

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2025

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

The Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, aimed to eliminate barriers like literacy tests and poll taxes that were used to suppress Black voters. It was a major victory for civil rights activists like John Lewis, who dedicated their lives to fighting voter suppression.

"The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democratic society." — John Lewis

Walk of Champions - Congratulations to Sophomore, Damien Thomas, for qualifying for this year's Individual State Wrestling tournament held in Madison at the Kohl Center. Damien is a talented wrestler that puts in a lot of extra work outside of school to be the best wrestler he can be. Damien qualified for the state tournament by taking 2nd place at a tough sectional tournament. After two years of high school wrestling, he has a career record of 72-25. Good Luck, Damien!

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.

The Red Cross Club hosts a bake sale tomorrow before school, and during all lunches upstairs near The Cafe to raise funds for March's Random Acts of Kindness activities. Everything is just \$1.00 or buy five and get one free. Cash or card will be accepted!

The Fall 2025 Early College Credit and Start College Now applications are due tomorrow (February 28). No late applications will be accepted.

Girls Basketball T-Shirts - Support the girls basketball program and buy your back-to-back conference championship t-shirt for only \$5.00. Contact Coach Parr for yours.

DECA Results - Over the last three days DECA members competed at State in a variety of individual, team, and project events. Congratulations to the following students who placed and will advance to the International competition in Orlando, Florida at the end of April!

- Juniors Lanie Acevedo and Eleessia Holmes qualified for both their Marketing Management Team Event (7th place) and School Store Enterprise Project (6th place). They will be taking the School Store Enterprise Project to Internationals.
- Junior Kara Berquist qualified for the Elevate Emerging Leaders Event.
- Freshman Marisa Clementi was a finalist in her Business Solutions Project and will be attending Internationals for her Principles of Marketing Event where she placed 2nd overall!

Wish them luck at the next stage of competition!

Whitnall High School 3v3 March Madness Tournament - Get ready for some hoops action! Whitnall High School is hosting a 3v3 March Madness Basketball Tournament, and YOU could be a champion!

Who Can Play?

- Any 9th-12th grade student in good standing (academics, behavior, and attendance) is eligible to participate.

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- The tournament will take place during upperclassmen Falcon Time in both gyms.
- Start date: TBD (as soon as both the girls' and boys' basketball seasons are over).

Why Play?

- Prizes will be awarded to the tournament champions!

How to Sign Up?

- Pick up a Tournament Registration Packet in the main office.
- Registration Deadline: Monday, March 10 at 3:00pm

Don't wait—REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW!!!

2024-25 Yearbook - The price goes up again on Saturday, March 1, for the yearbook so order yours before then. Time is running out to make sure you get this year's yearbook. You can order this year's yearbook [here](#).

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.

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.

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!

Whitnall Fall Play - Spring is in the air, and so is love, mistaken identities, and muffins. Whitnall Theatre's spring comedy, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, will be performing March 14-16. Oscar Wilde's hilarious British comedy about manners and mistaken identity features slapstick fights, zany characters, hilarious hijinks, and a unique twist --- the audience will be sitting on the stage, mere inches from the performers. Tickets are available now, and seating is very limited --- purchase online, or use the QR code on one of the posters around the school. Don't miss this incredibly hilarious, once-in-a-lifetime experience!

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.

Club/Activities

Forensics Club and Drama Club will meet after school today (February 27) from 3:00-4:30pm in the choir room. Drama club will meet first to discuss the Drama Club show and Drama Day events then Forensics will work on their competition pieces.

"The Way" Christian Club will meet tomorrow (February 28) at 7:00am in room 110. Whether you're curious about our activities or want to deepen your faith, this is a great opportunity to connect with fellow students. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Whitnall International Club is hosting a meeting this coming Tuesday, March 4 at 7:05am in room 222. We will enjoy Mardi Gras treats, discuss the April Cafe Chat, and learn more about Raiyan and his home country. It is not too late to check out the International Club. We hope to see you there!

Science Club next meets March 4 and meets every other Tuesday after school from 3:00-4:00pm in room 256.

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 if you have any questions. Planned future meetings are February 24, March 10, March 17, March 31, April 7, April 21, May 5 and May 19.

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
- Wednesday, March 5, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, 2nd hour
- Friday, March 7, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, 4th hour
- 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 - 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.