

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – October 2017

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 – October 2017

- 2 7th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts 3:00-4:15 (Gym)
- 7th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts 3:00-4:15 (MPR)
- 8th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts 4:15-5:30 (Gym)
- 8th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts 4:15-5:30 (MPR)
- 3 Go Team Meeting 3pm
- Robotics Team Meeting 3pm
- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30pm
- 4 Photo Club Meeting 3pm
- Robotics Team Meeting 3pm
- 8th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts 3:00-4:15 (MPR)
- 8th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts 3:00-4:15 (Gym)
- 7th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts 4:15-5:30 (MPR)
- 7th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts 4:15-5:30 (Gym)
- 5 **NO SCHOOL**
- Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30am-7:30pm
- 6 **NO SCHOOL**
- 9 **NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day**
- IMEA Auditions in Highland
- 10 5th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts 3:30-4:30 (Elem.)
- 6th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts 4:30-5:30 (Elem.)
- PTC Meeting at the Middle School Library 7pm
- 11 5th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts 3:30-4:30 (Elem.)
- 6th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts 4:30-5:30 (Elem.)
- Robotics Team Meeting 3pm
- 12 Middle School Picture Day
- 5th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts 3:00-4:30 (Elem.)
- 6th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts 4:30-5:45 (Elem.)
- 13 Elementary School Picture Day
- 5th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts 3:00-4:30 (Elem.)
- 6th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts 4:30-5:45 (Elem.)
- 16 Student Council Meeting 3pm
- 17 Go Team Meeting 3pm
- Robotics Team Meeting 3pm
- Student Council Fundraiser Due
- 7th Grade **Boys** BB Tourney at Home
- 7th Grade **Girls** BB Tourney at Emge
- 18 **EARLY DISMISSAL (2pm)**
- Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm Elementary School
- 20 Fall Festival
- 23 Robotics Team Meeting 3pm
- 8th Grade **Boys** Basketball Tourney @ Central
- 8th Grade **Girls** Basketball Tourney @ O'Fal Central
- 25 5th Grade Book Club 3pm
- Robotics Team Meeting 3pm
- 26 6th Grade Book Club 3pm
- 28 Dance Team 8-10 (MPR)
- 30 7/8 Grade **Boys** BB at Central 5pm
- 7/8 Grade **Girls** BB at Home 6pm
- 31 Robotics Team Meeting 3pm



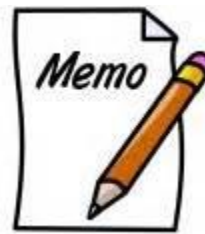
October 3rd

4:00-7:30pm

October 5th 8:30am-

7:30pm

Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE:

*NO SCHOOL: October 5th, 6th, and 9th!

*All end of the day transportation changes must be made before 2:00pm!



Whiteside PTC's Spaghetti Dinner is Wednesday, October 18th at Whiteside Elementary (Warrior Hall). Dinner is served from 4:30-7:00pm. The menu includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, drink, and dessert. The Sixth Grade Band & Concert Band performs at 5:30pm. The Glee Club Performance is at 6:15pm. Everyone must have a ticket to eat, Order forms due October 12th. Tickets are nonrefundable! Shop the book fair from 4:30-7:30pm!!



There will be a **Technology Committee meeting** on Thursday,

October 12th at 6pm at the Middle School. We invite anyone interested in coming. We are specifically looking for parents who have knowledge/experience in computer/cyber safety policies and procedures as well as infrastructure technical support, however any input is welcome! We will plan to meet in the board room. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at kristin.runyan@wssd115.org.



WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS:

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball (Harpstrite)

October 2nd

7th Grade: 3:00-4:15pm in Gym

8th Grade: 4:15-5:30pm in Gym

October 4th

8th Grade: 3:00-4:15pm in MPR

7th Grade: 4:15-5:30pm in MPR

7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball (Poettgen)

October 2nd

7th Grade: 3:00-4:15pm in MPR

8th Grade: 4:15-5:30pm in MPR

October 4th

8th Grade: 3:00-4:15pm in Gym

7th Grade: 4:15-5:30pm in Gym

5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball (Griffith)

October 12th

5th Grade: 3:00-4:30pm in the Elem. Gym

6th Grade: 4:30-5:45pm in the Elem. Gym

October 13th

5th Grade: 3:00-4:30pm in the Elem. Gym

6th Grade: 4:30-5:45pm in the Elem. Gym

5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball (Jacob)

October 10th

5th Grade: 3:30-4:30pm in the Elem. Gym

6th Grade: 4:30-5:30 pm in the Elem. Gym

October 11th

5th Grade: 3:30-4:30pm in the Elem. Gym

6th Grade: 4:30-5:30pm in the Elem. Gym



The Elementary School Book Fair is coming and we need your help! It will run from October 16-20, with set-up right after school on October 13th. We will also be open during Spaghetti Dinner on October 16th. If you have a morning, afternoon or can help during the Spaghetti Dinner, please contact Kelly Suhl at mickandkelly@charter.net.



Trick or Treat for UNICEF!

During the month of October the elementary classrooms will be collecting donations for UNICEF. Your donation can help provide clean drinking water, food, vaccinations, blankets, school supplies, and much more to children around the world. Donations may be placed in the collection boxes in the elementary classrooms. The elementary school will have a hat day to raise funds for UNICEF on Halloween which is Tuesday, October 31. Students may donate \$1 and wear a hat to school that day. You can make a difference! For any questions regarding UNICEF, please contact Ms. Bleich.



Attention: All Whiteside Families

Whiteside Middle School's 8th Annual Family Science & Math Night is on Wednesday, November 15th from 6:00-8:15pm.

PICTURE DAY!



Middle School Picture Day is Thursday, October 12th.

Elementary School picture day is Friday, October 13th.

Please send order forms and payments in with your child!



A Message from the Nurses Office:

+Remember, all state required doctor eye examinations are due

by October 15th, 2017.

+To stay healthy, remember to please get your flu shot and that hand washing is the best defense against getting sick!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND



NEWS

Important Dates for October:

Oct. 4th- Concert Band shirt orders are due

Oct. 9th - IMEA auditions for students who signed up

Oct. 12th- 6th Grade Band pictures

Oct. 14th- 5th Grade Band performance shirt orders due

Oct. 18th- Spaghetti Dinner performance at the elementary school for Concert Band and 6th Grade band at 5:30

Whiteside Trick or Trunk



Trick or Trunk will take place Saturday, October 28th at the elementary school parking lot. Early childhood to 5th grade Whiteside families are invited to come trick or treat in a safe environment! Each family must come in a vehicle and must bring candy to pass out to the children. Vehicles do not have to be decorated but it's recommended. Hot dogs and soda will be available for pre-sale. Look for flyers coming home soon!



Do you enjoy drawing and art? Do you want to improve your artistic skills? Please join the Art Club! This club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the art room. It's open to all 6th – 8th grade students!



Please remember the Great American Fundraiser for Student Council ends October 17th! Whiteside Student Council helps ALL grades with many things such as field trip expenses, bus cost, clubs and organizations, and needy families! Let's help them continue to support Whiteside! Sell, sell, sell!!!



Student Council Hat Day to benefit JDRF is October 27th. Bring \$1 to donate and support this great foundation! (Middle School)



The next Box Tops class contest end date is October 13th. Please continue to send in your Box Tops throughout the year, include your TEACHER'S name and they will count toward the current contest!!



~Please log into Skyward to make sure your information is up to date. We use this information to contact you in the event of an emergency. If you need help with your user name and password, please call the school office. Please go to the school website to log in, www.wssd115.org.

WOW TEAM

The "WOW Team" (Warriors of Whiteside) encourages our students to take ownership of their behavior toward others and the behaviors they witness from their peers. WOW membership is open to all. Members will sign a pledge to lead by example, not bully other students and include those who are left out. Further, they stand up for those who are being bullied or they will get immediate adult help for their classmate. A WOW member vows to be respectful in their actions and words regarding themselves, others, school and their community.

For our first activity, WOW members are invited to attend our Fall Festival on Friday, October 20th, free of charge.

The activities are designed to encourage inclusion and acceptance of all of our students. Consent forms will be coming home soon. As always, thank you for your support.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
- Nelson Mandela