



# Whitesboro

*Inspire, Cultivate, and Empower*

Central School District Newsletter

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**SCHOOL BEGINS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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## Superintendent's Message

Dear Whitesboro School Community,



With great enthusiasm, I would like to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year! Together, we have so much to look forward to as we begin a new academic year. As your new Superintendent, I am excited and proud to continue my career in such an outstanding district. August marked the beginning of my 17th year in the Whitesboro District. As you may know, I previously served in district as both Elementary Principal and Director of Special Programs and Services.

This summer has been filled with many preparations for the upcoming year. While passing by our facilities, you may have noticed our capital project is well underway. In the article below, you will see a detailed list of what has been and what will be done regarding upgrades to our district.

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## Capital Project News

Phase A of the Capital Project, which was approved by voters in 2014, has been completed. Work included sidewalk replacement, curb replacement and paving at all school buildings, roof work at the High School and all four elementary schools and the installation of artificial field turf at Wadas Field.

Phase B of the Capital Project began this summer, and while some work is nearing completion, work is projected to be completed in the 2017-18 school year. Below is a list of some of the major ongoing projects included in Phase B:

- Roof replacement at Hart's Hill (nearing completion)
- Roofing work at Middle School (nearing completion)
- HVAC upgrades at High School and Middle School
- Asbestos abatement at High School, Middle School and Marcy
- Auditorium upgrades at High School and Middle School
- New student lockers at High School and Middle School
- New lobby doors and courtyard repairs at High School
- Student restroom renovations District-wide
- Central Kitchen upgrades
- Transportation Department renovations
- Press box and additional bleachers at Chiz Frye Field
- New signage at High School and Middle School
- Instructional technology improvements, such as updated SMART Classrooms and network infrastructure



Please note that work will continue at the High School throughout the school year. Administration and the contractors have taken every step to ensure that the work will not disrupt the educational process.

All of the improvements will help enhance the learning atmosphere for our students.

Thank you for your continued support ensuring our facilities meet the educational needs for students and staff.



## Superintendent's Message *(continued from cover)*

Our instructional program continues to evolve to best meet the needs of our students. In pursuit of this goal, we have implemented some very positive changes. At the elementary level, the Reading Street program for ELA will be fully implemented this year in grades K-5 across the district. In addition, elementary teachers have been working with BOCES to update science kits with a focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. Health education will be taught at grade 6, providing students with more timely exposure to and discussion of various topics that impact their personal health and safety. Our high school continues to explore and offer opportunities for students to earn college credit through Advanced Placement (AP) and dual credit courses. Students taking advantage of these opportunities leave our high school even better prepared to begin their college education. Our high school science department continues to investigate ways to expand the use of our recently acquired scanning electron microscope. This state-of-the-art technology is another example of the forward-thinking nature of our school community. These are just a few of the innovative changes our district has made to provide the best educational opportunities to our students.

This past spring, we engaged a group of stakeholders to renew our mission statement. Based on the core purpose and aims of our organization, participants developed the following mission statement:

***"To inspire, cultivate, and empower all learners to maximize their potential."***

This will serve as our district's guiding principle when making educational decisions.

I look forward to working with you in my new role as we strive to accomplish our district's mission. Together, we will focus our efforts on providing our students the best education possible both in and outside of the classroom. Best wishes to everyone as we embark on the 2016-2017 school year.

Sincerely,

**Brian K. Bellair**

*Superintendent of Schools*

### David Russo Appointed Assistant Superintendent

David Russo was appointed as the new Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Accountability by the Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education at its July meeting.

For many in the District, Mr. Russo is a familiar face. For the last seven years, he has served as Principal at Westmoreland Road Elementary School. Mr. Russo says he is eager to begin supporting the students, staff and stakeholders from all of the District's schools, but he will miss being the everyday leader of Westmoreland Road.

"Westmoreland Road has been a second family to me for the last seven years," said Russo. "I will miss the great students, families and dedicated staff who make Westmoreland Road a great place to work and learn."

Mr. Russo will assume his new role on October 17, 2016, when Susan Synakowski, the current Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Accountability, retires.

As assistant superintendent, Mr. Russo will continue providing students with instructional programs and opportunities that will prepare them for college and make them career ready. He also says he will act as a resource for staff to make sure they have the materials and means necessary to meet the needs of their students.



### Tina Pawloski Appointed Director of Special Programs and Services

Tina Pawloski was appointed as the new Director of Special Programs and Services by the Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education at its August meeting.

Ms. Pawloski comes to Whitesboro from the Utica City School District, where she most recently served as Administrator for Special Education Instructional Services. In her 14 years at Utica, Ms. Pawloski has also worked in several other positions, including CPSE/CSE chairperson, summer school principal and teacher.

"I am excited to join the Whitesboro Central School District, and look forward to contributing to the excellence of the District," said Pawloski, who resides in Marcy. "I am passionate about my career as an educator and administrator. I believe all students have the ability to be successful if provided with the appropriate support."

Ms. Pawloski will assume her new role with Whitesboro on September 9. She is replacing Brian Bellair, who left the director post to become Whitesboro's superintendent of schools.





## 2016-2017 *Music Concert Calendar*

### 2016

10/3 (Mon.)	OCMEA Teachers' Recital	HS	7:00 p.m.
10/27 (Th.)	High School Optimist Club "Collage Concert"	HS	7:00 p.m.
11/16 (Wed.)	Chamber Choir & High School Bands Concert	HS	7:00 p.m.
11/18-11/19	NYSSMA Zone 4 Area All-State Festival	Whitesboro HS	
12/1 (Th.)	7th Gr. Band, 7th Gr. Chorus, 8th Gr. Chorus	MS	7:00 p.m.
12/5 (Mon.)	Deerfield Holiday Concert	HS	6:30 p.m.
12/7 (Wed.)	Marcy Holiday Concert	HS	6:30 p.m.
12/8 (Th.)	Parkway Band, Orchestra and Chorus Concert	MS	7:00 p.m.
12/13 (Tues.)	Hart's Hill Holiday Concert	MS	6:30 p.m.
12/14 (Wed.)	MS 7/8 Gr. Orchestra, 8th Gr. Band and Chorale	MS	7:00 p.m.
12/15 (Th.)	Westmoreland Road Holiday Concert	MS	6:30 p.m.
12/19 (Mon.)	High School Full Orchestra & A'Cappella Concert	HS	7:00 p.m.
12/21 (Wed.)	WEATHER CONTINGENCY DATE FOR DECEMBER CONCERTS		

### 2017

TBD	OCMEA Junior High Festival Auditions	Rome	
2/8 (Wed.)	Student/Faculty Recital #1	HS	7:00 p.m.
2/14 (Tue.)	Hart's Hill Beginning Orchestra/Band Concert	HH	6:00 p.m.
2/15 (Wed.)	Deerfield Beginning Orchestra/Band Concert	D	6:00 p.m.
2/15 (Wed.)	Marcy Beginning Orchestra/Band Concert	M	6:00 p.m.
2/16 (Th.)	Westmoreland Road Beginning Orchestra/Band Concert	WR	6:00 p.m.
3/1-3/4	High School Musical	HS	7:00 p.m.
3/9-3/10	Oneida Jazz Festival	Oneida	
3/13 (Mon.)	MS MIOSM Concert – District Band & Orch., 7th Gr. Band	MS	7:00 p.m.
3/15 (Wed.)	HS Orchestra, Concert Band & A'Cappella Concert	HS	7:00 p.m.
3/17-3/18	OCMEA Junior-High All-County Music Festival	Rome	
3/21 (Tue.)	MS Tri-Band Festival	New Hartford	7:00 p.m.
3/22 (Wed.)	HS Tri-Band Festival	New Hartford	7:00 p.m.
3/23 (Th.)	WEATHER CONTINGENCY DATE FOR MARCH CONCERTS		
TBD	6th Annual Richard & Helen Robinson Memorial Concert		
4/6 (Th.)	MS & HS Jazz Concert	HS	7:00 p.m.
4/7-4/8	OCMEA Elementary All-County Music Festival	Holland Patent	
4/12 (Wed.)	Student/Faculty Recital #2	HS	7:00 p.m.
4/26 (Wed.)	OCMEA Scholarship Auditions	New York Mills	
5/8 (Mon.)	MS 7/8th Gr. Orchestra, 7th Gr. Chorus, & 8th Gr. Chorus Concert	MS	7:30 p.m.
5/10 (Wed.)	Parkway Chorus, Orchestra & Band Concert	MS	7:00 p.m.
5/11 (Thu.)	High School Full Orchestra & Bands Concert	HS	7:00 p.m.
5/15 (Mon.)	Marcy Spring Concert	HS	6:30 p.m.
5/16 (Tue.)	Westmoreland Road Spring Concert	MS	6:30 p.m.
5/17 (Wed.)	MS 7th Gr. Band, 8th Gr. Band & Chorale Concert	MS	7:30 p.m.
5/18 (Th.)	Deerfield Spring Concert	HS	6:30 p.m.
5/22 (Mon.)	Hart's Hill Spring Concert	MS	6:30 p.m.
5/24 (Wed.)	High School Vocal Concert including Grade 8 Chorus and Chorale	HS	7:00 p.m.
6/6 (Tues.)	Beginning Band/Orchestra Parent Night	HS	6:30 p.m.
6/24 (Sat.)	Senior Choir/Symphonic Band - Graduation Ceremony	Utica Mem. Aud.	9:30 a.m.

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF FOURTH GRADE BAND AND ORCHESTRA STUDENTS:

Please make sure to reserve or make arrangements to have an instrument for your child by the start of school- the first music lessons will begin the week of **September 12**. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact the appropriate teacher listed below. We look forward to your child's participation in our program!

#### Deerfield Elementary School

Band – Jessica Decker (jdecker@wboro.org)  
Orchestra – Lauralee Driscoll (ldriscoll@wboro.org)

#### Hart's Hill Elementary School

Band – Gregory Clark (gclark@wboro.org)  
Orchestra – Lauralee Driscoll (ldriscoll@wboro.org)

#### Westmoreland Road Elementary School

Band – Gregory Clark (gclark@wboro.org)  
Orchestra – Susan Gadbow (sgadbow@wboro.org)

#### Marcy Elementary School

Band & Orchestra – Gregory Clark (gclark@wboro.org)



## Fall Sports Schedules

\*Please note that these schedules are subject to change at a moment's notice.

+ Senior Night

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Sat.	8/27	Home	ESM (Scrim.)	10:00 a.m.
Fri.	9/2	Away	Fulton	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	9/9	Away	Cortland	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/16	Home	Watertown	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/23	Away	Indian River	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/30	Home	Carthage	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/7	Home	Central Square	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/14	Home	New Hartford+	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/21	TBD	Section III	TBA

### JV FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Sat.	8/27	Home	ESM (Scrim.)	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	9/3	Home	Fulton	9:30 a.m.
Sat.	9/10	Home	Cortland	9:30 a.m.
Thur.	9/15	Away	Watertown	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/24	Home	Indian River	9:30 a.m.
Sat.	10/1	Away	Carthage	9:30 a.m.
Sat.	10/8	Away	Central Square	9:30 a.m.
Sat.	10/15	Away	New Hartford	9:30 a.m.
Sat.	10/22	TBD	Oswego	9:30 a.m.

### MODIFIED FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Sat.	9/17	Home	Scrimmage	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	9/21	Home	New Hartford	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	9/28	Away	Oneida	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/5	Away	RFA	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/19	Home	VVS	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/24	Away	Central Valley	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/29	Home	Donovan	10:00 a.m.

### BOYS VARSITY/JV SOCCER \*\*

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Wed.	8/24	Away	Poland (Scrim.)	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	8/29	Home	Proctor	4:15 p.m.
Fri.	9/2	Home	Tournament	5:00 p.m.
Sat.	9/3	Home	Tournament	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	9/6	Home	New Hartford	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/8	Away	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Mon.	9/12	Away	Proctor	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/15	Away	VVS	4:15 p.m.
Mon.	9/19	Away	Watertown	5:00 p.m.
Sat.	9/24	Away	Jamesville DeWitt	3:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/27	Away	New Hartford	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/29	Home	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Tues.	10/4	Home	CVA+	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/6	Away	ND (Varsity Only)	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	10/8	Home	VVS	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/11	Home	Camden	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/13	Away	Oneida	4:15 p.m.

### BOYS MODIFIED SOCCER

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Tues.	9/13	Away	Notre Dame	4:15 p.m.
Tues.	9/20	Away	Oneida	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/22	Home	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	9/24	Home	Donovan	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	9/27	Home	New Hartford	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/29	Away	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/6	Home	Notre Dame	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/13	Home	Oneida	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	10/15	Home	RFA	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/18	Away	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/20	Away	Donovan	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	10/22	Away	New Hartford	11:00 a.m.

### GIRLS VARSITY/JV SOCCER \*\*

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Thur.	8/25	Away	Sauquoit (Scrim.)	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	8/27	Home	Marcellus (Scrim.)	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	8/30	Away	Cicero N. Syr.	11:00 a.m.
Thur.	9/1	Away	Proctor	12:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/6	Away	New Hartford	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/8	Home	RFA	6:30 p.m.
Thur.	9/15	Home	VVS	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	9/17	Home	Liverpool	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	9/20	Home	Camden	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/22	Home	Holland Patent	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	9/24	Home	Proctor	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	9/27	Home	New Hartford	6:30 p.m.
Thur.	9/29	Away	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Tues.	10/4	Away	Central Valley	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/6	Home	ND (Varsity Only) <sup>+</sup>	6:30 p.m.
Tues.	10/11	Away	Camden	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/13	Home	Oneida	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	10/15	Home	Cicero N. Syr.	11:00 a.m.

### GIRLS MODIFIED SOCCER

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Tues.	9/13	Home	Notre Dame	4:15 p.m.
Tues.	9/20	Home	Oneida	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/22	Away	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	9/24	Away	Donovan	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	9/27	Away	New Hartford	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	9/29	Home	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/6	Away	Notre Dame	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/13	Away	Oneida	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	10/15	Away	RFA	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/18	Home	RFA	4:15 p.m.
Thur.	10/20	Home	Donovan	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	10/22	Home	New Hartford	11:00 a.m.

### GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Thur.	8/25	Home	Little Falls (Scrim.)	9:00 a.m.
Tues.	8/30	Home	New York Mills	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	9/7	Home	VVS	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	9/9	Home	CVA	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/10	Home	Tournament	12:00 p.m.
Wed.	9/14	Away	Camden	4:30 p.m.
Fri.	9/16	Home	Oneida	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	9/19	Away	New Hartford	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	9/21	Away	RFA	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	9/28	Away	VVS	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	10/1	Away	ESM	2:00 p.m.
Mon.	10/3	Away	CVA	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	10/5	Home	Camden	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	10/7	Away	Oneida	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	10/12	Home	New Hartford	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	10/14	Home	RFA	5:30 p.m.

### GIRLS JV FIELD HOCKEY

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Thur.	8/25	Home	Little Falls (Scrim.)	9:00 a.m.
Tues.	8/30	Home	New York Mills	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	9/7	Home	VVS	4:15 p.m.
Fri.	9/9	Home	CVA	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/10	Home	Tournament	8:00 a.m.
Wed.	9/14	Away	Camden	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/16	Home	Oneida	4:15 p.m.
Mon.	9/19	Away	New Hartford	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	9/21	Away	RFA	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	9/28	Away	VVS	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/1	Away	ESM	12:00 p.m.
Mon.	10/3	Away	CVA	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/5	Home	Camden	4:15 p.m.
Fri.	10/7	Away	Oneida	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/12	Home	New Hartford	4:15 p.m.
Fri.	10/14	Home	RFA	4:15 p.m.

### GIRLS MODIFIED FIELD HOCKEY

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Wed.	9/14	Away	Camden	4:30 p.m.
Fri.	9/16	Home	Oneida	4:30 p.m.
Mon.	9/19	Away	New Hartford	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	9/21	Away	RFA	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	9/28	Away	VVS	4:30 p.m.
Mon.	10/3	Away	CVA	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	10/5	Home	Camden	4:30 p.m.
Fri.	10/7	Away	Oneida	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	10/12	Home	New Hartford	4:30 p.m.
Fri.	10/14	Home	RFA	4:30 p.m.
Wed.	10/19	Home	VVS	4:30 p.m.
Fri.	10/21	Home	CVA	4:30 p.m.

**BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY**

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Sat.	9/10	Chitt. HS	Chitt. Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	9/20	Proctor Park	Proctor/Oneida	4:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/27	Home	CVA/NH	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/1	Home	Wboro Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/4	Home	Camden/ND	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/8	Away	Rome Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/11	Staley	RFA/VVS	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/15	VVS	VVS Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/18	Proctor Park	Proctor	4:00 p.m.

**BOYS/GIRLS MODIFIED CROSS COUNTRY**

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Sat.	9/10	Chitt. HS	Chitt. Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	9/20	Proctor Park	Proctor/Oneida	4:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/27	Home	CVA/NH	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/1	Home	Wboro Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/4	Home	Camden/ND	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/8	Away	Rome Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/11	Staley	RFA/VVS	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/15	VVS	VVS Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	10/18	Proctor Park	Proctor	4:00 p.m.

**GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS**

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Wed.	8/24	Home	Oneida Tourn.	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	8/27	Away	Proctor	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	8/29	Away	New Hartford	3:30 p.m.
Wed.	8/31	Home	RFA	3:30 p.m.
Fri.	9/2	Home	CVA	3:30 p.m.
Wed.	9/7	Away	Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.

Sat.	9/10	Home	Camden	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	9/12	Away	Oneida	3:30 p.m.
Fri.	9/16	Home	Proctor	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/17	Home	New Hartford	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	9/19	Away	RFA	3:30 p.m.
Wed.	9/21	Away	CVA	3:30 p.m.
Fri.	9/23	Home	Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/24	Away	VVS	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	9/26	Away	Camden	3:30 p.m.
Wed.	9/28	Home	Oneida	3:30 p.m.

**GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING**

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Thur.	9/1	Away	Sherburne	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/13	Home	Coop./Sher./HP	5:00 p.m.
Thur.	9/15	Away	Adirondack	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/20	Away	RFA	5:00 p.m.
Thur.	9/22	Away	Proctor	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/27	Home	West Canada	5:00 p.m.
Thur.	9/29	Home	Cooperstown	4:30 p.m.
Tues.	10/4	Away	Holland Patent	5:00 p.m.
Thur.	10/6	Home	RFA	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/12	Home	Proctor	5:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/14	TBD	Diving Meet	TBA
Tues.	10/18	Away	New Hartford	5:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/21	TBD	Swim Meet	TBA

**GIRLS VARSITY GYMNASTICS**

Day	Date	Location	Opponent	Time
Fri.	9/9	Valley Gym.	RFA	6:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/13	Valley Gym.	Central Square	6:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/20	Valley Gym.	Baldwinsville	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/23	Valley Gym.	Proctor/NH	6:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/27	Away	ESM	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	10/1	Valley Gym.	Sectional Qualifier	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	10/13	Valley	JD/FM	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/21	DeWitt	Sectionals	9:00 a.m.

**\*Please note that these schedules are subject to change at a moment's notice.**

**\*\*For Junior Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer game times, please visit [DigitalSports.com](http://DigitalSports.com).**

**Any schedule cancellations will be posted to [www.wboro.org](http://www.wboro.org).**

**Athletic Contests**

**Admission will be charged for the following home athletic contests:**

**Varsity Football****Boys Varsity and Junior****Varsity Basketball****Girls Varsity and Junior****Varsity Basketball****Varsity Ice Hockey**

Adult admission is \$2.00 and student admission is \$1.00. When attending an evening athletic contest, all Whitesboro students under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Gold Passes to Community Events**

Community members age 60 and older wishing to apply for a Whitesboro Central School Gold Pass should contact Ms. Elsa Davis, district clerk, at the administration building, 65 Oriskany Blvd., Whitesboro, N.Y., or call 266.3301. The pass entitles the card bearer to discounted/free admission to all home events.

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.



# School Bus Information

## The Bus Schedule

Morning pick-up times will begin at the approximate time stated. We ask that students arrive at their bus stop five minutes prior to pick-up time.

Bus arrival times, routing and stops will become finalized several days into the school year. Post cards with initial route/bus information will be sent home the last week of August.

All routes are **subject to change** during the school year.

## Stop and Pick-up Times

Approximate times are given for the bus stop on each run. A time pattern for all stops will be established within a few days. Plan to be ready at the stop five minutes ahead of the estimated time. Exact arrival times are affected by many factors, including weather, traffic, substitute drivers and mechanical problems. These are suggested times for the first week of school and are **subject to change**. Drivers will notify students of changes.

## Bus Safety Guidelines

1. Line up single file as soon as you see the school bus approaching. Do not start toward the bus until it has come to a full stop and the driver has opened the door. If you have to cross the street, wait for the bus driver to signal.
2. Use the handrail when boarding the bus.
3. Be courteous.
4. Do not walk behind the bus.
5. Bus passes must be obtained from school personnel (available with written permis-

sion from parent or guardian) in order to discharge student at another stop other than his/her normal stop.

## Items Prohibited on School Buses

For the safety of all riders, students are requested not to carry potentially harmful items on the bus. Nothing should be carried that will interfere with seating, space or safety. The following are examples of items prohibited on the bus:

- Insects or animals of any kind.
- Glass objects and breakable objects.
- Balloons.
- Skate boards.
- Sleds and skis of any kind.
- Any sharp or pointed objects.
- Medicine, medications.
- Projects that don't fit on a student's lap.
- Large, musical instruments.
- Weapons of any kind or any object that could be conceived to be a weapon (toy guns, knives, etc.).
- Matches/lighters.

## School Bus Rules of Conduct

1. Follow directions of the driver at all times.
2. Stay seated in your seat at all times.
3. Keep all parts of your body in the bus and to yourself.
4. No pushing, shoving or fighting.
5. No eating, drinking, smoking or spitting.
6. Do not litter, write on or damage the bus in any way.

7. Do not use profanity, rude gestures, tease or harass anyone on the bus.

## Bus Discipline

Improper behavior may result in the suspension of bus riding privileges. The following procedure is followed when a student's conduct may warrant suspension.

## If A Student Chooses to Break a Rule:

- 1st time:** Driver verbally warns student and documents on daily log.
- 2nd time:** Parents contacted by driver or bus garage personnel, documented on daily log form (probationary period begins).
- 3rd time:** Bus Conduct Form Issued, Parents contacted by Building Administrator, three (3) day bus suspension.
- 4th time:** Five (5) day bus suspension.
- 5th time:** Principal's Hearing (10-30 day bus suspension).
- 6th time:** Superintendent's Hearing-possible removal from bus.

## Severe Disruption

The following inappropriate behavior will result in suspension of transportation privileges **IMMEDIATELY:**

1. Physical harm to student.
2. Physical harm or threat of physical harm to driver. (May result in arrest).

**It's "Back to School" time. School buses are back on the roads, and students are walking along the side of the road and waiting for buses.**

- Please watch carefully for children near school buildings, in areas where school buses are traveling or where there are signs for school zones or bus stops.
- Remember that if you are approaching a school bus from either the front or behind, and it's yellow lights are flashing, the bus is preparing to stop.
- If the bus' red lights are flashing, **YOU MUST STOP. It's the law!**

This **includes** school buses that are: on the opposite sides of divided highways, on multiple lane roadways, in parking lots and on school grounds.

**NOTE:** The **only** exception to this law is if the bus driver or a police officer signals that you may pass the bus.

### \$\$ PENALTIES FOR PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS \$\$

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First Conviction	\$250.00	\$400.00	Up to 30 days
Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600.00	\$750.00	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Conviction (within 3 years)	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	Up to 180 days

## Pesticide Notification

School districts and BOCES are required to maintain a list of parents or guardians who wish to receive written notification 48 hours prior to application of pesticide that is covered by notification requirements, at their child(ren)'s school/facility. If you wish to be included on the School District Notification List, please contact Kevin Storsberg, Director of Facilities, at 266.3312. You will then receive advance notification of a pesticide application at your child(ren)'s facility of pesticide products covered by notification requirements.

For further information about the products being applied, including any warnings that appear on the label of the pesticide(s) that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals, or the environment, call the National Pesticide Telecommunication Network at 1.800.858.7378 or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health at 1.800.458.1158. For additional information on the District's pesticide program, contact Kevin Storsberg at 266.3312.

### Use of Surveillance Cameras

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 of Education supports the use of surveillance cameras, when necessary, in all District facilities, grounds and buses. Surveillance cameras will not be used in public areas and other non-public areas, such as restrooms and locker rooms, where there is reasonable expectation of privacy. Audio recordings will not be made in conjunction with the use of cameras. Such prohibition does not preclude the use of audio recordings by law enforcement or District personnel when used in accordance with their official duties as authorized by law.

### Free/Reduced Lunch Application

The Whitesboro Central School District participates in the Federal School Lunch Program and offers free or reduced meals to qualifying students.

Families must apply for these benefits each school year. To avoid a lapse in benefits, applications should be completed by October 1st. Families can apply at any point throughout the year, especially if family size or income status changes. All applications and resulting eligibility statuses are kept confidential.

Applications are available in the Food Service Office, each building's kitchen and principal's office, as well as online at <http://www.wboro.org/Page/6825>.

Please call the Food Service Office at (315) 266-3315 if you have any questions or need assistance with this process.

## AHERA Annual Notification

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA) and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education that require an annual structural safety inspection, a copy of each report is available for review during school hours by appointment. Please contact Kevin Storsberg, Director of Facilities, at 266.3312 if you wish to arrange an appointment, or if you have questions.

Safety staff from the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES performed the inspections as per guidelines.

## TAX INFORMATION

Please understand that there are many factors that are involved in determining the total tax contribution. Some of the main factors are:

- ▶ The property value assessment determined by each town
- ▶ The equalization rate determined by New York State
- ▶ STAR program adjustment determined by New York State law
- ▶ The tax levy set by local school boards

## New School Lunch Pricing

The new 2016-2017 school year prices for all schools are: Breakfast - \$1.00; lunch - \$2.40 and milk - \$.50. To meet mandatory regulations from the USDA, the District is forced to increase school lunch prices to \$2.40 this school year. To meet future requirements, lunch price increases will be based on the USDA Equity in School Lunch Pricing equation. The USDA requires school districts to gradually meet the national average school lunch price, which as of 2015, is currently \$2.46. Prepayment of meals is advised at the elementary level. Details of the prepayment plan will be included in the packet sent home the first day of school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Angela Aguiar, Director of Food Service, at 266.3315.

Thank you for your continued support of the School Lunch Program.



## SchoolMessenger - School Communication & Notification System

The Whitesboro Central School District utilizes the SchoolMessenger automated communication system to provide timely information to parents, faculty and staff on matters such as attendance, general information, campus emergencies and school closings & delays.

There is no need to sign up for SchoolMessenger, as it uses contact information stored in our student information system. All households with students in the District will be notified by phone when important information needs to be communicated, such as

delays, early dismissals, snow cancellations, emergency situations or other important messages.

Please ensure that the District is informed of any changes to your address, home phone, cell phones or place of business throughout the school year. If you do contact the District to update your contact information, please note that it may take up to 24 hours for the information to change in SchoolMessenger.

In the event that you receive an automated call, please listen to the message in its entirety to hear the important information.



### SNOW DAYS OR EMERGENCIES



The decision to close school, delay the start of school or release students early because of adverse weather conditions (or another emergency situation) is made only after the road conditions in the District are reviewed personally by District staff. The final decision is made by the Superintendent of Schools after consulting with staff that checked the road conditions.

If a closing, delay or early dismissal occurs, the news media is informed as a soon as possible. Please listen/tune in to the following stations for closing and delay information:

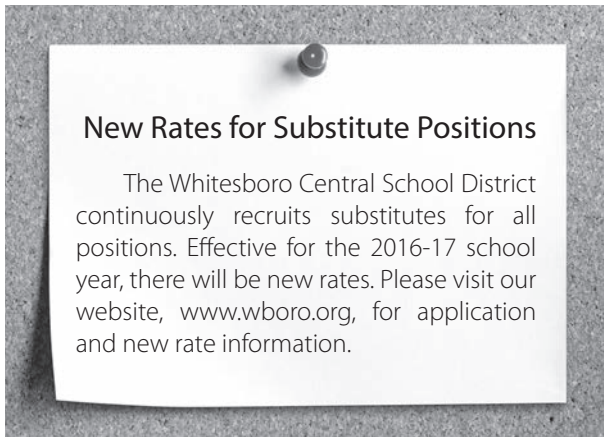
**WIBX-950 AM**  
**WRUN-1150 AM**  
**WTLB-1310 AM**

**WADR-1480 AM**  
**WOUR-96.9 FM**  
**WFRG-104.3 FM**

**WOKR-93.5 FM**  
**WKLL-94.9 FM**  
**Time Warner Cable**  
**News**

**WUTR-TV Utica**  
**WKTV Utica**  
**WTVH Utica**  
**WIXT-TV Syracuse**

**All closings, delays and other emergency notifications will be posted to [www.wboro.org](http://www.wboro.org).**



#### New Rates for Substitute Positions

The Whitesboro Central School District continuously recruits substitutes for all positions. Effective for the 2016-17 school year, there will be new rates. Please visit our website, [www.wboro.org](http://www.wboro.org), for application and new rate information.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION NOTICE

If you believe your child may have an educational disability and is in need of special education services, please contact the Office of Special Programs at 266.3309.

If you are interested in serving as a parent member for the Whitesboro Committee on Special Education, please call the Office of Special Programs at 266.3309 for information and eligibility criteria.

## Middle School Supply Lists

Information regarding Middle School supply lists is available on the Middle School website. Simply click on the grade level that your child is entering and read the information carefully. If you have not yet purchased supplies for your child, you may want to take advantage of some of the sales going on.

In addition, any updates to your child's health, including recent physical exams for incoming seventh grade students and vaccination information for sixth grade students, can be faxed or mailed in to the appropriate nurse:

#### Grades 7 and 8:

Attention Mrs. Scharbach  
(fax 266.3145)

#### Grade 6:

Attention Mrs. VanEtten  
(fax 266.3128)







## 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 school authorities, along with a written request from the prescribing physician, indicating the frequency and dosage.
- The medication must be brought to school by a responsible adult in the original container labeled with the name of the drug and the dosage.

***If these procedures are not followed, medication will NOT be administered in school.***

## STUDENT PHYSICALS

New York State Education Law requires that each new entrant to the District and students in kindergarten, second, fourth, seventh and tenth grades must have a physical examination, either by the school nurse practitioner or family physician. A vision, hearing and scoliosis screening per NYS regulations will be done by the school nurse.

Please communicate with the school nurse if you will have your family physician provide the physical examination. The family physician will need to complete a physician’s report form (available from the school nurse) and submit it to the nurse.

**For complete New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance, please refer to the Health Department page on [www.wboro.org](http://www.wboro.org).**

**STUDENTS MAY NOT CARRY MEDICATION WITH THEM!**



## 2016-2017 Test Dates

ACT		SAT	
Test Date	Registration	Test Date	Registration
Oct. 22, 2016*	Sept. 16, 2016	Oct. 1, 2016	Sept. 1, 2016
Dec. 10, 2016	Nov. 4, 2016	Nov. 5, 2016*	Oct. 7, 2016
Feb. 11, 2017	Jan. 13, 2017	Dec. 3, 2016	Nov. 3, 2016
		Jan. 21, 2017	Dec. 21, 2016
		Mar. 11, 2017	Feb. 10, 2017
		May 6, 2017*	Apr. 7, 2017
		June 3, 2017*	May 9, 2017

\* Test offered at Whitesboro High School

## CEEB NUMBER

Parents of students filling out the FAFSA, SAT or ACT forms will need to know the school code number, which is:

**335960**

## Working Papers

Before starting employment, students 14-18 years old are required by New York state law to have working papers. There are also restrictions on the type of work and the number of hours a student can work, particularly during the school year.

Students should apply for working papers at least one week before the start of employment to allow time for the paperwork to be processed. Students must provide proof of age and proof of physical fitness to work. School records can provide proof of age for students registered at Whitesboro High School. The high school nurse can provide proof of physical fitness for students whose physicals have been done in school for sports. Students may also submit written documentation from their private physician.

Application forms (working papers) can be picked up in the High School Nurse's Office. Students should return their completed form to the nurse's office. The nurse will then verify that the student has had a physical within the last year and will attach a "Certificate of Physical Fitness" form, forwarding everything to the Student Activities Office, where the student will pick up their employment certificate (working card).

## 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 Ms. Beth Ann Blynt, 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.

## High School Student Parking

Driving a motor vehicle and parking on school property is a privilege granted to seniors first. If there are available spaces, juniors may become eligible through a lottery held in October.

There are designated areas for parking at the High School. Students will park in white lined areas only (including designated parking in the west end of the north parking lot). Staff parking is indicated by yellow lines; signs designate visitor areas. Anyone using a handicap space must have appropriate handicap identification on their vehicle or, for temporary reasons, must contact the Student Activities Office to secure permission.

Daily parking permits are available to a student or family member due to health reasons or for an out-of-district education program for which transportation is not provided. Unacceptable reasons for granting day passes are:

- Participation in school sports or activities
- Work
- Tutor
- Any other reason not specified in acceptable criteria listed above

If you have questions or concerns, contact the Student Activities Office between 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 266.3230.



Listed below are telephone numbers for the Whitesboro Central School District. Please clip and save.



# Whitesboro Central Schools

## 2016-2017 Telephone Directory

### Central Office Building

Administration.....266.3300  
 Fax.....768.9730  
 Superintendent.....266.3303  
 District Clerk.....266.3301  
 Assistant Superintendent for Learning .....266.3302  
 Assistant Superintendent for Business.....266.3306  
 Dir. of Special Services and Programs.....266.3309

### Business Office Staff

Treasurer .....266.3317  
 Payroll.....266.3329  
 Accounts Payable .....266.3333  
 Employee Health Insurance.....266.3321  
 Employee Attendance.....266.3319  
 Fax.....266.3340

### Facilities and Maintenance

Director .....266.3312  
 Fax.....768.9745

### Food Service Department

Director .....266.3315  
 Fax.....266.3342

### Human Resources

.....266.3338  
 Fax.....768.9730

### Information Technology

Director .....266.3314  
 Fax.....266.3342

### Teacher Center

.....266.3323  
 Fax.....768.9770

### Transportation Department

Supervisor.....768.9740  
 Fax.....768.9742

### Deerfield Elementary

.....266.3410  
 Principal.....266.3412  
 Nurse.....266.3414  
 Fax.....797.7145  
 Fax (Nurse).....266.3416

### Hart's Hill Elementary

.....266.3430  
 Principal.....266.3432  
 Nurse.....266.3434  
 Fax.....768.9855  
 Fax (Nurse).....266.3435

**Marcy Elementary**.....266.3420  
 Principal.....266.3422  
 Nurse.....266.3424  
 Fax.....735.3358  
 Fax (Nurse) .....266.3443

**Westmoreland Road Elementary** .....266.3440  
 Principal.....266.3442  
 Nurse.....266.3444  
 Fax.....768.9789

**Parkway Elementary**.....266.3175  
 Assistant Principal .....266.3176  
 Nurse.....266.3164  
 Guidance .....266.3165  
 Fax.....768.9882  
 Fax (Nurse) .....266.3128

**Middle School**.....266.3100  
 Principal.....266.3110  
 Assistant Principal.....266.3118  
 Nurse.....266.3114  
 Guidance .....266.3112  
 Attendance .....266.3117  
 Whitesboro Teachers Association.....736.2365  
 Fax (Main Office).....768.9770  
 Fax (Nurse) .....266.3145

**High School**.....266.3200  
 Principal.....266.3216  
 Main Office.....266.3210  
 Assistant Principal, 11-12.....266.3228  
 Assistant Principal, 9-10 .....266.3228  
 Dir. of Health, Physical Education & Athletics.....266.3215  
 Nurse.....266.3214  
 Attendance .....266.3233  
 Guidance Director .....266.3240  
 Transcript.....266.3222  
 Psychologist .....266.3260  
 Social Worker .....266.3245  
 Fax (Main Office).....266.3223  
 Fax (Guidance).....768.9848  
 Fax (Athletic Department).....266.3225  
 Fax (Nurse).....266.3234

## WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

65 Oriskany Blvd.  
Whitesboro, New York 13492

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Brian K. Bellair

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## OPEN HOUSES

**High School:** September 26, 6:55 p.m. • **Middle School:** September 22, 6:30 p.m. • **Parkway:** September 19, 6:30 p.m.  
**Deerfield:** September 13, 6:00 p.m. • **Hart's Hill:** September 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m. • **Marcy:** September 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
**West. Road:** September 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

## 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 Beth Ann Blynt, Director of Guidance, Counseling and Pupil Personnel, Whitesboro High School, 6000 State Route 291, Marcy, N.Y. 13403, (315) 266.3240 or the Title IX Coordinator, which is also Beth Ann Blynt.

## Board of Education Meeting Dates

September 6, 2016	March 7, 2017 (MS)
September 20, 2016	March 21, 2017
October 4, 2016 (Deerfield)	April 4, 2017
October 18, 2016	April 25, 2017
November 1, 2016 (Marcy)	<b>May 9, 2017 -</b>
November 15, 2016	<b>Public Budget Hearing, HS</b>
December 6, 2016	<b>May 16, 2017 -</b>
January 3, 2017 (West. Rd.)	<b>School Budget Vote and</b>
January 17, 2017	<b>BOE Election</b>
February 7, 2017 (Hart's Hill)	June 6, 2017
	June 20, 2017

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