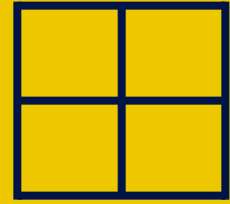


THE WHITNALL WINDOW



SUMMER
23-24



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The Superintendent's Message

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you today, just over a month after assuming my role as Superintendent. In this short time, I have been deeply impressed by the dedication and professionalism of our Whitnall community. From our exceptional faculty members to our committed community leaders, I have received a warm welcome that reflects our shared commitment to the success and well-being of our students.



As we navigate through the remaining weeks of summer, my focus remains on ensuring a smooth transition and preparing for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. I am dedicated to upholding and enhancing the high standards of education and support that the Whitnall School District is known for. Together we will explore new avenues for growth and innovation to further enrich the educational experience of our students.

I encourage you to continue enjoying these final days of summer, as we look forward to an eventful fall. The Whitnall School District will be seeking a referendum on the November 5th ballot, and I invite you to stay informed and engaged in this important process.

Thank you for your warm welcome and ongoing support. I am honored to serve as your Superintendent and am eager to embark on this journey together.

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These remarkable individuals represent the heart and soul of the Whitnall Community. Their dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to excellence are what make our schools a special place to learn and grow. Let's join together in celebrating their outstanding contributions and continue to support them as they inspire and lead our students to success.

Stay tuned for more stories of our incredible "All In Applause" staff members in the upcoming school year and how to nominate those you feel demonstrate the "All In" attitude.



Scott Breuchel
WMS Lead Custodian



Nick Pogorelic
WHS Social Studies Teacher



Cyndi Krall
HCE 4th Grade Teacher



Dave Goeb
EES Noon Hour Supervisor



Kelsey Meyer
WMS Language Arts Teacher



Janet Callender
WHS School Counselor



Megan Coolidge
HCE 2nd Grade Teacher



Kathryn Oliva
EES 1st Grade Teacher



Jackie Sardina
WMS Special Education Para-professional



Rachel Licht
WHS Physical Education Teacher



On August 12 the Whitnall School Board unanimously voted to pursue a capital referendum slated for the upcoming November ballot. This referendum proposes a total investment of \$79.1 million to address the district’s crucial infrastructure and facility needs.

This move comes following the district’s successful 2018 referendum, which secured \$16.1 million in funding. Thanks to diligent fiscal management and strategic planning, the Whitnall School District paid off the full debt at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, fourteen years ahead of schedule. This proactive measure saved taxpayers a substantial \$2.5 million and also contributed to a reduction in the district’s mill rate.

The proposed capital referendum aims to build upon these fiscal achievements to enhance Whitnall’s educational facilities further and support infrastructure. With the proposed capital referendum, the Whitnall School District is looking to address these critical items with their proposed costs:



Whitnall High School

- \$20.5M Addition (8-lane Pool, Support Spaces, Mezzanine Seating, and Event Lobby)
- \$24.4 Renovation (Science Wing, Kitchen, Auditorium, Locker Rooms, Gyms, Weight/Fitness)
- \$0.6M Sitework
- \$8.3M Capital Improvement Plan Items

Whitnall Middle School

- \$1.7M Capital Improvement Plan Items

Edgerton Elementary School

- \$9.7M Addition (Gym and Classrooms)
- \$3.2M Renovation (4K Classrooms, Office Expansion, Cafeteria/Kitchen, Restrooms)
- \$1.4M Sitework and Courtyard
- \$4.2M Capital Improvement Plan Items

Hale Corners Elementary

- \$5.1M Capital Improvement Plan Items

Community Informational Sessions

The Whitnall School District is hosting informational sessions at Edgerton Elementary School and Whitnall High School. These sessions are designed to give community members an opportunity to familiarize themselves with our school buildings and their needs as we approach the upcoming referendum this fall. We encourage all residents to attend, ask questions, and learn more about how these facilities support our students and what improvements are planned. Your involvement is crucial as we work together towards a brighter future for our schools.

Tuesday, September 24

Whitnall High School
6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 16

Edgerton Elementary School
6:00 PM

Thursday, October 24

Whitnall High School
6:00 PM

Stay Connected

If you want to stay up to date on this journey, be sure to check the Referendum 2024 page of our website, which will be continuously updated. Simply type in whitnall.com/referendum2024. If you have any questions or wish to request more information, we have established a dedicated email account for referendum related inquiries: referendum2024@whitnall.com. We also encourage you to attend or watch our school board meetings. All meetings are live streamed and saved on our district YouTube channel.

Welcome to Whitnall

This summer has brought exciting changes to our district, and we are thrilled to introduce our new district and administrative staff members who have recently joined the Whitnall School community. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Brady Reinke, Mr. Adam Hengel, Ms. Cindy Collins, Mr. Mark Matenaer, and Mr. Ben Williams to their new roles.



DR. BRADY REINKE, SUPERINTENDENT

It is with great pleasure that we introduce Dr. Brady Reinke as the new Superintendent of the Whitnall School District. Dr. Reinke joins us with decades of exceptional experience in educational leadership and instruction, making him an invaluable addition to our community.

Dr. Reinke holds a PhD in Leadership for Advancement of Learning and Service from Cardinal Stritch University, a Master's in Educational Leadership from Concordia University, and a Bachelor's degree in Education from UW-Madison. His academic achievements are complemented by his extensive practical experience, most recently serving as the Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning at the School District of New Berlin.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Dr. Reinke finds great fulfillment in his family life. He has been married to his wife Betsy for 19 years and is a proud parent to Claire (13) and Alex (11). Dr. Reinke enjoys spending time cheering for his children at their various sports events, emphasizing this commitment to both education and family.



MR. ADAM HENGEL, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

We are thrilled to announce Adam Hengel as the new Director of Curriculum and Instruction for our school district. Adam brings nearly two decades of educational experience, having served as a science teacher, Principal, and Curriculum Coordinator. His background includes a commitment to academic excellence and innovative teaching methodologies, traits that will undoubtedly benefit our schools.

Adam holds an Undergraduate degree from Marquette University and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His passion for creating dynamic learning environments and supporting our educators to excel is inspiring.

Beyond his professional achievements, Adam resides in New Berlin with his wife and three children. We are eager to witness the positive impact Adam will undoubtedly make in our schools and community.



MS. CINDY COLLINS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We are delighted to introduce Cindy Collins as the new Assistant Principal at Whitnall High School! Cindy is not only a dedicated educator but also a proud product of the Whitnall School District, having attended HCE, EES, WMS, and graduated from WHS in 1999.

With a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from Northern Illinois University and dual Master's degrees in Curriculum and Instruction and Administrative Leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Cindy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team. Her impressive 19-year career at Germantown High School included teaching Chemistry, AP Chemistry, AP Research, and Credit Recovery, as well as holding various leadership roles. Most recently, she served as a Teaching and Learning Coach at Muskego High School.

Outside of school, Cindy is an avid reader, a talented watercolor artist, and a proud mom to two teenage daughters. She also enjoys spending time with her adorable Morkie, Cheeto! Please join us in giving Cindy a warm Whitnall welcome!



MR. MARK MATENAER, DEAN OF STUDENTS

We are pleased to introduce Mark Matenaer as our new Dean of Students at Whitnall High School! Mark brings a rich background and a deep commitment to education, having graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor's degree and earning his educator's license and Master's degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Mark has a strong background in teaching and coaching, having taught science at Fond du Lac High School and Mukwonago High School. He also coached boys basketball at Fond du Lac High School and was an advisor for the Academy of Medical Professions at Mukwonago High School. His involvement with PBIS teams at both schools showcases his dedication to creating positive and supportive learning environments.

Mark, his wife Vanessa, and their three children—William (9), Wesley (6), and Blakely (1)—along with their goldendoodle, Rookie, are excited to join the Whitnall community. In his free time, Mark enjoys playing, coaching, and watching sports, and he is a passionate supporter of the Milwaukee Brewers and all Wisconsin sports teams.



MR. BEN WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We are excited to announce that Ben Williams has joined the Whitnall School District as the new Assistant Principal at Hales Corners Elementary. Ben brings a wealth of experience and a deep connection to our community, making him a perfect fit for our district.

From 2016-2020, Ben was an integral part of the Whitnall School District, serving as the Elementary Dean of Students, Gifted & Talented Coordinator, and Learning Coach. His dedication and leadership were evident then, and we are excited to welcome him back after his four-year tenure as Principal in the St. Francis School District.

Ben is eager to join the Whitnall community and is especially looking forward to contributing to the success of HCE. With three elementary-aged children of his own, he understands the importance of a supportive and nurturing school environment.

Ben holds a Bachelor's in Teaching from Olivet Nazarene University and a Master's in Educational Leadership from UW-Madison. His educational background, combined with his hands-on experience, positions him well to support our students, staff, and families.



Grad Walk

In a heartwarming tradition, our graduating seniors participated in a Grad Walk through their previous schools. Staff and students lined the halls to wish them well and congratulate them on their upcoming graduation.

This special event allowed seniors to revisit the places that shaped their educational journeys and connect with former teachers and younger students. It was a memorable and emotional experience for all, highlighting the strong sense of community within Whitnall High School. To watch the Grad Walk video scan the QR code to the right.



Class of 2024

2024 Commencement Ceremony

On June 1, Whitnall High School proudly celebrated our 63rd graduation ceremony, marking a day filled with pride, joy, and endless memories. The Class of 2024 has achieved remarkable success, and their hard work and dedication have made us all incredibly proud.

As they step into the next chapter of their lives, we wish them continued success and happiness. Congratulations to the Class of 2024—your future is bright!



“Willy Wonka” WHS Spring Musical



This past spring, the Whitnall Theatre department wrapped up their sweet performances of “Willy Wonka.” Delivering three unforgettable shows to nearly sold-out crowds. This production was truly a community effort, featuring talented students from all four of our schools. A huge shout-out to the cast, crew, and everyone involved for bringing this timeless tale to life and creating such a memorable experience for all who attended!

Red Cross Club

The Whitnall High School Red Cross Club continued to thrive through the spring and into summer, demonstrating outstanding commitment and service to our community. Their hard work and dedication were recognized in a big way this year. At the prestigious Brave Heart Gala, the club was awarded the Youth and Young Hero Award, making WHS Red Cross Club the first high school club to receive this distinguished honor. In addition to this remarkable achievement, the WHS Red Cross Club was also named High School Club of the Year. Your dedication and service continue to make a positive impact on our community, and we are immensely proud of your achievements.



WHS Travel Club Explores Italy & Greece

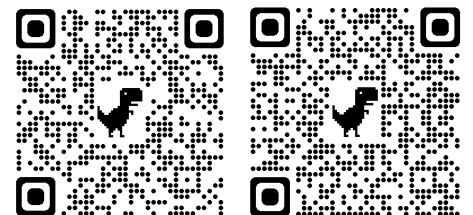


This summer, Whitnall High School sent over 60 travelers on a 14-day adventure through Italy and Greece. This incredible journey allowed our students and chaperons to immerse themselves in the rich history, vibrant cultures, and breathtaking landscapes of these iconic locations. From the ancient ruins to the stunning coastlines and delicious cuisines, every moment of the trip was filled with discovery and learning. We’re thrilled to provide such enriching experiences for our students and look forward to more adventures in the future.

Athletics

Baseball Co-Conference Champions **Girls Soccer** Conference Champions (2nd consecutive undefeated season) **Boys Tennis** Conference Champions **Boys Track & Field** Pavle Tomic: Sectional Qualifier Long Jump • Tommy Teixeira, Dane Gemig, AJ Zisky, Jacob Stasiewicz: Sectional Qualifier 4x800 Relay **Girls Track & Field** Indoor Conference Champions, Relays Conference Champions • Keira Cooper: Sectional Qualifier 200m Dash • Kaitlyn Kaye: Sectional Qualifier Triple Jump • Rianna Dobbie: Division 1 State Qualifier Pole Vault • Kaylee Rogaczewski • Division 1 State Qualifier Long Jump & Triple Jump • Same Sengstock, Samara Johnson, Keira Copper, Kaylee Rogaczewski: Division 1 State Qualifier 4x200m Relay • Keira Cooper: Division 1 State Qualifier 200m Dash

If you are interested in coming out and supporting our fall sports (cheer, cross country, dance/poms, football, boys soccer, girls swim & dive, girls tennis, boys or girls volleyball), please reference the athletic calendar through the QR code on the left. All tickets for games are cashless and need to be purchased online using Ticket Spicket. You can access Ticket Spicket through the QR code on the right.



Go Falcons!

Arbor Day



The Whitnall School District is thrilled to share the success of our continued partnership with the City of Greenfield in celebrating Arbor Day. For the second consecutive year, Whitnall Middle School students teamed up with the City of Greenfield to plant a tree on their beautiful campus.

This collaborative effort highlights our communities commitment to promoting green initiatives and nurturing our natural surroundings. It's inspiring to see students and community members come together to make a positive environmental impact. We look forward to many more years of this wonderful tradition.

HCE Gaga Ball Pit Fundraiser



Hales Corners Elementary students enthusiastically showcased their learning during the fun-filled Knowledge-A-Thon fundraiser. Tackling questions crafted by their dedicated teachers, students applied their year's knowledge to earn pledges for a Gaga Ball Pit.

On May 14, the HCE PTO announced at an assembly that not only did they meet, but they had exceeded their goal. To celebrate, top collectors enjoyed the fun reward of throwing whipped cream pies at brave staff members. HCE is fortunate to have such a supportive community.

EES Color Run Fundraiser



Edgerton Elementary School rocked the rainbow at their 7th Annual Color Run Fundraiser. This year, their goal was set at \$25,000, which was impressively surpassed by the incredible support of our community. These funds will make a huge difference, providing a new microphone set, in-school field-trips, and sensory pathways for their hallways. Thank you to everyone who participated and showed their support for the Edgerton Elementary students.

Earth Day Community Clean-up



In celebration of Earth Day, nearly 50 Whitnall students joined Mr. Seaverts and the Friends of the Hales Corners Park & Pool organization for their annual Earth Day Community Clean-up. Students from WHS Red Cross Club, WMS Student Council, WMS 6th grade Science, along with other Whitnall Middle School, Hales Corners Elementary and Edgerton Elementary students representing their scout troops got up early to help clean out the wading pool, the inside of Hales Corners Pool, and both parking lots to get them ready for this summer.

The collaboration of students from service clubs from all our schools and community members was a shining example of what can be accomplished when a community comes together for a common goal-a cleaner, greener future for all.

Whitnall High School Annual Golf Outing

On June 9, Whitnall High School held its much-anticipated annual golf outing, bringing together our community for a day of fun, camaraderie, and philanthropy. The event was a tremendous success, with 100% of the proceeds going directly back to support Whitnall High School Activities and Athletics.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out to support us. Your participation and generosity make a significant impact on our students, helping to enhance their educational and co-curricular experiences. We are proud to have such a supportive and engaged community.



Jym Clark Memorial Fund

It's with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Jym Clark, a beloved Whitnall High School English teacher and theatre director, this spring after a courageous battle with cancer. Jym dedicated over 20 years to the Whitnall community, inspiring countless students with her passion for literature and the arts.

In her honor, the Jym Clark Theatre Memorial was created by her family, raising over \$1,600 for the Music and Theatre Departments. The Whitnall School District is deeply grateful for this generous contribution and is working with her family to determine how to best utilize the funds to support and enhance our Music and Theatre departments. Jym's legacy of dedication and passion will continue to inspire our community for years to come.



“Willy Wonka” Senior Dinner & a Show

This spring, Whitnall High School hosted its annual Senior Dinner and a Show, welcoming over 100 senior community members for a delightful evening. The event featured a delicious dinner followed by the first viewing of the school's musical production, “Willy Wonka.” Attendees enjoyed a memorable dining experience and were captivated by the students' enchanting performance. This event celebrated the strong bond between Whitnall High School and our community, and we are grateful for the continued support.



Whitnall School Forest Donation

Earlier this year, Theo embarked on an ambitious black belt project with JK Lee Black Belt Academy, driven by a vision to enhance the natural beauty and sustainability of the Whitnall School Forest. Recognizing the significant investment required for planting trees, Theo's 4th grade science and social studies teacher, Dee Schroeder, offered a practical and impactful alternative: funding the planting of dogwood shrubs.

With unwavering dedication and hard work, Theo successfully raised \$120-enough to purchase three dogwood shrubs. This achievement not only contributes to the greening of our School Forest but also serves as an inspiring example of how individual efforts can make a significant impact on our community and environment. We are incredibly proud of Theo's commitment and initiative, and we look forward to seeing the dogwood shrubs thrive in the School Forest.



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High School Musical

Whitnall High School is putting on Little Women the Musical. The performances are December 13 & 14 at 7 PM and December 15 at 2 PM. Tickets must be bought in advance; you can buy them by visiting whitnall.com!

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