

September 2018



WHITMIRE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Wolverines Committed to Success

Mission

Whitmire Community School, while providing a safe and nurturing environment and collaborating with families and the community, will prepare all of our students through academics, the arts, athletics, and extra-curricular experiences to be productive, responsible, global citizens who engage in lifelong learning.

Vision

Whitmire Community School envisions a school where the education and well-being of children are the priorities of all citizens in our town and county. Furthermore, we envision a school where the rights of children are protected, where there is a shared passion for learning, where children are expected to achieve at their highest levels, and where our children are prepared to function successfully in an increasingly global society.

Our school will be inviting. Our families and communities will be collaborators. Our educators will be highly qualified. Our facilities will be designed, built, and equipped for the delivery of comprehensive curricula.

Order your YEARBOOK today! Order forms have been sent home. If you take advantage of the early bird order by October 26th, you can get four personalized icons for free. Yearbooks are \$50.00 until further notice.

Helpful Reminders



-There is no supervision prior to 7:30 am. Please DO NOT drop students off prior to 7:30 AM.

- The elementary "holding tank" is only for students who ride home with a high school driver. Holding tank is in room 411. Students should report there to wait or to pick up their rider(s).
- Please remember that class time is very important. Please try to refrain from signing out students the last 30 minutes of school. Be thoughtful when making appointments, etc.

School Dress Code

Violation of school dress code has the tendency to become a problem in middle and high schools. Please monitor your child's clothing before s/he leaves school. The dress code is found on pages 18 and 19 of the student handbook. The high school dress code in a nutshell is as follows:

- ◆ Headgear should not be worn inside building or classrooms
- ◆ Tops should be at least 3 inches wide at the strap, not show mid-drift, not be see-through and not be backless. All tops with a shoulder width less than 3 inches should be covered with a full-length shirt or blouse. Males must wear tops with sleeves.
- ◆ No display, glorification, or endorsement of inappropriate wording or symbols is allowed.
- ◆ Pants are not be worn below the hips, and holes in clothing above mid-thigh should have cloth underneath.
- ◆ Leggings and jeggings must have a top that is no more than 3 inches above the knees.
- ◆ All dresses, shorts, and skirts must be no more than 3 inches above the knees.
- ◆ Cleavage needs to be covered.
- ◆ Bedroom shoes and/or pajamas are not to be worn at school.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, September 11

Healthy Hearts/Healthy Habits for K and 5th grade
Volleyball @ SCSSDB @ 5:30pm

Wednesday, September 12

District Wednesday

Thursday, September 13

PK-11 grade individual pictures
Sr. drape and tux pictures
Tennis @ Columbia @ 5:00pm JV
Football vs. Mid-Carolina Middle @ 5:30pm

Friday, September 14

Varsity Football @ Branchville @ 7:30pm

Saturday, September 15

Back to School 5K @ 9:00am @ Legends Stadium

Monday, September 17

Tennis vs. Chester @ 5:00pm

Volleyball vs. Newberry Academy @ 5:30pm

Tuesday, September 18

Healthy Hearts/Healthy Habits for K and 5th grade
Volleyball @ Dixie @ 5:30pm

Wednesday, September 19

Charleston Wrap kick-off

Thursday, September 20

Tennis @ Abbeville @ 5:00pm
Volleyball vs. Calhoun Falls @ 5:30pm
JV Football @ Newberry Middle School @ 5:30pm

Friday, September 21

Varsity Football vs. Bethune Bowman @ 7:30pm (Homecoming)
Interim issued

Wednesday, September 26

Early Release Day

O PK/K @ 12:25 PM

O 1st-5th @ 12:50 PM

O 6th-12th @ 1:05 PM

Friday, September 28

4th grade field trip to Cherokee

Team Sweetheart 2018

by Hannah Pinner and Skyler Waltenbaugh

Usually we do Team Sweetheart on the first home game of the season, but this year we had the 1978 State Championship Reunion game against Mid-Carolina High School. Therefore, on August 31, 2018, the second home game in which we played Ridge Spring-Monetta, Miss Raegan Kendrick Team Nominated Sweetheart. by senior football player Alan Stanley, this year's sweetheart also cheers as well as plays softball, tennis, and basketball. Miss Kendrick is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Scott and Laura Kendrick. Congratulations, Raegan! *Raegan is shown in the picture above with her mom Laura, her boyfriend and sponsor Alan Stanley, and Alan's mom Marie.*



Senior Pictures

By Dakota Cody

EXPRESSIONS by Strawbridge Senior Portrait Appointments have been set for each 2019 graduate. Appointment times occur between 8:00 A.M. and 12: 30 P.M. on Thursday, September 13. Seniors need to be sure of their specific session and come prepared for the picture(s) they plan to take. If students are taking the formal picture only, they will not have to pay a fee. Males will need a white tee shirt to wear under the provided tux, and females will need a spaghetti strap or strapless shirt to wear under the provided drape. If seniors plan to do indoor casual portraits in addition to the formal picture, they need to pay a \$ 20.00 fee. They will also need two to three outfits and props such as uniforms and/or hobby-related items. Students may visit www.strawbridge.net/picture_day/seniors for planning ideas and tips on how to look their best for portrait sessions.

Book Fair Fun!!!

by Hannah Wagner



Ready, set, read! The book fair kicked off Friday, September 7. Students lined up at the media center. "Today was the first day, so there were lots of elementary classes," Ms. Hagen, head media specialist at WCS, said about the excited young readers. She went on to explain how the students and parents have volunteered for the book fair. "Everyone is excited, even middle and high school students." She also mentioned that the book fair had made over \$500 on the first day. What a wonderful way to raise funds for our school media center! More importantly, the book fair has something for everyone and will be open before and after the upcoming PTSO meeting on Thursday, September 13 for family shopping. So don't let it pass you by; come out and join in the Book Fair Fun!!!

Above: Leanna Eison browses book fair choices.

Welcome Back to School

by Grayson Brock



Back to school again, and it doesn't feel like we ever left for summer break—especially for those of us who took online courses. We are sliding back into tests and quizzes, but think about how close we all are to graduation! Regardless if you want to be back or not, we are all ready to strive this year. Make this school year great, and seniors: make this school

year the best time of your lives!

In the picture above, sophomore Leanna Eison is opening her locker to get ready for class.

Football and Tennis Highlights

by Kaylynn Roche

The Whitmire Wolverines Junior Varsity football team is coached by Andrew Bowers, Maurice Wyatt, and Hurley Johnson. Throughout the season, the team is expected to show growth and improvement. When asked about the team's chemistry, Coach Andrew Bowers said, "We stress unity and team. Each person plays a part in making the team work. At the moment, Gavin Waltenbaugh has shown the most leadership." From the recent practices and scrimmages, the "standout" players have seemed to be Zai Smith and Gavin Waltenbaugh who were both impressive in the scrimmage against Jonesville. Coach Bowers' advice given to any sixth grader planning on playing football next year is to get in the weight room as soon as it opens and work hard to get stronger.

So far this season, the Lady Wolverine Tennis Team is 5-0. When asked how the season is going so far, Coach Chaz Adams responds by saying "We have not begun to play our best tennis, but we have been able to win the matches. We have played some quality opponents and I am glad that we have been able to pull out some tough victories." As a whole, the team works together, and the older players step up and help out the younger ones when needed. "The best overall qualities of the team is that we are very experienced and we seem to have good chemistry," says Adams. Adams states that coaching has a lot of positive qualities, but the best thing about coaching is the relationship that he is able to grow with the girls and a bond is built that is difficult to put into words.

To the left is Mikhail Moss-Jenkins serving up another win.

