



Inspire-Cultivate-Empower

Whitesboro High School

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Katherine Hobaica, Assistant Principal - Grades 9-10

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From the Principal's Desk

*W*elcome back to our students and their parents returning to Whitesboro High School for the 2023-24 school year. A special welcome to all of our new students attending our school for the first time. We want all students to have a successful year at Whitesboro High School and believe parents play a key role. Parental interest and support of our programs are key components in student success. We believe we create an excellent educational community which provides students with many different types of academic and co-curricular opportunities.

Whitesboro High School Principal Announces His Retirement

Jeffrey Kuhn, Whitesboro High School Principal, has announced his retirement after the upcoming 2023-24 school year. This year will be his 15th year as Whitesboro High School Principal and his 30th year overall in the Whitesboro Central School District. Mr. Kuhn initially served for 13 years as a Social Studies teacher at Whitesboro Middle School and Whitesboro High School. He also served as Secondary Social Studies Chairperson during that time. Previously, he served as Assistant Principal for Student Activities for 2 years at Whitesboro High School before beginning his current position in 2010. Prior to joining Whitesboro schools, Mr. Kuhn worked in management positions in the private sector for 10 years in the fields of construction management, commercial printing, and metallurgy.

Mr. Kuhn earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Utica College of Syracuse University, his Master of Science in Secondary Social Studies Education from SUNY Oneonta and his Certificate in Advanced Studies in School Administration from SUNY Cortland. While principal, he earned his Certificate in Advanced Educational Leadership from Harvard University and is currently pursuing a Certificate in Transformative Leadership Skills from Cornell University.

I want to thank the entire Whitesboro community for their support during the past 30 years. The relations that I have made over the years will always be cherished. We will continue to improve all aspects of school life for our students and staff in the coming year. Go Blue!

Welcome New Assistant Principal - Katherine Hobaica

It is a pleasure to join the Whitesboro Central School District team as the 9th-10th grade High School Assistant Principal. I look forward to the upcoming school year and serving students, staff, families, and the community in my new role. I am excited to meet everyone and help contribute to our school's success by instilling the values and mission of the district to "inspire", "cultivate", and "empower" all learners.

I am originally from Monticello, New York and moved to the Mohawk Valley soon after graduating from college. I taught grades 7-12 Health Education and Family and Consumer Science for nine years at Waterville Central School District and 7th grade Family and Consumer Science for two years at Whitesboro Middle School. While teaching at Waterville, I coached volleyball and softball, co-advised High School Student Council, advised Ski-Club, performed athletic security, mentored new teachers, and was a member of the Health and Wellness Committee. My husband, Luke, is an Assistant Professor of Welding and AWS Certified Welding Inspector at Mohawk Valley Community College. We have two daughters ages two and four who love spending time outside and going on new adventures.



The positive, welcoming, and supportive environment Whitesboro provides is something I love being part of. I plan to build relationships, collaborate, and be visible in my role as High School Assistant Principal. I look forward to meeting everyone this fall and wish everyone a great start to the 2023-2024 school year!

Counseling Department to Implement SchoolLinks

SchoolLinks is a modern, college and career readiness platform to prepare students for what comes after graduation. SchoolLinks helps students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create a personal graduation plan that best reflects their post-secondary goals. SchoolLinks at Whitesboro High School is accessible in 9th-12th grades by students and their parents.

All of the SchoolLinks features are designed with students in mind to help them become career, college, and life ready. SchoolLinks features are incredibly user-friendly and content can be easily comprehended by high school students.

Using SchoolLinks, high school students and parents can:

- Access career interest, strength and mindset surveys
- Explore 2-year and 4-year colleges
- Create course plans based on career pathways
- Take virtual reality college campus tours
- Search for scholarships
- Learn about financial aid
- Find internship and volunteer opportunities
- Explore traditional, emerging and military career fields
- Create digital portfolios / resumes
- Communicate with counselors

Using SchoolLinks, 12th graders will be able to:

- Track college applications and request transcripts
- Request Letters of Recommendation

Student Login: Students will login to SchoolLinks using their Chromebooks.

Guardian/Parents Login will be available through invitation from their student(s).

Specific details including login procedures will be provided at the start of the school year.

If you want to learn more about SchoolLinks please visit schoolinks.com.



Regular Attendance Key to Success in School

In order to be successful in meeting the high expectations set down by the State Education Department and our local school district for graduation, it is imperative that students come to school on a regular basis and maximize their time in school for learning. **There is a positive correlation between regular attendance at school and academic success.** The business world demands that employees be at work daily and on time. Excessive absenteeism and/or tardiness to work often results in the loss of jobs. Our school has an obligation to expect regular attendance and punctuality to school and class. Students have a responsibility to come to school on a daily basis and to be on time to school and to all of their classes. Parents have a responsibility to see that their children meet these

obligations.

The vast majority of student discipline referrals at Whitesboro High School are related to truancies and tardies. Improvements in those areas will allow students to perform better in the classroom. There is a direct correlation between poor student attendance and course failures. We ask for your cooperation. Your child should attend school daily. Whenever possible, medical and dental appointments should be scheduled outside of the school day. Students requiring regular appointments during the school day should have these scheduled as to avoid missing the same class each time. We need to maximize the time we have in school for instructional purposes. All district protocols for attendance remain the same for in-person learning.

Handicapped Accessibility

Whitesboro High School is handicapped accessible. Two elevators are available; one is located at the south side of the high school adjacent to the gymnasium and the other at the north side of the building across from the auditorium. Handicapped parking areas are located in the circle in front of the high school, in the north drive across from the Attendance Office, and in the parking area east of the Attendance Office. All bathrooms in the building are handicapped accessible. Any further questions concerning handicapped accessibility needs should be directed to the school administration.

Late Buses

Late buses are available for those students who stay after regular school hours for remedial help or co-curricular activities Monday - Thursday. There are no late buses on Friday or on a day before a vacation. Students should be under the supervision of a staff member during this time period, from 2:20 to 3:20 p.m., and need to have a late bus pass signed by a staff member in order to be allowed to ride the bus. Student athletes, waiting for their coach to arrive to begin practice, should report to the cafeteria no later than 2:20 p.m. unless they are with another teacher for extra help or at a club meeting. The late bus departs from the High School at 3:20 p.m. and goes to the Middle School to pick up students. There, students may have to transfer to other buses depending on where they live.

Cafeteria News

Dear Parent or Guardian,

For the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, all students will have the opportunity to participate in both the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Participation is based upon a household's income eligibility. At the start of the school year, a 2023-2024 Free/Reduced application will be sent home for families to fill out if they feel they meet the criteria for applying. A completed application must be submitted back to the food service office located at the high school building for processing. Once the application has been processed, families will receive a letter from the food service office notifying families if they qualify or not.

For families who do not qualify, the cost for a full breakfast meal is \$1.50 each day. The cost for a full lunch meal is \$2.75 each day.

Students also have the opportunity to purchase milk (\$0.50), extra portions and a wide variety of healthy snacks and/or a la carte items made daily. In order for a student to purchase any of these items, a student must have money available on their meal account or pay the cashier at the time of purchase. NO CHARGING to the student's account is allowed. Please refer to the district's meal charging policy found at www.wboro.org for further information.

Please feel free to contact the food service office at 315-266-3315 for any further questions you may have. Thank you and we look forward to a new and exciting school year!

Excuses

When a student has been absent from or tardy to school, the parent or guardian must provide the school with a written note explaining the reason. Students should present this note to their first period teacher the day they return from an absence. Written excuses should indicate the date, the reason for the absence or tardiness, and be signed by the parent or guardian. In cases of repeated or long-term absence, a note from a medical doctor may be required.

Main Entrance

For the safety and security of all members of our educational community, we utilize one main entrance to the high school, located on the north side of the building by the cafeteria. Buses drop off students in the morning on the circle in front of the building and on the north side circle drive. Students and staff may utilize the front doors by the auditorium and the cafeteria doors on the north side to enter the building until 7:35 a.m. After that time, all entrance doors are locked for the remainder of the day except for the entrance door leading to the cafeteria on the north side. Afternoon buses pick up from the same locations as they dropped off students in the morning. The attendance office is located just inside the doors leading to the cafeteria.

All visitors should enter the building through the main entrance located on the north side of the building by the cafeteria. Visitors and handicapped parking areas are designated in a lot off the north circle drive. Visitors are expected to sign in at the Attendance Office where they will receive a guest pass. Upon exiting the building, guests are to again report to the Attendance Office and sign out.

As an additional security measure, we have a second set of doors just beyond the attendance office. Similar to other buildings in the District, this allows our attendance clerk to control access to the building via a buzzer which unlocks the door. We appreciate your cooperation and patience with this procedure.

Dress Code Helps Maintain Quality School Environment

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up, and nails, shall:

- A. Be safe, appropriate, and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- B. Recognize that extremely brief garments including but not limited to tube tops, net tops, halter tops, plunging necklines (front and/or back) and see-through garments are not appropriate. (This includes low-cut pants and abbreviated tops which expose the midriff area.)
- C. Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.
- D. Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
- E. Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- F. Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- G. Not include the wearing of hats or other headgear in the building during regular school hours except for medical or religious purposes.

If the manner of dress is such that it violates these standards, the student will be asked to change, and, if necessary, be sent home to do so. The student will be responsible for missed work as a result of leaving school. If there is any doubt about the appropriateness of clothing, it should not be worn. If you have any questions, please contact an administrator.

Early Release From School

To be released from school for any reason, a student must bring a parent's or guardian's note on the day he/she needs to be excused. This excuse should be given to the attendance office monitor before first period. A student may not leave the school without prior permission from the attendance monitor and must sign out at the attendance office. Students will only be released to their parent, guardian, or some other adult designated by the parent or guardian. If students drive, they will be released only with the parent's or

guardian's permission. In order to be released due to sickness during the school day, students must report to the school nurse to be evaluated. If, in the nurse's judgment, the student needs to be sent home, the parent will be contacted for permission prior to allowing the student to leave. The student still must sign out from the attendance office.

Thank you for your cooperation in assisting us to provide the best education possible for your child, starting with daily attendance.

52 Students Named as AP Scholars

Whitesboro High School is proud to announce that 52 students have been named by the College Board as AP Scholars. Students achieving this status must have received scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more Advanced Placement Exams. Of these students, 20 qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor category, while 9 were awarded the highest possible title of the AP Scholar with Distinction.

For the 2023 AP cohort, 71% of total AP students scored a 3 or higher on their respective exams, with an average score of 3.77.

The students receiving these honors are listed below:

AP Scholar - Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. These students are Karina Andronovich, Samuel Collis, Julianne DiGiorgio, Julia Dzeravenets, James Faggiano, Christian Hadlock, Dominick Jenne, Delaney Jennings, Emma Kane, Jonathan Kraeger, Alexa LaBuzzetta, Jack LaFayette, Peyton Lahey, Mikayla Loubier, George Makarri, Maddison Manley, Dan Russo, Lauren Sfeir, Alexis Stivali, Saveria Suppa, Ava Tibbitts, Angelina Wehrle, Ryan Yingling.

AP Scholar with Honor - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Paulina Ashwell, Matthew Benjamin, Abigail Collea, Michael Collea, Riley Collis, Danielle DeCarlo, Kayla Dunn, Paige Gentile, Ella George, Connor Hahn, Aubrey Hughes, Olivia Komacek, Brooke Manolescu, Derek Marrero, Katherine Mullen, Abigail Nasby, Jenna Sents, Emma Sheldon, Austin Stoquert, Adin Terovic.

AP Scholar with Distinction - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Brendan Chrysler, Josephine Jenne, Michael Kuhn, Nay Linn, Gabriel O'Donnell, Ayush Patel, Eva Quackenbush, Gabrielle St. Pierre, Maria Stuhlman.

Congratulations students, this is truly a remarkable achievement and testament of your hard work throughout the 22-23 school year.



Whitesboro High School Adds Five New Courses for 2023-2024

Digital Applications (Dual Credit)
Drawing and Painting Appreciation
Fitness Room
Web Development
Mandarin Chinese 3 (Dual Credit)

Surveillance Cameras

The Whitesboro Central School District promotes students, staff, and visitor safety in all District facilities, grounds, and buses. In an attempt to ensure a safe and effective learning environment, the Board promotes the use of surveillance cameras when necessary in all District facilities, grounds, and buses. Surveillance cameras will be used in public areas and other non-public areas, except areas such as rest rooms and locker rooms where there is reasonable expectation of privacy. Audio recordings will not be made in conjunction with the use of cameras. Such prohibition does not preclude the use of audio recordings by law enforcement or District personnel when used in accordance with their official duties and as authorized by law.

Student Drop-Off Areas

The student drop-off circle is located just north of the circle by the auditorium entrance. Using the drop off will allow you to avoid the buses, the traffic in the main circle, and create a smoother exit for you once you drop students off. Please use this circle because it is much safer and efficient.

Class of 2024

Cap and Gown information will be coming soon. Information and ordering details will be available on "Class of 2024" google classroom stream. Be sure to turn your notifications on. Any questions or concerns please contact your class advisors Mrs. Corr (jcorr@wboro.org) or Mrs. Williams (nwilliams@wboro.org).

NASPHSAA Announces School of Excellence Winners for 2022-2023

Whitesboro High School is recognized as a 2022-2023 Scholar-Athlete School of Excellence Winner.

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) announces its 2022-2023 Scholar-Athlete School of Excellence Award winners.

The purpose of the School of Excellence Awards is to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide academic honor.

“The School of Excellence Awards highlight the best student-athletes in New York State”, said Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director. “For member schools to be honored for their commitment to academics as well as athletics is a testament to the outstanding leadership and student-athletes we have in this state.”

To earn the School of Excellence Award, 75% of a school’s varsity teams must qualify and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award.

Yearbook Sales

Yearbooks will be sold through Jostens Publishing Company. This year, the book will be all in color. You will receive an order form through the mail indicating the price and options available for the 2023-2024 yearbook. Payment will be made directly to Jostens, you can pay by credit card online at:

<http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1053950/whitesborohs>. or by

scanning the QR code below:



Seniors: Senior portraits and quotes are due to the yearbook staff by Tuesday, October 31, 2023, to ensure a place in the yearbook.

If you hired our photographer, DeNicola Photography, your photograph will be automatically sent to the yearbook staff email. If you have used another photographer, it is your responsibility to get it to the yearbook staff by October 31, 2023. Seniors should also be on the look out for an invite to the Senior Class Yearbook Google Classroom.

All photographs are to be cropped and sized. We do not touch up a photograph. It is your photographer’s responsibility. What we receive is what goes in our book. Photographs need to fit into 1¾” x 2½” box. All portraits need to be emailed to hsyearbook@wboro.org.

Underclass pictures will be taken October 25th-27th. Information about price packages will be sent home with students the week before.

If you have any other questions pertaining to the yearbook, please contact Mr. Ott cott@wboro.org or Miss Davis cdavis@wboro.org.

Curriculum Night

Our annual Curriculum Night is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Welcome New Staff

Emily Balian - Mandarin Chinese
Taylor Decker - Spanish
Kimberly Etman - English
Katherine Hobaica - Assistant Principal
Steve Maggio - Math
Marissa Pietruch - Special Education
Rebecca Sunderlin - Math

September

WHITESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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3	4 Labor Day	5 Superintendent's Conference Day	6 Superintendent's Conference Day	7 First Day of School for Students Registration Deadline SAT on October 7 th	8	9 ACT @ other area HS
	NO SCHOOL					
10	11 Patriot Day	12 BOE Meeting Admin. Bldg./7:00 PM	13	14	15 HS Class Meetings Aud./7:30-10:30 AM	16
17	18	19	20	21 Title 1 Meeting HS Library, 6:30 PM	22 Registration Deadline ACT on October 28 th	23 Autumn Begins
24	25 High School Curriculum Night 6:30 PM	26	27 Industrial Rhythm Concert Aud./7:00 PM	28	29	30

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October

WHITESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2	3	4	5 Registration Deadline SAT on Nov. 4 th	6 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL	7 SAT @ other area HS
8	9 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	10 BOE Meeting Deerfield/7:00 PM	11	12	13 Senior Courtyard Photo	14 PSAT, Whitesboro HS Powderpuff Football Game Chiz Frye Field/6:30 PM BLUE & WHITE WEEKEND
15	16	17	18	19	20 HS Progress Reports	21
BLUE & WHITE WEEKEND						
22	23	24	25 Freshman Yearbook Pictures	26 Sophomore Yearbook Pictures Optimist Club "Collage Concert" HS Aud./7:00 PM	27 Junior Yearbook Pictures	28 ACT @ other area HS
29	30	31 Halloween Senior Portraits and Quotes Due				

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315 266-3233	Attendance Office
315 266-3240	Guidance Office
315 266-3215	Athletic Director
315 266-3214	School Nurse
315 266-3228	Assistant Principal - Grades 11-12
315 266-3228	Assistant Principal - Grades 9-10

School hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*Daily Announcements are posted on the
<http://www.wboro.org> High School web site*