DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2023

Blood Drive - Help others by donating blood on Monday, December 11, 8:00am-1:00pm, right here in the small gym. You need to be at least 16 years old to donate. Those who are 16 need parent permission so pick up the form in the Counseling Office for your parent to complete. You will turn this in when you donate blood. If you are 17 or 18, you do not need parent permission. Check the flyers posted around school for the QR code to schedule your appointment. The American Red Cross will also email you a \$10 Amazon gift card if you donate at the WHS Blood Drive.

<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, Mondays, 10:00am-12:00pm
- Yale University, January 10, 3rd hour

<u>Got Sneakers -- A fundraiser where you don't have to buy or sell anything!</u> Clean out your closets! During the week of December 4th the Whitnall Music Boosters is partnering with an organization called *Got Sneakers* to collect used **ATHLETIC** shoes in **ANY** condition. *Got Sneakers* will reimburse Music Boosters on a sliding scale based on the condition of each pair. Even your old lawn-mowing athletic shoes are considered "recyclable," and we will receive something for them. **Whitnall Music Boosters will have a bin located in the music department's hallway at WHS.** For more info: <u>https://gotsneakers.com/.</u> If you have questions, please contact the Music Boosters at boosterswhitnallmusic@gmail.com.

<u>Are you looking to get in shape for track and field?</u> Anyone looking to workout, meet outside the weight room on Tuesdays at 3:00pm beginning next Tuesday, December 5. Anyone is welcome! If you have questions, please see Mrs. De Valk or Kaylee Rogaczewski.

<u>Whitnall Middle School is putting on "The Little Mermaid Jr."</u> on December 9 and 10 in the WHS auditorium. This production is full of underwater creatures, sneaky eels on Heelys, and mersisters that can't stop singing. Get your tickets <u>here</u>. Better hurry, tickets are selling fast!

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 <u>daily</u> loaners to be used for one day. Fees will be added in Infinite Campus for those not returned.

Lost and Found - Lost and found items have been put on a table outside the office. Check if you are missing anything since items will be donated or thrown out if not picked up soon.

<u>Community Paint Night</u> - Bring family and friends to the third annual "WHS Community Paint Night" on Thursday, December 14, at 6:00pm in the multipurpose room. The cost is \$30, and you will get the 16x20 canvas, paint and guided instructions. Snacks and beverages will also be provided. Space is filling up so register now! Go <u>here</u> for details and <u>here</u> to register.

Financial Aid Night - You and your parents or guardians are encouraged to attend Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, December 12, 6:00-7:00pm, in the auditorium. You will find out what financial aid is, the definition of financial need and how it's determined, learn about the FAFSA and more at "Financing Education Beyond High School".

<u>Seniors</u> - Submit your senior quote for the 2023-24 yearbook. Make sure you have reviewed all the guidelines before completing the google form. Quotes are due no later than January 2.

Clubs/Activities

<u>Geology Club</u> will meet on Wednesdays, December 6 and December 13, after school in room 256. The club meets every other Wednesday.

<u>The Way</u> will meet on Friday, December 8, and Wednesday, December 20, in room 110 from 7:05-7:30. All are welcome.

<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.

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.

<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.

- Army National Guard December 5, December 19, January 16
- Marines December 12, January 9, January 23
- Navy December 4

Order Your 2023-24 Yearbook - Order here.

\$65 (November 1, 2023-January 23, 2024)\$70 (January 24-February 28, 2024)\$80 (As of March 1, 2024)

There will be a deadline for online orders. 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.

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.

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 <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.