DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2, 2024

<u>National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15</u> - Today we recognize Marlen Esparza, the first American woman to qualify for women's boxing in the Olympics. In 2012, at just 22 years old, she won the bronze medal.

Girls, are you interested in becoming a part of the Whitnall gymnastics team? The high school team is a co-op with Oak Creek High School. This is a competitive team that competes against the other high schools in our conference. The team is looking for new members this season. If you have competitive gymnastics experience, they would love to have you come and see what the team is all about. We have room for gymnasts at all levels. Please come to an open gym at their practice facility Altius gymnastics in Franklin. The gym will be open for practice and the coaches available on three open gym nights, October 6, October 20 and November 3, from 6:30-8:00pm. Come to one or all three, and experience the fun the FM-OW has. Hope to see you there!

It's Homecoming Week! Go here for the upcoming activities.

<u>Falcon Time on October 4</u> - Students who will be participating in the homecoming parade with their coach or club advisor need to sign up for that specific Falcon Time. Look for the Falcon Time description to sign up for yours. For those students not walking in the parade, you need to sign up for a teacher who has a General Study. There is no grade breakdown for a general study. Just sign up for one.

Homecoming Spirit Week Dress Up Days

- Wednesday, October 2 Class Colors with freshmen in red; sophomores in blue, juniors in green, and seniors in orange.
- Thursday, October 3 is Throwback Thursday so wear an outfit from a prior decade.
- Friday, October 4 is Whitnall Wear

<u>Homecoming Dance</u> - You <u>and your guest</u>, if you were approved to bring one, will need to show an ID to get into the dance. You can show yours on Infinite Campus. The Whitnall Falcon Booster Club will be serving complimentary soda and selling non-perishable packaged snacks for \$1/each in the cafeteria during the dance, so you may want to bring singles.

<u>Homecoming Snack Drive</u> - The Snack Drive is off to a great start, so thank you for all that has already been donated! To promote some good friendly competition, we want to share the current top classes! The top four classes right now are Mr. Rottersman, Mr. Galante/Mr. Gleeson, Ms. Martin, and Mr. Pogorelec. There are many other close classes, so it is truly anyone's game yet! Please donate individually packaged granola bars, pretzels, or other non-perishable snacks in your 1st hour class by Friday to help your class win!

We are restocking the Snack Pantry at Whitnall and need your help. Research shows that students who have increased access to nutritious food are more attentive and perform better in class. Snacks will be available to all students in need, regardless of financial situation. Snack usage will be monitored to best support students and families. Walmart gift cards for school personnel to purchase basic need items for students in need are always welcome and appreciated as well. Bring in your donations for the Snack Drive to your 1st hour class this week, September 30-October 4th, go here. The top three winning classrooms will earn a celebratory breakfast so get involved!

<u>Winter Sports Registration Due November 1</u> - If you are interested in participating in a winter sport, registration must be completed by November 1. Your parent will first need to register you through their Infinite Campus School Store, and then you will need to review and agree to the document in your Infinite Campus. If you will need a physical, get that scheduled now.

Clubs/Activities

<u>Drama Club</u> - Check out the flyer <u>here</u> for details on Drama Club. It's a great way to try out theater without the pressure of auditioning or an audience.

Leo Club will have its first official meeting TODAY (October 2) right after school in the library. Please make sure to bring the completed application – you must have a parent signature on it – to the meeting.

<u>All Students</u> - remember to sign up for a Falcon Time at least the day before. You are also only to sign up for one of your own teachers.

<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
- Thursday, October 3, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, 2nd hour
- Tuesday, October 15, University of Wisconsin Madison, 5th hour

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.

<u>Parking Pass</u> - 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.

2023-24 Yearbook Supplement - For those who purchased last year's yearbook, stop in the main office to pick up your spring supplement. This was printed after the yearbook came out so stop and get yours.

<u>2024-25 Yearbook</u> - You can order this year's yearbook now for the lowest price. Go <u>here</u>.

<u>Military and National Guard Visits</u> - Representatives plan to be here on:

- Air Force ROTC October 2, October 16
- Army no current visits planned
- Army National Guard no current visits planned
- Marines October 8, October 22
- Navy no current visits planned

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.

<u>Health Room Process</u> - 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.

<u>Help Desk</u> - 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.

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.

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
- 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.

<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.

No Parking in Designated Spots - Students who drive to school must have a parking pass on their vehicle. Do not park in designated district or visitor spots or you will be ticketed.

<u>Meal Account</u> - 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.

<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.

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.

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.