

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 6, 2023

### Clubs/Activities

Geology Club will meet TODAY (December 6) and again next Wednesday, December 13, after school in room 256.

Leo Club meets TODAY (December 6) after school in room 212.

Red Cross Club meets again tomorrow (December 7) at 7:00am.

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

**REDgen** is excited to share an opportunity with you! Next Tuesday, December 12th REDgen is hosting a training on Teen Mental Health First Aid. The event will focus on how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among friends and peers. After the training, students will be prepared to provide support for their peers as well as better cope with mental health challenges themselves and get assistance from a trusted adult. The training will be held as an in school field trip from 2nd-7th hours. If you would like to participate in the training, complete the [Interest Survey](#) linked in the announcements and also pick up a permission slip in the Counseling Office or Ms. Puma's room 218. Completed permission slips are due this Friday, and with limited seats available, priority will be given to students who have turned their permission slips back in first.

**Blood Drive** - Are you 16 or older? Have you signed up to give blood? If not, do it! People need your blood! Check the flyers around school for the QR code to schedule an appointment next Monday right here at WHS. Remember if you are 16, you need to get parent permission so pick up that form in the Counseling Office which you will turn in when you donate blood. If you are 17 or 18, you do not need parent permission. Not only will you be doing a great thing for others, the American Red Cross will email you a \$10 Amazon gift card if you donate.

**Got Sneakers -- A fundraiser where you don't have to buy or sell anything!** Clean out your closets! During the week of December 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:boosterswhitnallmusic@gmail.com).

**Whitnall Design Competition** - 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". Watch for an email with the google form. The deadline to vote is next Wednesday, December 13. The t-shirt will then be available for sale soon in Charlie B's.

**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".

**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.

**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

**Whitnall Middle School is putting on “The Little Mermaid Jr.”** 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 [here](#). Better hurry, tickets are selling fast!

**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 by Friday, December 15.

**Community Paint Night** - 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 [here](#) for details and [here](#) to register.

**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.

**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 - 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.

**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.