

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 18, 2023

Pre-Winter Break Spirit Wear Dress Up Days - Winter break is almost here so join in on spirit wear days!

- Today is holiday pajamas.
- Tuesday is holiday headwear.
- Wednesday is color wars.
 - Freshmen - Silver
 - Sophomores - Gold
 - Juniors - Green
 - Seniors - Red
 - Staff - White or Cream
- Thursday is holiday socks.
- Friday - Ugly Sweater Day

International Club members - Please check your GroupMe app for information on our excursion to Candy Cane Lane this evening. Also, the December gift exchange activity has been moved to this Thursday morning (December 21) at 7:00am in room 222. Bring your wrapped gift on Thursday morning, and we will do a classic Yankee gift swap.

Seniors - 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.

The AP Spanish students would like to express a sincere and heartfelt GRACIAS to the students in the Spanish and French classrooms who helped to make our Stork's Nest community service project a huge success. Due to your generosity and kindness we raised close to \$700 which we used to buy additional food, baby supplies and diapers to add to your fantastic donations. Thank you also to the Spanish and French teachers as well as other staff members who also helped us. Tuesday the AP Spanish students will be going to the Sixteenth Street Clinic to deliver these donations and converse with the families in Spanish. We are very proud of them and wish them well in this activity. Thank you again!

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.

National Honor Society Facial Tissue Drive - if you're not already coughing and sneezing, you probably will be this winter since it's Holiday Sneezin' time so bring in boxes of facial tissue and put them in the snowman box outside the office. This is sponsored by National Honor Society.

Winter Art Showcase - Come to the Winter Showcase on Thursday, December 21, 6:00-8:00pm. The showcase will feature the best works from talented student artists in digital arts, drawing and painting, sculpture, ceramics, AP art and more. We will have light refreshments, live music, interactive exhibits and take home projects for art lovers of all ages.

Are you looking to get in shape for track and field? 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.

Dual Enrollment Academy - For students who will be seniors next year, learn more about MATC's Dual Enrollment Academy program. Attend an upcoming informational night to hear from faculty who are experts in the field about how participating in this program throughout your senior year can help jumpstart your career, learn more and ask questions. Check the posted flyers or the website calendar for a QR code for details on these sessions. Anyone interested in this program will need to submit an application in February, 2024.

Clubs/Activities

Geology Club meets every other Wednesday after school in room 256. The club will next meet on January 10 and January 24.

The Way will meet on Friday, December 22, in room 110 from 7:05-7:30. All are welcome.

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
- 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.

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.

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.

- Army National Guard - December 19, January 16
- Marines - 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.

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.