

# WHITMER WORD

SEPTEMBER 2022

## MRS. BRONIKOWSKI, PRINCIPAL

Happy September! First quarter learning is in progress! We will have our first pep assembly Friday, September 9. We look forward to bringing some fun back to the high school experience. Our homecoming dance is scheduled for October 1st. It will return to being an indoor event. Guests from other schools are welcome as long as we have the appropriate forms completed.

As a reminder, we continue to use our updated safety protocol with guest check in. Identification is required to enter our buildings. Additionally, we have locked the high school walkway doors at both ends. Security personnel are on both sides of the walkway and they open the doors between classes. Students needing to enter at other times will be let in by the security personnel at the door. Office phone numbers are posted on the walkway doors in case security is away from that location.

Feel free to call the main office at 419-473-8490 with any questions.

Go Panthers!

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

9/5 Labor Day-NO SCHOOL

9/8 Senior/Junior pictures

9/9 Freshmen/Sophomore pictures

9/17 CTC Auto Show-9am-1pm

9/26 Rosh Hashanah

9/27 Rosh Hashanah

9/29 Snake Dance-6pm

9/30 Homecoming Game- 7pm

10/1 Homecoming Dance-7pm-9:30pm

## OUTSIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED

Outside food or beverages are not allowed to be brought in for Whitmer High School students. If someone arrives to deliver food, the item will not be accepted.

### NURSE WORSTELL

This is Mrs. Worstell, your child's school nurse. I am available daily to see students for medical reasons. Contact me at my office number (419)473-8330 or email me at [jworstell@wls4kids.org](mailto:jworstell@wls4kids.org) if your child has medical concerns that arise throughout the school year or if you have any questions.



Please be sure to update your child's medical information and emergency contacts in PowerSchool as soon as possible. I utilize this site daily to obtain medical and contact information in the event that your child is ill or injured.



This is a reminder for **parents of senior students** that you need to get your child's meningitis booster vaccine date to the nurse if you haven't already done so. I sent a SwiftReach k12 email and phone call in August to the parents of students that don't have documentation of their meningococcal A, C, W, And Y (MCV4) vaccine.

**Senior students without proof of immunization will be excluded from school on Monday, September 12th.**

If your child still needs their vaccine, please contact your provider to get this scheduled! Local pharmacies all offer the vaccine, but please check what your copay will be before the immunization is given as it can be quite costly depending on your insurance. In addition, The Toledo Lucas County Health Department Shots for Tots and Teens program offers free and reduced cost vaccines. No one is turned away for inability to pay. You must make an appointment if you plan to use their program. The S4T appointment line is (419) 213-2884. In addition, you must take a copy of your child's current immunization record with you to the appointment. Contact me if you need a copy of your child's shot record.

Please contact the nurse if you have any questions or concerns regarding this information.

I look forward to working with your child at Whitmer! Have a healthy school year!

## COUNSELING CENTER

### WANT TO MEET WITH A COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE?

Juniors and Seniors who are interested in college will have the opportunity to meet with college representatives during their Advisory period in the upcoming weeks. This calendar and college map can be accessed via The Counseling Center website and will be regularly updated. See your School Counselor with any questions and be sure to communicate your interest in these visits to your Advisory teacher.

Link to College Rep map: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQGGP34hnlaj0u23-VJbeZhvgRH9GmUNCYdyXcjxXDWw0SWMaFNrWLAomxHrSfAZWS-e0JrjaBhy9CB/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.p>

Link to College Rep calendar: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1j-FG9vHUKdKkiyARE5bZluPoU5evQwod4YrDIsKESsc/present?slide=id.p>

### ATTENTION SENIORS!

The Whitmer counseling center uses its website to house several important college planning documents and resources. Here are just a few links and a short description of each:

[College Planning Handbook](#): This document has a very valuable timeline for college planning plus a whole lot more. For example, do you know you should apply to college by Halloween and fill out the FAFSA by Thanksgiving? There are active links throughout the handbook that take you directly to the websites you need!

[Transcript Requests](#): If you would like your transcript sent to your email or any other establishment, you **MUST** use this form.

[Trades, Apprenticeship, and Certificate Career Resource](#): This pdf provides a list of local and state schools for students considering a trade or earning a certificate to find employment.

Jennifer Bronikowski  
Whitmer High School / Principal



Title I Information 2022-2023

August 22, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You have the right to know the teaching qualifications of your child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that any local school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents that they may ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher.

These qualifications include:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.
3. The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.
4. Whether your child is provided services by an instructional paraprofessional and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition, you may request district policies regarding student participation in state mandated assessments such as the Ohio State Tests. The information on student participation in state tests can be found here: <https://www.wls4kids.org/TestingInformation.aspx>. You can also receive the test information by sending your request to the address below.

You may ask for the information by sending a request to the Washington Local Schools, Attn: Curriculum Department, 3505 W. Lincolnshire Blvd., Toledo, OH 43606. Be sure to include the following information with your request: student's full name, parent/guardian's full name, address, city, zip code, teacher's name, grade and school.

**EVERY STUDENT MATTERS; EVERY MOMENT COUNTS.**

**ADDRESS**  
5601 Clegg Dr.  
Toledo, OH 43613

**PHONE**  
(419) 473-8490

**WEBSITE**  
[wls4kids.org](http://wls4kids.org)

## SAFETY & SECURITY

**WLS VISITOR PROCEDURES**

WASHINGTON  
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Because Matters of Safety...

**1. CHECK-IN AT FRONT DOOR**  
Enter through front door and use the Visitor Check-In Kiosk

**2. PRODUCE PICTURE ID**  
All visitors will be asked to produce a photo identification

**3. WEAR VISITOR ID**  
Receive and wear a date and time-stamped, disposable name badge

**4. CHECK OUT UPON EXIT**  
Return name badge and alert school officials you are leaving the building

...Matter to Us

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken Thursday, September 8th (Seniors and juniors) and September 9th (sophomores and freshmen). Students will be called to the cameras by grade level and alphabet.

## PANTHER PLUS

After-school homework help (Panther Plus) will begin Tuesday, September 6th. Students need to be in the Learning Lab by 2:45. Panther Plus ends at 3:45.

## WHY DID WE MOVE TO A FALL YEARBOOK DELIVERY THREE YEARS AGO?

1. Going to a fall delivery provides more instructional time on course related concepts that will result in a better finished product.

2. Having a fall delivery allows staff to cover the full year of events and is truly a comprehensive look at Whitmer High School. It affords the opportunity to have prom, senior block party, and graduation covered in the yearbook, as well as spring sports and activities. There is no need for a supplement that may get lost one day.
3. At this time, approximately 85% of yearbooks in Ohio are fall deliveries. A majority of communities see the value in covering the entire school year.
4. Families have the additional time to pay for a yearbook for their student. Yearbooks are expensive and the later delivery time gives families time to save, or enter into a payment plan for their student.
5. Along the same lines, families who wish to purchase a senior spotlight ad will have additional time to save the money, or complete a payment plan.

## CANDLELIGHT WALK

The 32nd Annual Candlelight Walk will be held on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 at Whitmer Memorial Stadium 6:30-8:00 P.M. Gates will open at 6:15. This special community event is dedicated to the prevention of substance abuse in our community. The event features the Whitmer Band, Cheerleaders, Criminal Justice Program, and Essay contest winners. A special gift is given to all students who come out to attend the event. Student participants are eligible to win great raffle prizes! To conclude this beautiful community event, a drug-free pledge is taken by students and parents followed by a candlelight walk around the Whitmer Campus. The school with the highest attendance also wins an Ice Cream Party!



You are invited to  
The 51st Annual FOCUS  
Juried High School Art Show.



August 25th - September 17th, 2022

The Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery  
in the BGSU Fine Arts Center  
Opening Ceremony on August 25 at 6pm in the  
Thomas B. and Kathleen M. Donnell Theatre, Wolfe  
Center for the Arts, followed by the Opening  
Reception.



This show celebrates the amazing talents of  
student artists from 21 high schools in Northwest  
Ohio and Southeast Michigan. 210 artworks in 12  
media categories were selected by a team of jurors  
from hundreds of entries. The dedicated teachers  
from these schools each year submit their  
students' work for this show, which honors the  
passion that both teachers and students have  
for the visual arts.



BGSU the Arts  
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## Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your child healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

#### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your children are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies.
- If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your children if they are showing signs of anxiety.

#### Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.



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Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



2022-2023 Updated Student COVID Guidelines  
8/23/22

**"My WLS student tested positive!"**

- Isolate (stay home) five days from the start of symptoms.
- Call your school's attendance line and let them know your student has tested positive and should be marked absent for five days.
- Your student may return on day six as long as symptoms have improved and 24 hours have passed without needing fever-reducing medication; a mask should be worn for five additional days.

**"My WLS student was exposed to a confirmed COVID case."**

- A mask is no longer required after a known exposure but recommended for 10 days.
- For ten days after exposure, watch for symptoms.
- Keep your student home if symptoms develop and follow up with a health care provider.

**"My WLS student is starting to feel sick."**

- Stay home and follow up with a health care provider if symptoms continue.
- Testing can be completed, at your discretion, with an at-home test, by your healthcare provider or a testing site.
- You are not required to submit any official documentation of a test result.
- Washington Local Schools' nurses will continue to provide COVID test kits if desired, while supplies last.



The above applies, regardless of vaccine status. The CDC recommends being up-to-date on vaccinations. If you have questions regarding vaccinations, please contact your healthcare provider.

## WE ARE HIRING!

Washington Local Schools are hiring for a variety of positions.

<https://www.applitrack.com/washloc/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?all=1&fbclid=IwAR3LJchVU8BRiwEsL4kVJ1lvq1pT8hV7dVIUg0h6vLnBRyfrAXRVETQ3f0>

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### CONNECTING PANTHER NATION

Washington Local Schools Foundation connects Panther Nation, and beyond, with philanthropic opportunities to provide the resources needed for ALL students to excel inside and outside of the classroom through innovative and extraordinary experiences. Please click on the title for more information.



Class of  
2023

## COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION 2023!!


- Attend local college fairs and representative visits at your high school.
- Decide if you will apply Early Decision or Early Action to your top choice school; alert your counselor and recommenders.
- Will you include an arts/athletic supplement or resume with your application? Work on this.
- Share a final draft of your Common App essay(s) with a trusted reader.

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PORTRAIT OF A  
PANTHER



**EMPATHY**  
Consistently demonstrates awareness, compassion, and respect for others' feelings, thoughts, beliefs, and culture

**COMMUNICATION**  
Listens to understand, and then communicates thoughts and ideas in a variety of forms

**ADAPTABILITY**  
Remains flexible in a climate of constant change by reflecting and productively responding to feedback

**CRITICAL THINKING**  
Skillfully evaluates available evidence and challenges established ideas with rational, open-minded, and informed reasoning

**INTEGRITY**  
Develops and lives by a set of personal values, earning trust and respect through honest, principled, and compassionate behavior

**LEARNER'S MINDSET**  
Remains curious, actively seeks answers, pursues diverse perspectives, and is driven by the desire to learn, unlearn, and relearn



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