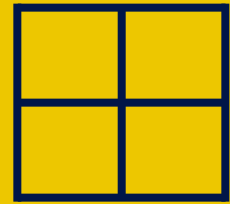


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The Superintendent's Message

In March, I introduced a new way to connect with the Whitnall community—Super Chats. Super Chats are casual breakfast events at which stakeholders can meet me in person, share concerns or successes, and ask any questions they may have. We have already held three, and they have been great opportunities to build relationships and have face to face conversations.



If a community member inquires about whether or not a Whitnall tradition is still being upheld, I'm able to give them an update, like how I shared that we were restarting the Senior Dinner & Show event with this year's musical. If a parent brings up a facility concern, I'm able to share that a citizens' advisory committee has been meeting, touring our schools, and reviewing our capital improvement plan in order to make a recommendation to the board about any future referendum work. If a community member asks about the future of our athletics and activities programming, I'm able to share that we have been engaging our students and parents in our search for our next athletics and activities director. And if a parent expresses curiosity about curriculum, I'm able to invite them to events like our Literacy Nights, which introduced our new K-8 English Language Arts curricula to our families.

Super Chats are a great vehicle for these conversations. I'm able to answer questions, provide opportunities for further engagement, and hear from the community how we might explore the reach of an individual concern or expand on an individual success. If you are interested in attending a Super Chat, my next ones will be held on June 15, July 13, and August 17 at 8:30 AM in the Community Board Room. I hope to see you there!

Lisa L. Olson

Dr. Lisa L. Olson, Superintendent

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Member Updates

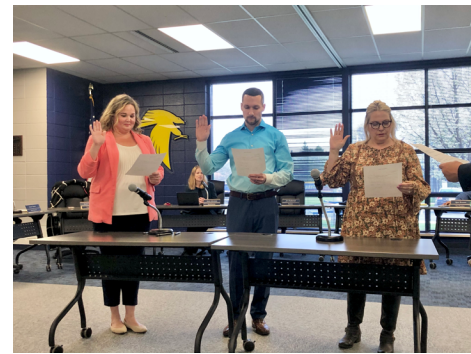
There was a school board election on April 4 of this year. Terms were expiring for three members, but two of those members did not seek reelection. We want to recognize Jonathan Cagle and Nancy Zaborowski for their contributions to the district. Jonathan Cagle served as a school board member for nine years, and Nancy Zaborowski served for fifteen years, making her Whitnall's longest serving board member! Both have acted as the president of the school board. We thank Jonathan and Nancy for their dedication to the district and the role of a school board member. The third member whose term was expiring, Jesse Stachowiak, did seek reelection, and he was elected to another three year term. The other two open seats went to Rachel Scherrer and Cassie Rainer. Jesse, Rachel, and Cassie were inducted at the April 24 school board meeting. Congratulations to all three and welcome to Rachel and Cassie! Following the election, the board underwent a reorganization. At the May 8 school board meeting, Jason Craig became the board president, Cassie Rainer became vice president, Karen Mikolainis became treasurer, and Rachel Scherrer became clerk.



Jonathan Cagle being recognized at the April 10 school board meeting



Nancy Zaborowski being recognized at the April 10 school board meeting



Cassie Rainer, Jesse Stachowiak, and Rachel Scherrer being inducted

Involvement

Before her time on the school board ended, Nancy Zaborowski was given the Service Recognition Award from Greenfield Parks & Recreation for her "outstanding contributions" to *their* board. Nancy served as Whitnall School District's representative.

School board member Quin Brunette attended a budget listening session held by Representative Bob Donovan to advocate for public school funding.

And again this year, Quin Brunette took the Easter bunny for a motorcycle ride through the Whitnall community!



Nancy Zaborowski being awarded on March 10



Quin Brunette with Representative Bob Donovan on March 20



Hoppin' Harley on April 7

Each and every day, our employees demonstrate what it means to be all in, and that deserves some applause. At the start of 2023, we introduced All In Applause, which asks Whitnall staff, parents, students, or community members to nominate our employees for online recognition. Each recognition is shared on social media and in our digital staff and family newsletters. In our last issue of the Whitnall Window, we shared the first four All In Applause recipients, including their actual nominations. In this issue, we would like to share the sixteen staff members who have received All In Applause since then. You can head to our Facebook, Twitter, or website to see the full nominations and future recipients. Join us in giving each of these Whitnall employees a round of All In Applause, and please consider nominating a Whitnall employee. The nomination form is available on social media and on our website.



Josh Koenigs
WHS Custodian



Lori Coyne
HCE Health Room Aide



Shannon Brady
EES Special Ed Teacher



Dave Rottersman
WHS Special Ed Teacher



Jill Matusin
HCE First Grade Teacher



Rachel Padovich
EES K5 Teacher



Steve Wilson
WMS Phys Ed Teacher



Deb Keelan
WHS Kitchen Assistant



Laura Buelow
HCE First Grade Teacher



Jackie Mongan
EES Math Interventionist



Angie Rodenkirch
WMS Special Ed Para



Anthoni Parr
WHS Special Ed Teacher



Cabrina Lake
HCE First Grade Teacher



Dee Schroeder
EES Fourth Grade Teacher



Chris Bily
WMS Social Studies Teacher



Gina Brown
WHS Counselor

New & Redesigned Courses

Whitnall High School is excited to introduce six new courses and five redesigned courses for the 2023-24 school year. The students were surveyed in fall to provide their insights on current and future courses. The survey results helped to determine topics of interest, career pathways, and skills needed after high school. Students identified a desire for courses in health science and technology, as well as courses that will prepare them for college or a career by teaching skills such as time management, personal finance, and interpersonal skills. The new and redesigned courses have increased rigor, and some will even earn students postsecondary credit or industry certification. Please see the full list below. Courses with a * give students the opportunity to earn postsecondary credit. Courses with a # give students the opportunity to earn industry certification.

new courses		redesigned courses	
Microsoft Office Certification	*	Personal Finance	*
Sports Medicine		College Algebra	
Personal Health & Wellness		Human Anatomy & Physiology	*
Forensic Science		Sociology	*
Home Repair & Maintenance		Building Trades 2	#
Advanced Placement Seminar	*		

We are glad that we were able to respond to student input by providing more rigorous courses that prepare students for life after high school. We believe that by offering courses that meet their desires and needs, we are not only enhancing their education but also supporting their personal growth. When students registered for next year, these courses were popular, which tells us that we have met their expectations. We hope these courses empower our students to achieve their goals and thrive in their chosen paths.

Perfect ACT Score

On March 7, all Whitnall High School juniors took the ACT, a standardized test used for college admissions, and one of our students received a perfect score of 36! This is very impressive and very rare. According to ACT data, only around 0.3% of test takers receive a perfect score. Yes, you read that correctly: 0.3%. Congratulations to junior James Stamm on this accomplishment. The photo to the right is from when James was recognized for this accomplishment at the May 8 school board meeting.



Congrats, James!

WHS Spring Musical

Whitnall High School's spring musical was the first weekend of May. Congratulations to the cast and crew of Mean Girls on an incredible production!



Boys Basketball

On March 11, Whitnall Boys Basketball became sectional champions and earned their spot in the state tournament in Madison. They won the semifinal game against La Crosse Central on March 17 and moved on to the championship game on March 18. Although they did not leave the tournament with the title of state champions, we want to congratulate the team on a great season and on the accomplishment of making it all the way to the state championship! The photo to the right is from the Walk of Champions when the entire high school showed their support before the team left for the state tournament.



Recent State Competitors

Boys Basketball wasn't the only program that went to state. Congratulations to all of the following sports / activities for having students compete at the state level!

Boys Swim & Dive, Cheer, Cross Country, Dance, DECA, Forensics, Girls Swim & Dive, Gymnastics, Mock Trial, SkillsUSA, Wrestling

6 | PAY DAY

On April 18, all Whitnall High School juniors participated in Pay Day. Pay Day is a personal finance simulation that gives students a taste of real-world expenses. Each student is given a paycheck based on a career they choose for themselves. Then, they visit a series of booths and have to make loan payments, pay bills, and even cover unexpected expenses from the "fate" booth. This is a great way for students to practice the important life skills of money management and budgeting. Pay Day is an annual event, so every graduating class will eventually participate in the Pay Day experience!

A huge thank you to the local businesses and community volunteers who ran the booths. This event would not be possible without their help and expertise. All of the organizations that contributed are listed below.

Benefit Realty
Greenfield Fire Department
Hales Corners Library
Holz Motors
Medrano Injury Law
Motivating Minds

Outlook Management Group
Park's Edge Preschool
Root River Realty
Sara Deacon Coaching
Smart Living
Syn-City Service

Treasured Estates & Cleanouts
TriCity National Bank
TruStone Financial Credit Union
Whitnall Park Rotary Club



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To see a video of the event, just scan the QR code to the right!



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Kevin Stachowiak	Member, Franklin



Whitnall Hall of Fame

We are currently accepting nominations for 2023 Whitnall Hall of Fame inductees. The Whitnall Hall of Fame honors impactful athletes, coaches, and supporters. If you would like to nominate someone, you can visit the Hall of Fame page on Whitnall High School's website. The nomination window closes on July 1, 2023.

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