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# Whitesboro High School

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## *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Whitesboro High School Community,

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome as we embark on a new school year at Whitesboro High School. It is with great honor that I transition into the role of High School Principal, following six rewarding years as an Assistant Principal at Whitesboro. I am enthusiastic about further cultivating our existing relationships and introducing new opportunities to support each student in reaching their highest potential.

This academic year represents a fresh chapter for us all, brimming with opportunities for growth, learning, and accomplishment. I eagerly anticipate collaborating with each of you to ensure that every student at Whitesboro High School receives the necessary guidance and support to excel academically, socially, and personally.

At Whitesboro Central School District, our mission is to inspire, cultivate, and empower all learners to realize their full potential. We will continue to seek out input from our students in order to develop new programs and extracurricular activities that reflect student interests and enhance their high school experience.

I am excited about the promising year ahead, filled with growth, learning, and success for every student. Here's to a rewarding and memorable school year.

Sincerely,  
Dave Cagnetti

## ***Welcome New Assistant Principal - Matthew Lee***

Dear Students and Families of Whitesboro High School,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer. It is such a great honor to be the Assistant Principal for Grades 11 and 12 and Student Activities at Whitesboro High School. Whitesboro Central Schools holds a special place in this region, known for its commitment to excellence and success of its students in academics, arts, and athletics.

In my 18 years in public education as a technology and math teacher, assistant principal, and principal, I have learned that strong partnerships between school, home, and community are crucial for the success of all students. I look forward to working closely with everyone to build upon the strengths of Whitesboro High School and to explore new opportunities for growth and achievement together.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have. I am here to serve the Whitesboro High School community and support our students in every way possible.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you in the weeks ahead.

Go Big Blue!!!

Sincerely,  
Matthew Lee  
mlee@wboro.org

## ***Cafeteria News***

Dear Parent or Guardian,

For the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, the Whitesboro CSD Food Service department has been approved to continue to operate under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which means all students enrolled within the district can receive breakfast and lunch FREE of charge!

Families with children of the district do not need to fill out a new 2024-2025 household income eligibility form but it is encouraged to do so for accurate State and Federal reporting to ensure correct funding to the district. If interested in submitting a form, please visit our website at [www.wboro.org/foodservice](http://www.wboro.org/foodservice) in the upcoming weeks for updated information or call the food service office at 315-266-3315. In addition, an application will be mailed out to each household at the start of school and will be available at the main office anytime throughout the school year.

Beyond FREE meals, students will have the option each day to purchase milk, extras, along with a variety of healthy snacks and/or a la carte items available during meal periods. In order to receive any of these additional items, students will need to have money available on their meal accounts or pay cash at the time of purchase. NO CHARGING to the student's meal account will be permitted without sufficient funds available.

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

## ***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 trancies 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.

### ***Student Drop-Off Areas***

Students Drop off areas are located in the student parking lot near the Auditorium and at the end of the North Drive near the faculty parking lot. Signs are posted at both entrances. However, the parking lot does get congested as buses arrive and depart between 7:10- and 7:15 AM and between 2:00 and 2:15 PM.

In the morning, it is important for students to be in class when the 7:30 bell rings to avoid referrals for tardiness. In order to ensure they are on time for class, parents should drop off students no later than 7:25 AM. You are also reminded that the Auditorium doors do close promptly at 7:30 AM and after that time all students must report to the attendance office in the North Drive to sign in and receive a pass to class.

At the end of the school day, buses depart at 2:15. There is congestion between 2:10 and 2:20 as all of our buses and student drivers attempt to exit the parking lots at the same time. Parents are encouraged to wait until after 2:20 to arrive at which time both bus circles are accessible and can be utilized for pickup. Students are free to wait for 10-15 minutes in the Auditorium lobby, Gym lobby, or cafeteria lobby until their parents arrive in these pick up circles.

Remember, passing a school bus while it is loading or unloading in NY State will result in a ticket and fine. All buses are equipped with traffic cameras to protect our students.

### ***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. During the 2023-24 school year, we repeatedly had issues with students who wished to stay after school to socialize with friends or "hang out" on campus. Students should only remain on campus after school if they are meeting with a teacher, club advisor, or coach.

## ***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 7:30 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.

## **58 Students Named as AP Scholars**

Whitesboro High School is proud to announce that 58 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, 13 qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor category, while 11 were awarded the highest possible title of the AP Scholar with Distinction.

For the 2024 AP cohort, 74% of total AP students scored a 3 or higher on their respective exams, with an average score of 3.23.

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 Natalie Barber, Kaelyn Barry, Matthew Baye, Lorena Brancaccio, Avery Davis, Allyson DePerno, Haylee Eldred, Memphis Ferguson, Anthony Getz, Samara Giorgi, Erin Howlett, Leola Johnson, Avery Klein, Kayden Krecidlo, Gabriella Kuliesius, Joseph LaBarbera, Ella Lorraine, Jenna Malage, Sierra Marr, Dominic Marrero, Antonio Mauro, Matthew Meus, Sawyer Michel, Carter Musa, Reid O'Bryan, Daniel Obernesser, Hannah Smith, Tyler Stivali, Jack Towns, Sophie Tuttle, Tiffany Warner, Connor Wiggins, Matthew Yardley, Benjamin Zyskowski.

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 Brinck, Casey Clausen, Ashley Dillon, Jordyn Howlett, Peyton Lahey, Maddison Manley, Grace Maynard, Adeline Meinick, Sarah Mullen, Lucas Scott, Anthony Tobiasz, Matthew Wilkosz.

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 Julia Dzeravenets, James Faggiano, Ella George, Christian Hadlock, Connor Hahn, Aubrey Hughes, Emma Kane, Katherine Mullen, Gabriel O'Donnell, Lauren Sfeir, Adin Terovic.

Congratulations students, this is truly a remarkable achievement and testament of your hard work throughout the 23-24 school year.

## **Whitesboro High School Adds Five New Courses for 2024-2025**

Food and Nutrition Appreciation  
Forensics (SUPA)  
Mandarin Chinese IV

## **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.

## **Class of 2025**

Cap and Gown information will be coming soon. For all information related to your senior year, students should join the Class of 2025 google classroom, and turn their notifications "on". If they have any questions or concerns please contact your class advisors, Mrs. D'Accurzio ([cdaccurzio@wbboro.org](mailto:cdaccurzio@wbboro.org)) or Mr. Coriale ([acorriale@wbboro.org](mailto:acorriale@wbboro.org))

### **Class of 2025 Key Dates**

October 10- Senior Courtyard Picture

June 20- Graduation Rehearsal

June 21- Graduation at Adirondack Bank Center

## **Welcome New Staff**

Michael Fahy - Math  
Matthew Lee - Assistant Principal  
Zachary Perkins - Special Education  
Amanda Riccardi - Special Education  
Leah Zilkowski - Science  
Guidance Counselor - Christa Nigro  
Main Office Secretary - TBD



## NASPHSAA Announces School of Excellence Winners for 2023-2024

Whitesboro High School is recognized as a 2023-2024 Scholar-Athlete School of Excellence Winner.

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) announces its 2023-2024 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 Information

The Whitesboro High School Yearbook is an 8.5 x 11-inch, hardback, full-color publication. Yearbooks can be purchased through our publisher's website, <http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1053950/whitesboro> or by scanning the QR code below. Yearbooks increase in price as the year continues, so order early for the best price.



SCAN ME

**SENIORS:** Portraits are due by Thursday, October 31, 2024. All photos will be submitted using the Jostens® Photo Share site this year. To access the submission site, visit <https://photos.jostens.com/TNCWRL>. If you hire our photographer, DeNicola Photography, your photograph will be automatically submitted to the yearbook staff. If you use another photographer, please share with them how to submit your senior's portrait. All senior portraits should be submitted digitally as a .JPG or .JPEG file and need to be cropped and sized to fit within a 1 ¾" x 2 ½" box. It is your photographer's responsibility to touch up portraits. It is recommended that portraits are taken from the waist or chest up as full-body photos often do not reproduce well in the yearbook.

**Underclass photos** will be taken during Social Studies classes on the following dates: **Freshmen - Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sophomores - Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and Juniors - Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.** Order forms with pricing information will be sent home with students the week before. For more information, visit our website: <https://www.wboro.org/Domain/807> OR contact [hsyearbook@wboro.org](mailto:hsyearbook@wboro.org).

## Student Driving/Parking Information

Information on registering vehicles has been sent home to students in grades 11 and 12. Students have the ability to complete the required paperwork and register their vehicles prior to the start of the school year. Student driving is a privilege and eligible students are expected to follow traffic laws and Whitesboro High School procedures. Students in grades 9 and 10 are not permitted to register vehicles or drive to school under any circumstance. If you have any questions, contact the Assistant Principals' Office.

## Curriculum Night

Our annual Curriculum Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM.



# 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>
1	2 Labor Day	3 Superintendent's Conference Day	4 First Day of School for Students	5	6	7
8	9	10  BOE Meeting Admin. Bldg./7:00 PM	11 Patriot Day	12	13  HS Class Meetings Aud./7:30-10:30 AM	14  ACT @ other area HS
15	16			19  Title 1 Meeting HS Library/6:30 PM	20  Registration Deadline for 10/5 SAT  Registration Deadline for 10/26 SAT	21
22 Autumn Begins	23  Districtwide K-12 ELL Parent Night, Parkway Library 6:30 PM	24	25  High School Curriculum Night 6:30 PM	26	27	28
29	30					

# 2024

# 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 SAT @ other area HS
6	7	8  BOE Meeting Deerfield/7:00 PM	9	10  Senior Courtyard Photo/7:45 AM	11 Superintendent's Conference Day  Blue & White Parade of Athletes	12 PSAT, Whitesboro HS  Powderpuff Football Game Chiz Frye/6:30 PM
BLUE AND WHITE WEEK 10/7-10/12					NO SCHOOL	
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18  HS Progress Reports Issued  Registration Deadline for 11/2 SAT	19
20	21  NO SCHOOL	22	23 Freshman Yearbook Pictures	24 Sophomore Yearbook Pictures  Optimist Club "Collage Concert" HS Aud./7:00 PM	25 Junior Yearbook Pictures	26  ACT @ other area HS
27	28	29	30	31  Halloween  Senior Yearbook Pictures Due		

# 2024



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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. - 3:20 p.m.**

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