

## **DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

*This Wisconsin School Observance Day honors the first president of the United States, George Washington, who was born February 22, 1732 and died 1799. He is honored for his efforts to create a new nation dedicated to the rights of the people.*

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

Emmett Till, a 14-year-old boy, was brutally murdered in 1955 for allegedly whistling at a white woman. His open-casket funeral, organized by his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, revealed the brutality of his death to the world. The tragedy became a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

*"What happens to any of us, anywhere in the world, had better be the business of us all." — Mamie Till-Mobley*

**Walk of Champions - Boys Swim & Dive** - Today, we're here to recognize an incredible achievement by our Whitnall Boys Swimming and Diving Team—a group of dedicated athletes who have made history this season!

The Falcons had a season to remember, finishing second place in conference relays and capturing the 2025 Woodland Conference Championship for the first time since 2007! They also wrapped up the year with an impressive 5-1 conference dual meet record and secured a 3rd place finish at the sectional meet—an outstanding accomplishment that reflects the team's hard work, perseverance, and determination.

To qualify for the WIAA State Tournament, athletes must either win their sectional event or rank among the top 12 fastest times across the entire state. Only the best swimmers and divers from Wisconsin earn the opportunity to compete at this level.

This year, Whitnall is proud to represent our school in 9 out of 12 possible events—a testament to the incredible depth and talent of this team. This achievement continues Whitnall's rich tradition of excellence, marking the 22nd state appearance in the last 25 years—a legacy of consistent hard work, dedication, and success.

Ethan Schutten made his return to state by winning both the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle at sectionals. This marks his first trip back to state since his sophomore year, when he was crowned state champion in the 500 freestyle. This season, Ethan has dominated pools across Wisconsin, setting records in eight different facilities and breaking three school records right here at Whitnall. At state, Ethan will compete in both freestyle relays, the 200 freestyle, and will look to reclaim his title as the state champion in the 500-yard freestyle.

Vincent Clementi, a senior captain, secured his spot at state with stellar performances in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle. At sectionals, Vincent delivered a season-best performance to earn a silver medal in the 100 freestyle and placed among the top 16 in the state in the 200 freestyle.

Mason Moore qualified for state in the 50-yard freestyle, as well as the 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle relay, and 400 freestyle relay—proving his skill, speed, and versatility across multiple events.

Senior captain Elias Argyres will represent Whitnall in the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay, bringing his expertise as the team's butterfly specialist and showcasing his strength in what many consider the toughest stroke in competitive swimming.

Caleb Schutten made an incredible push to qualify for state, dropping an astounding 16 seconds in his final week of competition to earn a spot in the 200 Individual Medley. He also set a personal best in the 100-yard backstroke and will be swimming the backstroke leg in the 200 medley relay and joining the 400 freestyle relay team.

Josh Lenz will take on the breaststroke leg in the 200 medley relay, having improved his 100-yard breaststroke time by an impressive seven seconds this season—a testament to his dedication and drive.

In diving, Austin Archiquette returns for his second consecutive state appearance in the 1-meter diving event. After perfecting his craft over the last three years, Austin is ready to showcase his best 11 dives on the state stage.

Supporting the team's success are seniors Daniel Goto and Marko Krecak, along with sophomore Grant Cole. These athletes have been invaluable to the program, demonstrating exceptional commitment, teamwork, and improvement throughout the season.

It's important to also recognize the entire Whitnall boys swim and dive team for their dedication, hard work, and countless hours spent training this season. Every athlete contributed to this remarkable journey, helping the Falcons build on their proud tradition of excellence.

This outstanding season was guided by Head Coach Perry Perkins, supported by Assistant Coach Yesenia Alivia and Emeritus Coach Rachel Lenz. The team's efforts have also been bolstered by their dedicated management crew, Lily Jenich and Addy Cole.

Let's take a moment to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and passion of this extraordinary team. Their accomplishments have brought pride to Whitnall High School and serve as an inspiration to us all.

We wish the team the best of luck as they compete today at the WIAA State Tournament in Waukesha. Go Falcons—Whitnall is behind you all the way!

**Walk of Champions - DECA** - At the beginning of January, DECA had their district level competition. Each competitor completed a business cluster exam and two role plays where they had to provide solutions to an issue a business was facing. The following competitors have qualified and will compete at State over the next few days in hopes of advancing to Internationals in Orlando, Florida in April. Charlie B's School Based Enterprise Project has already earned us two spots to Internationals.

Congrats to these competitors and good luck at State!

- Eleesia Holmes and Lanie Acevedo Marketing Management Team Decision Making and School Based Enterprise Project
- Marisa Clementi for Principles of Marketing and Business Operations Solutions Project
- Emily Teixeira for Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Kara Berquist for Accounting Applications
- Rylan Baake and Alyssa Klitzka for Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making

**Walk of Champions - Cheer** - Congratulations to our Varsity Cheer team for again making it to the WACPC State Championship! After attending the National Cheerleading Championship for the second year in a row, this highly talented team led by seniors Riley Clark, Kam Fritsche, and Alora Quackenbush are ready to finish the season strong by bringing home another trophy for the school! You've got it, ladies!

**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.

**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.

**Trades Hiring Event** - There is a Trades Hiring Event on Wednesday, March 5, 5:00-7:00pm, at Franklin High School. If you are a senior looking for work after graduation or a sophomore or junior considering a youth apprenticeship, you won't want to miss this. Go [here](#) for the flyer.

**The district art show** will celebrate Youth Art Month on March 6, 6:00-8:00pm, by showcasing the incredible talents of students from K5 through high school. The event will feature live music performances, demonstrations, collaborative art projects, and more!

**Community Paint Night** - Unleash your creativity and have fun with friends and family at an upcoming Community Paint Night! Not only will you enjoy a relaxing evening of painting, but you'll also be supporting the WHS 2026 Japan trip. For just \$30, you'll receive everything you need: a canvas, paints, and guided instruction to create your own stunning 16x20 masterpiece! Plus, we'll provide snacks and beverages to keep the creativity flowing. There are limited spots so sign up early. Go [here](#) for details.

**Children's Art Day** - If you know someone who might like the National Art Honor Society's Children's Art Day on April 26, see the daily announcements for details. Children of all ages can join the fun of art making with the talented Whitnall High School NAHS students. Go here for the details and to sign up.

**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 February 24, March 3, March 17, March 31, April 7, April 21, May 5 and May 19.

**Science Club** next meets March 4 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
- Tuesday, April 1, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, 2nd 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 - February 27, March 5, April 2, April 22
- Army - March 19, April 16
- Army National Guard - March 10, April 14
- Marines - February 25, March 11, April 8, April 22
- Navy - April 7

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.