

WMS NEWS

Dear Whitehall Middle School Families,

We are thrilled to share that the 2025–2026 school year is off to a fantastic start! Our students have done an incredible job transitioning into their new routines. From learning locker and lunch combinations to navigating new schedules and building strong classroom communities, it has been a joy to see their growth and excitement.

Students are now fully engaged in their class curriculums, and the energy throughout the building has been nothing short of inspiring. Our fall athletic teams have all started practice, and some teams have already started competition. Thank you for your continued support in helping make the start of the year so successful!

We're also excited to invite you to **Community Night** tonight—**Friday, September 5th, beginning at 5:00 PM!** Bring the whole family and enjoy an evening filled with fun and school spirit. Festivities include:

- The beloved Kindergarten-Senior Walk, a new tradition celebrating our youngest and oldest Vikings
- Inflatables, face painting, and the Principal Dunk Tank for extra fun
- And to finish the night, join us under the lights to cheer on our Whitehall Vikings as they take on Orchard View in our first home football game of the season!

Important Reminders & Updates:

School Pictures – Thursday, September 11th

All students have received picture packets. Please return completed packets on picture day.

Student Drop-Off Line Reminder

To help keep morning drop-off running smoothly and safely, we kindly ask that all drivers pull all the way forward past the front doors and into the front of the circle drop-off area.

By pulling forward, you help reduce traffic backups and speed up the process for everyone. We truly appreciate your help in keeping drop-off efficient and safe for all students.

New Hall Pass System – Minga

This year, we're introducing Minga, an electronic hall pass system that has already been in use at the high school. Students will now create a digital pass when leaving class. This system helps us better monitor student movement and ensure a safe, structured learning environment.

Post-Graduation Opportunities

Michigan law requires school districts to provide information on post-graduation opportunities to students in grades 8–12. We encourage families to explore available resources by visiting: <https://pathfinder.mitalent.org/resources>

Whitehall Middle School Library Challenge

We're excited to kick off a fun reading initiative in partnership with the White Lake Community Library! Students can participate in the Whitehall Middle School Library Challenge by showing their White Lake Community Library card to Mrs. Fritz in the middle school library.

By doing so, students will be entered to win cool prizes throughout the month of September!

Don't have a library card yet? No problem! Students can sign up for a free library card at the White Lake Community Library.

A huge thank you to the following local businesses for donating prizes to support this challenge:

- The Book Nook
- Sassy Cat Coffee
- Pekadill's
- White Lake Nutrition
- Hickory Knoll Golf Course
- Salon Peggy Sue
- Hansen Hill Waterfront Grill
- Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park
- North Grove

Your generosity helps encourage reading and makes this program extra special for our students!

Thank you again for your continued support. We are proud of our students and grateful to be working together to make this year a great one.

Go Vikings!

Warm regards,

Craig Thompson
Principal
Whitehall Middle School