

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 4, 2024

Casimir Pulaski Day commemorates the life of the Poland native who was born in 1747. He came to America in 1777, after fighting for Poland's independence, and joined forces with General George Washington. After saving Washington's life, Pulaski was made brigadier general of the American Cavalry. Wounded in battle, Pulaski died on October 11, 1779.

March is Women's History Month, and we will be recognizing notable women each day.

Ella Baker (1903 - 1986)

Today we commemorate Ella Baker, an advocate for civil rights whose influence extended across some of the most critical organizations of the Civil Rights Movement. Baker worked as a field secretary for the NAACP in the 1940's, moved to Atlanta to organize with Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and then helped organize the [Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee](#) (SNCC) in 1960 following the Greensboro Sit-Ins. Baker encouraged the members of SNCC to advocate for voting rights which culminated in the 1964 Freedom Summer for voter registration. She was given the nickname "Fundii," Swahili for a person who teaches a craft to the next generation. Baker continued to be an advocate for civil rights and human rights until her death in 1986 at the age of 83. Spend time reflecting today on how you can influence future generations.



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Throughout March Reading Madness, we'd like to share with you some thoughts on reading:

Brook Lopez of the Milwaukee Bucks says, "Reading is a personal passion of mine that brings me joy...Whether at home, in the locker room or on the road, reading has always played a significant role in my life. I want to ensure future generations are able to develop this skill, too, and fall in love with reading just as I have."

Round one of the book bracket is open. Today is the last day to vote on paper in the library. Tomorrow it opens online.

Track & Field practice starts today! Other spring sports start soon. Have you registered?

Baseball - There will be a mandatory player sign-up meeting for all baseball players on Wednesday, March 6, at 3:00pm in the multipurpose room. If you cannot attend, please contact Coach Fischer at jfischer@whitnall.com.

The Whitnall gymnastics team finished 3rd at their first ever trip to the WIAA State meet in Wisconsin Rapids. The Oak Creek - Whitnall team scored a season high score of 144.101 to place third behind Franklin -

Muskego and Verona-Madison Edgewood. Freshman Lylah Bennet, sophomores Ava Shotola and Brynne Barth, and junior Ella Radke were part of this team. The Falcon gymnasts were also part of the individual competition on Friday. Lylah Bennett placed 9th on the vault with 9.2667. Sophomore Brynne Barth placed 19th on bars with a 8.4333 and 19th on vault with a 9.133. Sophomore Ava Shotola brought home a medal with 5th on beam with a 9.233. Junior Ella Radke placed 13th in the all-around and 12th on the bars with a 8.96. Congratulations on an amazing end to the season, Whitnall gymnasts!

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
- University of Wisconsin-Stout, Thursday, March 7, 3rd hour
- Marquette University, Wednesday, March 13, 3rd hour

DECA - Five Whitnall High School students competed at State last week. We brought one of the younger teams to state with 80% of those who competed being underclassmen and sophomores: Elena Acevedo, Kara Berquist, Eleessia Holmes, Norah Hooper and Emily Teixeira. Congratulations to Elena Acevedo and Eleessia Holmes for qualifying for the International Competition (ICDC) who posted the highest scores from the team and to Kara Berquist as being named an alternative to her team for ICDC by finishing just two points behind the other two. This is a HUGE accomplishment for all five of these students!

Clubs/Activities

Lift Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 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.

Geology Club will meet on Wednesdays, March 6 and March 20, after school in room 256.

The Way, a Christian club, will meet on Fridays, March 8 and March 22, from 7:00-7:30am in room 110 (the computer lab downstairs).

Youth Art Showcase - Calling art lovers of all ages to our annual Youth Art Month “Artstravaganza” this Thursday, March 7, from 6:00-8:00pm! The exhibit will showcase work from National Art Honors Society and over 300 talented visual art students and a small band and choir ensembles and even a theater teaser for our upcoming performance of Wonka! Refreshments, live demos and interactive art exhibits will be sure to inspire all who attend!

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

\$80 (February 29-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.

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)

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

Lost and Found - Check the lost and found table outside the office 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.

All Students - 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.

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.