DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 5, 2025

Throughout March Reading Madness, we'd like to share with you some thoughts on reading:

According to Abraham Lincoln, "Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new after all."

Take a look around the building to see the staff's favorite books, authors, series, and current reads.

Be sure to cast your vote in round one of the book bracket by the end of the day today.

<u>Girls Basketball Fan Bus</u> - If you are interested in taking a fan bus to the girls basketball game tomorrow night, you must sign up in the office by 2:00pm today. There is a \$10 cost, and a permission form will need to be signed. If not enough students sign up by 2:00pm today, this will be cancelled.

If you are attending the game, you need to buy your ticket in advance here.

Interested in hosting a foreign exchange students? Now is your opportunity! Whitnall actually needs a host family for our student by the end of this week. This would be a great experience for your family and a big help as well. Go here for details. Please see details in the daily announcements.

The Red Cross Club is sponsoring a "Random Acts of Kindness" campaign that started Monday and runs through April 4th. There will be activities, opportunities for service work, prizes and surprises for staff and students as we embrace and practice "Random Acts of Kindness" starting with a Random Acts of Kindness Bingo for students and staff to complete for a prize! Please pick up a sheet in 247, and MAKE KINDNESS THE NORM!

The Random Act of Kindness quote for today is:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou

<u>**Trades Hiring Event</u>** - There is a Trades Hiring Event TONIGHT (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 <u>here</u> for the flyer.</u>

Prom - This year's Prom theme is "Great Gatsby". Guest forms are now available in the main office and will be due by April 11. Prom tickets will go on sale April 1.

<u>The district art show</u> 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 --- <u>purchase online</u>, or use the QR code on one of the posters around the school. Don't miss this incredibly hilarious, once-in-a-lifetime experience!

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.

<u>College Visits</u> - 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
- Friday, March 7, University of Wisconsin La Crosse, 4th hour
- Tuesday, April 1, University of Wisconsin Whitewater, 2nd hour

<u>Free ACT Test & College/Career Readiness Workshop</u> - There is a free ACT Test & College/Career Readiness Workshop on Wednesday, March 5, 6:00-7:30pm, at the Franklin Public Library. Go <u>here</u> for the flyer.

<u>2024-25 Yearbook</u> - Timing is running out to order your yearbook. You must order a yearbook by April 1. There is no guarantee you will receive one if you don't order it by then. You can order this year's yearbook <u>here</u>.

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! Pick up the packet in the office to sign up.

- **Who Can Play?**
 - Any 9th-12th grade student in good standing (academics, behavior, and attendance) is eligible to participate.
- When & Where?
 - 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!!! 🏀 🔥

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.

<u>Community Paint Night</u> - 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 <u>here</u> for details.

<u>Children's Art Day</u> - 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

<u>REDgen</u> 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.

Science Club next meets March 18 and meets every other Tuesday after school from 3:00-4:00pm in room 256.

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 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

<u>Check for Scholarships</u> - 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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>daily</u> 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.

<u>The Charlie B's</u> 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.

<u>All Students</u> - 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.

<u>Elevator</u> - 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.