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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2025-2026 CALENDAR

Whitesboro Central School Board of Education

The Whitesboro Board of Education is committed to striving for higher student achievement in all of our academic and related program offerings. The Board has worked hard to allocate appropriate resources that will allow the school district to pursue the goal of having all students graduate career, college and life ready. Please review the information on this page and the following page to help you better understand the role and organizational structure of the Board of Education. It is the hope of each school board member that our students enjoy a positive learning environment throughout their school experience.

As the Whitesboro Board of Education, we welcome parents, students, staff members, community residents and other interested persons to our meetings. We appreciate your interest in and concern for our school system. The Board can better represent its constituents when members of the community take the time to observe the Board in action, express opinions and ask questions.

What is the Board of Education?

The Board is the official policy-making body of the school district. The Board is composed of seven members, elected by the public, who serve three-year terms of office. Board of Education members receive no paid compensation for their services.

What are the responsibilities of the Board?

- Establish District policies
- Identify District philosophy and direction
- Develop an annual budget for voter approval
- Act on the Superintendent's recommendations regarding personnel matters
- Review programs and instructional materials

No person or group of persons acts in the name of the Board. All motions require a majority vote before the Board can act. A Board member acts in an official capacity only during an official Board meeting. The Board employs a Superintendent of Schools as the Chief Executive Officer of the school district. The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the District and administration of Board policies, programs and plans for Board action.

How are Board Meetings conducted?

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum Check
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
6. Consent Agenda
7. Superintendent's Reports and Presentations
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Discussion
11. Public Comment
12. Executive Session
13. Adjournment

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NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

The Whitesboro Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, handicap or age in employment or in providing student access to educational programs, courses and activities. This policy is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Any alleged grievances should be reported to the appropriate compliance officer. Compliance officers are as follows: Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Christopher O'Neil, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Whitesboro High School, 6000 State Route 291, Marcy, NY 13403, 315.266.3240; or Title IX Coordinator, Christopher O'Neil, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Whitesboro High School, 6000 State Route 291, Marcy, NY 13403, 315.266.3240.

Whitesboro Central School Board of Education

Mr. Brian McQueen
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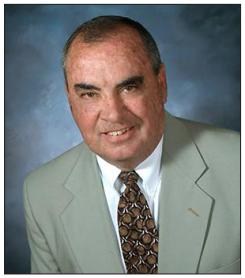

Mr. Michael Head

Dr. Jonathan Henderson

Mrs. Cheryl LaValley

Mr. Thomas Schoen Jr.

Dr. Steven Szatko

If I attend a Board meeting, must I stay until the end?

How long you stay is completely up to you. You may stay for as much time as you would like.

Can the public speak at Board meetings?

Normally, the Board will allow opportunities for the public to speak, both at the beginning (on agenda items only), and at the end on any item you wish to bring to the Board. You will be asked to state your name and address before speaking. Visitor comments will be limited to three minutes each. The President will curtail discussion on a topic to ensure that others have an opportunity to speak and that there is sufficient time to consider all agenda items. The Board of Education members will not engage in dialogue with the public during this time.

Comments relative to personnel or students are inappropriate to address in an open session and will not be allowed.

What is Executive Session?

Occasionally, it is necessary for the Board to conduct a discussion on a confidential matter which, under State Education guidelines, requires a "closed" or executive session. Such topics could include personnel matters involving a specific person, negotiation strategies, building rental or property acquisition. Although these discussions are not open to the public, any action on an executive session item must be taken in open public session. Executive sessions are usually held before or near the end of meetings. Only items which fall in the executive category can be discussed during such a session.

When and where does the Board of Education meet?

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

Do you have a concern?

The Board encourages parents and community members who have a concern about their children's education or other school-related problems to try to resolve them first at the level most directly involved; the classroom teacher or the building principal.

If your issue remains unresolved, you may contact the assistant superintendent or superintendent for their assistance.

Elementary Schools Information

Deerfield Elementary School

115 Schoolhouse Rd. • Deerfield, NY 13502 • 315.266.3410
School Hours: 9:10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Ms. Kelli L. McGowan, Principal
Nurse: 315.266.3414 • Fax: 315.797.7145

Hart's Hill Elementary School

8615 Clark Mills Road • Whitesboro, NY 13492 • 315.266.3430
School Hours: 9:10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Mr. Luke Manolescu, Principal
Nurse: 315.266.3434 • Fax: 315.768.9855

Marcy Elementary School

9479 Maynard Drive • Marcy, NY 13403 • 315.266.3420
School Hours: 9:10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Mr. Eric Rothdiener, Principal
Nurse: 315.266.3424 • Fax: 315.735.3358

Westmoreland Road Elementary School

8596 Westmoreland Road • Whitesboro, NY 13492 • 315.266.3440
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.
Mr. Timothy Johnston, Principal
Nurse: 315.266.3444 • Fax: 315.768.9789

General Information

Parent Conferences: Students at Westmoreland Road Elementary will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. Students at Deerfield, Hart's Hill and Marcy Elementary Schools will be dismissed at noon. Tentative dates for the 2025-26 conferences are:

Tuesday, December 2; Friday, December 5; and Friday, December 12

Report Cards: Report cards will be given out at conference time in December and sent home in March and June.

Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

Parents and teachers share a common bond in the education and development of children, so it is only natural that the PTOs work toward the goal of making each child's school experience a happy and fruitful one. The communication evolving from a good parent-teacher relationship can promote knowledge, input and support for the school program. The unified efforts of home and school ensure a consistent, intelligent approach in helping children grow into well-rounded adults. To learn more information about the PTO organization, call your child's school.

PTO 2025-2026 Officers

Deerfield Elementary PTO

President: Melissa Sawanec • Vice President: Nicole Kasprowicz
Secretary: Lindsay Pardi • Treasurer: Julieanne Cannistra

Hart's Hill Elementary PTO

President: Karin Vennero • Vice President: Erin Telesca
Secretary: Brittany DePietro
Co-Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Tooke
School Secretary: Karen Farr
Treasurer: Amanda Sunderlin

Marcy Elementary PTO

President: Abbie Getman
Co-Vice Presidents: Savannah Leo & Angela Meiss
Secretary: Danielle Hance • Treasurer: Ryan Nolan
Social Media Coordinator: Marissa Madia

Westmoreland Road Elementary PTO

President: MaryLisa Vella • Vice President: Danielle Fite
Secretary: Jenna Parkosewich • Treasurer: Sarah Kelsey

SEPTEMBER 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 **Labor Day**	**2** **Superintendent's Conference Day**	**3** **Superintendent's Conference Day** Marcy Kindergarten Open House, 2:00-3:00 p.m.	**4** First Day of School	**5**	**6** ACT, Other area schools
7 **Grandparents Day**	**8** HS Class Meetings Deerfield Open House, K-2 6:00-6:30 p.m., Special Areas 6:30-7:00 p.m., 3-5 7:00-7:30 p.m.	**9** MS Pictures West. Rd. Open House, K-2 6:00-6:30 p.m., Special Areas 6:30-7:00 p.m., 3-5 7:00-7:30 p.m.	**10** MS Pictures Hart's Hill Open House, K-2 6:00-6:30 p.m., Special Areas 6:30-7:00 p.m., 3-5 7:00-7:30 p.m.	**11** Parkway Pictures Marcy Open House, K-2 6:00-6:30 p.m., Special Areas 6:30-7:00 p.m., 3-5 7:00-7:30 p.m. **Patriot Day**	**12** Parkway Pictures Registration Deadline for 10/18 ACT	**13** SAT, Other area schools
14	**15** Parkway Open House, 6:30 p.m.	**16** MS Open House, 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Mtg., Admin. Building, 7:00 p.m.	**17**	**18** Deerfield Party on the Playground & Hot Dog Roast, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Title I Mtg., HS Library, 6:30 p.m.	**19** Registration Deadline for 10/4 SAT	**20**
21	**22** Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m. K-12 ENL Night, Parkway Library, 6:30 p.m. **First Day of Fall** **Rosh Hashanah Begins**	**23** Deerfield School Pictures	**24** Deerfield School Pictures HS Curriculum Night, 6:30 p.m. Marcy PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m. **Rosh Hashanah Ends**	**25** Hart's Hill School Pictures	**26** Hart's Hill Book Fair and Ice Cream Social, 6:00-7:30 p.m.	**27** HS Mathletics, Oriskany, 8:30 a.m.
28	**29**	**30** Marcy School Pictures				

Visit www.wboro.org for the latest event dates/times and information.

Elementary Schools Information

Changes in Assigned Transportation

All children riding buses are assigned to ride a specific bus. If parents wish their children to walk to or from school, they may do so. Parents should send in permission slips. These notes should state the time that the permission covers. It may be a blanket permission for the year or it may be for more specific occasions. **From time to time, parents may need their child to ride a different bus from school . A written request for this change must be sent to school with the child. The Main Office will furnish instructions to the bus driver. This procedure applies to any change in a child's transportation assignment.**

Attendance and Excuses

In New York State, there are Excused and Unexcused reasons for absence.

Excused: An absence, tardiness or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness, or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinic, or other such reasons as may be approved by the Board of Education.

Unexcused: An absence, tardiness or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories (e.g., family vacation, hunting, babysitting, haircut, attend non-school related sporting events, oversleeping). In case of illness or injury at school, parents will be notified to pick up and assume care of the child. **Parents should call the Nurse's Office the morning of the absence. A written excuse for an absence from school is required and should be brought to school the day the child returns or submitted via ParentSquare on the day of the absence.** The excuse should include: child's name, date(s) of absence, reason for absence (if illness, type) and parental signature.

Attendance Letters

In accordance with our Attendance Policy and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents/guardians will be receiving an Attendance Letter every 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 days that your child is absent or tardy. Excessive absences will be handled through our Social Worker's Office.

Disciplinary Procedures

Consistency is the essential requirement of any disciplinary policy. To maintain this consistency, we have developed procedures for discipline that are included in our Student-Parent Handbook.

Meetings in the Event of Delay/School Closing

Please note that if there is a one or two-hour school delay, and you have a previously scheduled meeting, the time and date will remain as scheduled unless you are contacted by our school administrators to reschedule. If our schools are closed for the day, the meeting will be rescheduled.

Physical Education

Sneakers are required for all physical education classes. Children in grades four and five must wear physical education uniforms for physical education class.

Recess

Students should not wear sandals or loose-fitting shoes on the playground. Students excused **by a doctor** from physical education for physical needs or lack of equipment are not allowed to participate in recess.

Health Care

The school nurse is on duty in the health office to care for students' health needs. During the year, each child receives screenings for vision, hearing and scoliosis per NYS regulations. Physicals are given by the school nurse practitioner to kindergarten, first, third, fifth grade and new students unless they receive one by their family physician. **The school nurse is not allowed to dispense medication of any kind without written direction from a physician.**

Food Service Program and Services

Well-balanced and nutritious meals are offered and served each full school day. For further information, please see pg. 28

Building Safety

This year we will continue to implement the following building safety procedures to ensure that your child is in a safe and secure learning environment.

1. **ALL** visitors **MUST** report to the main office.
2. Visitors will be asked to present an ID such as a driver's license for verification with the Raptor visitor management system.
3. **All visitors** must have permission from the principal, coordinating teacher or secretary to proceed to any other area.
4. Visitors and volunteers are expected to sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge.
5. Visitors and volunteers must sign out and return the badge upon leaving.
6. The building principal must approve all volunteers. Volunteers must complete a volunteer application. Applications are available in the office.
7. All doors will be locked except the main door. All of the doors have crash bars and can be exited even if they are locked from the outside.
8. All students arriving or leaving the building with a parent must be signed in/out at the main office. School secretaries will call the student to the office.

Complete information about the Raptor visitor management system can be found at **www.wboro.org/raptor.**

A psychologist and social worker are available to meet with children and parents upon referral by the teacher, parent or principal. These mental health services are focused upon preserving the child's well-being and helping him or her adjust to the school surroundings. The psychologist and social worker work closely with parents and teachers. Referrals to these specialists should be viewed as a positive step in helping children.

Cell Phones/Smart Watches

Internet-enabled devices such as cell phones and smart watches **ARE NOT TO BE CARRIED OR BE USED DURING SCHOOL HOURS.**

OCTOBER 2025

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Marcy School Pictures West. Rd. PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m. **Yom Kippur Begins**	**2** **Yom Kippur Ends**	**3**	**4** Whitesboro Cross Country Invitational SAT, Other area schools
5	**6** Hart's Hill Fire Prevention Day West. Rd. Fire Prevention Day MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m. **Sukkot Begins**	**7** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Mtg., Deerfield, 7:00 p.m.	**8**	**9** Marcy Fire Prevention Day	**10** **Superintendent's Conference Day** NO SCHOOL	**11**
12	**13** **Columbus Day** **Sukkot Ends** NO SCHOOL	**14** BLUE AND WHITE WEEK (10/14-10/17)	**15**	**16** West. Rd. School Pictures	**17** Senior Courtyard Photo, 7:45 a.m. Blue and White Parade MS & HS Progress Reports Issued MS Pep Rally West. Rd. School Pictures	**18** PSAT, Whitesboro HS ACT, Other area schools HS Mathletics, New Hartford, 8:30 a.m. Powderpuff Football Game, MS, 6:30 p.m. BLUE AND WHITE WEEKEND
19 BLUE AND WHITE WEEKEND	**20** Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m. **Diwali**	**21** NJHS Induction Ceremony, MS Aud., 7:00 p.m.	**22** Freshman Yearbook Pictures	**23** Sophomore Yearbook Pictures HS Optimist Club "Collage Concert," HS, 7:00 p.m.	**24** Registration Deadline for 11/8 SAT Junior Yearbook Pictures Marcy Halloween Parade, 2:15 p.m. Deerfield Halloween Parade, 2:15 p.m. Hart's Hill Fall Fest, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Marcy PTO Fall Fest, 5:30-7:00 p.m.	**25**
26	**27**	**28**	**29** West. Rd. Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00 p.m.	**30**	**31** Senior Yearbook Pictures Due **Halloween**	

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Middle School Campus Information

Whitesboro Middle School Building

75 Oriskany Boulevard • Whitesboro, NY 13492
Telephone: 315.266.3100 • Main Office Fax: 315.768.9770
Attendance Office Fax: 315.266.3198

Parkway Building

65 Oriskany Boulevard • Whitesboro, NY 13492
Telephone: 315.266.3176 • Fax: 315.768.9882

Administration
Mr. John Egresits, Campus Principal, grades 6, 7 & 8: 315.266.3110
Mr. Michael Spost, Assistant Principal, grades 7 & 8: 315.266.3118
Mrs. Sandra Davis, Assistant Principal, grade 6: 315.266.3176

Guidance
Miss Chelsea Dockstader, Grade 6: 315-266-3115
Mrs. Anne Casler, Grade 7: 315-266-3165
Mrs. Bridget Kuhn, Grade 8: 315-266-3113

Main Office
Grade 6: 315.266.3176
Grades 7 & 8: 315.266.3110

Nurse
Mrs. Kimberly Kraeger, grade 6: 315.266.3164
Mrs. Sharon Scharbach, grades 7 & 8: 315.266.3114

Transportation Department 315.768.9740

Bus Notes: ***(Bring in-person, email or fax)***
Parkway - Main office secretary pkattendance@wboro.org or fax to: 315.768.9882.
Middle School - Attendance secretary msattendance@wboro.org or fax to: 315.266.3198.

Daily Announcements: All Middle School/Parkway announcements are located on the Middle School web page (**www.wboro.org**). This also includes athletic schedules.

BELL SCHEDULE (GRADES 6-8)

Buses Unload at 7:55 a.m.

REGULAR DAY

Homeroom	8:08 – 8:16 a.m.
Period 1	8:19 – 8:59 a.m.
Period 2	9:02 – 9:42 a.m.
Period 3	9:45 – 10:25 a.m.
Period 4	10:28 – 11:08 a.m.
Period 5	11:11 – 11:51 a.m.
Period 6	11:54 – 12:34 p.m.
Period 7	12:37 – 1:17 p.m.
Period 8	1:20 – 2:00 p.m.
Period 9	2:03 – 2:45 p.m.

Afternoon Announcements begin at 2:03 p.m.

Attendance

There are three general categories of absence: **Legal reasons** – illness, sickness or death in the family, religious observance, court appearance, doctor or dentist appointment and college visitation; **Illegal reasons** – visiting friends or family, vacation, hair appointments, shopping, working at home, baby-sitting for siblings or oversleeping; **Truant** – A student is absent from school without parental/guardian permission.

When students are absent, parents or guardians should EMAIL the school before 8 a.m.

- Grade 6: pkattendance@wboro.org /315.768.9882 (Fax)
- Grades 7/8: msattendance@wboro.org /315.266.3198 (Fax)

Parents or guardians can also call the Middle School and Parkway Attendance Offices if needed.

- Grade 6: 315.266.3176
- Grades 7/8: 315.266.3118

Upon returning to school, each sixth grade student is required to bring to the Main Office a written, signed excuse with the date of each absence or tardiness. Seventh and eighth graders should give their excuses to the Attendance Office secretary.

- **Parents do not need to escort student(s) into the building when arriving late as long as student(s) have a written excuse.**

NOVEMBER 2025

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 **All Saints Day**
2 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**	**3** MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m.	**4** Board of Education Mtg., West. Rd., 7:00 p.m. **Election Day**	**5** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:00 p.m.	**6**	**7** MS & HS First Marking Period Ends Registration Deadline for 12/13 ACT	**8** SAT, Whitesboro HS
9	**10** Metric Night, MS, 6:00 p.m. NHS Induction Ceremony, Hart's Hill Inn, 6:30 p.m.	**11** **Veterans Day** NO SCHOOL	**12** West. Rd. PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	**13** Marcy PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	**14** MS & HS Report Cards Issued	**15** Mathletics, Whitesboro, 9:00 a.m.
16	**17** JV and Varsity Winter Sports Begin Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m.	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21** Registration Deadline for 12/6 SAT NYSSMA Zone 4 Area All-State Festival, CVA	**22** Hart's Hill Turkey Trot, 10:00 a.m. NYSSMA Zone 4 Area All-State Festival, CVA
23	**24**	**25**	**26** NO SCHOOL — THANKSGIVING RECESS	**27** **Thanksgiving Day**	**28**	**29**
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Middle School Campus Information

After-School/Evening Student Activities

There are many after-school/evening student activities in which students may participate. An after-school/evening student activity is defined as any approved student activity scheduled outside of regular school hours in the Whitesboro Central School District.

For more information about after-school/evening student activities, contact the main office at each individual school.

Report Cards/Progress Reports

Parents should expect a report on their child's academic progress every five weeks.

Early Release for Medical Reasons

Students may be excused for part of the day by bringing a written request from a parent to the following offices:

Gr. 6: Main Office, Gr. 7/8: Attendance Office during homeroom period.

Social Work and Guidance Services

The school counselors and social workers of the Whitesboro Middle School Campus assist individual students in their academic and psychological growth. Meeting with individuals and groups, counselors address self-esteem, decision-making, goal setting, career planning and career information. Counselors also administer and interpret assessment tools such as achievement tests, ability tests, aptitude tests, statewide tests and interest inventories.

Another important goal of the counselors is to serve students by opening the lines of communication between students, teachers, parents and administration. Students and parents are encouraged to share their concerns to achieve a positive middle school experience. Team meetings, parent conferences and individual sessions are held to develop solutions to problems and a smooth passage through middle school.

Health Services

Physicals are given by the school nurse practitioner to seventh grade and new students unless they receive one by their family physician. Vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings will be done by the nurse per NYS regulations. It is necessary that two-way communication be maintained. Parents may help by keeping the school informed of:

- Reports of the family doctor
- Changes in the student's health status
- Telephone numbers of parents at work or at home

Reminder: The Tdap vaccination is required upon turning age 11.
Seventh graders *must* have proof of Meningococcal vaccination.

Homework/Make-up Due to Illness

Homework assignments are one of many techniques used in teaching. Assignments are a means of covering, practicing and enriching the material covered in the classroom and many times are related to a specific concept. Therefore, the following procedures serve the student best:

- Google Classrooms – All Middle School Campus faculty maintain an electronic Google Classroom where information about daily classwork and homework assignments can be found.
- **Parents should email the Main Office at pkattendance@wboro.org (grade 6) or the Middle School Attendance Office at msattendance@wboro.org (grades 7 & 8) if your child will be absent for an extended period of time. Upon return to school, students should still meet with their teachers to discuss what took place in class.**

Lost & Found

All "lost" items should be taken to the cafeteria (grade 6) or cafeteria (grades 7 & 8). Jackets and other personal property should be marked with the student's name.

Meetings in the Event of Delay/School Closing

Please note that if there is a one or two-hour school delay, and you have a previously scheduled meeting, the time and date will remain as scheduled unless you are contacted by our school administrators to reschedule. If our schools are closed for the day, the meeting will be rescheduled.

Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

There will be a membership drive kick-off to start the year. PTO monthly meetings will be the first Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted on the calendar, beginning in October, and will be held in the Parkway library.

Physical Education

All students registered in schools in New York State are required by the Education Law to attend courses of instruction in physical education. A student with physical limitations will participate in as much of the program as he/she is able. Physical education classes meet two or three times a week.

Medical excuses for physical education for more than two days require a doctor's written statement that must contain the following:

1. A recommendation that the student be excused from physical education classes, or that participation be limited.
2. A statement of the period of time for which the student needs to be excused, or placed on limited activity status.

DECEMBER 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Marcy PTO Book Fair Begins MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m. 7th Gr. Band, 7th Gr. Chorus, 8th Gr. Chorus Concert, MS, 7:00 p.m.	**2** Elem. Early Dismissal P/T Conf., West. Rd. - 11:15 a.m. dismissal; Deerfield, HH and Marcy - Noon Dismissal	**3** Parkway Band, Orchestra & Chorus Concert, MS, 7:00 p.m.	**4** Deerfield Holiday Concert, HS, 6:30 p.m.	**5** Elem. Early Dismissal P/T Conf., West. Rd. - 11:15 a.m. dismissal; Deerfield, HH and Marcy - Noon Dismissal ES First Trimester Ends	**6** SAT, Other area schools HS Mathletics, Westmoreland, 8:15 a.m. Marcy Breakfast with Santa
7 **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**	**8** ES Second Trimester Begins Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m. Marcy Holiday Concert, HS, 6:30 p.m.	**9** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:30 p.m. Hart's Hill Holiday Concert, MS, 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Mtg., Admin. Building, 7:00 p.m.	**10** West. Rd. Holiday Concert, MS, 6:30 p.m.	**11** West. Rd. Grades K-3 Grinch Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Orchestra, 8th Grade Band & Chorale Concert, MS, 7:00-8:00 p.m.	**12** Elem. Early Dismissal P/T Conf., West. Rd. - 11:15 a.m. dismissal; Deerfield, HH and Marcy - Noon Dismissal 7th/8th Grade Dance, MS Gym, 6:00-8:00 p.m.	**13** ACT, Other area schools
14 **Hanukkah Begins**	**15** HS Orchestra, Symphonic Band & A'Cappella Concert, HS, 7:00 p.m.	**16** Weather Contingency Date for December Concerts	**17**	**18**	**19** MS & HS Progress Reports Issued	**20**
21 **First Day of Winter**	**22** **Hanukkah Ends**	**23**	**24** **Christmas Eve**	**25** **Christmas**	**26** **Kwanzaa Begins**	**27**
	NO SCHOOL — WINTER RECESS					
28	**29**	**30**	**31** **New Year's Eve**			
	NO SCHOOL — WINTER RECESS					

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Middle School Campus Information

Students in grades six through eight are required to wear physical education uniforms in class. The uniforms include a Whitesboro Central School District T-shirt and shorts. Uniforms may be purchased through the students' physical education teachers. Sneakers are also required and are the responsibility of the individual student to provide.

Telephone

Student use of the telephone in the Main Office is for emergencies with permission from the office staff.

CELL PHONES AND SMART WATCHES ARE NOT TO BE CARRIED OR BE USED DURING SCHOOL HOURS. THEY ARE TO BE LEFT IN SCHOOL LOCKERS. (8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m.)

Seventh and Eighth Grade Sports

Fall	**Boys:**	Cross Country, Football, Soccer
	Girls:	Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Tennis
Winter	**Boys:**	Basketball,Wrestling, Nordic Skiing
	Girls:	Volleyball, Basketball, Nordic Skiing
Spring	**Boys:**	Track, Baseball, Lacrosse
	Girls:	Softball, Track, Lacrosse

PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY- MIDDLE SCHOOL

I. These guidelines apply to all Middle School extracurricular and athletic activities in which students participate.

II. It is the responsibility of teachers to provide an evaluation of students commencing with the third full week of the first semester for courses commencing that semester, and the third full week of the second semester for courses commencing that semester. Subsequently, every two weeks, a formal report will be completed by all administration for any/all students who are failing during the bi-weekly report period. Reports will be created on Thursday, (second week of report period.) The principal or designee(s) will tabulate the information and be responsible for notifying the respective teacher/coach(es).

   A. A student failing two or more courses will become ineligible for one week (Monday through Sunday) following the submission of the bi-weekly report. While ineligible, the student must practice and attend events, but may not participate in activities or games.

      1. During the period of ineligibility, the student must meet with his/her teacher(s) to discuss those areas in which he/she needs to improve. Each teacher shall inform the respective student(s) of the area(s) in need of improvement and direct him/her in a manner to address the deficiencies in those area(s) identified.
      2. Prior to reporting to practice during the period of ineligibility, students must attend extra help sessions to be scheduled by the teacher(s).
      3. On the Friday of the week of ineligibility, administration will run an updated grade report for that week only. If he/she is no longer failing two or more courses, he/she shall be reinstated in the respective activity. If still failing at least two courses for that week, the ineligibility shall continue for another week.

   B. The parent/guardian shall be notified in writing (form letter) by the school that the student is ineligible, and the period of such ineligibility. The parent/guardian shall also be notified in writing (form letter) when the student becomes eligible.

III. Students who have been classified by the Committee on Special Education and who are failing two or more courses, shall be subject to review by the building administrator.

IV. APPEAL PROCESS: There shall be an appeal process which, if exercised, shall commence with the student discussing/clarifying the failures with his/her teacher(s). If after such discussion, the failure(s) continue to be in dispute, a student and his/her parent/guardian, may request a meeting with the athletic director/principal or designee and if necessary, the respective teacher. If the dispute continues at the conclusion of this stage, the parent/guardian may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

V. It shall be the responsibility of the middle school to provide a copy of these guidelines to all students wishing to participate in any school activity. It shall be the responsibility of the respective parent/guardian and the student to review these regulations, and sign a statement indicating that they have been received and reviewed. Student's participation in the school activity will be subject to these regulations as stated.

Adopted: 04/16/20

JANUARY 2026

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **New Year's Day** **Kwanzaa Ends** NO SCHOOL — WINTER RECESS	**2**	**3**
4	**5** MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m.	**6** Board of Education Mtg., Marcy, 7:00 p.m.	**7** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Marcy PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	**8**	**9** Registration Deadline for 2/14 ACT	**10** HS Mathletics, Oneida, 8:00 a.m.
11	**12** Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m.	**13**	**14** OCMEA Jr. High All-County Festival Auditions, New Hartford West. Rd. PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	**15** OCMEA Jr. High All-County Festival Auditions (Snow Date), New Hartford	**16**	**17**
18	**19** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** NO SCHOOL	**20** REGENTS EXAMS	**21** REGENTS EXAMS	**22** REGENTS EXAMS	**23** MS & HS Second Marking Period Ends REGENTS EXAMS	**24**
25	**26** Marcy Kindergarten Registration, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Marcy PARP Begins	**27** Hart's Hill Kindergarten Registration, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	**28** Deerfield Kindergarten Registration, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	**29** West. Rd. Kindergarten Registration	**30** MS & HS Report Cards Issued West. Rd. BINGO Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m.	**31**

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Middle School Campus Information

Middle School Organizations, Activities and Clubs

Whitesboro Middle School has many activities for students. Students are encouraged to become involved in the clubs/activities of their choice.

National Junior Honor Society

The purpose of this national organization is to create enthusiasm for **scholarship**, to stimulate a desire to render **service**, to promote **leadership**, to develop **character** and to encourage **citizenship**. Students must have a cumulative average of 93.0 or above to be eligible. This is obtained by averaging their grades from the last two marking quarters of sixth grade and all four marking quarters of seventh grade. Students are notified about their eligibility in September of eighth grade. They will then be requested to complete a form obtaining signatures that verify their school and community service, school activities and out of school activities. In addition, a six-member Faculty Council will evaluate the students' attributes of citizenship and character. It is *not* permissible to accept students only on merit of academic achievement. According to the National Junior Honor Society handbook, "Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. **No student has a right to belong to the National Junior Honor Society - it is an honor that he/she must earn and is bestowed by the faculty.**" The annual induction ceremony takes place in October.

Student Council

The Student Council was created for the entire Middle School student body. The group represents students and their views on all school issues. Its purpose is to develop attitudes and practices of good citizenship, the promotion of harmonious relationships in school and improvement of school morale. Additionally, the council provides a place for student expression and for orderly direction of school activities.

Yearbook

The Middle School Yearbook is published in June. Seventh and eighth grade students are welcome to join the yearbook staff, but must attend a minimum of once-a-week meetings.

The following clubs are offered on the Middle School Campus:

Parkway:

Art Club
Esports
Student Council
District Band
Parkway Pages

Middle School:

Middle School Pages
Science Club
Book Club
Tolerance Club
Student Council
Technology Club
Yearbook Club
Intro to Coding
Chess Club
Scholastics
Chorale
Jazz Band
Junior Chamber Orchestra
Esports
Accomplishments in STEAM
International Club

*****Clubs may be grades 6-8***

FEBRUARY 2026

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	**2** HS Class Meetings MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m. **Groundhog Day**	**3**	**4**	**5** West. Rd. Beginning Orchestra/Band Concert, West. Rd., 6:00 p.m.	**6** Marcy PARP Night: Canvas and Cookies, 6:00 p.m. 6th Grade World Language Presentation	**7** HS Mathletics, Hamilton, 8:00 a.m.
8	**9** Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m.	**10** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:30 p.m. Hart's Hill Beginning Orchestra/Band Concert, Hart's Hill, 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Mtg., Hart's Hill, 7:00 p.m.	**11** Deerfield Beginning Orchestra/Band Concert, Deerfield, 6:00 p.m. Marcy Beginning Orchestra/ Band Concert, Marcy, 6:00 p.m. West. Rd. PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	**12** Weather Contingency Date for Beginner Concerts	**13** HS Renaissance Rally	**14** ACT, Other area schools **Valentine's Day**
15	**16** **Presidents' Day**	**17** **Lunar New Year** **Ramadan Begins** **Mardi Gras**	**18** **Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins**	**19**	**20**	**21**
	NO SCHOOL — MID-WINTER RECESS					
22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** Registration Deadline for 3/14 SAT	**28**

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High School Information

Whitesboro Senior High School

6000 State Route 291 • Marcy, NY 13403
Main Office: 315.266.3210
Fax: 315.266.3223

Administration & Staff

Mr. David Cognetti, Principal - 315.266.3210
Mrs. Katherine Hobaica, Assistant Principal - 315.266.3228
Dr. Matthew Lee, Assistant Principal - 315.266.3228
Mr. Christopher O'Neil, Director of Pupil Personnel Services - 315.266.3240
Mr. Andrew Massoud, Director of Health and Athletics - 315.266.3215

School Counselors

Miss Amy Ambrose - 315.266.3246
Mr. Garrett Hutchins - 315.266.3244
Ms. Megan Timian - 315.266.3243
Mrs. Margo Testa - 315.266.3241

Departments/Chairpersons

Art - Mrs. H. Papandrea
English - Mrs. Carol Ann D'Accurzio
Science - Mr. Sean Ryan
Social Studies - Mr. Anthony Coriale
Technology, FCS and Business - Mr. Shawn Casler
Languages Other Than English - Mrs. Rose Cidzik
Reading - Mrs. Jennifer Jones
Library Media - Mrs. Megan Dellecese
Music - Mrs. Jessica Decker
Math - Mrs. Jessica Corr

Class Advisors

Senior Class – Mrs. Jessica Corr/Mrs. Nicole Williams
Junior Class – Mr. Anthony Coriale
Sophomore Class – Mrs. Karla Williams
Freshman Class – Mrs. Stephanie Gurdo

BELL SCHEDULE – GRADES 9–12

7:15-7:25 a.m.	Buses Arrive/Parent Drop-off
7:30-8:12 a.m.	Period 1
8:12-8:17 a.m.	Homeroom
8:21-9:01 a.m.	Period 2
9:05-9:45 a.m.	Period 3
9:49-10:29 a.m.	Period 4
10:33-11:13 a.m.	Period 5
11:17-11:57 a.m.	Period 6
12:01-12:41 p.m.	Period 7
12:45-1:25 p.m.	Period 8
1:29-2:11 p.m.	Period 9
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Activity/Detention Period
3:20 p.m.	Late Bus Departs

Note: The late bus does not operate on Friday or on the day before a vacation.

BOCES STUDENTS

8:17 a.m.	A.M. Departure to BOCES
11:15 a.m.	P.M. Departure to BOCES

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for success in school. To gain proper credit for daily attendance, students should follow the procedures below:

- All students who attend the High School must be in first period class by 7:30 a.m. Students who are in the building, yet arrive to first period class after the 7:30 a.m. bell tone will be admitted to class, but marked as tardy on the school attendance software and will be subject to discipline as appropriate.

- Students who enter the building after 7:30 a.m. are to report to the Attendance Office to receive a pass to class.

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MARCH 2026

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	**2** MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m. **Purim Begins**	**3** **Purim Ends**	**4** **Holi**	**5** West. Rd. Grades 4 & 5 Kids Night Out, 6:00-7:15 p.m. HS Musical, HS, 7:00 p.m.	**6** Registration Deadline for 4/11 ACT HS Musical, HS, 7:00 p.m.	**7** HS Musical, HS, 2:00 p.m.
8 Weather Contingency Date for HS Musical, 2:00 p.m. **Daylight Saving Time Begins**	**9** JV and Varsity Spring Sports Begin Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m.	**10** Board of Education Mtg., MS, 7:00 p.m.	**11** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:00 p.m.	**12** West. Rd. Groups/Clubs, 5th Grade Pictures	**13** MS & HS Progress Reports Issued HS Foreign Student Day	**14** SAT, Other area schools
15	**16** MS MIOSM Concert - District Band & Orchestra, 8th Gr. Band, MS, 7:00 p.m.	**17** **St. Patrick's Day**	**18** West. Rd. PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m. HS Orchestra, Symphonic Band & A'Cappella Concert, HS, 7:00 p.m. **Ramadan Ends**	**19** Marcy Incoming Kindergarten Parent Night, 5:30 p.m. ES Second Trimester Ends Weather Contingency Date for March Concerts	**20** **Superintendent's Conference Day** **First Day of Spring** NO SCHOOL	**21**
22	**23** ES Third Trimester Begins	**24** Board of Education Mtg., Admin. Building, 7:00 p.m.	**25** Hart's Hill Kindergarten Parent Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m.	**26**	**27** ES Report Cards Issued OCMEA Jr. High All-County Festival, Adirondack	**28** OCMEA Jr. High All-County Festival, Adirondack
29 **Palm Sunday**	**30**	**31**				

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(Attendance Policy continued from previous page)

- Leaving school grounds is only permitted after permission has been granted by the Nurse, Attendance Office or appropriate Assistant Principal. The Attendance Office will grant permission after the student has delivered a signed note from a parent or guardian. Before leaving school grounds, all students must sign out at the Attendance Office. Students will only be allowed to leave the building with contacts and emergency contacts listed on school records.
- When students are absent, parents or guardians should call the school before 7:30 a.m. at 315.266.3233. An answering machine is available for messages 24 hours a day.
- Absence Notes – Students who have been absent from school are required by law, to bring a note from parents on the first day of their return to school. Notes are to be turned in to the students' first period teachers and must indicate: date(s) on which the students were absent and specific reasons for absence.

School/Classroom Expectations

There is a positive correlation between regular attendance at school and academic success. Our school has an obligation to expect regular attendance and punctuality from our students in school and class. Students have a responsibility to come to school regularly and to be on time to school and to all their classes. Parents have a responsibility to see that their children meet these requirements.

Each student will receive a copy of the Student/Parent Handbook that clarifies attendance expectations for students.

Disciplinary Measures

Consistent with the Code of Conduct, the two assistant principals take disciplinary actions necessary to maintain a pleasant atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Problems which hinder the learning process or endanger the common good will be given prompt attention. Any violations of school regulations, or the District's Code of Conduct, will be acted upon appropriately by assistant principals and/or the principal of the school.

The Assistant Principal for Student Activities is in charge of discipline for grades 11 and 12. The Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction handles discipline for grades 9 and 10.

Counseling

Counseling services are available for every student in the school. These services include assistance with educational planning, interpretation of test scores, occupational information and/or social concerns or any questions students feel they would like to discuss with their counselors. Students wishing to visit a counselor, should contact the secretary in the Counseling, College and Career Center to arrange for an appointment at 315.266.3240.

Health Service

The Education Law of New York State requires that each new entrant to the District and all students entering grades 9 and 11 receive a physical examination by their family physician or by the school nurse practitioner. The family physician needs to fill out a form available in the Health Office.

If a student has a physical completed by a family doctor, submit the physician's report to the nurse at the beginning of the semester. The law also requires students to be fully immunized and that certification from their own physician be presented upon entry to school.

Library Media Center

The Library Media Center is open for all students from 7:25 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 7:25 a.m.-2:20 p.m. on Friday.

Meetings in the Event of Delay/School Closing

Please note that if there is a one or two-hour school delay, and you have a previously scheduled meeting, the time and date will remain as scheduled unless you are contacted by our school administrators to reschedule. If our schools are closed for the day, the meeting will be rescheduled.

Student Motor Vehicles

Parking space for students at Whitesboro High School is for seniors and juniors only. Seniors have priority for parking privileges. Student permission to park on school grounds is a privilege and is granted only by the school administration. Each student requesting permission to drive an automobile to school will be required to have a parent/guardian sign a statement authorizing the student to drive and to use a specific automobile.

The following procedures pertain to parking on school grounds:

- All vehicles must be registered in the Student Activities Office. Unregistered vehicles are subject to removal from school property at the owner's expense.
- Parking for student vehicles is designated by white lines. This parking area is located in the three parking lots adjacent to the north entrance and the west part of the north parking lot. All other staff parking areas are designated by yellow lines, including the north parking lot. Students are to use the north entrance only.
- Parking lots and student cars are off limits during school hours.
- Permission must be obtained through administration before a student vehicle can be removed from school grounds during school hours.
- ATVs, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, mini bikes and electric bikes with a throttle are not allowed on school grounds.
- It is important that students read the rules and regulations concerning motor vehicle use that is made available at the time of registration. Unsafe driving, improper parking or other disciplinary infractions will result in loss of parking privileges.
- Students will only be allowed to drive to and from BOCES courses if they have a documented need and permission from BOCES, their parents and the Assistant Principal for Student Activities.
- Students are not permitted to transport other students off campus during the school day.

APRIL 2026

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 MS & HS Jazz, Chamber Orchestra & Chamber Choir Concert, HS, 7:00 p.m. **April Fools' Day** **Passover Begins**	**2**	**3** **Good Friday** NO SCHOOL — SPRING RECESS	**4**
5 **Easter**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9** West. Rd. PTO Ice Cream Social, 6:00-7:00 p.m. **Passover Ends**	**10**	**11** ACT, Other area schools
	NO SCHOOL — SPRING RECESS					
12	**13** Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m. MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m.	**14** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:30 p.m.	**15** OCMEA Scholarship Auditions, New York Mills West. Rd. PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	**16** Marcy PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	**17** MS & HS Third Marking Period Ends Registration Deadline for 5/2 SAT	**18**
19	**20**	**21** Board of Education Mtg., Admin. Building, 7:00 p.m. NYS GRADES 3-8 ELA ASSESSMENT	**22** Student/Faculty Recital, HS, 6:30 p.m. **Earth Day**	**23**	**24** OCMEA Elementary All-County Festival, Westmoreland MS & HS Report Cards Issued HS International Food Fair, HS, 5:00 p.m. **Arbor Day**	**25** OCMEA Elementary All-County Festival, Westmoreland
26	**27**	**28** Board of Education Mtg., Admin. Building, 7:00 p.m.	**29**	**30**		

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High School Information

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Alliance
This club is open to ALL students who are interested in raising awareness for the equal rights and lifestyle of all students. Their main objective is to bring students together to advocate for a safe and accepting school community. Contact: Mrs. Burkdorf at rburkdorf@wboro.org

The American Red Cross Club
Aside from providing training and leadership development, members have the opportunity to engage in Red Cross mission-related activities that address our community's needs while delivering the life-saving services of the Red Cross. Participation provides students with the opportunity to plan and implement projects that will save hundreds of lives from blood drives to disaster preparedness education. Contact: Mrs. Lynette Laverty at llaverty@wboro.org

Art Club
The Art Club sponsors many activities including air brushing, the annual trip to New York City, and working with computers in the art room. The club allows students to spend time with friends and express their creativity. Contact: Ms. Davis at cdavis@wboro.org

'Boro Buddies
The purpose of this organization is to promote and celebrate diversity among the students and staff at Whitesboro High School. It is aimed toward students who want to make a difference and it equips them to do so. Activities will be geared toward bringing together our diverse student groups to build a greater trust and understanding of each other. Whitesboro High School has only just begun the bridgework that will teach students to accept different people. However, a person cannot cross the bridge until it is built, and that requires everyone's help. Acceptance is a choice. Are you big enough to go out of your way to say "hello"? Are you strong enough to talk to someone whom others might consider to be "lower" than you? Are you willing to take that step, to build that bridge that will make a difference in someone's life? Contact: Mrs. Gurdo at sgurdo@wboro.org

Chess Club
The goal of Chess Club is to give students an opportunity to learn more about chess and compete with their peers. Students will have an opportunity to learn/play chess, and also look at partially completed games to gain an understanding of chess strategy. There will also be a tournament between club members at the end of the school year. Students of all levels are encouraged to join. Contact: Mr. Costanza at scostanza@wboro.org

Computer Science Club
Students in the Computer Science Club will explore a wide variety of topics related to computer science. Some of the topics covered will include programming fundamentals, video game and mobile app development, robotics, fundamentals of networking, ethical hacking and cyber security. There will also be time for students in the club to explore personal interests throughout the year. Contact: Mr. Eramo at meramo@wboro.org

Esports
The Esports Club is a competitive video gaming club for high school students. Through video gaming platforms, students will work on building teamwork and communication skills, as well as good sportsmanship. Competitions and events will be held locally, allowing students to compete against students from other school districts. Contact: Mr. Eramo at meramo@wboro.org

Fitness Club
This club is for all students interested in exploring various fitness genres and fitness participation opportunities in school and in the community. Genres include CrossFit, HIIT, yoga, agility training, pilates, dance, endurance, strength and flexibility practice and even intramural games. This club focuses on body positivity and acceptance. This club is designed to help students develop skills to live peacefully and healthily in their own bodies, as well as promote to our student body.
Contact: Mrs. Warner at swarner@wboro.org

Future Fire Fighter Club
This club is open to ALL students who are interested in learning more about service to their communities through the fire service. Training and educational events designed specifically for high school students interested in the fire service will be designed to illustrate the meaning of teamwork and strengthen youths' fire service skills and knowledge in a fun, engaging way. It is a goal of this club/group to provide a knowledge and skill set for these young people which they will be able to bring to their community organizations. Contact: Mr. Powers at kpowers@wboro.org

Girls' Athletic Association
Girls' Athletic Association is for girls in grades 9-12, who play varsity or JV sports. During the year, members conduct fundraisers, donate money to a needy family, host the annual G.A.A. Faculty Bowling Match and the annual end of the year picnic. At team banquets, block W's, pins and certificates are given to recognize the number of years of participation of student athletes.
Contact: Mrs. Warner at swarner@wboro.org

International Club
International Club is an activity for students who are taking foreign languages or have taken them. The club hosts Foreign Student Day, in which exchange students attending other local schools come to Whitesboro High School for an enjoyable day of activities. The club also welcomes exchange students placed in Whitesboro. Contact: Mrs. Brady at sbrady@wboro.org / Mrs. Bunal at bbunal@wboro.org

Literary Magazine
Literary Magazine is dedicated to helping students work on poetry, short stories and art work and is open to all students in grades 9-12. The club generally meets once a week with Mr. Puckey in room 3213, and culminates with the publication of student work in the annual issue of the Whitesboro Literary Magazine. Contact: Mr. Puckey at apuckey@wboro.org

Mathletics Team
Mathletics is an activity for students who excel in math and enjoy competition. Six tournaments are held at area high schools in which a group of five students compete against other students in individual tests, team questions and relays. Total points are accumulated from each of these tournaments and at the end of the year, a first place trophy is awarded. Contact: Mr. Costanza at scostanza@wboro.org

Mock Trial
The Mock Trial team offers students the chance to experience the legal process, appear before judges in actual courtroom settings, meet practicing attorneys, learn about courtroom procedures and etiquette, as well as develop public speaking and critical thinking skills. The Mock Trial team will be part of the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison regions and will participate in the New York State Bar Association's Mock Trial Competition. Contact: Cidzik at rcidzik@wboro.org

MAY 2026

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
More events for May 19: Deerfield Kindergarten Showcase, 10:30 a.m. Marcy 5th Grade Latin America Day West. Rd. Spring Concert, MS, 6:30 p.m. Marcy PTO Basket Raffle Hart's Hill Kindergarten Screening					**1** Parkway Dance, Parkway Gym, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	**2** SAT, Other area schools
3	**4** MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m. Parkway Chorus, Orchestra & Band Concert, MS, 7:00 p.m.	**5** Board of Education Budget Public Hearing, HS, 7:00 p.m. **Cinco de Mayo** **NYS GRADES 3-8 MATH ASSESSMENT**	**6** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:30 p.m. MS 7th/8th Gr. Orchestra, 7th Gr. Chorus & 8th Gr. Chorus Concert, MS, 7:30 p.m.	**7** Deerfield Spring Concert, HS, 6:30 p.m.	**8** District Art Show, HS Registration Deadline for 6/13 ACT NYSSMA Solo Festival I-VI(AS) at CVA	**9** NYSSMA Solo Festival I-VI(AS) at CVA
10 **Mother's Day**	**11** Marcy Kindergarten Screening Hart's Hill Spring Concert, MS, 6:30 p.m.	**12** Marcy Kindergarten Screening NYS Grades 5 & 8 Science Performance Exam	**13** HS Orchestra, Symphonic Band & A'Cappella Concert, HS, 7:00 p.m.	**14** MS 7th Gr. Band, 8th Gr. Band & Chorale Concert, MS, 7:30 p.m.	**15** Hart's Hill Spring Extravaganza HS Renaissance Rally NJHS Field Trip	**16** Junior Prom, Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club, 6:30-9:30 p.m. **Armed Forces Day**
17	**18** Marcy PTO Spring Book Fair Begins Hart's Hill PTO Mtg., 6:00 p.m. Marcy Spring Concert, HS, 6:30 p.m.	**19** Deerfield 1st Grade Wax Museum, 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Annual Mtg., Parkway, 7:00 p.m. Hart's Hill Kindergarten Screening **School Budget Vote and BOE Election** **See top left for more events on this date**	**20** Hart's Hill Kindergarten Screening West. Rd. Kindergarten Screening	**21** Annual Rob Ellis 5th Grade Track Meet, Wadas Field MS & HS Progress Reports Issued West. Rd. Kindergarten Screening Parkway & MS Carnival **Shavuot Begins**	**22** Registration Deadline for 6/6 SAT	**23** **Shavuot Ends**
24	**25** Symphonic Band at Whitesboro Memorial Day Parade **Memorial Day** **NO SCHOOL**	**26**	**27** Deerfield Kindergarten Screening, ES West. Rd. PTO Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	**28** Deerfield Kindergarten Screening, ES Rain Date for Annual Rob Ellis 5th Grade Track Meet	**29** Marcy 5th Grade Trip to Niagara Falls	**30**
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High School Information

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Model U.N.
Model U.N. is an activity for students interested in politics and world affairs. Members attend conferences at which they act as delegates from various nations; they then represent this nation in a mock United Nations Summit. Contact: Mrs. Dean at ldean@wboro.org

National Honor Society
Selection to the National Honor Society is made by the Whitesboro National Honor Society Faculty Council. The Council is comprised of six teachers and one guidance counselor. The following are the requirements to attain membership to the National Honor Society:

- Must maintain an overall average for each quarter of 90 or higher.
- Must also participate in two activities per high school year, one of which must be high school related. Under this category, students must have turned their candidate sheet into Mr. Ryan by the deadline stated on the form. This form tells the Faculty Council of student service to the school and community.
- Must demonstrate the National Society ideals of service, character and leadership. If they fail to meet these requirements prior to the review by the Faculty Council, they will not be admitted to the Whitesboro Honor Society.
- To retain membership, students must continue to demonstrate character, service and leadership. Participation in two activities fulfills the requirement in the service category.
- Honor Society members sponsor the Helen Potter Memorial Scholarship and at the end of the year, they tutor students. Members also finish the year with an annual field trip taken in June.

Contact: Mr. Ryan at sryan@wboro.org

Outdoor Club
The Whitesboro High School Outdoor Club aims to inspire students to want to spend more time outdoors, to cultivate a passion for outdoor activities and empower students to stretch their comfort zones; meeting people and engaging in new, lifelong activities while enjoying nature. Some potential activities may include hiking, fishing, archery, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, orienteering, camping basics, survival skills and cycling/mountain biking, just to name a few.
Contact: Mr. Puckey at apuckey@wboro.org/Mr. Williams at owilliams@wboro.org

Political Discussion Club
Political Discussion Club typically meets on a weekly basis to discuss current and contemporary political issues at hand. Students develop positions on topics and express them in an auditory format. The club is open to all students in grades 9-12. Contact: Mrs. Cidzik at rcidzik@wboro.org

Renaissance Club
The Renaissance Club promotes the celebration of academic success in the high school. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to be part of this club's planning and organizing academic recognition rallies.
Contact: Mr. Jecko at djecko@wboro.org

Science and Environmental Club
Science and Environmental Club is for all students interested in activities encompassing all sciences. Students will be able to participate in a number of hands-on projects both in and out of the classroom.
Contact: Mr. Costanza at Scostanza@wboro.org/Mrs. Wadnola at dwadnola@wboro.org

Ski Club
The Whitesboro Ski Club is a co-educational, recreational club whose members participate in Alpine, Nordic and snowboarding outings to various ski areas. It offers students the opportunity to learn and participate in a lifetime, outdoor activity while providing them with the ability to interact with each other in a non-competitive, non-academic arena which will cultivate friendships and support. It will also inspire students to challenge themselves and empower them to attempt new activities that may go beyond their comfort zone. Contact: Mr. Klein at cklein@wboro.org/Mrs. L. Dean at ldean@wboro.org

S.A.D.D.
The purpose of the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) program is to organize students from across the county to combat the number one killer of their age group - death due to drinking and driving. Contact: Mrs. Rainbow at erainbow@wboro.org

Student Council
Student Council is the government body at Whitesboro High School. Representatives are elected in social studies classes. Christmas Ball, Blue and White Weekend, pep rallies and charity fundraisers are just some of the activities in which members get involved.
Contact: Mrs. Synakowski at msynakowski@wboro.org

Student Newspaper
The high school newspaper covers school activities including music, sports, and other social events.. Editors and staff meet after school and sometimes on weekends to complete the editing, typing and layouts. The paper is distributed monthly in the cafeteria. New members are welcomed anytime. Contact: Mrs. Synakowski at msynakowski@wboro.org

Technology Club
An organization designed to bring together students with an interest in technology and developing craftsmanship skills. Projects involve science, math and technology principles, along with trade skills such as carpentry, metalworking, welding, machining, etc. Previous projects have included a hovercraft, chopper mini-bike and a guitar. Contact: Mr. Ott at cott@wboro.org/Mr. Smith at asmith@wboro.org

Varsity Club
Varsity Club consists of male athletes who play a varsity sport. Each year, the club raises money through raffles at football and basketball games. The money raised is used to take trips to the JMA Wireless Dome, and for other activities and awards. At team banquets, block W's, pins and certificates are given to recognize the number of years of participation of student athletes.
Contact: Mr. Maggiolino at tmaggiolino@wboro.org

Yearbook
The yearbook staff meets every Wednesday after school. The book is designed and edited online through our publisher's website. Students are taught how to use the website and encouraged to use their artistic ability to design page layouts. Photography and business concepts are also a part of creating our yearbook. Contact: Mr. Ott (advisor) at cott@wboro.org/Ms. Davis (assistant) at cdavis@wboro.org

JUNE 2026

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MS PTO Mtg., Parkway LMC, 6:30 p.m.	**2** Deerfield PTO Mtg., 5:30 p.m.	**3** Beginning Band/Orchestra Parent Night, HS, 6:00 p.m.	**4**	**5**	**6** SAT, Whitesboro HS Senior Ball, Delta Hotels by Marriot, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
7	**8**	**9** Board of Education Mtg., Admin. Building, 7:00 p.m. **REGENTS EXAMS**	**10** HS Awards Ceremony, HS Aud., 6:30 p.m.	**11**	**12**	**13** ACT, Other area schools
14 **Flag Day**	**15**	**16**	**17** Deerfield 5th Grade Advancement Ceremony, HS, 6:00 p.m. **REGENTS EXAMS**	**18** Senior Walk, HS, 9:00 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal, HS Aud., 12:00-3:00 p.m. Hart's Hill 5th Grade Advancement Ceremony, HS, 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Dance, MS, 7:00-9:00 p.m.	**19** **Juneteenth** **NO SCHOOL**	**20** HS Graduation, Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium, 9:30 a.m. Senior Choir/Full Orchestra at Graduation
21 **Father's Day** **First Day of Summer**	**22** Marcy PTO Fun Day 6th Grade Field Trip West. Rd. 5th Grade Advancement Ceremony, MS, 6:00 p.m. **REGENTS EXAMS**	**23** 7th Grade Field Trip	**24** Marcy 5th Grade Advancement Ceremony, HS, 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Field Trip	**25** MS & HS Fourth Marking Period Ends ES Third Trimester Ends 8th Grade Advancement Ceremony, HS, 6:30 p.m.	**26** ES Report Cards Issued **REGENTS RATING DAY**	**27**
28	**29**	**30**				

Visit www.wboro.org for the latest event dates/times and information.

High School Information

Graduation Requirements

The Board of Education minimum standards and the New York State Regents minimum standards are required for graduation from high school.

All school programs have one main purpose even though they provide a variety of experience to students. This purpose is to help all students develop and acquire the skills, abilities, knowledge and attitude necessary to work toward high school graduation. Eligibility of a student for a High School or a New York State Regents Diploma will be determined by the high school principal on the basis of the official high school record. Students who meet the requirements may be issued a diploma.

	Course Requirements Regents Diploma	Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
English	4 units	4 units
Social Studies	4 units	4 units
Mathematics	3 units	3 units
Science	3 units	3 units
World Language	1 unit	3 units
Health	.5 unit	.5 unit
Art/Music	1 unit	1 unit
Physical Education	2 units	2 units
Electives	3.5 units	1.5 units
Total	22 units	22 units

Examination Requirements

Students must pass the following Regents Exams to meet graduation requirements:

English 11 (ELA)
Global History & Geography II
U.S. History & Government
Math - One Regents Exam
Science - One Regents Exam

Additional Exams needed for Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation:

Math - Two Regents Exams
Science - One Regents Exam
World Language (two additional units plus Checkpoint B Exam)

Graduation Requirements for students in New York State will be changing over the next several years. At the time of printing, specifics have not been determined.

For up-to-date and more detailed information regarding diploma requirements, please refer to the following webpage:
nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/general-education-and-diploma-requirements

JULY 2026

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Visit www.wboro.org for the latest event dates/times and information.

High School Counseling, College and Career Center

Counseling Services

Counseling services are available for students in the Whitesboro Central School District. School counselors, school social workers and school psychologists are available to meet with students in both individual and group counseling programs. Contact the High School Counseling, College and Career Center for additional information at 315.266.3240.

College Admissions Timeline - Senior Year

- **September:** College Representatives begin High School visits. Campus Visitations - make appointments through the college admissions office. Schedule a campus tour and consultation. Check the calendar for visitations in the Counseling Office. Continue researching colleges, visiting campuses and requesting interviews. Register for the October or November SAT and/or October ACT at collegeboard.org and act.org.
- **October:** Attend College Night. Continue to check the calendar for visitations in the Counseling Office. Attend college/university open houses, if available. Apply for Financial Aid beginning October 1. SAT and ACT exams are administered. Be aware of college application deadlines.
- **November:** SAT exams are administered. Early Decision deadlines begin. Start submitting college applications. Continue campus visits. Be aware of college application deadlines.
- **December:** College applications should all be submitted. SAT and ACT exams are administered at other schools.
- **January:** Begin applying for scholarships from community and school providers - applications are available in our office.
- **February-April:** College Admission decisions are generally made. Financial Aid Letters are mailed to students.
- **May 1:** Tuition and housing deposits are generally due on or around this date.

WHITESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

CEEB No. 335960

Parents and students filling out the FAFSA, SAT or ACT forms will need to know this school code number for Whitesboro.

For more information:
Counseling, College and Career Center 315.266.3240

Director of Pupil Personnel Services:
Mr. Christopher O'Neil
315.266.3240

School Counselors:
Miss Amy Ambrose 315.266.3246
Mr. Garrett Hutchins 315.266.3244
Ms. Megan Timian - 315.266.3243
Mrs. Margo Testa 315.266.3241

2025-26 TESTING SCHEDULE

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1, 2025
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026

SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 13, 2025	August 29, 2025
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025
*November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026
*June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026

* Test offered at Whitesboro High School
Please check collegeboard.org for information on SAT Subject Tests

AUGUST 2026

WHITESBORO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Visit www.wboro.org for the latest event dates/times and information.

Food Service Information

The Whitesboro Central School District's Food Service department welcomes you to a new and exciting school year. The food service team will work hard to ensure that each meal served provides a varied and well-balanced meal consisting of whole grains, lean proteins and an array of wholesome fruits and vegetables. The food service staff are knowledgeable and trained in food safety procedures, regulations and food allergy protocols to. Each staff member has the skills and mindset to ensure a safe, healthy and friendly experience for all students.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The District's Food Service department will be operating both the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Under CEP, students enrolled in the district can receive FREE breakfast and lunch meals! This approval is good through June 30, 2027.

Families with children in the District do not need to fill out a new 2025-26 household income eligibility form, but it is encouraged to do so for additional state and federal program benefits that the District and/or your child(ren) may qualify for. If you are interested in submitting a form, please visit **www.wboro.org/foodservice** under the Important Links And Information tab.

Breakfast Program

Breakfast programs are available to students at ALL of our school locations within the District. Breakfast includes a rotating main "hot" entrée or cereal, whole grain toast, fruit, 100% fruit juice and milk.

Bus schedules do not change as a result of breakfast. Students who decide to participate in this program will go to the cafeteria after their bus arrives.

As stated above, breakfast is available to any student interested and is FREE of charge for the 2025-26 school year!

Nutrikids POS

Our food service program uses a point of sale (POS) system called "Nutrikids". New kindergarten students will receive their pin number on the first day of school from their teacher.

New students entering the District can request a pin number from a food service cashier. This permanent pin number will be used for accessing meal account information and all transactions associated with it.

Please help your child to learn this number and keep it in a safe place until the child has memorized it. This number will be used by your child for as long as he or she attends WCSD.

MySchoolBucks

MySchoolBucks.com is an excellent tool for parents to use to monitor and make payment(s) on their student(s) account. Simply sign up for an account, add your student(s), and you are set to go! Parents can make one-time payments, set up automatic payments, set up low balance notification emails or simply use the account to check the 90-day purchase history for their student(s). If you have any questions or need assistance with creating your account, please do not hesitate to call us at 315.266.3315.

On initial setup of new accounts, a student ID number is required. Please call the food service department at 315.266.3315 to request this information.

Meal Charging Policy

In addition to FREE meals, students will have the option to purchase additional items such as milk, extras and a la carte selections each day during meals. In order to receive 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 is permitted without sufficient funds available.

For any additional questions you have, please contact the Food Service office at 315-266-3315.

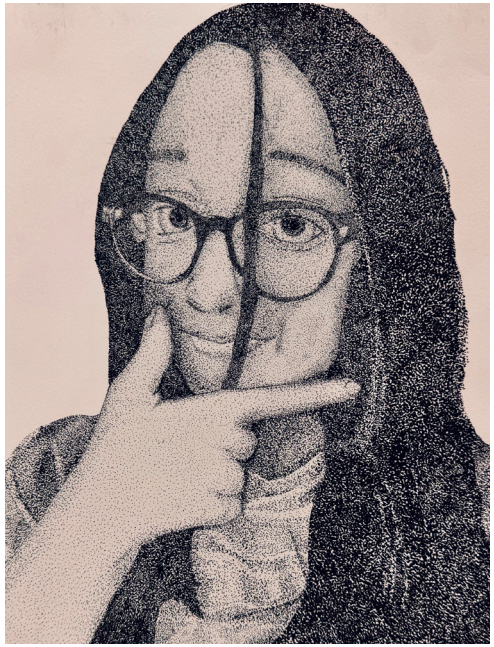
Drug-Free Schools & Section 504

Drug-Free Zones

The Whitesboro Central District is a Drug-Free School Zone. This zone consists of the area within the real property boundary of all schools within the Whitesboro Central School District, together with 1,000 feet beyond said real property boundary.

In September 1993, the Board of Education recognized the grave threat posed by the actual or threatened illegal sale of controlled substances to children and declared its support of the efforts of local law enforcement agencies to eradicate the sale of controlled substances and illegal drugs on school grounds and support for increased criminal penalties for sale of controlled substances within this Drug-Free School Zone.

The designation was made in response to the New York State Legislature amendment to the Penal Law to increase the criminal penalties for persons convicted of the sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds. State and federal laws defined "school grounds" as including any building, athletic playing field, playground or land within the real property boundary line of an elementary, parochial, intermediate, junior high, vocational or high school, together with the area within 1,000 feet of the real property boundary line.



Prevention Programs

Whitesboro schools emphasize PREVENTION as their primary approach to dealing with substance abuse. Healthy habits and making good choices are taught in grades K-12, and is a focus of our health curriculum. We offer many clubs for our students to learn and participate in prevention programs such as the Tolerance Club at the Middle School and the SADD Club at the High School.

Section 504 Policy

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 defines a person with a disability as anyone who has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment.

The Whitesboro Central School District acknowledges its responsibility under section 504 to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability shall knowingly be permitted in any program or practices in the school district.

Under Section 504, the school district has the responsibility to identify, evaluate and, if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to offer access to appropriate educational services.

If the parent or person in the parental relationship disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer or designated school official.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specifies rights related to educational records. The act gives the parent or guardian the right to: 1. inspect and review his/her child's educational records; 2. make copies of these records; 3. receive a list of all individuals having access to those records; 4. ask for an explanation of any item in the records; 5. ask for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading or violates the child's rights; and 6. a hearing on the issue if the school refuses to make the amendment. Any alleged grievances should be reported to Section 504 Coordinator Christopher O'Neil at 315.266.3240.

Health/Immunization Requirements for School Attendance

In accordance with statutes referencing requirements for students to be immunized, the Whitesboro Central School District recognizes the necessity of immunization to protect individual students, as well as groups of students, from communicable diseases. In addition, the Whitesboro Central School District recognizes the importance and responsibility to protect any and all students from contact with individuals who have not been properly immunized and, because of this, may affect the health, safety and welfare of the individual and the student body in general.

For complete New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance, please refer to the District website, **www.wboro.org.**

Requirements for School Attendance

A principal or person in charge of a school shall **NOT** permit a child to be enrolled in such school unless a person in parental relationship to the child has furnished the school with appropriate evidence that the child has been properly immunized. **In accordance with Board of Education Policy, all immunization requirements must be met prior to students beginning school.**

Student Physicals

The Education Law of New York State requires that each new entrant to the District and students in grades kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, eleventh and new entrants must have a physical examination, either by the family physician or school nurse practitioner. Please communicate with the school nurse if your family physician/nurse practitioner will provide the physical examination. The school nurse will provide vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings per New York State regulations.

Sports Physicals and Health History Updates

A physical within the year must be on file in the health office. As a requirement of the New York State Education Department, a **Health History Update** must be completed by parent/guardian prior to the sport start date. A physical exam form and Health History Update **must** be returned to the Health Office to be approved for a sport. Without approval from the Health Office, a student **will not be able to try out or practice.**

Medication During the School Day

School policies regarding administration of medication are consistent with procedures established by State Education Law.
For students to receive medication (prescription or **non-prescription**, including cough drops and other **"over-the-counter"** drugs) during the school day, the following procedures MUST be followed and renewed each year:

- The parent or legal guardian must submit a written request to the school authorities together with a written request from the prescribing physician indicating the frequency and dosage.
- The medication must be brought to the school by a responsible adult in the original container labeled with the name of the drug and the dosage.

Unless these procedures are followed, medications will NOT be administered in school.

STUDENTS MAY NOT CARRY MEDICATION WITH THEM.

The Whitesboro Teacher Center (WTC)

WTC was established in July 1987, and is part of a network of 127 centers, which serve some 660 public school districts and BOCES, as well as hundreds of non-public schools across all regions of the State. This network provides cost-effective, systematic, ongoing professional education services to teachers.

Over the years, the WTC has expanded both the scope and depth of services offered, and has become an educational service center. A Policy Board comprised of representatives from the Board of Education, teachers, business/industry, higher education, administration and parents governs the WTC. The Center works collaboratively with the District to provide affordable training in technology and innovative teaching practices to its constituents based on locally determined needs.

The Center also supports a Curriculum Materials Center open to staff and the community. The library contains instructional materials, technological equipment, an Ellison die-cut machine, laminator, poster-maker, professional literature and a lending library on parent education. All stakeholders are encouraged to participate in Center activities, and in many cases, special programs are offered for parents and other community groups.

To help students achieve higher standards, the WTC works with educators to:

- Strengthen teamwork among teachers across disciplines.
- Develop curriculum that connects to students' lives.
- Design class activities that engage all students.
- Manage a classroom more effectively.
- Apply state standards in a meaningful way for students.

The WTC provides a structure for teachers to take charge of their own professional growth, and affords them an opportunity to share with one another the tremendous expertise that they possess. Professional development opportunities include new teacher training and support, mentoring and induction, peer coaching, collegial circles, mini-grants and research opportunities, as well as a full complement of topics offered in more traditional workshop or course formats. For more information about the Whitesboro Teacher Center, call 315.266.3313.

Network and Internet Use Policies

The Whitesboro Central School District (WCSD) provides students with access to District Information Technology (IT) resources and devices to foster educational goals and objectives. Responsible and appropriate conduct is expected from all students. In order to provide access in school and at home, WCSD employs network filtering and other safety and security measures to supervise, monitor, and protect District IT resources and the safety and security of all students and staff.

Provided services such as network or cloud file storage and email may be treated like school lockers. The District may monitor, inspect, or review files to maintain system integrity and confirm appropriate use. Students should not expect that files or information stored on District IT resources and/or devices will be private, and shall adhere to all laws, District policies, and rules. District IT resources should never be used inappropriately, such as attempting to circumvent safety and security measures or introduce malicious computer code/files.

Violations of District IT policies may result in loss of access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Disciplinary referrals include teacher and administrator action taken and will be cumulative (K-12) in nature. Determination of inappropriate use will be made by WCSD.

Complete District Information Technology policies can be found at **www.wboro.org/itpolicies.**

Chromebooks

District Chromebooks are issued to all students at no cost, to provide greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills. Students accept the responsibility for taking appropriate care and safekeeping of their assigned Chromebook, and are required to keep the District-provided name label in the case label window at all times. Parents/Guardians may be held financially responsible for Chromebooks, chargers and/or cases that are damaged or lost.

Visit www.wboro.org for the latest event dates/times and information.

General Information

Special Education Services

Children with special academic, social/emotional, behavioral and physical needs in our District are provided a quality education in the least restrictive environment. The Special Education Department is proud to provide services for students from age three through 21 in programs both in and out of the District. Certified members of the Special Education professional staff provide services to students addressing all of the disabling conditions identified in the New York State Commissioner's Regulations. Students with disabilities, identified by the Committee on Special Education (CSE), are provided an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and are placed in programs that include: special classes, resource rooms and consultant teacher services. Students in special class programs are included in all special area programs and mainstreamed in academic areas of strength. The District also provides a wide range of assessments, consultations and services which include psychiatric, psychological, counseling, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, teachers of the hearing impaired, teachers of the visually impaired, orientation and mobility training, among others.

Community agencies have taken an active role in the District to aid in identifying and providing support services for students with special needs. Such agencies include: Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL), Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR).

All programs and services offered are reviewed yearly by the Committee on Special Education to determine progress, effectiveness and continued need for services. For more information, contact the Special Programs & Services Office at 315.266.3309.

Programs for Advanced Learners

At the middle school level, accelerated math and science classes are offered. Opportunities at the high school level include: New Visions, Advanced Placement Programs, Honors Courses in English and Social Studies, Bridging Programs with area colleges, Mentor Programs with School and Business Alliance, Regional Program for Excellence and numerous clubs, teams and performing groups.

English as a New Language Program

The Whitesboro Central School District has an ENL (English as a New Language) program for all grade levels for students identified as needing such services per state regulations. The purpose of the program is to provide instruction in the English language so that English language learners can be successful in school.

ENL students and their families bring a new dimension to the classroom and community by contributing the richness of their diverse cultures.

For more information on the above programs, please contact your building principal.

General Information

Student Directory Information Policy

New York State law allows school districts to release student directory information to an outside group without individual consent. Parents or eligible students have the right to refuse the release of such information by notifying Mr. Christopher O'Neil, Records Information Officer, in writing no later than October 1 of the school year. Following this response period, the District may release such information.

The Family Education and Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) defines student directory information as the following: name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height (if members of athletic teams), degrees and awards received and the name of the educational agency or institution previously attended by the student.

Policy on Attire K-12

In the interest of promoting a learning environment free from disruption and one that adheres to New York state's standards regarding health and safety, the following guidelines will apply to the entire Whitesboro Central School District student body. Attire which has the potential to cause a disturbance in the classroom, endangers the student wearing such attire or other students, or is so distractive as to interfere with the learning or teaching process, will be prohibited.

The following exemplifies such attire: (1) Clothing with potential to reveal private body parts; (2) Clothing with obscene language, including expression or insignia which is obscene or libelous, or which advocates racial or religious prejudice; and (3) Clothing with graphic depiction of indecent behavior. Please note that individual schools may have additional specifications for attire requirements.

Use of Surveillance Cameras in the Whitesboro Central School District

The Whitesboro Central School District promotes student, 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 or buses. Surveillance cameras will not be used in private areas such as restrooms and locker rooms where there is reasonable expectation of privacy. 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.

Snow Days/Emergency Closings

The decision to close schools because of adverse weather conditions is made only after the road conditions in the District are reviewed personally by District staff. The final decision is made by the Superintendent after consulting with staff that have checked conditions. The news media is then informed of the decision. If the weather is inclement, please tune in to the following stations:

WIBX-950 AM	WUTR-TV Utica	WTVH Utica
WRUN-1150 AM	WKTV Utica	WIXT-TV Syracuse
Spectrum Cable News		

Delays and closings will be posted to the school website: www.wboro.org

ParentSquare

Beginning in 2024-2025, the Whitesboro Central School District is replacing the SchoolMessenger mass notification platform and the Whitesboro CSD mobile app with ParentSquare, a new and more robust unified communication platform designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with the District.

Signing Up

Click the link in the activation email/text, or sign up on parentsquare.com or via the ParentSquare app. Parents/Guardians who create an account can interact by viewing posts, messaging, downloading attachments, managing their communication settings and preferences, and more. Those who do not register will still receive text, email, and/or phone notifications. Communications are dependent on the District having accurate parent/guardian contact information on file; **please contact your child's school if any of your information has changed.**

For the best experience, download the ParentSquare app (available for free for iOS and Android devices).

For complete information, visit www.wboro.org/parentsquare

Supporting our Community

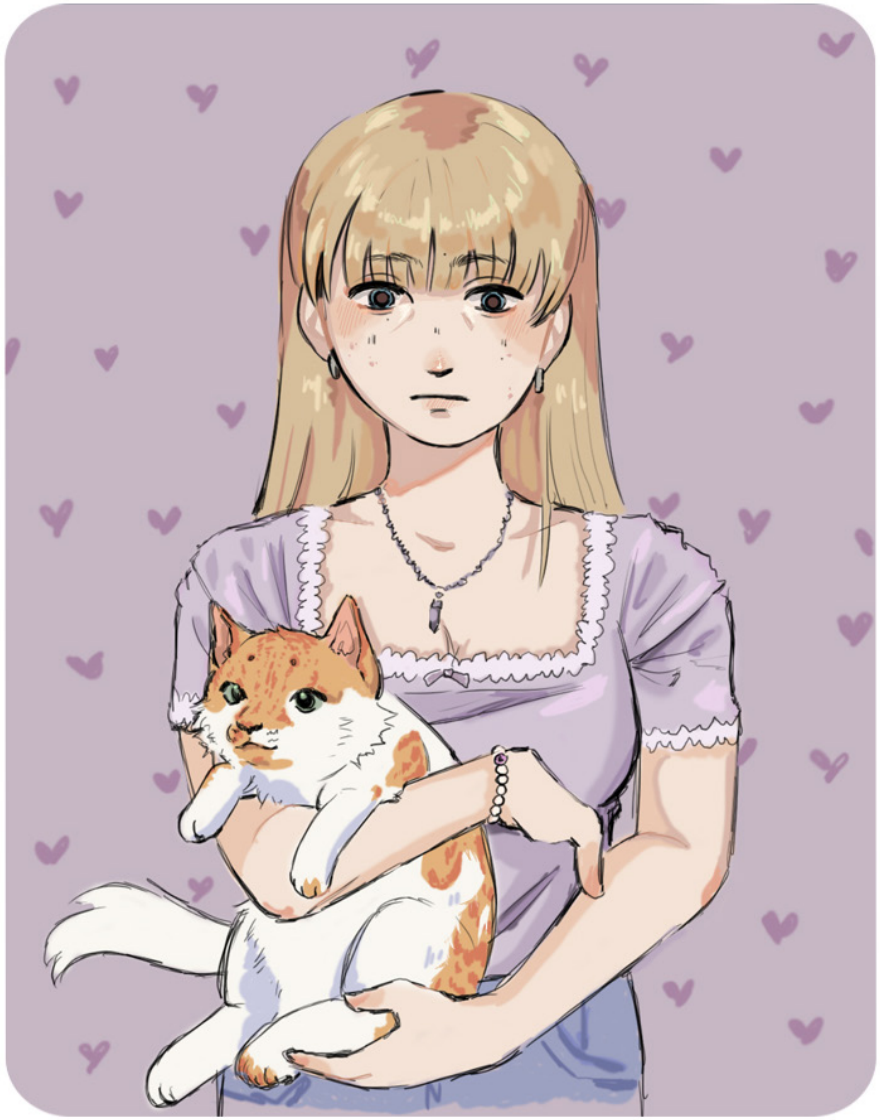
Gold Passes to Community Events

Community members, age 60 and older, wishing to apply for a Whitesboro Central School District Gold Pass, should contact Mrs. Kim Bunal, District Clerk, in the Administration Building, 65 Oriskany Boulevard, Whitesboro, NY or call 315.266.3301. The pass entitles the card bearer to discounted/free admission to all events involving Whitesboro Central School students in or on Whitesboro Central School District property.

Proof of residency is required when applying for the card and the pass is effective only as long as an individual is a legal resident of the Whitesboro Central School District.

Senior Citizen Activities

- The Whitestown Nutrition Center provides nutritious meals for senior citizens Monday through Friday. For more information, call 315.736.3811.



District Music Program

The Whitesboro Central School District offers a comprehensive music program consisting of classroom music in addition to eight choruses, 13 bands and 11 orchestras.

Included is a brief outline of the curricular offerings and available sequences, as well as extracurricular activities and the grade level each course or activity is introduced.

Classroom Music

K-Grade 5 One 40-minute class per six-day cycle

Grades 6–8 Ten weeks per year (required of all students)

Vocal Music

Grades 4–5 **Elementary Chorus** (elective, rehearses twice per six-day cycle during the regular school day)

Grades 6–8 **Parkway Chorus** (elective, rehearses during the regular school day)
Seventh Grade Chorus (elective, rehearses during the regular school day)
Eighth Grade Chorus (elective, rehearses during the regular school day)

Grades 9–12 **Ninth Grade Chorus** (elective, full year, 1 credit, rehearses daily during regular school day)
A'Cappella Choir (elective, full year, 1 credit, rehearses daily during regular school day)
Voice Technique Class (elective, required for students in Chorus or Choir, one class per week)

Instrumental Music/Woodwind, Brass & Percussion

Grades 4–5 **Beginning Band** (elective, rehearses for 40 minutes once per six-day cycle)
Elementary Band (elective, rehearses for 40 minutes twice per six-day cycle)
Lessons (elective, required of all band members, one lesson per six-day cycle)

Grade 6 **Parkway Sixth Grade Band** (elective, rehearses during the regular school day)
Lessons (elective, required of all band members, one lesson per week)

Grades 7-8 **Middle School Seventh Grade Concert Band** (elective, rehearses during regular school day)
Middle School Eighth Grade Wind Ensemble (elective, rehearses during regular school day)
Lessons (elective, required of all band members, one lesson per week)

Grades 9–12 **High School Concert Band** (elective, full year, 1 credit, rehearses daily during regular school day)
High School Symphonic Band (elective, full year, 1 credit, rehearses daily during regular school day)
Lessons (elective, required of all band members, one lesson per week)

District Music Program

Instrumental Music/Strings

Grades 4–5 **Beginning Orchestra** (elective, rehearses for 40 minutes once per six-day cycle)
Elementary Orchestra (elective, rehearses for 40 minutes twice per six-day cycle)
Lessons (elective, required of all orchestra members, one lesson per six-day cycle)

Grade 6 **Parkway Orchestra** (elective, rehearses during regular school day)
Lessons (elective, required of all orchestra members, one lesson per week)

Grades 7-8 **Middle School Orchestra** (elective, rehearses during regular school day)
Lessons (elective, required of all orchestra members, one lesson per week)

Grades 9–12 **High School Orchestra** (elective for instrumental students in grades 9-12, full year, one credit, rehearses daily during the regular school day)
Lessons (elective, required of all orchestra members, one lesson per week)

Extracurricular Music Ensembles

In general, most of the organizations listed meet on a regular basis after school or during the evening.

Vocal Music
High School Musical (biennial, 2026)
Middle School Musical (biennial, 2025)
Middle School Chorale (Grades 6–9)
High School Chamber Singers (Grades 10-12)
Various Small Ensembles (Grades 4–12)

Instrumental Music
Pep Band (Grades 7–12)
High School Musical/Pit Orchestra (Grades 9-12, biennial, 2026)
Middle School Jazz Ensemble (Grades 6-8)
High School Jazz Ensemble (Grades 9-12)
Various Small Group Ensembles (Grades 4-12)
High School String Quartet/Chamber Orchestra
Middle School Junior Chamber Orchestra (Grades 7-8)
District String Orchestra (Grades 5-6)
District Elementary Band (Grades 5-6)

In addition to the activities listed, students are encouraged to participate in events sponsored by the Oneida County Music Educators' Association and the New York State School Music Association. High School students often participate in the New York State School Music Association's solo and Area All-State Music Festivals. For more information regarding District music programs, please contact the appropriate building music teacher or Music Department Chairperson Mrs. Decker at **jdecker@wboro.org.**

PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

I. These guidelines apply to all High School and Middle School athletic activities in which students participate:

II. It is the responsibility of teachers to provide an evaluation of students commencing with the third full week of the first semester for courses commencing that semester, and the third full week of the second semester for courses commencing that semester. Subsequently, every two weeks, a formal report will be completed by all teachers for any/all athletes who are failing during the bi-weekly report period. Reports are due to the athletic director by the close of school, Wednesday (second week of report period). The athletic director or designee will tabulate the information and be responsible for notifying the respective coach(es).

A. An athlete failing two or more courses will become ineligible for one week (Monday through Sunday) following the submission of the bi-weekly report. While ineligible, the student must practice and attend games, but may not participate in games.

1. During the period of ineligibility, the student must meet with his/her teacher(s) to discuss those areas in which he/she needs to improve. Each teacher shall inform the respective student(s) of the area(s) in need of improvement and direct him/her in a manner to address the deficiencies in those area(s) identified.

2. Prior to reporting to practice during the period of ineligibility, students must attend extra help sessions to be scheduled by the teacher(s).

3. On the Friday of the week of ineligibility, the respective student must obtain a report from his/her teacher in those course(s) reported as failed. If he/she is no longer failing two or more courses, he/she shall be reinstated in the respective athletic program. If still failing at least two courses, the ineligibility shall continue for another week.

B. The parent/guardian shall be notified in writing (form letter) by the athletic director or designee that the student is ineligible, and the period of such ineligibility.

III. Students who have been classified by the Committee on Special Education and who are failing two or more courses shall be subject to review by the teacher(s) of the failed courses and the special education teacher(s) for the respective student(s).

IV. APPEAL PROCESS: There shall be an appeal process which, if exercised, shall commence with the student discussing/clarifying the failures with his/her teacher(s). If, after such discussion, the failure(s) continues to be in dispute, a student and his/her parent/guardian, may request a meeting with the athletic director/principal or designee and if necessary, the respective teacher. If the dispute continues at the conclusion of this stage, the parent/guardian may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

V. It shall be the responsibility of the athletic director and the respective coach(es) to provide a copy of these guidelines along with the "Contestant Policies for Interscholastic Athletics," to all students desiring to participate in athletic activities. It shall be the responsibility of the respective parent/guardian and the student to review these regulations, and sign a statement indicating that they have been received and reviewed and that the student's participation in the athletic activity will be subject to these regulations as stated.

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Guidance, 7th Grade:
315-266-3165
Guidance, 8th Grade:
315-266-3113
Nurse, 6th Grade: **315.266.3164**
Nurse, 7/8th Grade: **315.266.3114**
Attendance, 6th Grade:
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315.736.1944
Yorkville Police:
315.736.8331
Oneida County Sheriff's Dept.:
315.736.0141
New York State Police:
315.736.0122

FIRE
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315.765.2345
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