

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 5, 2024

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

Sandra Day O'Connor (1930 - 2023)

Today we commemorate Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. O'Connor was appointed in 1981 after a successful legislative career in the Arizona State Assembly as well as the Arizona State Supreme Court of Appeals. O'Connor was an influential member of the Supreme Court, writing the majority opinion in cases such as [Mississippi University for Women v. Hogan](#). Not willing to be tied down to a political party, O'Connor was an unpredictable vote on the court and served as the swing vote in many cases. After her retirement in 2006, she continued to advocate for civic engagement and education until her death in Dec 2023. Spend time today reflecting on how you can be an independent thinker and engage in the democratic system.



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

According to Frederick Douglass, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

Be sure to cast your vote in [round one of the book bracket](#) by the end of the day today.

Today is a "home" Falcon Time.

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 jrfischer@whitnall.com.

The Red Cross Club will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a themed basket (baking, sports, movie night, gift cards, gardening, self care and many more) on March 14 and 15 before school by the island restrooms and in the cafeteria at all lunches. The cost is \$1:00 for 1 ticket or buy 5, get one free, \$10 for a half wing span, and \$20 for a full wing span. Sales are open to all staff, students and family members. Please support a great cause as proceeds will be directed to disaster relief. Pictures of the baskets will be available on the Whitnall Red Cross instagram site by March 8. Tickets may be purchased prior to the 14th as well. Contact Ms. Martin in room 273 for more information. Good Luck!

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

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:

- 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 - 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.