

## **DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

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

Oprah Winfrey, often called the "Queen of Media," became the first Black female billionaire and has been a trailblazer in television, publishing, and philanthropy. Her iconic talk show, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, inspired millions and addressed topics that elevated Black voices and experiences.

*"Turn your wounds into wisdom." — Oprah Winfrey*

**As we gear up for March Reading Madness, [Book Brackets](#) are back!** Individual brackets are available in the library. Fill one out and submit it in the library by the end of the day on Friday, 2/27. Then, vote all March long. Prizes for the best brackets will be awarded before spring break.

**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 due March 1** - 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.

**Congratulations to Damien Thomas** who qualified for the WIAA individual State wrestling tournament! Damien finished 2nd place in a tough sectional tournament to advance to Madison and will start wrestling this Thursday at 1:30pm at the Kohl Center. Good Luck, Damien!

**Congratulations to the Cheer Team** who finished second at State and received the highest score this season!

**Boys Swim & Dive State Results** - This past weekend, our Whitnall Boys Swimming and Diving Team competed at the 101st WIAA State Championship at Waukesha South High School, and it was truly a meet for the record books!

The Falcons finished an impressive 7th overall in Division 2 play, continuing Whitnall's proud tradition of excellence with state appearances in 22 of the last 25 years. Even more impressive, our athletes represented Whitnall in 10 of the 12 events—a clear reflection of the team's depth, talent, and hard work throughout the season.

Leading the charge was Ethan Schutten, who made history by setting two new state records! Ethan broke the previous marks in both the 200-yard freestyle with a blazing time of 1:37.67 and the 500-yard freestyle with an incredible 4:22.79. He also set a new school record in the 50-yard freestyle with his lead-off split in the 200-yard freestyle relay, securing his fifth school record overall.

The team also broke new ground in the 400-yard freestyle relay, where Vincent Clementi, Mason Moore, Caleb Schutten, and Ethan Schutten raced to a second-place finish, setting a new Whitnall High School record with a time of 3:14.48.

Every member of this incredible team contributed to this historic achievement:

- In 1-meter diving, Austin Archiquette earned an impressive 7th place, showcasing his dedication and precision.
- In the 200-yard freestyle, senior captain Vincent Clementi secured 11th place with a strong performance.
- Caleb Schutten placed 12th in the 200-yard Individual Medley and 15th in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing his season on a high note.
- Mason Moore finished 13th in the highly competitive 50-yard freestyle, proving himself among the fastest sprinters in the state.
- In the 100-yard freestyle, senior captain Vincent Clementi also placed 8th, bringing home more valuable points for the Falcons.
- The 200-yard medley relay team of Caleb Schutten, Josh Lenz, Elias Argyres, and Mason Moore finished in 12th place, contributing to the team's overall success.
- In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Ethan Schutten, Elias Argyres, Vincent Clementi, and Mason Moore finished 8th, with Ethan's record-setting lead-off split setting the tone for the race.

We also want to recognize the invaluable contributions of our seniors, including Daniel Goto, Marko Krecak, and Kosta Volakis, who have shown unwavering dedication, leadership, and commitment throughout their time with the program.

This season was truly a team effort, and every athlete played a crucial role in helping Whitnall achieve this incredible success.

If you're inspired by this historic season and are interested in becoming part of one of the fastest teams in the state, we encourage you to reach out to any member of the swim team to learn how you can get involved.

**Girls Basketball Conference Champs T-Shirts** are available for just \$5.00. Contact Mr. Parr if you want one.

**Free ACT Test & College/Career Readiness Workshop** - There is a free ACT Test & College/Career Readiness Workshop on Wednesday, March 5, 6:00-7:30pm, at the Franklin Public Library. Go [here](#) for the flyer.

**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. [See details in the daily announcements](#). 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 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.