

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 20, 2024

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

### **Jane Cooke Wright (1919 - 2013)**

Today we commemorate Jane Cooke Wright. Wright is credited as being a pioneering cancer researcher and surgeon, specifically noted for her contributions to chemotherapy. She was additionally credited with developing the technique of using human tissue culture instead of lab mice in order to test the effects of potential drugs on cancer cells. After attending Smith College and New York Medical College, and completing her residencies where Wright became chief resident, she joined her father at the Cancer Research Foundation at Harlem Hospital where they worked to make chemotherapy more accessible for everyone. Jane C. Wright later became the first Black doctor appointed to a staff position at a hospital in New York City, the city's first Black police surgeon and, in 1971 became the first woman president of the New York Cancer Society. She has won countless awards for her incredible work including the American Association for Cancer Research Award (1975), the "Spirit of Achievement Award", from Albert Einstein College of Medicine (1965), and the Otelia Cromwell Award, Smith College (1981). Spend a moment to reflect on how you can break through obstacles put in front of you by society in order to achieve good for the world.



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

According to Ruth Bader Ginsberg, "Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life."

**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:

- 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:

- 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!

**In December, REDgen organized a Teen Mental Health First Aid training** which gave the participants the resources to support anyone who may be going through a mental health crisis, or who may simply want support with their mental health. If you see a red ribbon tied to someone's backpack, know they have completed this training, and are there to support whatever you may be going through. These could be struggles internally, such as stress or anxiety, or externally, such as friendships or substance misuse; whatever support you need, we're here for you! These conversations will be completely confidential, unless you believe you would hurt yourself or someone else, then we'll help you find a trusted adult. *See a red ribbon, know we're here to listen!*

**Prom** - It's time to really start thinking about Prom! Prom is May 18th, and tickets will be on sale through Infinite Campus from April 1-16. If you would like to bring a guest, those forms are in the office or on the website and will be due on April 10. Check out the Prom FAQs [here](#). All student fees must be paid before you will be able to purchase a Prom ticket.

**Bake Sale** - Check out the bake sale each morning this week before school outside the art rooms and where you come in from the buses. This is a fundraiser for the National Art Honor Society.

**Costa Rica** - The applications to go on the Costa Rica trip in 2025 are due this Wednesday, March 20, by the end of the day to either Mrs. Baeza or Ms. Weir.

**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!

**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 if they have a job for you! Further details will be communicated in the coming weeks/months. If you have any questions, contact [aannacchino@whitnall.com](mailto:aannacchino@whitnall.com).

**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** - 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.

**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-Milwaukee, Tuesday, April 16, 2nd hour

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### **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 Friday, 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:

- 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 - 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.