

Whittell News

Home of the Warriors

December 2016

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of December. As we gear up for the holidays and begin to prepare for second semester, I would like to invite parents and staff to our next Booster meeting scheduled on December 14th at 5:00PM in the GWHS commons. We will be having an informational meeting on the status of the George Whittell Athletic Facilities.

At the start of the year, we were very fortunate to receive a sizable donation from the Lisa and Robert Maloff Endowment Fund (\$2.5 million), to upgrade and improve our school's athletic facility. We are very pleased to inform you that progress has been moving forward smoothly and on schedule. We are at the stage where we want to invite parents/community to come out and join us at our Informational Meeting on Wednesday, December 14th @ 5p.m. in the Whittell Commons, where you will have the opportunity to see the project plans and have the chance to provide input as we continue onward with the project.

In addition, we will be providing the School Board an update on the project on December 13th, 3:30p.m., at the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority.

Meanwhile, I would like to remind parents and students that this year our first semester will end on January 26, 2017. I encourage all students to finish strong in order to earn all credits needed for graduation purposes.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year brings many blessings to you and your loved ones!



Principal Esquivel

Message From A.D./Dean of Students

We would like to thank the Coaches, Players, Teachers, Volunteers, Parents, Bus Drivers, Custodians, Boosters and Office staff, without their continued support, Whittell High School sports would not happen. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the teams. The athletes appreciate their fans. So far this has been a great year full of sports accomplishments!! Winter sports are now starting! The following teams are being recognized for playing so well:

Fall 2016 Sports:



Congratulations!

Varsity Girls Soccer Team – Made it to the Quarterfinals!
Varsity Football – Made it to the State Semifinals!
Cross Country – Made it to State Competition!



2016 – 2017 Winter Sports



**High School Basketball, Middle School Boys Basketball (already in progress),
Cheer, Varsity Ski & Middle School Volleyball**

**Please be sure to have your physical complete, proof of insurance, fees paid (\$45)
registration is now completed online at <http://registermyathlete.com/schools/> instructions
can be found on the GWHS website at <http://whs.dcsd.net/athletics.htm>**

**All Current Sports Schedules Can Also Be Found On Our Web Page
Please Check Current Schedules Online as They Change Often**





Message from the Registrar/Attendance Secretary

If for some reason your student will be withdrawing from Whittell High School during the school year, please make sure that (s)he returns all textbooks (replacement cost as high as \$150 each), library books, Chromebook/charger and sports uniforms! Also have the student check with the kitchen for any money owed so that can be refunded. The Registrar can quickly generate a student withdrawal form to facilitate this process. The student should walk this form around to his/her teachers on or about the last day of attendance to get withdrawal grades, which will be needed by the new school. A parent signature (preferred) or phone call is also required on the form.

Senior parents and students! If you need a transcript sent to a college, please request a transcript through Naviance. Transcripts will be mailed or sent electronically within one week of your request. I check Naviance every Monday in the morning. Please remember to get your current shot information to the nurse so she can update the information. UNR requires Hep A, Hep B and meningitis shots. Colleges are also in need of your students SAT and ACT testing results. Please have a score report sent directly from College Board and ACT as they will no longer be printed on our transcripts.

If your child will be going to the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain their driver's permit and/or driver's license over the holidays, please have them see Mrs. Esquivel for the DMV Certificate of Attendance. They will need this form in order to receive their permit or license. Remember the office will be closed from December 23rd to January 8th.

Attendance is related directly to grades. Students who attend school have better grades than students with numerous absences. We have high expectations for student attendance at Whittell High School and carefully monitor student absences. Board Policy 504 establishes a 90% attendance rule, and for a secondary school student to receive credit for a class, he/she must be in attendance 75 instructional days per class the first semester and 77 instructional days per class for the second semester. Failure to meet the criteria may result in loss of credit. There is an appeal process in place which allows the review of the total number of absences.

If your student will not be at school because they are ill, have a doctor/dental appointment or for any other reason, please remember **to call Whittell in the morning**. Your telephone call ensures the safety of your child when their whereabouts are known at all times. Our auto-dialer goes out by 10:30AM. Thank you to all of the parents who have been calling early in the morning. It ensures our attendance records are accurate and your child is accounted for.

Douglas County School District uses Infinite Campus, IC, for our attendance and grading purposes. Every student and parent has their own login so you can access IC from anywhere to check grades, attendance and email teachers. Parents may also opt to have your child's grades and class assignments emailed to you daily, weekly, or monthly. If you have any questions, please call Bernadette Esquivel, and I will be happy to help you setup your account.

Please log into IC if you have a change in telephone numbers, address, and email address. It is very important that we have current and accurate information on file in case of an emergency and for snow day information. Many parents have not set up emergency contacts for your students. This did not carry over from PowerSchool and needs to be added to IC.

With the holidays upon us, I wish you and your family a safe and an enjoyable Christmas. May 2017 bring upon great memories that will be cherished forever! See you back on January 9th!

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Message from Student Services

Student Services Announcements are up and running on the GWHS website. On Tuesday evenings, the announcements are updated with the latest news, miscellaneous awards, events and educational opportunities available to students.

To view the latest post, visit <http://schools.dcsd.k12.nv.us/gwhs/admindocs/ssannouncements.pdf>

Items pertaining to seniors are now communicated via Naviance's Family Connection. All 12th grade students can access information about Scholarships, College Entrance Exams & Visits, and tools for College and Career readiness on Family Connections. To login, students will need their GWHS issued network login and password. From GWHS website main page click on the link [Naviance for Seniors](#)

Seniors: In order to participate in our graduation ceremony, all competencies and grades for coursework taken outside of George Whittell High School (LTCC, WNC, BYU, Keystone, etc.) must be received by **Thursday, May 25, 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gerlinger @ 775-588-2446 or you can email her at egerling@dcsd.k12.nv.us

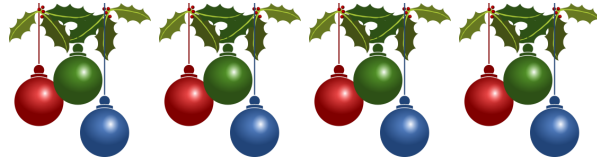
Senior parents and students! If you need a transcript sent to a college, please complete the request online using Naviance's Family Connection. To login, students will need their GWHS issued network login and password. From the GWHS website main page click on the link [Naviance for Seniors](#). Transcripts will be mailed out within two days of your request. Please remember to get your current shot information to the nurse so she can input it into the computer. All shot records are printed on the transcripts. UNR requires Hep A, Hep B and meningitis shots.

Seniors, remember to complete your FASFA.

Scholarships are now available and continue to come in. Seniors, log in to your Naviance accounts to check out available scholarships. New ones are being added weekly to the scholarship list under the [Colleges](#) tab. The Common Application Packet for Scholarships has been revised. Students can find the application in their Naviance Document Library.

ACT & SAT Testing - The most convenient testing location is Lake Tahoe Community College. The fastest, most efficient way to register is online at www.collegeboard.com/register & www.actstudent.org. Paper registration materials are available in Student Services.

Please check out the GWHS website for important information from Ms. Gerlinger and Mrs. Esquivel. There are many items on the site that will assist you for all grade levels. If there is something you would like to see on the site or there is something that needs updating and/or correcting, please let Ms. Gerlinger know. Thank you.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH OF DECEMBER

- 12/13 D.C.S.D. Board Meeting @ LTVA @ 3:30p.m. (Athletic Facility Update)
- 12/14 Athletic Facility Update in the Commons @ 5p.m.
- 12/14 PLC Day (Delayed start for students)
- 12/14 Booster Meeting @ 6p.m.
- 12/15 Winter Formal – M.S. @ 5:30 – 7:30p.m./H.S. @ 8 – 10p.m.

MONTH OF JANUARY

- 1/9 School Resumes
- 1/10 D.C.S.D. Board Meeting @ LTVA @ 3:30p.m.
- 1/11 Booster Meeting @ 6p.m.
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Holiday (No School)
- 1/18 PLC Day (Delayed start for students)
- 1/20 **SCHOOL DAY**
- 1/24 – 1/26 Finals – Minimum Days for students
- 1/26 First Semester Ends
- 1/30 Teacher Workday (No school for students)
- 1/31 Second Semester Begins

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- 2/3 School is in session
- 2/8 PLC Day (Delayed start for students)
- 2/8 Booster Meeting @ 6p.m.
- 2/20 – 2/24 Winter Break

*Remember to visit our website to access
current school information @ whittell.com*

REPORT CARDS

First semester for the 2016-17 school year ends on January 26, 2017. Report cards will be mailed home the week of January 30th!!

SNOW DAY



Please allow extra time when driving during snowy conditions. Students are expected to be on time. Please refer to the "Lake Schools Snow Day" information sheet (enclosed) for school and bus information. For snow days or delayed starts please log on to the Douglas County School District site @ <https://www.dcsd.k12.nv.us/>



Thank you parents for completing and returning the first day packet forms to the school office!

Please make sure to inform the school whenever any information changes and make your request through Infinite Campus.

Thanks to all the parents who have opted to receive their newsletter via email!! Not only does this conserve paper, we save time and money!!

If you are currently receiving your newsletter via mail and would like to have it sent via email, please call the school office @ 588-2446.

From Ms. Martin Yearbook Advisor...

Here are several points of interest concerning our yearbook:

1. Senior portraits, baby pictures and dedications need to be turned in to me prior to Thanksgiving break. The best files of choice are a digital format submitted as .jpg, .tif, or .tiff. Please contact me if this isn't convenient for you.
2. Senior dedication pricing are as follows:
\$125 – full page
\$55 – half page
\$30 – quarter page
These prices have changed for the first time in several years.
3. Yearbooks currently cost \$65 until December 22nd. The price will go up each month, so order now to avoid paying more later.
4. Please contact me at kmartin@dcsd.k12.nv.us if you have any other questions pertaining to yearbooks or the newspaper.

Thank you for your support!

FINALS

Finals are scheduled January 24th – 26th these dates are also minimum days for students. Please make sure your son/daughter has plenty of rest and a good breakfast prior to coming to school.



NUTRITION SERVICES

DCSD Nutrition Services is seeking a person to work part-time to help in the kitchens up at the lake schools. Candidates need no prior experience because the right applicant will be trained. Please apply at <https://www.dcsd.k23.nv.us/>, nutrition services looks forward to hear from you!

Winter Break
December 23rd – January 6

STUDENTS RETURN ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 9th!!

Minimum Days for students
Finals – January 24th – 26th

January 30th is a teacher workday
No school for students

2nd Semester Begins, January 31st

February 3rd, School in session

BEST WISHES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!



**≥3.80 WEIGHTED OR ≥3.60 UNWEIGHTED
HIGH HONORS**

**George Whittell High School
2015-16
2nd Semester**

SENIORS	SOPHOMORE	8th GRADE
Matthew Davis	Nicholaus Buchholz	Juan Cervantes
Quinn Kixmiller	Tatum Bunnett	Robert Edie
Tatum Libert	Jannia Castro	Alena Grubb
Madison Malone	Taylor Deering	Emarie Howard
Joshua Petty	Taimani Hussey	Zachary Johns
Mary Sanchez	Julio Loera Hernandez	Trinity Kirvida-McGowan
Dusty Winter		Bruno Macias
	FRESHMAN	Kaili Nakamura
JUNIORS	Isabella Cibulsky	Raeann Nelson
Elin Bjurstam	Alize Hernandez	Jesse Preciado
Eva Fuller-Wilmarth	Rebecca Petty	Zachary Smith
Madison Idso	Clyde Quillin	MacKenzie Theilmann
Marissa Maidman	Shaylie Rippet	Dylan Wade
Annalisa Mortellaro		
Colton Ruby		7th GRADE
Cole Snyder		Hunter Burke
		Olivia Craig
		Jackson Ellender
		Jack Forvilly
		Ashlan Galaviz
		Caitlin Mudrow
		Dc Nelson
		Andrea Smith

STRAIGHT A's HIGHEST HONORS

George Whittell High School 2015-16 2nd Semester

SENIORS	SOPHOMORE	8th GRADE
Hilton Atherton	Andrew Carlisle	Tenyoa Delgado
Jordyn Becker	Madison Evans	Faith Galli
Colin Buchholz	Corey Huber	Ben Harrison
Palmer Chaplin	Jarvis Humlick	Elizabeth Krolicki
Kelsey Kjer	Dylan Kixmiller	Lorelei Kuenzi
Katherine Krolicki	Caleb Moretti	Kyla Rippet
Rachel Lowe	Kallie Nelson	Justin Smith
Daria Sharon	Madison Peterson	Kylie Theilmann
	Makena Snipes	Tiller Van Doren
JUNIORS	Gabriela Trachsel	
Trinity Dickenson		7th GRADE
Samantha Forvilly	FRESHMAN	Ava Campbell
Scott Harrison	Jamie Harrison	Kassandra Conragan
Aspen Kidd	Sean Harrison	Rubi Dionisio
Kristian Landing	Brianna Johns	Lydia Otterstrom
Kai Mangiaracina	Melanie Sanchez	Aidan Rippet
	Anna White	Jude Stackpole
		Braya Weaks
		Jack White
		Catalina Wilson
		Grace Wolski

**STRAIGHT A's
SIERRA at TAHOE SKI RANCH
FREE SKI PASS**

**George Whittell High School
2015-16**

Jordyn Becker	Anna White
Palmer Chaplin	Faith Galli
Kelsey Kjer	Ben Harrison
Katherine Krolicki	Elizabeth Krolicki
Daria Sharon	Lorelei Kuenzi
Scott Harrison	Kyla Rippet
Aspen Kidd	Justin Smith
Andrew Carlisle	Tiller Van Doren
Corey Huber	Ava Campbell
Jarvis Humlick	Rubi Dionisio
Caleb Moretti	Braya Weeks
Kallie Nelson	Jack White
Madison Peterson	Grace Wolski
Makena Snipes	Troy Dingman
Gabriela Trachsel	Brennan Edie
Jamie Harrison	Claire Gurner
Sean Harrison	Alexandra Hastings-Molyneux
Melanie Sanchez	Lila Humlick
Angelina Maltase	Aidan Walker

Message From the Nurse

Senior Parents/Guardians,

Please make sure that the school has your student's current vaccination records, so that we can update our transcripts. Many colleges require proof of Tdap; Hepatitis B series; Hepatitis A series; Varicella (chicken pox); MMR; and Menactra (meningococcal).

If you have any questions about your student's immunizations, or need a copy of what we have on file, you can contact the school nurse @ 775-588-2446 or 588-4574.

Douglas County School District Health Services

The Health Services Department has the utmost concern to provide a healthy learning environment for all students at school. Please help us in making the school environment healthy by following the guidelines listed below to keep the spread of communicable disease to a minimum in the school setting:

- **Fever** – 100 degrees or higher currently or within the last 24 hours
- **Signs/symptoms of possible severe illness**
- **Diarrhea** – defined as having more than 6 loose stools in a 24-hour period, or 1 episode in the school day.
- **Mouth/Face Sores (Impetigo)** – The student must be seen, diagnosed and treated by a doctor. The doctor must then write a note that states when the student with impetigo may return to school. If the student returns to school with the mouth sores still weeping, the sores will be kept covered with a band aid/bandage throughout the school day per the school nurse.
- **Rash with fever or behavior change** – The student remains excluded until a medical exam indicates that these symptoms are not those of a communicable disease that requires exclusion
- **Suspicious skin lesions** – The student remains excluded until treatment has begun.
- **Conjunctivitis** – The student remains excluded until treatment has begun, when pus-like drainage has been resolved, or in non-treated cases, when symptoms have subsided.
- **Unusual color of skin, eyes, stool, or urine** – The student is to remain excluded until a medical exam indicates no evidence of hepatitis (jaundice, gray or white stool, dark urine).
- **Exclusion may also occur for the mildly ill child if the child is unable to participate in normal activities or if the child needs more care than can be provided by school staff.**

Parents/Guardians are to pick up their child from school upon notification of possible communicable disease. If the parent/guardian, emergency contact cannot be reached, the student is to remain in the health clinic, isolated from other students.



Lake Transportation
Main Bus Stops
Snow Day

In the event of inclement weather, it may become necessary for Douglas County School District to call either Main Bus Stops, Late Start (one hour delay) or a Snow Day. DCSD’s first consideration in making these decisions is the safety of the students.

Main Bus Stops is called when it is decided that it is safest to prohibit bus travel into the Tramway, Kingsbury Village and Glenbrook areas. Buses will still pick up and drop off student; however it will be at a bus stop on a safely accessible main street. Both pickup and drop off will be at the main bus stops, regardless of improving weather conditions. All stops in areas besides Tramway, Kingsbury Village, and Glenbrook remain the same.

<u>MAIN BUS STOPS:</u>		PICK UP	DROP OFF
WHS	Tina Court and Ski Court	6:40-7:05 a.m.	3:45-4:15 p.m.
WHS	Glenbrook Entrance	6:32 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
ZCES	Tina Court and Ski Court	7:57-8:20 a.m.	3:45-4:15 p.m.
ZCES	Glenbrook Entrance	7:36 a.m.	4:10 p.m.

Late Start is called if it is determined that it would be safer if the buses picked up students one hour later in the morning and the weather conditions are such that the buses can make it home safely in the afternoon.

One Hour Delay - Pick-up times listed above will move forward 1 hour.

A Snow Day is called when it is decided that it is safest for DCSD students to not attend school due to weather or other conditions being unpredictable. If any Snow days are called during the first semester, the days must be made up at the end of the school year, and the WHS Graduation date will move the same number of days. If any Snow Days are called during the second semester, the days must be made up at the end of the school year, however the WHS Graduation date will stay the same.

Determinations will be made as soon as possible, but no later than 6:30 a.m. Information on these changes can be located through the following:

Radio Stations

KCMY (99.1 FM) KBUL (98.1 FM)

DO NOT CALL THE RADIO STATIONS!

TV Stations (for one hour delay or closures only)

KNRV Channel 4

KOLO Channel 8

KTVN Channel 2

DCSD Webpage www.dcsd.k12.nv.us

“Snow Day-No School”, “One Hour Delay” or “Main Bus Stops” will be posted by 6:30 a.m.

Automated Auto-Dialer system

The system will call students’ home phone numbers and announce “Snow Day”, “One Hour Delay”, or “Main Bus Stops”.

Please note:

- No message will be sent out if it is school as usual.
- Main Bus Stop notifications will not be reported on the TV stations.
- No notification system is foolproof. Power outages and technical problems can arise.
- DCSD will do its best to keep you informed.
- Predicting the weather is always a difficult task. Conditions at Lake Level can be quite different from conditions at the top of Kingsbury Grade, and weather conditions can change very rapidly. All applicable factors will be taken into consideration.
- Decisions will be made with the safety of the students as the first priority.
- It shall be the ultimate responsibility of the individual bus driver to assess whether to travel into areas where road conditions may be hazardous to the safety of the students.

Any questions concerning school bus transportation should be directed to the Lake Transportation Coordinator,

GWHS MISSION STATEMENT

The Whittell community will challenge students to become independent, life-long learners who are productive, respectful, and responsible citizens

BELIEF STATEMENTS

- We believe all students can learn
- We believe all students deserve a safe and supportive environment: one that encourages compassion, empathy, and respect
- We believe effective teaching is focused, engaging, and challenges all students to think critically and creatively
- We believe parent and community involvement benefits student achievement
- We believe our students should become life-long learners, with a capacity to further explore their interests, abilities, and talents

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DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

**The Douglas County School District, in partnership with parents and community,
Will ensure that all students achieve excellence in education, character and citizenship.**

The Douglas County School District Board of Trustees supports equal educational opportunity for students free from discrimination based upon race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin (Board Policy No. 103). This concept of equal opportunity serves as a guide for staff in making decisions relating to school facilities; and selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum, and regulations affecting students. In support of this policy and in compliance with the requirements of federal law, no student will be required to attend mandatory meetings solely based on the student's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.

