

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2024

February is Black History Month, and to recognize this, we will be including a special quote each day.

“Defining myself, as opposed to being defined by others, is one of the most difficult challenges I face.”

—Carol Moseley-Braun, politician and lawyer

Today is the last day to check the lost and found table outside the office. After today, items will be donated or tossed out.

DECA is hosting a drive for Stuffed Animals For Emergencies (SAFE) next Thursday, February 8, at the Whitnall boys basketball game. Please bring unused stuffed animals to donate. You will get raffle tickets for each stuffed animal brought during the game.

Are you interested in joining the Track & Field team? This no-cut spring sport starts in March. Come to an informational meeting about track & field on Monday, February 5, right after school in the multipurpose room. Contact Mrs. De Valk if you have any questions.

Costa Rica, 2025? - Love Spanish? Want to learn about Spanish speaking cultures? See how you can travel with friends and practice your Spanish language skills in beautiful Costa Rica in 2025! Bring your parents or guardians with you to an informational meeting next Wednesday, February 7, 6:30-7:30pm, in the library. Check the fliers around school for the QR code for details.

Clubs/Activities

Lift Club meets on Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm, and Fridays, 3:00-4:00pm, in the weight room. Everyone is welcome – including staff – and there is a workout plan for beginners and off-season athletes or experienced lifters.

Geology Club will meet on Wednesday, February 7, and February 21, after school in room 256.

Summer Early College Credit and Start College Now applications are due February 1. No late applications will be accepted. Go [here](#) for details and applications.

Dual Enrollment Academy - For students who will be seniors next year, there are still a couple of opportunities to learn more about MATC's Dual Enrollment Academy program. Check the posted flyers or the website calendar for a QR code for details on these sessions or go [here](#). Anyone interested in this program will need to submit an application in February, 2024.

Spring Sports Registration - Students who want to participate in a spring sport need to have a valid sports physical and have registered before the first date of practice or tryouts in order to participate:

- Baseball (Boys) - March 18 (Tryouts)

- Golf (Co-Ed) - March 25 (Practice starts)
- Soccer (Girls) - March 18 (Tryouts)
- Softball (Girls) - March 11 (Tryouts)
- Tennis (Boys) - March 25 (Practice starts)
- Track & Field (Boys and Girls) - March 4 (Practice starts)

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

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.

- Air Force - February 28
- Army National Guard - February 6, February 20
- Marines - February 13, February 27
- Navy - February 5

Order Your 2023-24 Yearbook - Order [here](#).

\$70 (Now-February 28, 2024)

\$80 (March 1-April 1, 2024)

The final deadline to place an order online is April 1. 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.

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.

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.