

August 1, 2025

Dear Whitehall Families,

I hope this message finds you enjoying a relaxing and refreshing summer. While there are still a few weeks of break left, I wanted to take a moment to check in and share a few important updates as we begin turning the page toward the start of another exciting school year.

Next week, our building office staff will begin returning, and preparations will ramp up across the district. On Friday, August 8, you can expect to hear directly from your building principal with all the important back-to-school details specific to your child's school, including teacher assignments and more details about upcoming events.

In the meantime, here are a few key dates to help you and your family prepare for the return to school:

**Back-to-School Schedule**

**Monday, August 18** – No School for Students

**Tuesday, August 19** – First Day of School (Half Day for Students)

- **High School:** 7:40 AM – 10:55 AM
- **Middle School:** 7:50 AM – 11:05 AM
- **Ealy Elementary:** 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM
- **Shoreline Elementary:** 8:35 AM – 11:50 AM

**Wednesday, August 20 - Friday, August 22** – No School for Students

**Monday, August 25 - Thursday, August 28** – Full Days of School for Students

Link to calendar: [Whitehall District Schools - 2025 - 2026 School Calendar](#)

**Open House Events**

Open House events are a great opportunity for families to stop in, meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and get familiar with the building as the school year begins. We hope to see you there!

**Monday, August 18 – Elementary (K-5) Open Houses**

- **Shoreline Elementary:** 5:00 – 6:30 PM  
**Ealy Elementary:** 5:30 – 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, August 19 – Secondary (6-12) Open Houses**

- **Middle School:** 5:00 – 6:30 PM  
**High School:** 5:30 – 7:00 PM

### **New Website Launch**

We're also excited to announce the launch of our redesigned district website! The updated site offers a fresh new look and is designed to be a more effective, user-friendly resource for families, staff, and community members. While there may be a few kinks to work through in the early days, we're confident that this new platform will better reflect the image of Whitehall District Schools and serve our community more effectively.

You can continue to access the site at [www.whitehallschools.net](http://www.whitehallschools.net).

### **Upcoming Bond Proposal**

At its most recent meeting, the Whitehall Board of Education approved placing a bond proposal on the ballot for November 4, 2025. This proposal represents a new, more focused approach to addressing the most urgent needs in our district.

Since our last bond attempt in 2023, the district has taken time to reflect, listen, and reassess. We heard the concerns shared by our community and took a step back to better understand what matters most. With a new team of architects and construction professionals, we started fresh. We conducted building assessments and held workshops with students, staff, and community members to help shape a proposal that reflects our needs, not wants.

The result is a proposal that focuses on the district's most essential needs, improving classroom learning environments, enhancing school safety, and making long-term investments in our facilities.

Projects in the proposal include upgrades to our HVAC systems across the district, a redesigned and more secure high school entrance and office, cafeteria renovations at the middle school, improved spaces at Shoreline and Ealy Elementary schools, roof replacements, fire alarm and electrical system updates, and updated classroom furniture and technology in spaces that need it most.

We believe this proposal reflects the values and priorities of our community. In the coming weeks, we will share more details and provide opportunities for families and community members to ask questions, offer input, and stay informed throughout the process.

We are excited to welcome our students and families back very soon. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we gear up for another great year in Whitehall.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

CJ Van Wieren  
Superintendent  
Whitehall District Schools