

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – September 2018

Mrs. Peggy Burke, Superintendent

Whiteside Elementary School

Mr. Nathan Rakers, Principal
Mr. Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal

Whiteside Middle School

Mrs. Monica Laurent, Principal
Mr. Jaime Cotto, Assistant Principal

Calendar of Events – September

- 3 Labor Day – No School
- 4 Baseball, Soccer & Softball at Home 4 pm
- 5 Photo Club Meeting 3 pm
Engineering Club Meeting 3 pm
- 6 Baseball & Soccer vs. High Mount 4 pm
(Location for game: Melvin Price Park)
- 11 Baseball, Soccer & Softball at Home 4 pm
- 12 Student Council Meeting 3 pm
Baseball, Soccer & Softball at Wolf Branch 4 pm
- 13 Baseball, Soccer & Softball at JAMS 4 pm
Cross Country Meet at Fulton Jr. High 4 pm
- 17 Booster Club Meeting 6:30 pm
Baseball, Soccer & Softball at Home 4 pm
- 19 Early Dismissal 2 pm
- 21 Whiteside Band Plays at the Cardinals Game
- 25 Cross Country Meet at Carriel Jr. High 4 pm
- 27 Cross Country Meet at Edwardsville 4 pm



THANK YOU SOS LUNCH SUPPORTERS!

Whiteside is grateful to Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Cornerstone Christian Church, Faith Family Church, Towerview Baptist Church, and Women4given, along with our NJHS and Student Council for their support of our SOS summer lunch program. Special thanks go to Whiteside Federation of Teachers for providing lunches and distributing bags of books for summer reading. We are also thankful for monetary donations from St. Clair County Board member Bob Trentman and retired Whiteside teacher, Lorraine Brown. Everyone's generosity and volunteer efforts provided over 6,000 sack lunches to students in our district.

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Breakfast is served at both schools from 8:00-8:15 am, with extended time for later arriving bus students. Fuel up to start the day! *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



Fundraiser!

YANKEE CANDLE®
America's Best Loved Candle™

Elementary School Yankee Candle Fundraiser will kick off Friday, September 7th. All orders including payment are due by Friday, September 21st. Friends and family who are out-of-state will also be able to participate by creating a seller login at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. Our group number is: 990052694.

For every 12 items sold, you can select a medium jar candle for free! The top two sellers in each grade will also win a Chick-fil-a lunch with Mr. Rakers and Mr. Johnson!



WS Website: www.wssd115.org

Whiteside is now on Twitter! Follow us @WSmiddle or @WS_elementary!



Cheerleading Tryouts!



7th and 8th graders interested in trying out for cheerleading must attend the cheer clinic on September 12th and 13th from 3:15-4:30pm. Tryouts will be held Friday, September 14th from 4:00-6:30pm. All students trying out **MUST** have a current physical and sports packet on file at the middle school office no later than September 5th.



Sports packets and physicals for Boys' and Girls' Basketball (5th-8th grade) must be turned in by **Wednesday, September 26** to be eligible to tryout. All fees must be paid and a

minimum 2.0 GPA to tryout. No exceptions! Tryouts will take place the first week in October!

Parents of current 7th Graders: You're invited to attend an important meeting about next year's 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip!! The meeting will take place at Whiteside Middle School on September 6th at 7 pm in the library. For more information, please contact Principal Laurent at monica.laurent@wssd115.org.



Student Council Hat Day
Friday, September 21st
(Middle School)

Whiteside Middle School Information Center
Find out the latest information for Whiteside Middle School. The blog will be updated on a daily basis. Go to the Whiteside Website and click the link to check it out! You can add your email to subscribe to daily updates!
[W\\$middle.blogspot.com](http://W$middle.blogspot.com)



Whiteside Band News
Join the Whiteside Band at Busch Stadium as they perform at the Cardinals vs. Giants game on September 21.

Ticket order forms are available at the elementary and middle school offices. Tickets are \$25 each and need to be purchased by September 5th.

The Band Parents Association will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30pm in the middle school band room. All band parents are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the Whiteside Middle School artists whose artwork was selected at the end of the 2017-2018 school year to be framed and hung on the Whiteside Art Gallery Wall. Please stop by and see their wonderful work! The student artists are: Joey Lawrence, Alesia Perkins, Kiersten Reid, Breeanna Sandman, and Madeline Sporleder.



**JOB
OPENING**

Interested in working at Whiteside? We are currently taking applications for a part-time cafeteria position at the elementary school. The hours for this position are 7:45 am to 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Please pick up an application in the school office if you are interested.

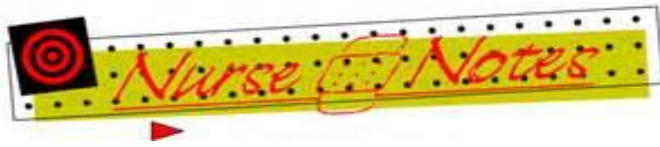
Towerview Shiloh Community Food Pantry

Towerview Baptist Church
2401 Lebanon Ave.
2nd & 4th Thursdays
9:00-11:00am

Whiteside District residents welcome.
Bring photo ID and proof of residence.
Enter the lower level at the rear of the church.



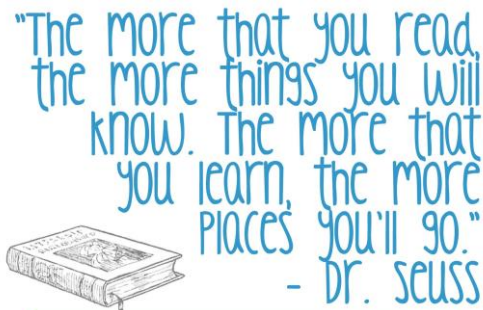
and NJHS are sponsoring a blood drive on September 20th from 3:00-6:30pm at the middle school. For an appointment, call The Blood Center at 866-GIVE-BLD (866.448.3253) or online at www.bloodcenterimpact.org (code 10077 to schedule online)



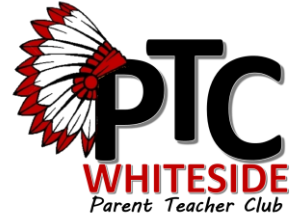
- All students who are required to have an updated physical and immunization record will be notified by the school nurse. These records must be submitted by the date indicated to avoid exclusion from school. If you have any questions as to whether or not your child has met the state health requirements, please call your school nurse.

- Please remember that new medication permits are required each school year for any student needing to take any medication at Whiteside School. Special permits are available for students to carry and use their asthma rescue inhaler by themselves.

- Eye examinations by an eye doctor are required for all students entering kindergarten and for those students new to an Illinois school from out-of-state. Exams are due by October 15, 2018.



PTC Corner



Upcoming Events

September 4:

PTC Meeting
Middle School Library at 7:00 pm
Come hear the things we "Wish I Knew" before entering Whiteside, focused on K and 1st grade.

September 14 (Rain date - September 21):

PTC Elementary Campout
This event will take place on Friday, September 14th, with setup starting at 4:30 pm until Saturday, September 15th, at 9:00 am. Reservations are required.

September 21:

Kindergarten Grandparent Lunch

Save the Date

October 2 - PTC Meeting
October 17 - Spaghetti Dinner
October 27 - Trick or Trunk
November 17 - WS Holiday Market
November 30 - Gingerbread House Night
April 6 - GLO Bingo and Auction
April 13 - WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K

BOX TOPS for Education

We will be collecting BOX TOPS at both schools. The first contest deadline is **October 12th**. BOX TOPS must include teacher name and can be turned in at any time on collection sheets or in an envelope or baggie!

For more information on Whiteside PTC events, please contact whitesideptc@wssd115.org or Follow us on Facebook: **Whiteside PTC**

Whiteside welcomes the following new employees for the 2018-2019 school year:

Ms. Kelly Brodzik – 1st grade teacher
Ms. Reem Deriyah – special education aide
Ms. Jessica Gain – social worker
Ms. Tabitha Harris – early childhood aide
Ms. Christina Hoffman – middle school cafeteria
Mr. Nate Leingang – middle school PE assistant
Ms. Amy Mannino – elementary ALC supervisor
Mr. Arthur Martin – middle school RTI assistant
Ms. Yvonne Morrison – special education aide
Ms. Shannon Petty – elem special education
Ms. Alexa Stanley – social work intern
Ms. Corey Weber – elementary math aide

Ms. Erica Bound – 7th grade language arts
Ms. Patricia DeZeeuw – middle school nurse
Ms. Jennifer Gratteau – special education aide
Ms. Melissa Hayes – middle school cafeteria
Ms. Margie Jenkins – special education aide
Ms. Jarrah Lindley – prekindergarten teacher
Mr. Johnathan Marchbanks - elem computer assistant
Ms. Kelly Martin – kindergarten teacher
Ms. Charlotte Munoz – middle school cafeteria
Ms. Samantha Schappaugh – speech-language path.
Ms. Cassidy Van Ness – early childhood aide
Ms. Katie Wilke – middle school social worker