

Whitepine Joint School District #288

SEPTEMBER 2024
NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Patrons,

This is the first installment of the monthly newsletter for the 2024 – 2025 school year. In this letter, we will update you on current activities within the Whitepine Joint School District including athletics, clubs, academics, and other fun and interesting facts.

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General Information:

- The provider we have been using for notifications and alerts in past years is no longer available and we will be using a new service, *SchoolMessenger*. At this time it is set up only for phone and email...not text. Starting next week, we will be sending out notifications to inform you of the process required for text alerts. This will be as simple as giving permission to activate the SMS feature of *SchoolMessenger*. The planned rollout date is set for Thursday, Sept. 19. Please be on the lookout for this request. Reminders will be posted on the District Facebook page as well as our website.
- We are pleased to announce the completion of the district's annual audit review with positive results. A special thanks to Dan Coleman of Quest CPAs for his diligent work alongside Ms. Fletcher, and for completing the audit ahead of schedule compared to previous years.
- Federal law requires that each Title I-A school notify families/parents of each student attending any school receiving these funds that information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s) may be requested. If you would like information regarding teacher and/or paraprofessional qualifications, please contact the Deary School office. You will be notified if your child is being taught by a teacher over four or more consecutive weeks who does not meet state licensure requirements for the teaching assignment



Secondary News

- Shoutout to our FFA and 4H Superstars! Good luck at the fair this week! With several students and numerous amazing animals in the spotlight, we know you're going to crush it. Let's cheer on these rockstars – go show your support and root for our incredible FFA and 4H crews!
- As of Sept. 11, the high school VB team is off to a strong start with a 3-0 record for league games with victories against St. John Bosco, Nezperce, and Highland. The high school JV Football team has had two dominate wins over Prairie and Potlatch. The MS football team followed suit with a commanding 26-0 victory over Troy on Sept. 5, kicking off their season at 1-0. Additionally, Ben Forsmann, a 7th grader, has taken first place in both cross-country meets so far, making an outstanding start in the middle school division.
- *Picture Day!* is fast approaching. All Deary Middle and High School students (6th-12th) will take school pictures on Tuesday, Oct. 1st. Dress your best to impress!



Elementary News

- Kickoff Elementary Assemblies – We rolled out the red carpet for our newest students, giving them a warm welcome to their new school family!
- Upcoming Events
 - 5th Grade Forestry Field Trip – 9/24: Our 5th graders are going wild! They'll head out to the experimental forest with the pros from the University of Idaho College of Forestry for a hands-on adventure in nature. Who's ready to be a forest expert?
 - Family Math & Literacy Night – 9/25: Grab the whole fam and join us for an evening packed with fun, learning, and prizes! Get ready for games, treats, and activities that'll make math and reading a blast at school AND at home. You don't want to miss this!
 - Picture Day!: Smile bright! Deary's school pictures are on Oct. 1, and Bovill's are on Oct. 2. Time to dress up and bring your best "cheese" face!

Scholarly Splendors

Ms. Kinzer's Forestry class had an incredible hands-on experience, taking part in felling two dead trees on the land behind the school. A big thank you to Blake Manley from the UIdaho Experimental Forest for his guidance and expertise. The class has exciting projects planned for this semester—stay tuned to see what other adventures lie ahead!

As part of their lessons on September 11th, Mrs. Shaw's 4th Grade students had the amazing opportunity to get suited up like real firefighters and get some hands-on experience with the fire trucks and equipment. Thank you to our local Fire Dept. volunteers for providing this experience. Time to sound those sirens!



Super Staff Spotlight



Joe Emoji

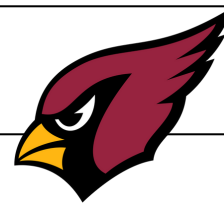
Each month the Board would like to highlight a staff member that has been performing *above and beyond* the call of duty. Anyone can nominate any district employee that they believe deserves recognition for significant contributions to our students, school, and community. If you have cause to nominate someone, please submit your candidate to our Board Trustees by visiting this page of our website and clicking the Super Staff Spotlight tab. <https://www.sd288.org/schoolboardtrustees>

Upcoming Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/12 - Latah County Fair (No School) • 9/13 - Latah County Fair (No School) • 9/17 - VB vs. Timberline at 6:00/7:30 • 9/19 - VB @ SJB, Varsity at 6:00/ JV to follow • 9/19 - MSFB @ Kendrick at 5:30 • 9/20 - FB @ Timberline at 7:00 • 9/21 - XC @ Les MacDowell Invitational • 9/24 - VB @ Nezperce at 6:00/7:30 • 9/26 - VB @ Potlatch, Varsity only at 8:00 • 9/26 - MSFB vs. Logos at 5:30 • 9/27 - FB vs Coeur Du Christ *Homecoming* at 7:00 • 9/30 - JV FB vs. Troy at 6:00 • 9/30 - VB @ Kootenai at 5:30/7:00 • 10/1 - School Pictures, Deary (4th - 12th) • 10/1 - VB vs. Genesee at 6:00/7:30 • 10/1 - XC @ Spartan Invite, in Weippe, Time <i>TBD</i> • 10/2 - School Pictures, Bovill (PreK - 3rd) • 10/2 - MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/3 - VB @ Highland at 6:00/7:30 • 10/3 - MSFB vs. Potlatch at 5:30 • 10/4 - FB @ Lakeside at 7:00 • 10/7 - VB vs. Kendrick at 6:00/7:30 • 10/7 - MSVB @ Troy at 5:30 • 10/7 - JV FB @ Genesee at 6:00 • 10/8 - XC @ CV-K Invite, Kooskia, Time <i>TBD</i> • 10/10 - MSFB vs. Genesee at 5:30 • 10/10 - VB @ Genesee, JV & Varsity both at 4:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ vs. Lakeside, JV/Var. both at 4:30 (in Genesee) • 10/12 - XC @ Inland Empire Championships, Lewiston, Time <i>TBD</i> • 10/14 - MSVB vs. Genesee at 5:30 • 10/14 - School Board Meeting, in Deary at 6:00 • 10/15 - VB @ Timberline at 6:00/7:30 • 10/16 - MSVB vs. Potlatch at 5:30 • 10/17 - VB vs. Potlatch *Senior Night* at 6:00/7:30 • 10/18 - FB vs. Lewis County at 7:00 |
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