

# Whitmer Word

October 2022

## Mrs. Bronikowski, Principal

This month will bring us joy and continued reflection. We find joy in musical performances, sporting events, and memories of an amazing Homecoming week. We will continue to reflect on the way our community rallied and supported us after a criminal act. The emails and handwritten notes showing support will be ones I keep forever. To those who reached out to us, you have my sincere thanks. To those who sent us positive energy and prayers, we appreciate those as well. I am grateful that I get to work with your children every day. They are always my number one priority.

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- 10/5 Yom Kippur
- 10/7 Senior Citizen Tailgate- 5pm-7pm
- 10/10 Sukkot
- 10/11 Whitmer Choral Concert-7pm
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- 10/13 Picture Makeups for all classes
- 10/13 JH Choral Concert-7pm
- 10/14 END OF FIRST QUARTER
- 10/17 Teacher Work Day-NO SCHOOL
- 10/17 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
- 10/18 Candlelight Walk- 6:30pm-8pm
- 10/18 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
- 10/19 Fall JH Orchestra Concert-7pm
- 10/20 Fall JH Choral Concert-7pm
- 10/24 District Family Fun Night
- 10/26 Toledo Area String Festival-7pm
- 10/27 Community Halloween Party-5pm-6:30pm
  
- 11/5 Yardfest
- 11/7 Family contact day-NO SCHOOL
- 11/8 Professional Development Day- NO SCHOOL
- 11/10 WHS Preview Night-6pm-8pm

## \*Attention Class of 2023\*

This [Class of 2023 Information Letter](#) contains details about all end of year activities. It also has the [FORM](#) seniors need to complete stating that they have read, understand, and agree to the information as presented. The Class of 2023 website will be coming soon! People can also email [classof2023info@wls4kids.org](mailto:classof2023info@wls4kids.org) with questions.

## Exciting Graduation Gown Announcement!



## The Class of 2023 is the First Group to Wear Our New Gown!

We celebrate maize and blue in our new graduation gown to be worn by the Class of 2023 and all classes who follow. Our cap is blue and our tassel remains maize and blue. We can't wait to see all members of the Class of 2023 wearing this gown on graduation day in May!

# Yearbook & Picture Information

Make-up pictures are October 13.

Seniors start at 8:00, we will call people down as the number of students decreases

Seniors who were not dressed appropriately for the senior headshot should take retakes or they will not be pictured in the portrait section of the yearbook. [HERE](#) are the expectations.

Ordering instructions are [HERE](#).

Senior Spotlight Ads are now on sale. Order form is [HERE](#).

## Review the List for Items Prohibited at School



**ITEMS PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL**

 <b>Weapons</b>  Weapons/Toy Weapons, Squirt Guns, Orbeez Guns, Airsoft/BB Guns, Real or Pretend Ammunition	 <b>Sharp Objects</b>  Knives, Razor Blades, Utility Tools, Brass Knuckles
<b>Sprays</b>  Mace, Pepper Spray, Aerosol Cans, Spray Paint	<b>Flammable Items</b>  Lighters, Matches, Fireworks, Explosives, Cigarette, Vapes
<b>Drugs / Alcohol</b>  Drugs (prescribed or not), Alcohol (of any kind), Vapes, THC, CBD, Edibles	<b>Offensive Clothing</b>  Profane language or graphic expressions on clothing that negatively target a group or person
<b>Disturbances</b>  Noisemakers, Laser Pointers, Foghorns, Tools of Distraction or Disturbance	<b>This is not a comprehensive list. Questionable items that are unsafe or disrupt the school day will be confiscated and students may be disciplined.</b> 

Mask Pictured Below Inappropriate for School

The mask pictured below does not allow us to see a student's face. These masks are not to be worn, even around a student's neck at school. Students will be asked to take them off at after school events as well.

<https://www.amazon.com/pooh-shiesty-mask> > k=poo... ⋮

### Pooh Shiesty Mask - Amazon.com

Price and other details may vary based on product size and color. UV Protector Scarf  
Shiesty Mask Pooh Shiesty Mask Military Balaclava Sun Protection Long ...



## CTC Students of the Month

Congratulations to our October students of the month. This month we are featuring Teaching Professions and Advanced Manufacturing.

Georgia Ray - Teaching Professions (junior)

A'nya Mosley - Teaching Professions (senior)

Brody Martin - Advanced Manufacturing (junior)

J Voine Guinn - Advanced Manufacturing (senior)

## Chromebook Monitoring

Washington Local Teachers now have access to a Chromebook management tool called Lightspeed Classroom, which gives teachers the ability to:

- See views of student browsing activity and status
- View student screens in real time, pull browsing histories, and record device activity
- Send quick messages (e.g., "Are you done?" and "Need help?") and receive replies from students
- Lock device screens and send content links
- Limit student web access to a website or group of websites for the class period, and release students when they change their status to "done."
- The use of Lightspeed Classroom by teachers is restricted to school hours only



# CAREER TECH STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**JUNIOR**

## **GEORGIA RAY** Teaching Professions

Georgia Ray is currently a junior in the Teaching Professions program. She has been selected because of the excitement she brings to class every day. She has the most radiant positive attitude that is contagious! Georgia is balancing her time in Teaching Professions and Orchestra because her passion is to do both. I am impressed at how well she is handling the situation. Not only is she doing an absolute stand out job in Teaching Professions, she also has made first chair in Orchestra. She has amazed me from the first day I met her!

-Mrs. Tucker



# CAREER TECH STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**A'NYA MOSLEY**  
Teaching Professions

**senior**

A'nya Mosley is currently a senior in the Teaching Professions program. She has been selected because of her dedication and passion to the program. A'nya does phenomenal work on her assignments and projects in class, while juggling her other classes and also participating in college classes at Lourdes University. A'nya always has a positive attitude and brings that to class every day. During her internships last year, A'nya came out of her shell and showed her true leadership skills that will make her a fantastic educator! I am absolutely blessed to be her teacher and love having her in the program!

-Mrs. Tucker



# CAREER TECH STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**BRODY MARTIN**  
Advanced Manufacturing

**JUNIOR**

Brody is an exceptional student, not only in Advanced Manufacturing, but also in all of his other classes. The creativity and excitement he displays while making his ideas come to life in the lab inspires me to be a better teacher! I can't wait to see how Brody continues to grow, as he's already done amazing things in just the first month of this school year.

-Mr. Peters

**CAREER TECH**  
**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

**J Voine Guinn**  
Advanced Manufacturing

Voine has an infectious personality that inspires our entire class. He is a natural leader and it shows while he is representing Whitmer as an intern for the City of Toledo and on the football field. I'm excited to see what the future holds for J Voine!

-Mr. Peters

**senior**

## 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



Students that are ill during the school day should come to the nurse's office to evaluate their symptoms and obtain an early excusal. **If your child contacts you to pick them up for illness - for the sake of student safety and to save you time - please remind them to go through the nurse.** Your child will be evaluated by the nurse, and you will be called to discuss your child's illness and make arrangements for an early excusal.

## Parents of Seniors



The meningococcal (A, C, W, and Y) vaccine (MCV4) is required by the state of Ohio. It is administered after the child's sixteenth birthday and by the start of senior year. This is a booster vaccine to one given to students in the seventh grade. **The MCV4 booster remains a state required vaccine, even if your child is attending virtually on or off campus.** I have sent out reminder messages if I still need your child's vaccine information. The Toledo Lucas County Health Department offers free and/or low-cost vaccines. No one is turned away for inability to pay. Contact the health department at (419) 213-2884 to schedule an appointment. If you have any further questions regarding this requirement or need assistance with obtaining a copy of your child's immunization record, contact the nurse by phone (419)473-8330 or email [jworstell@wls4kids.org](mailto:jworstell@wls4kids.org).



## Parents of Juniors

As you take your child in for their well visit over the year, your doctor should provide you with information about the meningitis vaccine. **It is a state requirement in Ohio that all incoming seniors receive the meningococcal A, C, W, Y vaccine (MCV4) booster sometime after their sixteenth birthday and by the beginning of their senior year of high school.** If your child receives this during the school year, please get a copy of your child's updated immunizations to me so that I can record your child as being complete for this requirement.

## Counseling Center

### FAFSA Information

Attention college-bound seniors! The FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) is now active. If you want financial aid for college, it's critically important to fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible. Take a look at the chart below, it clearly shows that the longer you wait to fill out the FAFSA, the less money you receive. If you have any questions about how to fill out the FAFSA, please see Mr. Puffenberger in the counseling center.

[FAFSA Help Resource 1](#): 8 steps to filling out the FAFSA

[FAFSA Help Resource 2](#): Filling out the FAFSA for dependent students

[FAFSA Help Resource 3](#): Filling out the FAFSA for independent students

In this example, the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) was 0.



**FAFSA Submitted:  
November 1**  
**Offer Amount:**

Pell Grant	\$6,895
State Grant	\$2,500
SEOG Grant	\$2,000
University Grant	\$3,500
Work-Study	\$1,600
Direct Loan	\$5,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 21,995</b>



**FAFSA Submitted:  
after school's  
priority deadline**  
**Offer Amount:**

Pell Grant	\$6,895
State Grant	\$2,500
Work Study	\$1,000
Direct Loan	\$5,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 15,895</b>

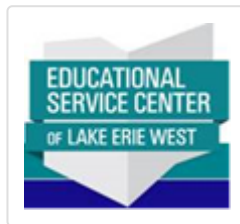


**FAFSA Submitted:  
during summer**  
**Offer Amount:**

Pell Grant Direct	\$6,895
Loan	\$5,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,395</b>

## Credit Recovery

Credit Recovery is starting and takes place Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-3:45. Late bus picks up at 4:00.





# Ohio's Parent Mentor Project



## Parent Mentors are trained to help

We are guides, collaborators, and, most importantly, we are peers.

Ohio Parent Mentors are parents of children with disabilities who provide free peer-to-peer support to other families of children with disabilities in Ohio. We use our first-hand experiences to work with school officials and guide families to increase the educational success of students who receive special education services.

We help families navigate local and state special education processes and services so that children with disabilities can get the most out of their educational experience.

Together, we can help our students with special needs get the special attention they deserve and find their pathway to educational success.

## Finding solutions that work best for children

Ohio Parent Mentors work in collaboration with families, schools, and agencies. With our support, parents will understand the special education process and become better advocates for their children.

We use our passion and experience to create strong partnerships to make special education information and processes more accessible. Ohio Parent Mentors provide families with information on a variety of special education topics. Specifically, we provide information and support to assist in:

- Understanding the rights and responsibilities of families, students and schools.
- Transitioning from preschool and high school.
- Contributing to the increase in student success, like in literacy.
- Guiding families through all special education meetings.
- Hosting information sessions for schools and families.
- Collaborating with agencies and organizations that support students with disabilities.

Additionally, our training helps us provide current and updated information about special education laws and policies.

## Our support runs deep

For nearly 30 years, Ohio Parent Mentors has helped families navigate local and state special education processes and services so that children with disabilities can get the most out of their educational experience.

Ohio Parent Mentors are funded using federal and state funds through the Ohio Department of Education. We are employed by school districts and educational service centers. The Office of Exceptional Children at the Ohio Department of Education provides us with support. The Center on Education and Training for Employment at The Ohio State University provides us with oversight, professional development, resources and technical assistance.

Are you a parent of a child with a disability and would like our support? We are here to help!

Let us bring our passion and experience to your child's team.

## For More Information

Office for Exceptional Children  
Ohio Department of Education  
4th Floor, Mail Stop 409  
25 S. Front Street  
Columbus, OH 43215  
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# GIRLS GRADES 8-12

NO ICE FEES FOR 2022-2023

Sign up  
today

Registration  
is FREE!



[www.glasscitybroomball.org](http://www.glasscitybroomball.org)

PRACTICES START IN NOVEMBER AND GAMES START IN FEBRUARY

\*Registration now open for girls in grade 8-12, no experience required. No ice fees! If interested in playing please go to [www.glasscitybroomball.org](http://www.glasscitybroomball.org) and sign up on the home page or scan the QR Code.

Once you sign up, a coach will reach out.



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QUESTIONS: SEND EMAIL TO [GLASSCITYBROOMBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GLASSCITYBROOMBALL@GMAIL.COM)

## Salvation Army Holiday Assistance

The Salvation Army will be accepting applications for holiday assistance, starting Monday, October 17th. We encourage families to apply early as they have limited resources.

For your convenience, here is the link.

[salvationarmyassistance.org](http://salvationarmyassistance.org).



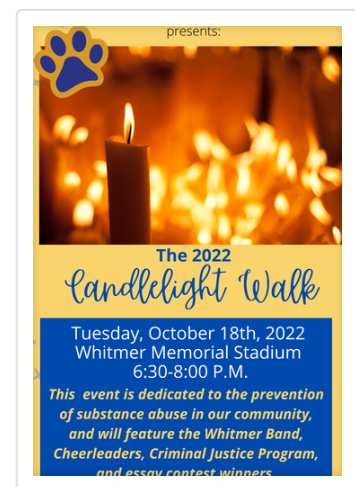
## Fall Play- Almost Maine

Whitmer students have been working hard on our 2022 Fall Play, "Almost, Maine". This modern style play features a series of individual scenes that connect together through the character's lives. Show dates are November 17-20. Don't miss this winter tale of relationships and northern lights!



## 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!





## We are hiring!

Washington Local Schools are hiring for a variety of positions.

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Washington Local Schools Foundation

## 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.



## Countdown to Graduation 2023!!

- Any 18-year-old male will need to register for the selective service in order to qualify for aid.
- Complete the FAFSA after October 1st using your 2021 tax information.
- Still need a headshot for the yearbook? Jostens will be here on October 13th.
- Contact the college's financial aid office if they require specific forms.
- Plan to attend Open House Dates offered at colleges you are considering.
- Complete NCAA registration if you intend to play Division I or Division II sports.
- Take the ACT if you need to improve your score.
- Send your SAT or ACT scores to the colleges to which you are applying.
- Submit your college applications by October 31st!



**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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