

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 18, 2024

Library Jar Raffle Winners - Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the library "Guess the Book in a Jar" raffle. The book was *Catching Fire*. The student winners are Addie Cole and Evangelinn Witz, and the staff winner is Miss Gosseck-McNeal.

Spring Play Auditions - Auditions for the spring play are being held on January 2, 5:00-7:30pm, in the auditorium. It will be *The Importance of Being Earnest*, a hilarious British comedy that parodies high society. All experience levels are welcome to audition. Featuring zany, over-the-top characters, Whitnall's Theatre program is looking to cast eight to nine roles, plus understudies. No memorization is needed for auditions.

Audition Requirements:

- 1) Sign up to audition on [Sign-up Genius](#)
- 2) Fill out and bring an [Audition Form](#) (please write legibly)
- 3) Attend auditions.
- 4) [Character descriptions](#)

Audition Material: Auditions will consist of reading scenes and monologues from the script. No memorization is necessary. Additionally, auditionees will learn how to perform with a British accent. An audition overview is [here](#).

Performances are March 14 and 15 at 7:00pm and Sunday, March 16 at 2:00pm. Strike (tearing down the set) will occur immediately following the final performance.

Spirit Week continues with:

- Today - Color Wars with juniors and seniors in red and freshmen and sophomores in green.
- Thursday - Ski Day
- Friday - Color Wars 2.0 with students in white

On Friday, we are having a staff/student volleyball game and pep rally. If you signed up for Mr. Tollefsen's Falcon Time and now want to go to the game and pep rally, change your Falcon Time to Mr. Van Grinsven's for Friday. When Mr. Tollefsen's Falcon Time is full, it's full.

2024-25 Yearbook - You can order this year's yearbook [here](#).

Lost and Found - If you are missing something, check the Lost and Found table outside the office. Any items remaining on Friday will be donated or tossed out.

Seniors - Your senior quotes are due no later than January 1! To submit, read and follow the guidelines attached to the form [here](#). The yearbook staff reserves the right to reject any submission for any reason. If you do not submit an appropriate quote, or if you fail to submit one at all, Mr. Gleason and Mr. Galante will select a quote for you. Don't miss this opportunity to make your mark in the yearbook!

National Honor Society Students are available for tutoring during Falcon Time. Scan the QR code on posters around school to make an appointment with a student who can help you with a specific subject. You will then need to sign up for Mr. Gleeson's Falcon Time on that day.

Math Tutoring - Whether you're looking to catch up or get ahead, come check out Math Tutoring with Mr. Rojas after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00pm in room 245. Students from all math classes and levels are welcome.

Club/Activities

Drama Club meets TODAY (December 18) at 3:00pm. Mr. Metalsky will host a workshop on learning accents and dialects, including the British dialect.

Forensics Club will meet tomorrow (December 19) at 3:00pm.

"The Way" Christian Club is meeting on Friday (December 20) at 7:00am in room 110. Whether you're curious about the activities or want to deepen your faith, this is a great opportunity to connect with fellow students. We look forward to seeing you there!

REDgen meets Mondays from 2:50-3:45pm in room 248. All students interested in promoting mental health and well-being are encouraged to join. Sign up through Infinite Campus, and email Ms. Omar at homar@whitnall.com if you have any questions.

Science Club next meets on January 7 and meets every other Tuesday after school from 3:00-4:00pm in room 256.

College Visits - College representatives come here periodically. Sign up in the Counseling Office by noon the day before if you're interested in attending.

- Mondays, MATC, 10:00am-12:00pm
- Yale University, December 19, 4th hour

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.

Military and National Guard Visits - Representatives plan to be here on:

- Air Force ROTC - December 18, January 15
- Army - no current visits planned
- Army National Guard - January 13
- Marines - January 14, January 28
- Navy - January 6

Stop by their table to find out more and get your questions answered.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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.

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.

The Charlie B's school store is open during A and B lunch hours. Come grab a snack, drink or some spirit wear! Charlie B's is located behind the cafeteria.

Parking Pass - If you are driving to school, you must have a WHS parking pass on your vehicle. Both student fees and the parking fee must be paid before you get a pass. Stop in the main office to get yours. Do not park in designated district or visitor spots or you will be ticketed.

Breakfast is Available - Just a reminder that breakfast is available at the high school starting at 7:00am. A la carte items are also available for purchase. We would love to have you join us!

Lost and Found - Check the lost and found table outside the office for things you might be missing.

All Students -

- **Do not open or prop doors** to the outside of our building. All students need to enter in through Door #1.
- If you have to leave the building during the school day, **you may only exit the building through Door #1**. Please sign out with Ms. Beyer as you are leaving.
- Remember to bring everything you need to school in the morning since you will need an escort to go back out to your vehicle, and someone is not always available.
- All food deliveries must be dropped off by a **parent or guardian** at Door #1 which is the main entrance. If you are picking up your food, please go to the main office.

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.

Regarding Falcon Time, teachers or administration might assign you to a class. If you don't sign up for a Falcon Time with one of your teachers, 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.

Elevator - Only students who have been injured and issued an elevator fob along with one other person to assist them in carrying items, if needed, should be using the elevator in the Science wing. No other students should be accessing this area on the lower level.

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.