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Life After High School: Real World Skills for Students

*Anthony Brazouski
Whitnall High School Principal*

Our world is changing quickly. With an uncertain economy, global business environment, and huge strides in technology, engineering and medicine, students need to develop skills that will prepare them to be productive and valuable workers.



Schools across the United States and the world have the challenge of developing programs to prepare their students for life beyond K-12 education, which will probably include

jobs and skills that haven't even been discovered yet. So how are we, at Whitnall, effectively readying students for success-

ful careers? Are different skills needed to be ready for college or a workforce training program?

ACT has released a fascinating research article entitled, "Ready for College and Ready for Work: Same or Different?" The purpose of the study was to compare the expectations of colleges, universities, and technical schools with those of potential employers.

The findings produced a common set of expectations, focused on reading, writing, communicating, collaboration (social skills), and mathematics. Both institutes of higher education as well as employers believed that current students and potential employees were coming to them with deficiencies in one or more of these areas.

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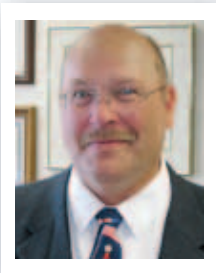
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- Dr. Lowell Holtz



Welcome...

Superintendent Lowell Holtz



Our new superintendent, Dr. Lowell Holtz, comes to Whitnall with a distinguished career in education. He has received state and national recognition for being a child advocate and educational leader. His educational philosophy is one of community collaboration to form business and school partnerships to prepare students for success in a global economy.

He also brings a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility.

In his most recent position as Administrator for Career Education Associates of North Central Illinois, he worked with local school, business and government leaders to develop a comprehensive database of resources for teachers, counselors, and administrators. This led to training and workshops to enhance career and technical education opportunities for students to help improve the local economy.

From 2006 – 2009, he was Superintendent of the Beloit Public School system. In this position, he had to work with a very diverse urban community in support of a school district that was facing sanctions for failing to meet adequate yearly progress, had major safety and security concerns, major truancy issues, and a declining graduation rate. With the support of the board and partnerships with economic development and community leaders, he moved Beloit off the list of failing schools within one year.

He's been a superintendent and principal since 1989 in Beloit, Palmyra-Eagle, Peshtigo and Cambridge, and received the Wisconsin Principal of the Year and National Distinguished Principal awards in 1999-2000. In 2009, he was a candidate for Wisconsin State Superintendent.

His community activities include Youth Football, Youth Soccer, Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist Club, volunteer EMT, and various church and athletic boards. He loves working with children of all ages and seeing the sparkle in their eyes when they are happy and successful. His favorite pastimes include: spending time with his family, camping, fishing, and attending athletic events.

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"We should all be educating high school students according to a common academic expectation, one that prepares them for both postsecondary education and the workforce. Only then, whether they are among the two-thirds who enter college directly after graduation or those who enter workforce training programs, will they be ready for life after high school."

This important message has become the focus of Whitnall High School's efforts to ready Whitnall students for life beyond our walls.

WHS staff members will be doing significant curriculum work, course proposals, and intense instructional planning. In addition, the students of WHS and Whitnall Middle School will engage in a sequence of assessments aimed at providing insight into each student's current status regarding college and career-readiness.

The series begins with the EXPLORE in 8th grade, followed by the EXPLORE in 9th grade, the PLAN in 10th grade, and the PSAT or a practice ACT in 11th grade. The data from these assessments provides students, parents, and educators valuable information to help students make decisions about their futures. Most importantly, these assessments provide students with a very real opportunity to consider the many doors open to them.

On October 13, 2010, all Whitnall High School students will participate in our first college and career-readiness day. Students will report to school as usual, but the day will inform, engage, and focus students on the many options of their future careers. Students will meet in larger groups with guidance personnel regarding college and career options and strategies to prepare.

Most importantly, the 12th grade Falcons will be flying from their nest and boarding busses to visit local college and university campuses, where they may tour programs and facilities, hear from and ask questions of office of admissions and financial aid personnel, and spend some time gaining an understanding of the various options available to them after high school.

We realize that this is just a first step in a long and difficult process to meet the challenges of our dynamic, global society, but we are excited about our options and energized by the bright futures of our Falcons!



MISSION: By providing the highest quality personalized educational experience, the Whitnall School District engages learners who embrace challenges and are responsible contributing members of a dynamic global society.



Community Block Party

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2-8 p.m.

**in front of Whitnall High School,
5000 S. 116th St.**

Join us on September 18 to celebrate Whitnall's 50th Birthday! We're blocking off the street and inviting everyone to join us for family fun.

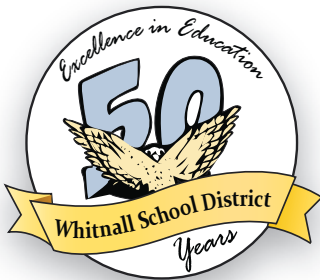
A big THANK YOU to all our Sponsors and Volunteers for their support! For more information, call Lynn Stadler at 414-525-8400.



Food, Free Games, Bouncy Houses, Mascot Mania, Balloons, Live Music, and More!

Raffles & Prizes*

* Must be present to win and be at least 18 yrs. of age.



Our Logo Contest Winner - Jennifer Bahling

Last spring, we invited all Whitnall students to participate in a logo design contest. Our goal was to create a logo to commemorate a year of "50" celebrations. We received many creative entries from all grade levels. Special congratulations goes out to our 50th Anniversary logo contest winner, 8th grader Jennifer Bahling! We look forward to seeing your artwork around the district next year as we celebrate our 50th!

To see the design finalists from each grade, visit www.facebook.com/WhitnallSchools.

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DID YOU KNOW...

How Whitnall School District got its name?

Charles B. Whitnall, 1859-1949

Whitnall School District is named for Charles B. Whitnall, a civic leader and city planner whose work on city parks, parkways and city planning has had a lasting impact on the Milwaukee area. This former florist, banker and city treasurer is most remembered as the father of the Milwaukee County Park System. The school district was named for him when established in 1959, to honor a man the community considered "a dreamer and visionary, realist and doer."



FALL 2010 — BOYS HOME SCHEDULES

Boys Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
August 30	Wauwatosa West	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
August 30	Wauwatosa West	4:30PM	JV	Home
September 2	Waterford	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
September 2	Waterford	4:30PM	JV	Home
September 8	Pewaukee	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
September 8	Pewaukee	4:30PM	JV	Home
September 17	Ronald Reagan	4:30PM	JV	Home
September 20	Greendale	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
September 20	Greendale	4:30PM	JV	Home
September 23	Wauwatosa East	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
September 23	Wauwatosa East	4:30PM	JV	Home
September 27	Saint Thomas More	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
September 27	Saint Thomas More	4:30PM	JV	Home
September 29	Shorewood	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
September 29	Shorewood	4:30PM	JV	Home
September 30	Wisconsin Lutheran	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
September 30	Wisconsin Lutheran	4:30PM	JV	Home
October 8	Oak Creek	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
October 8	Oak Creek	4:30PM	JV	Home

Boys Football

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
August 27	Pius XI	7:00PM	Varsity	Home
September 7	Saint Thomas More	5:30PM	JV	Home
September 16	Wauwatosa West	5:30PM	Freshman	Home
September 17	Wauwatosa West	7:00PM	Varsity	Home
September 20	Greenfield	6:30PM	JV	Home
September 23	Greenfield	6:30PM	Freshman	Home
September 24	Greenfield	7:00PM	Varsity	Homecoming
September 27	New Berlin Eisenhower	6:30PM	JV	Home
October 4	Greendale	5:30PM	JV	Home
October 14	South Milwaukee	5:30PM	Freshman	Home
October 15	South Milwaukee	7:00PM	Varsity	Home
October 19	Brown Deer	5:00PM	Freshman	Home
October 20	Brown Deer	6:30PM	Varsity	Home

GO FALCONS!

See
www.whitnall.com
 for away schedules



FALL 2010 — GIRLS HOME SCHEDULES

Girls Varsity Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
September 9	South Milwaukee	6:30PM	Game	Home
September 14	Greendale	6:30PM	Game	Home
September 21	Wauwatosa West	6:30PM	Game	Home
September 29	Oak Creek	6:30PM	Game	Home
September 30	Cudahy	6:30PM	Game	Home
October 5	Pewaukee	6:30PM	Game	Home
October 5	Pewaukee	5:00PM	Game	Home

Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
September 9	South Milwaukee	5:00PM	Game	Home
September 11	Saint Thomas More, Franklin, Germantown, Milwaukee Hamilton, Milwaukee Vincent, Nicolet, Carmen	9:00AM	Tournament	Home
September 14	Greendale	5:00PM	Game	Home
September 21	Wauwatosa West	5:00PM	Game	Home
September 29	Oak Creek	5:00PM	Game	Home
September 30	Cudahy	5:00PM	Game	Home
October 5	Pewaukee	5:00PM	Game	Home

Girls Tennis

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
August 25	Union Grove	4:00PM	Varsity	Home
August 25	Union Grove	4:00PM	JV	Home
September 2	Wauwatosa West	4:00PM	Varsity	Home
September 2	Wauwatosa West	4:00PM	JV	Home
September 9	Greenfield	4:00PM	Varsity	Home
September 9	Greenfield	4:00PM	JV	Home
September 13	Muskego	4:00PM	JV	Home



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District News

How Whitnall's Mill Rate Compares With Other School Districts

(Cost per \$1000)

DISTRICT	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Oak Creek-Franklin	\$8.63	\$7.98	\$7.74
Whitnall	9.57	8.87	8.91
New Berlin	9.88	9.74	10.02
Madison	10.18	9.81	10.08
Muskego	10.29	9.90	9.71
Milwaukee	10.30	9.70	8.57
Greenfield	10.72	9.36	8.81
Oregon	10.94	10.53	10.63
Greendale	11.42	10.80	11.21
Verona	11.71	11.58	10.73

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE September 27, 6:30 p.m.

This year's annual meeting will give residents a chance to weigh in on the proposed levy increase. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 27 at the District Offices. Due to better-than-projected state aid estimates, the levy is expected to rise about 7%, less than the rise of 9.8% projected in May. The board will formally adopt a budget and levy in October.

Calling all Three- and Four-Year Olds!

Annual Child Development Days



Whitnall's 14th Annual Child Development Days will be held October 14 and 15, in the Community Room located at Whitnall High School, 5000 S.

116th St., Greenfield. The program is open to all 3 year-olds and 4 year olds who have not previously been screened, and their parents.

The program includes a developmental screening by trained observers in a natural play setting, booths representing community agencies, a health screening, a gift and a snack for your child. For more information or to register, please call Shirley Natzel at 414-525-8443.

History Corner

from the local newspaper, Thursday, May 10, 1962



Work has started on the Whitnall High School athletic field. Last Saturday several boys and men gathered to clear the field of rocks and stones. The picture shows some of the boys emptying their various containers into the bucket that was used to haul away the rocks. The rocks were numerous and it took several bucketfuls to clear the field.

Whitnall High School

Powerlifting: State Champions – Nationally Recognized

Whitnall has had some great sports success stories over the years...but there's one you may not be aware of: Powerlifting.



State Champion Scott Erickson 2010 275LB Class

Competition in the powerlifting involve three events: the bench press, the squat, and the deadlift. Each competitor is allowed three to four attempts on each lift. The lifter's best valid attempt on each lift counts toward his

competition total, which is judged against other lifters of the same weight class. Athletes who train in powerlifting not only can enjoy competing in the sport, they also see their success in other sports increase as well.

Last year, Whitnall's powerlifting team was named state champion for the second year in a row. Of 25 lifters, 19 qualified for the state championships and 10 of them placed in the top five at state. We had four state champions: Sean

Graham, Keng Xiong, Ryan Lepkowski, and Scott Erickson. Out of the 19 state qualifiers, 16 qualified for the National Championships. Twelve of the 16 competed at Nationals and of those, seven placed in the top five. We had two JV National Champions (Alex and Jake Hardy) and one varsity National Champ (Nathan Marshall). Our varsity team placed 2nd in the nation.

Alex Dellis was asked to be on the World Bench Press Team where he placed 2nd. Nathan Marshall and Keng Xiong were asked to be on the World <18



2010 State Champions

Powerlifting Team. Both had to decline the offer, but it was an honor to be asked to represent the USA at a world competition.

Of our powerlifting team, 17 of the 25 students play other sports, including football, basketball and swimming.

www.whitnallpowerlifting.com

CHECK OUT THE COMMUNITY WEIGHT ROOM

Our weight room has Magnum Series E conditioning equipment, a cardio area which includes recumbent bikes, stationary bikes and treadmills, and we have free weights.

Summer Hours:

Mon-Fri 9:30-12 and 3-6pm

School Year Hours:

Mon-Fri 2:30-8:00 pm

Open during spring break and winter break with modified hours.

Membership Prices:

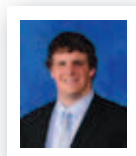
Current Students: \$20 for the summer, free during school year.

Current Graduates: \$20 for the summer

Community Members (must live in the district): \$50 for the summer, \$100 for the school year

"WHERE ARE THEY NOW?"

The skills and success our student athletes gain in high school can lead to college careers. Here's a few of our recent Whitnall grads who are playing at the next level.



David Witkiewicz - Football

David currently plays defensive tackle for Drake, and was named as a second-team selection on Phil Steele's 2010 Preseason All-Pioneer Football League team.

Sean Graham - Football

Sean broke the school rushing record last year with 1,350 yards, the total points scored in a season with 102, and the rushing attempts record with 188. He is playing for UW-Eau Claire this fall.

Lisa Donaldson - Girls Basketball

Lisa will be playing at Concordia University.

Jacob Bye - Boys Soccer

Goal keeper Jacob Bye will be playing Division 1 at Wright State in Ohio.

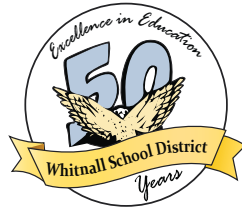
Nikolia Miskov - Boys Soccer

Forward Nikolai Miskov will be playing soccer and running track at Carroll University.

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- Bill Osterndorf327-2584
- Stephanie Richter262-844-2997
- Bernard Shaw425-0465
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- Dr. Lowell Holtz, Superintendent: 525-8411

CONNECTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

There are four key areas that we focus on in our communications:

Fiscal Responsibility

 The current state budget presents many challenges. However, we are committed to maintaining our programs and finding creative ways to cut costs and be responsive to our taxpayers.

Technology

Students and staff are immersed in technology every day.



Globalism

We are preparing students to embrace the challenges of our dynamic global society.

Personalized Academics

Programs are available for every student to succeed in



SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1	First day of School grades 1-12
Sept. 13	School Board meeting 6:30 p.m. WHS Library
Sept. 24	WHS Homecoming Game, 7 p.m.
Sept. 25	WHS Homecoming Dance, 7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Annual School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. School Board meeting to follow

OCTOBER

Oct. 11	School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Board/Community Room
Oct. 13	WHS Marching Band Community Night
Oct. 25	School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Board/Community Room
Oct. 26	WHS Student Senate Haunted Hallways, 6 p.m.
Oct. 28-29	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Convention

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 5-7	WHS Fall Play
Nov. 8	School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Board/Community Room
Nov. 22	School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Board/Community Room
Nov. 30	6th Grade Band, Orchestra Concert 7 p.m., WHS Gym

ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES, 2010-2011

Upon request, the Whitnall School District is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability, may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Thomas Vogel, Director of Special Education, Whitnall School District, at 414-525-8440, or by writing him at 5000 S. 116 Street, Greenfield, WI 53228.

The Whitnall School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap as required by WI Statute 118.12.