

## **DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

**February is Black History Month** and we will recognize accomplishments each day.

The Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 1930s marked a cultural explosion of African American art, music, and literature centered in Harlem, New York. This period gave rise to legendary figures such as Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, and Duke Ellington, who redefined the portrayal of Black identity and culture in America through their groundbreaking work.

*"If there is no struggle, there is no progress." — Frederick Douglass*

**Get Your Singing Telegrams and Candy Grams!** It's that time of year. Drama Club will be offering singing telegrams and candy grams for Valentine's Day as part of their Sweetheart Serenade fundraiser. During lunch hours this week and next week, stop by Drama Club's table outside the cafeteria to purchase a singing telegram or candygram for your friends, significant others, and secret crushes. Drama Club will serenade your sweethearts and deliver your candy grams next Friday, February 14, for Valentine's Day during 7th and 8th hours. Only \$1 for a candy gram, \$2 for a singing telegram, or \$3 for both.

**The Red Cross Club** will be selling raffle tickets for themed baskets tomorrow (February 11) upstairs near The Cafe. Profits will support disaster relief for the devastation caused by the California wildfires. Support a very important crisis impacting over 75,000 people, and try your luck to win a wonderful basket for yourself or to give as a gift! This is open to all students, staff and families. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 per ticket; buy \$5.00, and get one free; a half wingspan is \$10.00; and a full wingspan is \$20.00. They will also be able to accept cards.

**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.

**Congratulations to the Boys Swim & Dive Team who are 2025 Woodland Conference Champions** – the first time since 2006! Senior Ethan Schutten had an incredible performance, setting two new conference records in both the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Ethan earned three gold medals and one silver, leading the team to victory. Senior Vincent Clementi also had a great showing, with podium finishes in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle, taking 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

In diving, Senior Austin Archiquette brought home a silver medal with a career-best 316-point performance.

But it didn't stop there! In the Varsity 400 freestyle relay, Ethan Schutten, Mason Moore, Caleb Schutten, and Vincent Clementi capped off the meet by winning the event by almost 10 seconds, securing the championship for the Falcons.

The JV competition came down to the wire. The 400 freestyle relay team, consisting of Grant Cole and seniors Marko Krecak, Kosta Volakis, and Danny Goto, needed to out-touch Shorewood High School for the win. And Danny Goto did just that, finishing by a mere 16 hundredths of a second, sealing the victory and sending the team into the Bird Bath celebration!

Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work and dedication. If you see a member of the Boys Swim Team today, make sure to congratulate them on their outstanding accomplishment!

And don't forget, the Falcons will be back in action this weekend at Milton High School for Sectionals, the first step on the road to State! Good luck to all the swimmers as they continue their journey!

**Forensics Results** - Whitnall had 10 student competitors competing against 200 other students at Union Grove High School this past weekend. Two of the students placed 3rd in their categories, and one received an Honorable Mention (4th place). Congratulations to Norah Hooper, 3rd place in solo acting (serous), Mila Petricevic, 3rd place in poetry reading; and Paisley Tonkinson, honorable mention in oratory. The rest of the team of Dakota Bishop, Valerie Borysenko, Kelly Casey, Jacob Fedikovich, Sarah Freek, Mae Kobza, and Sarah Wise also competed and did well.

**Wrestling Results** - On Saturday, the Varsity Wrestling team wrestled at the Woodland Conference tournament. Wrestlers that placed were: Aiden Kasten - 4th place; Dylan Bradley - 5th place; Damien Thomas - 2nd place; Peyton Skrumbellos - 2nd place; and Timo Blankenbehler - 5th place.

**Spring Sports Registration** - If you are interested in participating in a spring sports – that's baseball, softball, girls soccer, boys tennis, golf or track & field – the deadline to register in Infinite Campus is March 1. If you need a sports physical, get that scheduled now.

**Math Tutoring** - 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.

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

### **Club/Activities**

**REDgen** meet every other Monday 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](mailto:homar@whitnall.com) if you have any questions. Planned future meetings are February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, March 31, April 7, April 21, May 5 and May 19.

**Science Club** next meets February 18 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

**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 - February 5, February 27, March 5
- Army - February 19, March 19
- Army National Guard - February 10, March 10
- Marines - February 11, February 25, March 11
- Navy

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.