

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2024

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

“We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort.”

—Jesse Owens, world record-setting Olympic athlete

The Random Act of Kindness suggestion from the Red Cross Club is to compliment three people today!

Costa Rica, 2025? - Love Spanish? Want to learn about Spanish speaking cultures? See how you can travel with friends and practice your Spanish language skills in beautiful Costa Rica in 2025! Bring your parents or guardians with you to an informational meeting next Wednesday, February 7, 6:30-7:30pm, in the library. Check the fliers around school for the QR code for details.

Congratulations to Whitnall Basketball! The girls and boys teams have secured the Woodland East Championships! This is the first such championship for the girls team in 15 years. Great job, student athletes and coaches!

Boys Swim and Dive - This past weekend the Whitnall High School boys, led by captains Chris Hinson, Matt Chesney and Elias Argyres, competed in the Woodland Conference Swimming and Diving Championship Meet at Greenfield High School.

The boys all swam great with many of them finishing with personal best times. Top finishers include junior Vincent Clementi taking home a set of medals with a 2nd place in the 200 yard freestyle and a 3rd place in the 100 yard freestyle. Sophomore Josh Lenz found a reoccurring place on the championship block with a set of 3rd place medals in both the 500 yard freestyle and the 100 yard breaststroke. Freshman Caleb Schutten helped improve the team's standing with a 3rd place finish in the 100 yard backstroke. In addition to the individual successes, the boys finished with two 3rd place finishes in the 200 yard relays and a 4th place finish in the 400 free relay.

Junior Austin Archiquette was crowned conference diving champion on Saturday. Austin finished with a personal best score of 273.15 points. Not only does Austin's performance mark the second diving title in as many years for the boys team, but for the second year in a row, Whitnall has won the event at both the boys and girls conference meet.

The Falcons move on to compete in the State Swimming and Diving Tournament this weekend, with the sectionals meet. The boys remain optimistic as they are looking to solidify their place at the State Champion Meet.

Clubs/Activities

Lift Club meets on Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm, and Fridays, 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 today (February 7) and on Wednesday, February 21, after school in room 256.

Red Cross Club will meet tomorrow (February 8) at 7:05am at the group's weekly meeting. Tomorrow is an important and mandatory meeting so plan to attend.

The Way, a Christian club, will meet on Friday, February 9, and February 23, from 7:00-7:30am in room 110 (the computer lab downstairs).

Whitnall High School's DECA Chapter is running a stuffed animal drive at the boys basketball games this Thursday, February 8, against St. Thomas More. When you come to the game, please bring brand new or gently used stuffed animals with you. In exchange, they will give you 3 raffle tickets per stuffed animal you bring to put towards raffle baskets of your choice. They will draw the raffles at halftime of the boys varsity game. The stuffed animals will then be donated to an organization called Stuffed Animals For Emergencies (SAFE), where they will be distributed to police stations, fire stations, hospitals, EMTs, counseling services, and social services to comfort kids in scary times. Thank you for your generosity and support of our DECA Chapter.

Dual Enrollment Academy - For students who will be seniors next year, there are still a couple of opportunities to learn more about MATC's Dual Enrollment Academy program. Check the posted flyers or the website calendar for a QR code for details on these sessions or go [here](#). Anyone interested in this program will need to submit an application in February, 2024.

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:

- Baseball (Boys) - March 18 (Tryouts)
- Golf (Co-Ed) - March 25 (Practice starts)
- Soccer (Girls) - March 18 (Tryouts)
- Softball (Girls) - March 11 (Tryouts)
- Tennis (Boys) - March 25 (Practice starts)
- Track & Field (Boys and Girls) - March 4 (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, Mondays, 10:00am-12:00pm
- Grand Canyon University, Tuesday, February 13, 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.

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.

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
- Army - February 7
- Army National Guard - February 20, March 5, March 19
- Marines - February 13, February 27
- Navy - March 4

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.

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.

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.