit events.