DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2024

February is Black History Month, and to recognize this, we are including a special quote each day.

"I had reasoned this out in my mind; there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty, or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other; for no man should take me alive; I should fight for my liberty as long as my strength lasted, and when the time came for me to go, the Lord would let them take me." —Harriet Tubman

<u>Walk of Champions - Boys Swim & Dive</u> - Today, we extend our best wishes and cheers to our outstanding boys as they embark on their journey to the state swim and dive tournament at Waukesha South. This year's exceptional team was skillfully led by captains Christopher Hinson, Matthew Chesney, Elias Argyres, and guided by coaches Perry Perkins, Yesenia Avila, and Kevin Schewi.

In an impressive season, our boys achieved a remarkable 5-1 record in conference dual meets. Additionally, they secured a 3rd place finish in both the conference relays and at the conference meet. Let's give a special shout-out to Austin Archiquette, who claimed the conference champion title with a phenomenal personal best dive score of 274.15.

Last Saturday, our team showcased their prowess at the WIAA State Swim and Dive Tournament following their commendable 5th place overall finish at the sectional meet held in Whitefish Bay. Notable podium finishes at sectionals include 3rd place in diving by Austin, 4th place in the 400 freestyle relay, 4th place in the 200 freestyle relay, 5th place in the 200 yard medley, 6th place for Josh Lenz in breaststroke, and a 6th place finish in the boys 100 yard freestyle by Vincent Clementi.

Earning a spot among the state's top 16, Whitnall qualified in three events. A huge congratulations to Austin Archiquette, who will represent Whitnall on the diving board. Freshman Caleb Schutten, sophomore Mason Moore, and juniors Elias Argyres and Vincent Clementi will proudly represent our school in both the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay. Alternates will be Josh Lenz and Matt Chesney

Today marks the third consecutive year Whitnall is represented at the State Meet, and an impressive sixth out of seven years overall. Our school continues to assert its dominance in the swim community, and we are thrilled to see the Falcons shine on the highest stage.

Let's join together in congratulating our talented athletes, coaches, and the entire Whitnall swim and dive team. Go Falcons!

Join in on the Red Cross Club's "random acts of kindness" month. The club is taking baked goods, fruit or other treats to the Greenfield Police Department and Fire Department next Wednesday, February 21. You do not need to be in the Red Cross Club to help out with this and support our local police and firefighters! Please drop off items on Tuesday, February 20, or Wednesday, February 21, before 7:30am to room 273. Thank you for helping with this act of kindness!

<u>Find out about Youth Apprenticeships for your junior or senior year.</u> Sign up for Janet Callender's Falcon Time next Wednesday, February 21, to learn about Whitnall's youth apprenticeship program and to get your questions answered.

Seniors - If you did not order your cap and gown for graduation yet, order it from Jostens very soon. Go <u>here</u>.

<u>Juniors</u> - Still thinking about dual enrollment academy for next year? There is one more virtual MATC overview session on Wednesday, February 21. Go <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Clubs/Activities

Geology Club will meet on Wednesday, February 21, after school in room 256.

<u>The Way</u>, a Christian club, will meet on February 23, from 7:00-7:30am in room 110 (the computer lab downstairs).

Spring Sports Registration - Students who want to participate in a spring sport need to have a valid sports physical and have registered before the first date of practice or tryouts in order to participate:

- Track & Field (Boys and Girls) March 4 (Practice starts)
- Softball (Girls) March 11 (Tryouts)
- Soccer (Girls) March 18 (Tryouts)
- Baseball (Boys) March 18 (Tryouts)
- Golf (Co-Ed) March 25 (Practice starts)
- Tennis (Boys) March 25 (Practice starts)

<u>College Visits</u> - Representatives from universities periodically come to Whitnall. You need to sign up in the Counseling Office by noon the day before the visit if you want to attend.

MATC, Thursday, February 22, 10:00-12:00pm

Want a snack in the afternoon? Stop at the Snack Bite table at about 12:30 and after 7th hour and get something for only \$1.00. The students sell these outside The Cafe on the upper level.

<u>The Charlie B's</u> school store is open during all lunch hours. Come grab a snack, drink or some spirit wear! Charlie B's is located behind the cafeteria.

<u>Military Visits</u> - Representatives will be in the cafeteria during lunch periodically. Stop by their table to find out more and get your questions answered.

- Air Force February 28, April 24
- Army National Guard February 20, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 5, May 21, June 4
- Marines February 27, April 9, April 23, May 14, May 28
- Navy March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

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\$70 (Now-February 28, 2024)

\$80 (March 1-April 1, 2024)

The final deadline to place an order online is April 1. There is no guarantee yearbooks will be available if not ordered in advance. There will NOT be any reorders after the final deadline in early 2024.

Lost and Found - Check the lost and found cabinet in the main entrance for things you might be missing.

<u>Activities Registration Required</u> - If you are participating in a Whitnall High School activity or club, you need to register in Infinite Campus. Although there might not be a fee associated with a particular activity, all participating students – and parents – need to review and sign the Whitnall code of conduct which is part of the registration process.

<u>Return Daily Chromebook Loaners</u> - Students who have borrowed a chromebook from the Help Desk need to return it at the end of the school day. These are <u>daily</u> loaners to be used for one day. Fees will be added in Infinite Campus for those not returned.

Regarding Falcon Time, teachers or administration might assign you to a class. If you don't sign up for a Falcon Time, you will be assigned. You may be assigned to a silent study hall or "general study" that is not one of your classroom teachers. You need to go to the Falcon Time on your schedule that day or you will be marked absent. All same day Falcon Time change requests must go through the teacher. If you signed up for a Falcon Time yourself, you can change that up until the day before.

<u>Check for Scholarships</u> - Students, remember to check Xello for a listing of scholarships. New ones are added periodically.

<u>Health Room Process</u> - If you are not feeling well, you first need to be excused from class and get a pass from your teacher to go to the Health Room. If that staff member feels you need to go home, your parent/guardian will be contacted. Do not just contact someone to come pick you up. If you are leaving the building, you need to check out at the main office window with Mrs. Beyer.

<u>Help Desk</u> - The Help Desk is located on the lower level in room 150. It is open for technology assistance on school days, 7:30am-3:00pm, or fill out a Help Desk ticket <u>here</u>. A hall pass is REQUIRED when visiting during class time.

No Chromebook chargers loaned out - Make sure your Chromebook is charged every day. The Whitnall Helpdesk does not loan out chargers of any kind. If you need your laptop charged, bring it to room 150, and they will provide you a fully charged device while your own device charges. The Help Desk will not charge your personal electronics. Charge swaps and daily loaners are limited to three uses per month, repairs notwithstanding.

<u>All Students</u> - You need to scan your ID if you are coming in late or leaving early. This includes seniors with open campus so make sure you have your ID ready when you are at the window. If you lost your ID, there is a \$5.00 replacement fee. See Ms. Kolberg in the office if you need an ID.

<u>Meal Account</u> - When having breakfast and/or lunch at Whitnall High School, you will need your ID. Families can put money in their meal account through Infinite Campus or put cash or a check, made payable to Whitnall School District, in the lock box in the cafeteria or outside the district office. Make sure you have the student's first and last name and grade included.