

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

National Hispanic Heritage Month - Today we take time to honor and celebrate the culture, history, and contributions of Hispanic Americans. Observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968, inspired by many Latin American countries celebrating the anniversary of their independence during this period and the growing influence of people of Hispanic descent in American society. There are over 60 million Hispanic Americans, accounting for 18.7% of the national population, making them the largest minority group in the United States. Hispanic Americans contribute significantly to our country's prosperity and spirit and we will begin each day during Hispanic Heritage Month by acknowledging the contributions of a notable figure. (*Source Material*)

Today we recognize Lin-Manuel Miranda, the Emmy, Tony and Grammy Award winner who has not only created and performed in groundbreaking productions, but continues to advocate for humanitarian and debt relief for his ancestral Puerto Rico.

There is no lunch in the Counseling Office today.

Homecoming Week is coming soon! Go [here](#) for the upcoming activities.

Homecoming dance tickets are now on sale through your parent's Infinite Campus School Store through September 29. Remember that all school fees have to be paid for you to see this information in Infinite Campus and to purchase a ticket. (*Students in AP classes will have the AP exam fees added to Infinite Campus after the homecoming ticket sale deadline.*)

Guest - Please reference the Whitnall Student Handbook on the Whitnall website for who is eligible to be a guest. Guest forms are [here](#) and are due to the main office no later than September 25. Take note that the guest needs to have his/her school complete the guest form before the WHS student/parent does and before it can be submitted to the office. Once a guest form is approved, the fee for that guest will be added to the WHS student's Infinite Campus and will need to be paid by September 29.

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.

The Charlie B's 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.

Current 9th-11th Graders, would you like to go to Japan in 2026? Please RSVP to the informational meeting on Tuesday, September 17, in the multipurpose room to find out more about how YOU can be a part of this EPIC once-in-a-lifetime adventure! Go [here](#) to RSVP.

"Battle of the Books" - All Students, do you like to read? Do you like to answer questions about books? Do you like to participate in friendly competition? Consider joining the high school "Battle of the Books". An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, in the library from 12:35-1:00 so sign up for Mrs. Zimpel's Falcon Time for that day. If you have any questions, email Mrs. Zimpel.

Clubs/Activities

Whitnall Robotics Club is starting TONIGHT (September 16) and Wednesday, September 18, from 3:00-5:30pm in room 263. No prior experience necessary.

Whitnall SkillsUSA will have an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00am in room 110, located just east of the cafeteria in the Tech Ed wing. Come learn about SkillsUSA and all of the competitions they have to offer, including everything from carpentry to cosmetology! You won't want to miss it. See Mr. Lemmer or Mr. Jackson for more information. Snacks provided.

Leo Club members, please check your email from Ms. Aiello and sign up for the upcoming volunteer activities by tomorrow (Tuesday, September 17.)

DECA - Interested in traveling, gaining leadership experience, participating in community service opportunities and competing against students from around the world? Join us at the first DECA meeting of the year this Wednesday, September 18, at 7:00am in Ms. Becker's room 151 to learn more about what this club has to offer. Eat some donuts, hear from officers about events happening this year, and make some new friends along the way. Hope to see you there!

Science Club - Are you looking for a club that's all about science? Science Club will be holding an interest meeting this Wednesday, September 18, after school in room 256. Learn about what Science Club has to offer and our goal of participating in the science based competition called Science Olympiad. Ice cream will be served! With any questions, see Ms. Sternard.

Student Council - All students are able to be a part of Student Council which meets every Friday at 7:00am in the multipurpose room. Come see how you can get involved in some fun activities throughout the year!

The Whitnall International Club is hosting its first meeting this coming Wednesday, September 18, at 7:05am in room 222. During this meeting you are given the opportunity to meet our two foreign exchange students - Kasper from Switzerland, and Erika from Norway. There will also be cultural cake offered to those who attend the meeting. If you enjoy meeting new people and learning about different cultures, join our International Club.

Forensics Club and Drama Club - Do you want to act or build amazing props and costumes? Do you want to compete with speeches or scenes? Both Forensics Club and Drama Club are starting up with an informational meeting on Thursday, September 19, at 3:00pm in the auditorium. Join us to learn more about Forensics and Drama, including speech competitions, theater workshops, and all sorts of fun activities. All experience levels are welcome to join!

National Honor Society - To those 11th and 12th graders with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better, you received an invitation to apply for National Honor Society over the summer. Applications are due Friday, September 20. If you are an existing member you do not need to apply. If you have questions, contact Mr. Lukasiewicz in room 244.

College Visits - 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
- Tuesday, September 17, Marquette University, 4th hour
- Thursday, September 26, Carroll University, 4th hour

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

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.

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!

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.

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.

2024-25 Yearbook - You can order this year's yearbook now for the lowest price. Go [here](#).

Military and National Guard Visits - Representatives plan to be here on:

- Air Force ROTC - September 18, October 2, October 16
- Army - no current visits planned
- Army National Guard - no current visits planned
- Marines - September 24, October 8, October 22
- Navy - no current visits planned

Stop by their table to find out more and get your questions answered.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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.

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.

Elevator - 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.

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.

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.