

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

—Booker T. Washington

Turn in English Novels - All first semester English novels are due to the library. Students will be charged for unreturned books starting today (February 5).

Join the Track & Field team! Come to an informational meeting TODAY (February 5) about track & field – a no-cut sport – right after school that will now be in the library. Contact Mrs. De Valk if you have any questions.

SkillsUSA will meet tomorrow morning ONLY for those who are participating in regionals. The meeting will be at 7:00am in room 110 and will be a quick overview of the schedule.

The Red Cross Club and “Random Acts of Kindness” - As we honor and recognize Black History Month, the Red Cross Club will also celebrate "Random Acts of Kindness" this month. The national day is February 17. We will have kindness bingo, prizes and other activities and treats for all students who want to participate. Staff will be included as well with more information to come.

Today's task: Tell someone to have a nice day.

The Dance team brought home a 5th place trophy in D3 pom and 8th place in D2 hip hop this past Saturday at the WAPCA State competition. This is the first ever D3 pom trophy. Congratulations on a great season!

Costa Rica, 2025? - Love Spanish? Want to learn about Spanish speaking cultures? See how you can travel with friends and practice your Spanish language skills in beautiful Costa Rica in 2025! Bring your parents or guardians with you to an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 6:30-7:30pm, in the library. Check the fliers around school for the QR code for details.

DECA is hosting a drive for Stuffed Animals For Emergencies (SAFE) on Thursday, February 8, at the Whitnall boys basketball game. Please bring unused stuffed animals to donate. You will get raffle tickets for each stuffed animal brought during the game.

Clubs/Activities

Lift Club meets on Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm, and Fridays, 3:00-4:00pm, in the weight room. Everyone is welcome – including staff – and there is a workout plan for beginners and off-season athletes or experienced lifters.

The Way, a Christian club, will meet on Friday, February 9, and February 23, from 7:00-7:30am in room 110 (the computer lab downstairs).

Geology Club will meet on Wednesday, February 7, and February 21, after school in room 256.

Dual Enrollment Academy - For students who will be seniors next year, there are still a couple of opportunities to learn more about MATC's Dual Enrollment Academy program. Check the posted flyers or the website calendar for a QR code for details on these sessions or go [here](#). Anyone interested in this program will need to submit an application in February, 2024.

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:

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

College Visits - 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, Mondays, 10:00am-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.

The Charlie B's 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.

Military Visits - 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
- Army National Guard - February 6, February 20
- Marines - February 13, February 27
- Navy - February 5

Order Your 2023-24 Yearbook - Order [here](#).

\$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.

Activities Registration Required - 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.

Return Daily Chromebook Loaners - Students who have borrowed a chromebook from the Help Desk need to return it at the end of the school day. These are daily 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.

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

Health Room Process - 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.

Help Desk - 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 [here](#). 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.

Meal Account - 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.