

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – September 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 – September

- 1 Student Council Elections
- 5 Baseball, Soccer & Softball at Emge 4:15
Robotics Meeting
PTC Meeting at the Middle School 7pm
- 6 Baseball, Soccer & Softball at Central 4:15
Photo Club Meeting
- 7 Baseball & Soccer Game at Home 4:15
- 11 Student Council Meeting 3:00
- 12 Baseball, Soccer & Softball at Shiloh 4:15
- 14 Baseball, Soccer & Softball at JAMS 4:15
- 18 Baseball, Soccer & Softball at Belle Valley 4:15
- 22 7th Grade Night 6-8pm
- 26 5th Grade Book Club 3pm
- 27 Whiteside Band Plays at the Cardinals Game
- 28 6th Grade Book Club 3pm



Sports packets and physicals for Boys' and Girls' Basketball (5th-8th grade) must be turned in by **Wednesday, September 27th** 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!

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!
WSmiddle.blogspot.com



THANK YOU SOS LUNCH SUPPORTERS!

We at Whiteside wish to express our sincere thanks to those at Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Cornerstone Christian Church, Faith Family Church, Towerview Baptist Church along with our NJHS and Student Council for their continued support of our SOS Program. Their generosity and volunteer efforts provided over 6,000 nutritious meals to families in our district. Further, we are grateful for the monetary donations from St. Clair County Board member Bob Trentman, Chairman Mark Kern, and retired teacher, Lorraine Brown.

We also appreciate the members of the Whiteside Federation of Teachers for their donation and distribution of hundreds of books for our students' enjoyment this summer as well as the many teachers/staff members for faithfully showing up every day. With everyone's help, great things were accomplished again this summer.



"The more that you read,
the more things you will
know. The more that
you learn, the more
places you'll go."
- DR. SEUSS



Cheerleading Tryouts!



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

Fundraiser!

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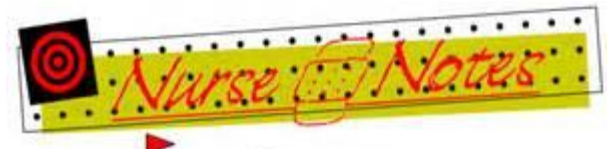
The Elementary School Yankee Candle Fundraiser will kick off September 8th and run through September 22nd. All orders and money are due by September 22nd. The top sellers in each grade win a Chick-fil-a lunch with Mr. Rakers and Mr. Johnson!



Whiteside Band News
Join the Whiteside Band at Busch Stadium on September 27th as they lead the crowd in the Star Spangled


Banner. Tickets for the Cardinals vs. Cubs game are \$25 and can be purchased at the middle school office. Final day to buy tickets is September 7th.

The first Band Parents Association meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30pm in the Band room. All parents are welcome to attend.



Welcome to Nurse Carrie Staggs at the Middle School!

Reminders:

- All state required physicals and immunizations must be submitted as requested.
- Every year, students must have a new medication permit completed by their healthcare provider for any medicine that is to be given at school. This is for prescribed AND over-the-counter medication. The only exception is for self administration/carry of an asthma emergency inhaler. That requires a special permit signed by the parent only.
- State required doctor eye examinations are due by Oct 16th, 2017 for all kindergarten students and all out-of-state transfer students new to an Illinois school. 

JOB OPENING

Are you looking for a part-time job? Whiteside Elementary School is currently looking for a part-time server in the cafeteria. The hours for this position are Monday-Friday 10 am to 1:00 pm. Please apply in the office if you're interested.

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

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



Student Council Hat Day
Friday, September 22nd
(Middle School)

Board of Education Welcomes New Families

The Whiteside Board of Education extends a warm welcome to all of our new Whiteside families and invites you to an informal "Meet & Greet" from 6:30-7:00pm on Thursday, September 21 at Whiteside Middle School. The regular school board meeting will then convene at 7:00pm beginning with a public hearing on the District's proposed FY18 budget. You are cordially invited to meet board members prior to the board meeting and you are welcome, though not obligated, to stay for the board meeting.

Welcome to Whiteside!

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members to Whiteside:

Ms. Kaitlin Boger – Social Work Intern
Ms. Abby Crossley – Social Work Intern
Mr. Brian Dill – Elem Special Education Aide
Ms. Laura Dumey – 4th Grade Teacher
Mr. Brian Egan – 2nd Grade Teacher
Ms. Marissa Garoufalos – Social Work Intern
Ms. Denise Gurlen – MS Special Education Aide
Ms. Rachel Harlow – Elem Reading Lab
Mr. Kendall Jordan – MS Special Education Aide
Ms. Natalie Jording – MS Special Education Aide
Ms. Amy Jung – Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. Patti Lofland – MS Special Education Aide
Ms. Amber Moore – Elem Reading Lab
Ms. Joey Murphy – Early Childhood Teacher
Ms. Mary Sabo – MS English/Language Arts
Ms. Carrie Staggs - Middle School Nurse
Ms. Vicki Thompson – Elem ALC Supervisor
Ms. Kayla Webster – Elem Special Education
Ms. Somjai Vinlove – Middle School Cafeteria
Ms. Tangela McNeely – Middle School Cafeteria



Whiteside PTC is collecting Box Tops for Education! Please place Box Tops in an envelope or baggie with your child's homeroom teachers name on the outside!

Like to sing?

Don't miss the Belleville Chamber of Commerce
Jr. Idol Auditions
September 6, 2017
4:00-8:00pm
See the attached flyer for more information.

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.



& NJHS will be sponsoring a blood drive on September 21st. from 3-6:30 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria. To schedule an appointment

call The Blood Center at 866-GIVE-BLD (866.448.3253) or online at www.bloodcenterimpact.org (code 10077 to schedule online)



Did you know that Whiteside School will recycle your old ink cartridges? Turn them in to either school office. Please help Whiteside help the environment.



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 the middle school

September 19 from 6:00-7:00pm. For more information please contact Principal Laurent at monica.laurent@wssd115.org.



Whiteside Middle School is now on
Twitter! Check it out
[@WSmiddle!](https://twitter.com/WSmiddle)

