

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2024

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

“Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they’ve been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It’s an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It’s a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing.” —Muhammad Ali

Dismissal is at 10:45 tomorrow, February 16. Buses will be here at that time.

Mock Trial meets today after school in room 248.

Lift Club is meeting today from 3:00-4:00 instead of Friday.

Boys Rugby - Any boys interested in playing rugby this spring should attend a brief meeting of the Whitnall Rugby Club in the cafeteria TODAY (February 15) at 3:00pm.

REDgen Paper Chain - Stop by REDgen at all lunches today to add to our paper chain by letting them know about something you hold close to your heart, or something that makes you love yourself or others. You will get a sweet treat after you add to our chain that shows how we connect our school together.

Red Cross Club “random of act of kindness” bingo sheet due February 16 before dismissal. Did you turn in your completed Red Cross Club “random act of kindness” bingo sheet? Do that tomorrow before dismissal to get your treat or small prize.

Find out about Youth Apprenticeships for your junior or senior year. Sign up for Janet Callender’s Falcon Time next Wednesday, February 21, to learn about Whitnall’s youth apprenticeship program and to get your questions answered.

Flash Falcon - Activities/athletics is looking for interested students to be Flash Falcon at upcoming events. See Ms. Grueneberg in the office.

Seniors - If you did not order your cap and gown for graduation yet, order it from Jostens very soon. Go [here](#).

For those students who were notified that they qualified for a high honors award, you have until this Friday to order your award. The cost is \$5.00.

Join in on the Red Cross Club’s “random acts of kindness” month:

- Pick up your bingo sheet and return it before dismissal on Friday.
- A few gas cards will be given out randomly this week.
- The club is taking baked goods, fruit or other treats to the Greenfield Police Department and Fire Department next Wednesday, February 21. **You do not need to be in the Red Cross Club to help out with this and support our local police and firefighters!** Please drop off items on February 20 or February 21 before 7:30am to room 273. Thank you for helping with this act of kindness!

Juniors - Still thinking about dual enrollment academy for next year? There is one more virtual MATC overview session on Wednesday, February 21. Go [here](#). The deadline to apply is March 1.

Clubs/Activities

Lift Club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays from 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 21, after school in room 256.

The Way, a Christian club, will meet on February 23, from 7:00-7:30am in room 110 (the computer lab downstairs).

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:

- Track & Field (Boys and Girls) - March 4 (Practice starts)
- Softball (Girls) - March 11 (Tryouts)
- Soccer (Girls) - March 18 (Tryouts)
- Baseball (Boys) - March 18 (Tryouts)
- Golf (Co-Ed) - March 25 (Practice starts)
- Tennis (Boys) - March 25 (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, Thursday, February 22, 10:00-12:00pm

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.

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.

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, April 24

- Army National Guard - February 20, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 5, May 21, June 4
- Marines - February 27, April 9, April 23, May 14, May 28
- Navy - March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

Lost and Found - Check the lost and found cabinet in the main entrance for things you might be missing.

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.