

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 15, 2024

The Great Hunger in Ireland, from 1845 to 1850, also known as the Great Famine or Irish Potato Famine, is considered by many to be the most tragic event in Irish history.

March is Women's History Month, and we will be recognizing notable women each day.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933 - 2020)

Today we commemorate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Ginsburg spent a lifetime flourishing in the face of adversity and successfully fought against gender discrimination. An exceptional student, Ginsburg finished top of her class at Cornell University and successfully navigated Harvard and Columbia law school while also raising a family. Despite her brilliant academic record, Ginsburg had difficulties finding a job in a male dominated field, and was often forced to accept a much lower salary than her male counterparts. Throughout her career, Ginsburg was an advocate fighting for women's rights and wrote many Supreme Court [opinions](#) in defense of gender equality. Justice Ginsburg proved time and again that she was a force to be reckoned with, and those who doubted her capacity to effectively complete her judicial duties need only to look at her record in oral arguments, where she was among the most avid questioners on the bench. Spend a moment reflecting on how you might serve the underpaid and overworked.



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March Reading Madness - Here is today's thought on reading:

According to Stephen King, "Books are a uniquely portable magic."

Be sure to cast your vote in round three of the [book bracket](#) by the end of the day today.

Whitnall Gives Back Week, is a week every year when we as a school try to give back to our community. This year it's next week, March 18-22, where we are asking for donations for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Each day will be a different donation:

- Monday will be any item.
- Tuesday is body care with items like body wash and deodorant.
- Wednesday is food that is canned or boxed.
- Thursday is new or gently used clothing.
- Friday is mouth care like toothpaste and toothbrushes.

You can bring any item each day, but if you bring in the specific donation on that day, you will get double points for your first hour class. The two classes with the most points at the end of the week will get a breakfast reward when we come back from spring break.

We will also be having spirit days with every day related to a certain vacation people go on for spring break:

- Monday is a staycation so wear something like pajamas.
- Tuesday is a ski trip.
- Wednesday is a beach trip.
- Thursday is a camping trip.
- Friday is a Disney Trip.

We hope you will join the Student Council in having a great Whitnall Gives Back Week before we head off to spring break!

Blood Drive - High school blood drives are vital in helping people and saving lives. Support the Red Cross Club and the Robotics Club and give blood. YOU can make a difference. The drive is Monday, April 1 (the first day back from spring break). Use the QR code to schedule your appointment. Flyers are around the building or get one from Ms. Martin (room 273) or Mr. Aaron Smith (room 259). Donors must be 16 and need a parent consent form (available in room 273 and 259). Seventeen and 18 year olds do not need a consent form, although you need an ID or IC screen shot with their birthdate. Donors will receive a gift. Please support us and help save lives! SIGN UP NOW!

Seniors - Check the local scholarship in Xello. There are some due before spring break. See your counselor with questions. Students, remember to check Xello for a listing of scholarships. New ones are added periodically.

The Red Cross Club will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a themed basket (baking, sports, movie night, gift cards, gardening, self care and many more) on March 14 and 15 before school by the island restrooms and in the cafeteria at all lunches. The cost is \$1:00 for 1 ticket or buy 5, get one free, \$10 for a half wing span, and \$20 for a full wing span. Sales are open to all staff, students and family members. Please support a great cause as proceeds will be directed to disaster relief. Pictures of the baskets are available on the Whitnall Red Cross instagram site. Tickets may be purchased prior to the 14th as well. Contact Ms. Martin in room 273 for more information. Good Luck!

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
- University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, Wednesday, March 20, 2nd hour
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Tuesday, April 16, 2nd hour

Lost and Found - Check the lost and found table outside the office for things you might be missing. Anything not picked up by next Friday, March 22, will be donated or thrown out.

Seniors - If you ordered one, pick up your cap and gown in the office today.

For Seniors - 7th Grade Mud Run Helpers Needed - Seniors, Whitnall Middle School 7th grade is looking for help with their annual Mud Run at the end of the year (Friday, May 24). It's set to take place after lunch until the end of the school day with set-up happening on May 23. Please sign up [here](#) if you are potentially interested in helping set up May 23rd, or helping run stations. They will send a follow-up email later if they have a job for

you, and further details will be shared in the coming weeks/months. If you have questions, contact aannacchino@whitnall.com.

Clubs/Activities

Lift Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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.

Leo Club will meet on Wednesday, March 20, right after school in Mrs. Baeza's room 212.

Geology Club will meet on March 20, after school in room 256.

The Way, a Christian club, will meet on Fridays, March 8 and March 22, from 7:00-7:30am in room 110 (the computer lab downstairs).

Order Your 2023-24 Yearbook - Order [here](#).

\$80 (February 29-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.

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:

- Soccer (Girls) - March 18 (Tryouts)
- Baseball (Boys) - March 18 (Tryouts)
- Golf (Co-Ed) - March 25 (Practice starts)
- Tennis (Boys) - March 25 (Practice starts)

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 - April 24
- Army National Guard - March 19, April 2, April 16, May 5, May 21, June 4
- Marines - April 9, April 23, May 14, May 28
- Navy - April 1, May 6, June 3

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.