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DISTRICT RECEIVES

RECOGNITION

FOR SAFETY EFFORTS



The Whitesboro Central School District is one of at least 160 school districts and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in New York State to receive the Utica National Insurance Group's "School Safety Excellence Award" for 2024 at the Titanium with Honors level.

The honor is presented annually and recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to help keep students, staff and visitors safe. Whitesboro Central School District received its award at Utica National's 42nd school safety seminar, one of seven such seminars the company hosts in the state. For 50 years, Utica National has kept kids and school staff safe and currently insures more than 300 school districts in upstate New York alone.

Whitesboro Central School District officials accepted a certificate to commemorate the District's safety efforts and a check for \$500 for use

as reimbursement for and/or in connection with the school safety program.

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels - titanium, platinum, and gold - in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys.

Safety and security remains a top priority within the Whitesboro Central School District, and the District continues to enhance these efforts and initiatives at every opportunity.

Pictured above are members of the Whitesboro CSD Administration, Board of Education and OHM BOCES Safety Services.

MAY 2024

**SPECIAL
BUDGET ISSUE**



**PUBLIC BUDGET
HEARING**

**TUESDAY,
MAY 7, 2024**

7:00 p.m., High School Cafeteria

**BUDGET VOTE
AND BOARD
OF EDUCATION
ELECTION**

**TUESDAY,
MAY 21, 2024**

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Parkway,
Deerfield & Marcy Schools

Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community Members:

I hope this message finds you well and looking forward to the many exciting events that remain this year for our school community including athletic contests, concerts, advancements and graduation. These are just a few of the many wonderful events planned for our students and their families. I look forward to seeing you there!

In this issue, you will see much attention paid to the financial plan for the upcoming year. Our goal was to develop a budget driven by our Five-Year Plan that addresses the needs of all our students and provides equitable opportunities for success.

The public budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for our community to learn more about our financial plan for next year and to hear from candidates seeking election to the Board of Education. The budget vote and Board of Education election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Polling hours are 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Parkway School

65 Oriskany Blvd., Whitesboro, NY 13492

Deerfield Elementary School

115 Schoolhouse Rd., Deerfield, NY 13502

Marcy Elementary School

9479 Maynard Dr., Marcy, NY 13403

As always, thank you for your unwavering support of our District and programs. Together, we will continue to provide the best opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian K. Bellair

Superintendent of Schools



STOP THE BLEED KITS

ASSEMBLED BY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS

On March 12, members of Whitesboro High School's Chapter of National Honor Society gathered in the District's Board of Education conference room to assemble 200 Stop the Bleed kits.

Stop the Bleed kits contain the necessary items to control serious bleeding and prevent further blood loss for a victim suffering a traumatic injury. The included instructions prioritize which injuries to treat with the appropriate components, including how to treat with a tourniquet and direct pressure using gauze. Each kit contains:



- American Red Cross Soft Case Pouch
- American Red Cross Tactical Medical, SOF Tourniquet
- SWAT-T Tourniquet
- Krinkle Gauze
- Sponge Gauze 2-pack
- Trauma Shears
- Two Pairs of Nitrile Gloves

The assembled kits were dispersed to classrooms throughout the District.



This project aligns with the National Honor Society pillar of Service. Service represents the choice of stepping outside oneself to meet the needs of others, fueled by an unwavering passion for a cause, heartfelt empathy for others, or driven by personal circumstances. It's about performing selfless acts that transcend the ordinary, engendering transformative changes that resonate throughout schools, ripple across communities, and reverberate on a global scale. In the noble act of service, students sculpt a better world with their hands, hearts and humanity.

Thank you to the National Honor Society members and advisor Mr. Ryan for taking on this project that has the potential to save lives!

PROPOSED BUDGET

The District budget vote and Board of Education election will be held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at Parkway, Deerfield and Marcy schools. If the proposed budget is passed by voters, it will be enacted for the 2024-25 school year. If not passed, the Board of Education can:

- Place a revised budget before District residents for a vote.
- Place the same budget before District residents for a vote.
- Immediately adopt a contingency budget.

If a contingency budget is adopted, only ordinary contingent expenses necessary to provide the minimum services legally required to operate and maintain school buildings and the educational program, preserve the property of the District and ensure the health and safety of students and staff, are budgeted. Additionally, when on a contingency budget, school districts must charge fees to non-district organizations that use school district facilities, including groups such as little league, biddy basketball, boy scouts and girl scouts.

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

THE BALLOT WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

Be It Resolved, that the District voters be asked to approve the following propositions at the Special District Meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Election on May 21, 2024:

Budget Proposition

Shall the budget for the school year 2024–2025, in the amount of \$84,090,616, as adopted by the Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education, be approved, and a tax be levied upon the taxable property of the school district to raise same?

Proposition 1 – School Buses

Shall the resolution authorizing the Board of Education of the Whitesboro Central School District to undertake the acquisition of six (6) full-sized diesel fueled school buses, and two (2) small buses, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$1,290,350, less trade-in value, if any, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$1,290,350 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method, be approved?

VOTER INFORMATION

TO VOTE YOU MUST BE:

- A U.S. citizen;
- A resident of the Whitesboro Central School District;
- At least 18 years old; and,
- Registered to vote with the Oneida County or Herkimer County Board of Elections

TO VOTE YOU:

- Do NOT have to own property
- Do NOT have to be a parent/guardian
- Do NOT have to have children in the school district

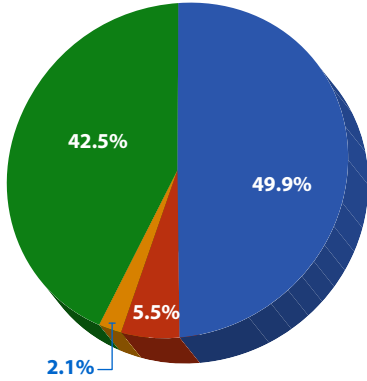
BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

There are four (4) candidates running for three (3) seats, each for a three (3) year term. The candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order:

1. **Mr. Michael Head** (*Incumbent*)
2. **Dr. Steven Szatko** (*Incumbent*)
3. **Mr. Thomas Schoen Jr.** (*Incumbent*)
4. **Ms. Mary Karboski**

ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

REVENUES

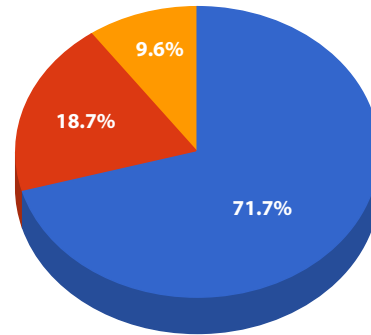


2024-25 ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	2024-2025 Estimates	%
New York State Aid	\$41,968,296	49.9%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$4,665,000	5.5%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,744,169	2.1%
Tax Levy	\$35,713,151	42.5%
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$84,090,616	100%

2024-25 PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

	2024-2025 Estimates	%
Program	\$60,274,247	71.7%
Capital	\$15,705,973	18.7%
Administrative	\$8,110,396	9.6%
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$84,090,616	100%



EXPENDITURES

NOTICE

The Dunham Public Library budget and proposition vote and trustee election is separate and distinct from the school district propositions.

The proposed operating budget and proposition for Dunham Public Library is available at www.whitesborolibrary.org.

Please contact April L.R. Bliss at abliss@midyork.org or call (315) 736-9734 if you have questions.

DISTRICT HOSTS FIRST RESPONDER INTRO TO THE ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS EVENT



Whitesboro Central School District, in collaboration with Oneida County Emergency Services, sponsored an introduction to the electric school bus for first responders, police, fire and emergency personnel on April 17-18. This program was presented by Matthews Buses, Inc.

Attendees received information on battery technology, components and safety procedures as they relate to electric buses as well as an introduction to the new electric bus, "Jouley."

A total of 143 people attended the event over the two days that it was held.

BUDGET DETAIL

ADMINISTRATION 9.6 %	2023-2024 APPROVED BUDGET	2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE OR (DECREASE)
Board of Education	\$71,591	\$72,302	\$711
Central Administration	\$2,273,431	\$2,320,328	\$46,897
Business Administration	\$720,442	\$791,178	\$70,736
Legal	\$172,257	\$174,147	\$1,890
Personnel	\$254,948	\$276,069	\$21,121
Records Management	\$18,346	\$19,080	\$734
Public Information	\$229,184	\$234,353	\$5,169
Other Central Services	\$1,146,344	\$1,207,859	\$61,515
Other Special Items	\$1,165,892	\$1,222,886	\$56,994
Employee Benefits	\$1,656,406	\$1,792,194	\$135,788
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$7,708,841	\$8,110,396	\$401,555

CAPITAL 18.7 %	2023-2024 APPROVED BUDGET	2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE OR (DECREASE)
Operation of Plant	\$3,269,696	\$3,355,463	\$85,767
Maintenance of Plant	\$943,634	\$862,142	(\$81,492)
Refund on Real Property Taxes	\$15,000	\$15,000	-
Employee Benefits	\$2,336,283	\$2,527,805	\$191,522
Debt Service - Capital	\$8,973,583	\$8,845,563	(\$128,020)
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$15,638,196	\$15,705,973	\$67,777

PROGRAM 71.7 %	2023-2024 APPROVED BUDGET	2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE OR (DECREASE)
Inservice Training - Instruction	\$131,250	\$110,200	(\$21,050)
Teaching - Regular School	\$38,747,141	\$40,932,484	\$2,185,343
District Transportation Services	\$3,828,478	\$4,033,107	\$204,629
Employee Benefits	\$14,033,064	\$15,183,456	\$1,150,392
Transfer to School Lunch Fund	\$15,000	\$15,000	-
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$56,754,933	\$60,274,247	\$3,519,314

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$80,101,970	\$84,090,616	\$3,988,646
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GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY COMPONENT

Total Budget 2024-2025 \$84,090,616	Program Component \$60,274,247 71.7%	Capital Component \$15,705,973 18.7%	Administrative Component \$8,110,396 9.6%
Budget-to-Budget Increase 4.98%		2024-2025 Tax Levy Increase 2.22% Tax levy limit is 2.22%.	

While the tax levy limit is often referred to as a "2% tax cap", each district is required to annually calculate their specific tax levy limit in accordance with a formula that accounts for individual district conditions and variables. For districts across New York State, this calculation rarely results in a limit of exactly 2%; calculated rates can vary as high as 6% or more. For Whitesboro CSD, the proposed tax levy increase of 2.22% does not exceed the tax levy limit, and requires a simple majority of votes for approval.

SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL

On February 29, March 1 and 2, the high school music department rocked out on stage with the much-beloved stage adaptation of "School of Rock." Based on the hit 2003 film, "School of Rock" follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who is down on his luck. After Dewey is kicked out of his band and threatened with eviction, his fortunes take a turn for the better when he intercepts a phone call meant for his roommate, Ned Schneebly. He quickly decides to make a bit of cash and pose as Ned to take up a substitute teaching job at Horace Green, a prestigious prep school. He is horrified to discover that his straight-laced and straight A students haven't a clue about rock and roll, and he makes it his mission to educate them. Dewey realizes they are a talented bunch, and he decides to mold them into a rock band and enter the

upcoming Battle of the Bands competition. However, he needs to do all of this away from the prying eyes of the school's principal, Rosalie Mullins. Along the way, Dewey finds romance, self-worth, a proper job and, most importantly, he teaches the children and their parents the beauty of rock!

Musical rehearsals were held from January through February directly after school in our auditorium. Students participated in activities and exercises to get them used to using the space on stage and interacting with other actors. Students also participated in choreography rehearsals with choreographer Maria Barresi to enhance the action on stage. Our sound technician, Elliott Lester, also worked tirelessly to amplify not only the students on stage, but the instruments on stage and in the pit. We thank Elliott for helping to showcase our students in their best possible light.

This year, five of our students embarked on a never been done before feat at Whitesboro - they learned how to play real live instruments and formed a rock band that actually plays on stage! Matt Brinck (guitar), Gavyn Burgdoff

(drums), Avery Davis (keyboard), Matia Rossi (bass) and Bradford Webster (guitar) all worked together once a week after school for "band" practice, learning several songs for the show on their instruments. These students rose to the challenge and even received certificates for graduating "band camp."

"School of Rock" featured a cast of 40 student actors, 10 student stage/lighting crew members and many set construction and design crew students. The performances were well-attended and well-received, and by the end of each show, everyone felt as if they were at a real life rock concert! Seeing the show come to life is a memory we will not soon forget. The powerful impact of the arts on these students' well-being was truly evident through this show. We are overwhelmed with joy knowing that our students will have this memory to fondly look back on. Many thanks are extended to all who were involved in the making and performing of our show. It takes a village to put on productions of this scale, and "School of Rock" could not have happened without all involved!



HS Orchestra, Symphonic Band & A Cappella Concert

On March 13, a high school orchestra, symphonic band and a cappella concert was held in celebration of March being Music in Our Schools Month. Many of the selections performed were voted on by students in the ensembles.

POETRY

Out Loud



For over a decade, Whitesboro High School has been competing in the national recitation competition Poetry Out Loud. Each year, students from Whitesboro compete; first in a classroom competition, then in a schoolwide competition where the classroom winners face off to become school champion. The top two students move on to the regional competition to face winners from other high schools. Remarkably, Whitesboro has won and moved on to compete for the title of New York State Champion five times. Now, that number is six!

Although we have never had a state champion, we have always placed well, with our top finish coming in second place, just a few points away from moving on to the national competition in Washington, D.C. Not surprisingly, Whitesboro students have earned a fine reputation as outstanding competitors.

That being said, this year's Poetry Out Loud competition was an exciting challenge for our students, many of whom felt they had what it takes to become New York State Champion. More than 100 Whitesboro students competed in classroom competitions, and 16 students moved on to compete for the title of Whitesboro High School Champion. In an incredibly close contest, Cayden Young edged out Matt Brinck, who was a regional finalist last year. The two of them went to Syracuse for

the regionals in February and did incredibly well, with Cayden Young being named Regional Champion.

The state finals were held on March 9 in New York City, at The Fashion Institute of Technology. Against the other regional winners and runner-ups, Cayden Young rose to the challenge and performed his absolute best.

"Unfortunately, I didn't win," Cayden said. "It was a tough competition; they were all amazing. I have definitely learned a few things based on watching the top five students perform." With his typical upbeat attitude, he added, "I will definitely be back next year!"

Congratulations to both Matt Brinck, who is graduating in the class of 2024, and Cayden Young, who we hope to see win it all next year.

A special "thank you" goes to the Whitesboro Literary Magazine and the English department, who help to make this contest a reality each year, as well as all the faculty and staff that support the program in numerous ways.



STUDENTS EARN SEVERAL AWARDS AT MOHAWK VALLEY STEM EXPLORATION SHOWCASE

On March 12, Whitesboro Middle and High School technology students attended and competed in the 20th Annual Mohawk Valley STEM Exploration Showcase at Mohawk Valley Community College. About 300 middle and high school students from across the Mohawk Valley were in attendance. Students exhibited their work and participated in various competitions, including 3D printing, computer-aided design, CO2 cars, balsa bridges and projectile devices. Whitesboro students were awarded as top finishers in numerous events across both the middle and high school divisions. Congratulations to the top finishers!



Middle School Division:

CO₂ CAR RACES

- First Place** Brayden Vosburgh
- Second Place** Landon Vincent & Kyle Connors
- Third Place** Brennan Belfield & Cooper Hirschev

3D PRINTING

- First Place** Jaydin Zarubin & Jack Murphy

High School Division:

BALSA BRIDGES

- First Place** Joseph Drager

CO₂ CAR RACES

- First Place** Emily Horning
- Third Place** Ben Nelson

MOUSETRAP VEHICLES

- First Place** Nelson Gomez
- Third Place** Jacob Khomych & Dominic Torres

COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN

- Second Place** Aaden Wilsey

3D PRINTING

- Third Place** Aaden Wilsey

PROJECTILE DEVICES

- Second Place** Ethan LaMore & Avery Heretz

STUDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL

Celebration of Chinese Culture

In recognition of the Chinese New Year, Mandarin Chinese students traveled to Clinton High School to participate in the annual celebration of Chinese culture. The New Year, also known as the Spring Festival or Lunar New Year, is celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. The event featured student performances and demonstrations of Peking Opera and Guzheng from Binghamton University's Center for Theater Arts Collaboration. Students were invited on stage to participate or as an audience from their seats.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING PROGRAM

The Whitesboro Middle School Campus' Instructional Coaching Program was spearheaded in 2022 and is now halfway through its second year. Samantha Dell'Anno and Bettina Toth are the instructional coaches for grades 6-8. They collaboratively work with our classroom teachers to align campus wide strategies and empower students and teachers to be successful.

Differentiating allows them to work cohesively to support our teachers with tailored resources to meet the students' individual needs and teachers' goals.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ESPORTS CLUB

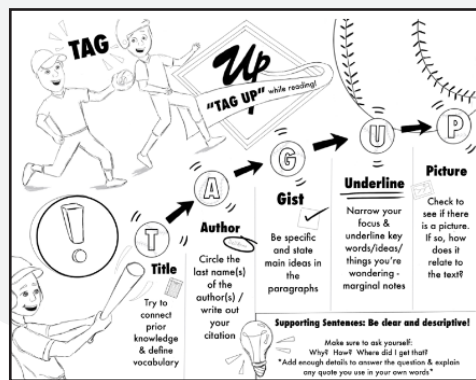
Esports, or electronic sports, involve competitive gaming where individuals or teams play against each other in popular video games. This rapidly growing field combines elements of strategy, teamwork and digital proficiency.



Esports demand critical thinking, quick decision-making and strategic planning, which significantly contribute to cognitive development. Just like traditional sports, Esports require effective teamwork and communication. Our club members learn to work collaboratively, building skills that are essential both inside and outside the gaming world. Esports provide a platform where students of diverse backgrounds and abilities can participate equally, promoting inclusivity and a sense of community.

Our Esports Club has been met with great enthusiasm! Our students are not only enjoying the thrill of gaming, but are also actively learning about digital citizenship and the importance of balancing gaming with other academic and personal responsibilities. The club meets once a week after school, and we have already seen some remarkable talent and teamwork on display.

We are excited about the future of the Esports Club at Whitesboro Middle School!



MS. TOTH AND MS. DELL'ANNO

DIGITAL DETOX Challenge

The Middle School Campus challenged students to unplug from their apps and not use them for one weekend. Students were challenged to not access their social media apps the weekend of March 22, and then had a discussion on what it was like for them the following Monday during homeroom. Parents were asked to encourage their child to participate in this voluntary challenge. We are hopeful this experience will help our students consider the time they spend on social media and healthy alternatives to it.



Deerfield Elementary students have been celebrating the joy of reading! Students discovered that reading is entertaining, informative and fun. This year, Deerfield students and staff participated in a new program coined Deerfield Always Reads Together (DART). During the DART program, students celebrated the 100th day of school, dressed to impress, lit it up neon, got cozy with a good book in flannel, celebrated the decades, worked out on Wednesdays, exchanged gently used books and hooted it up at “The Brain Show!”



HART’S HILL RAISES FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Hart’s Hill Elementary School recently partnered with the American Heart Association to raise awareness and funds to support heart health. A kick-off event was held on March 14, where students were taught heart healthy habits that were reinforced during physical education class.

On March 28, our school celebrated our fundraising and educational efforts in a finale event, where members of the Hart’s Hill staff were “pied.” In lieu of traditional fundraising, we set a goal of \$1,000 as a school community. For every \$200 raised, a staff member was “pied” by a student, chosen via lottery during the finale.

In addition, all students at each grade level earned a “heart healthy hero.” As a school community, we raised a total of \$1,886.63, and a total of nine faculty members were “pied.” Thank you for your support!



MARCY AND HART’S HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS HOLD INCOMING KINDERGARTEN NIGHTS

Marcy Elementary School held an Incoming Kindergarten Parent Workshop on March 14. Parents were able to meet with Marcy staff members and were provided with parent-friendly information/activities that can be done at home to help prepare their child for success in kindergarten. While the parents were attending the workshop, the children participated in fun learning activities in the library.

On March 27, incoming kindergarten students and their families visited Hart’s Hill Elementary School for the annual Incoming Kindergarten Night!

About 50 four and five-year-olds visited with the library media specialist and her robots, participated in a gross motor activity in the gym and made a craft. While the students were busy acclimating to their new school, parents had the opportunity to listen to information provided by the PTO, kindergarten teachers and support staff.

We look forward to the arrival of our newest students in September! Please see the Marcy and Hart’s Hill webpages for more information about our kindergarten program.





A group of fifth graders had an idea at Marcy Elementary. They decided there was a lot of plastic in their lunches, but no option to recycle any of it. So, Annika Soposki, Norah Pezdek, Drew Vanderzell and Gaven Coriale came up with an idea. They created a petition that stated they wanted to make a change and give recycling as an option in the cafeteria. Their petition was successful, and they gathered many signatures from their classmates.

As Annika said, "We went to Miss Sutliff and asked if she wanted to support our idea and help form a Green Team. After that, the team was up and running!"

The group met during their lunchtimes and created a presentation to express why recycling was so important to them. They presented their ideas to Mr. Storsberg and Mr. Rothdiener. After this meeting, they continued to talk and create their slides to present to the students of Marcy Elementary. They also reached out to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority and gathered posters and recycling bins to start their plan.

Finally, they presented during each grade level lunchtime to teach the other students the new plan for recycling at Marcy Elementary. The new plan includes recycling plastic condiment containers, sporks, juice boxes, bottles and milk cartons. The group stated in the presentation, "If you have an idea, you can turn it into reality with hard work and determination."

We can learn a lot from our fifth graders at Marcy Elementary!



Westmoreland Road Elementary School was recently able to donate \$600 and some bedding to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a national organization with a local chapter whose mission is to provide beds for children in the area who otherwise wouldn't have one.

The school hosted a faculty dress down week as well as a PTO movie night to raise the funds and help the organization to further their mission of making sure that "no child sleeps on the floor."



Thank you to all of our fifth grade families for supporting our Krispy Kreme Doughnut fundraiser. We raised almost \$2,000 to be used for our upcoming field trips and activities.



On January 31, Westmoreland Road Elementary School faculty and staff were given a relaxing space in Mrs. Aiello's room to practice wellness. This was provided by the PBIS team and Mrs. Aiello as a staff reward for supporting our PBIS initiative. Faculty and staff entered the room to soothing music, a chair and foot massage, healthy snacks and some crafts and activities. This was a wonderful treat and helped to ease stress and tension. Thank you, Mrs. Aiello and the West. Rd. PBIS team for this awesome experience.

NORDIC SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nordic Skiers Compete in Section III Championships, NYSPHSAA Championships



On February 17, the Whitesboro Nordic ski team competed in the Section III Championships at Osceola Ski Resort. The boys team, consisting of Calvin Cooley, Evan DeStefanis, Ethan Howard, Alexander Phelps and Seth Stevens, were crowned as the boys Nordic ski Section III champions.

Seth Stevens won the individual boys Nordic ski championship! Eight of the team members (Calvin Cooley, Evan DeStefanis, Elizabeth Friot, Katherine Mullen, Sarah Mullen, Alexander Phelps, Seth Stevens and Lauren Sfeir) qualified for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Nordic Ski Championships held on February 26-27 in Lake Placid.

Highlights from the NYSPHSAA championship event included Seth Stevens finishing in 12th place, and Katherine Mullen and Seth Stevens being named the Section III Sportsmanship Award winners!

Congratulations to all!

ATHLETES COMPETE IN ALPINE SKI, GYMNASTICS, INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Several Whitesboro athletes recently represented the District in state championship events for alpine ski, gymnastics and indoor track and field.

ALPINE SKI

On February 26-27, junior Kaelyn Barry competed in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Alpine Ski Championships in Lake Placid. She was one of seven girls selected to the state team for Section III. This was a two-day event comprised of two different disciplines. Day one was giant slalom and Kaelyn placed 38th in a combined two-run total out of 66 girls. Day two was slalom and Kaelyn placed 30th in a combined two-run total out of 66 girls. We are so proud of her hard work and dedication. Way to go, Kaelyn!



GYMNASTICS

On March 2, Aubrey Hughes, Karley Hughes and Genevieve Michel represented Whitesboro High School on the Section III gymnastics team at the NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Championships held at Clarence High School in Buffalo. Members of the Whitesboro varsity gymnastics team helped Section III finish in second place out of 11 teams at the state competition. Congratulations on an outstanding season!



TRACK AND FIELD

On March 2, Noah Otto competed in the pole vault in the NYSPHSAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island. Noah finished 23rd overall in the competition. During the season, Noah set a new indoor track school record with a vault of 13'0".

Congratulations to all who competed in the state championships!



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The Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Meetings are held at the Administration Building at 65 Oriskany Blvd. in Whitesboro, or at one of the school buildings in the District. Visit www.wboro.org/boemeeting for the complete meeting schedule.

Estimated Tax Impact

Whitesboro Central School District
2024 - 2025 School Budget

Home with Full Value Exemption	SENIOR Enhanced STAR \$1,313** Exemption/Credit* <i>*Income Restrictions</i>		With Basic STAR \$547** Exemption/Credit		No STAR No Exemption	
	Estimated Increase Cost Per Month	Estimated Increase Cost Per Year	Estimated Increase Cost Per Month	Estimated Increase Cost Per Year	Estimated Increase Cost Per Month	Estimated Increase Cost Per Year
\$100,000	\$6.49	\$77.87	\$10.57	\$126.87	\$6.49	\$77.87
\$150,000	\$9.73	\$116.81	\$13.82	\$165.81	\$9.73	\$116.81
\$200,000	\$12.98	\$155.74	\$17.06	\$204.74	\$12.98	\$155.74
\$300,000	\$19.47	\$233.61	\$23.55	\$282.61	\$19.47	\$233.61

STAR Exemptions and STAR Credits are based on the most recent information available. The maximum STAR savings for each school district is calculated by the Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) and is available online. (<https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/eligibility.htm>).

The estimated costs calculated above use the FINAL 2023 Assessment Rolls as determined by the Town of Whitesboro. The 2023 Equalization Rates used were established by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Service.

Homeowners that have purchased a home after August 1, 2015, and have not yet registered for the STAR credit, will need to register with the New York State Tax Department at www.tax.ny.gov/star or call (518) 457-2036 to receive a STAR credit.



**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024,
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