DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2023

Financial Aid Night is Tonight - You and your parents or guardians are encouraged to attend Financial Aid Night TONIGHT (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>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. Anyone is welcome! If you have questions, please see Mrs. De Valk or Kaylee Rogaczewski.

<u>Cheer Team Qualifies for Nationals - First Time in School History!</u> On Sunday, December 10, the Whitnall Cheerleading program made school history! The cheerleaders competed at the UCA Regional Competition and finished as one of the top three teams. Their performance earned them a bid to the National Cheerleading Championship at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida! Great job, ladies, as you continue making school history on your journey to Nationals!

<u>SkillsUSA District Competition Results</u> - Congratulations to all of the Whitnall SkillsUSA members who competed in the SkillsUSA District Competition this week at Oregon High School. Whitnall earned 11 total medals and crowned champions in three events including Loren Grimes in Advertising Design, Josh Rios in Facilithon, and Thomas Teixeira in CO2 Dragster. Way to go Whitnall!

The following Whitnall High School students medaled:

- Advertising Design Competition
 - o 1st Place Loren Grimes
- Facilithon
 - o 1st Place Josh Rios
 - 2nd Place Alex Schlessinger Kreel
 - o 3rd Place Mikhail Todorovich
- CO2 Dragster
 - 1st Place Thomas Teixeira
 - 2nd Place Dane Gemig
 - 3rd Place Ben Sutton
- Automotive Service Technology
 - o 2nd Place Ben Sutton
- Information Technology Services
 - o 2nd Place Vince Richter
- Team Engineering Challenge
 - o 3rd Place Colin Olson, Tommy Teixeira, Dane Gemig

<u>Sixteenth Street Clinic Donation Drive</u> - Help out the community as AP Spanish students collect donations for Sixteenth Street Clinic, December 8-18. These students meet with families to learn their traditions and culture and practice their conversation skills. Sixteenth Street Clinic is a non-profit organization that provides resources to less fortunate families in Milwaukee including classes to support parents. As the parents attend these parenting support classes, they earn points to obtain the donations for their family. Please support this important drive with your <u>donations</u>:

- Wednesday baby products such as wipes, blankets, pacifiers, etc.
- Thursday toys and books
- Friday diapers

Money donations are also greatly appreciated. Bring donations to room 222 or the office.

Students in Spanish and French classes will also be competing in a class competition for a chance to win a prize. Thank you for supporting this cause that the AP Spanish students are so passionate about. If you have more questions, contact Mrs. Brand at sbrand@whitnall.com. Remember it's the season for giving. Gracias y felices fiestas.

Clubs/Activities

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

The Way will meet on Wednesday, December 20, in room 110 from 7:05-7:30. All are welcome.

<u>Lost and Found</u> - 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 by Friday, December 15.

<u>Whitnall T-shirt Design Competition Deadline is this Wednesday.</u> - Vote for your favorite Whitnall shirt! Students in the Intro to Design Engineering class were tasked with creating a Whitnall shirt with the theme of "No Limits". Check the email with the google form. The deadline to vote is this Wednesday, December 13. The t-shirt will then be available for sale soon in Charlie B's.

Holiday Entertainment Night - If you know someone age 5 and older who might like karaoke, ping pong, cookie and ornament decorating and more, let them know about Holiday Entertainment Night on Wednesday, December 20, 6:30-9:00pm, right here at Whitnall High School in the multipurpose room and cafeteria. The cost is just \$5.00. Elementary and middle school students need to be accompanied by an adult, and high schoolers are also welcome.

<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

Got Sneakers -- A fundraiser where you don't have to buy or sell anything! 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: https://gotsneakers.com/. If you have questions, please contact the Music Boosters at boosterswhitnallmusic@gmail.com.

<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.

<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.

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.

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.

he 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 19, January 16
- Marines December 12, January 9, January 23

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.

<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.