## **Superintendent's Message**



As the last day of the 22/23 school year approaches, I would like to thank all of the School City of Whiting staff for their continued hard work and dedication to the students of Whiting. We have had a very successful year and this success is due to the commitment of our staff. It is through the hard work of our staff that our students continue to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

I would also like to thank our School City of Whiting Board of Trustees for their continued

support of the goals and mission of the district. Thank you to all of our parents for allowing us to educate your children each day and for the support you give the schools.

Lastly, we appreciate Mayor Spebar, the City of Whiting, the Chamber of Commerce, and our Community Partners in supporting the schools with program opportunities and funding to assist with our programs. I hope everyone will have a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer break!

To keep up on our good news and stories of our success please join the official SCW facebook group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/scwofficial">https://www.facebook.com/groups/scwofficial</a>

Cynthia Scroggins Superintendent

#### **FREE SUMMER CAMPS**

This summer, Calumet College of St. Joseph will offer seven free summer camps to students from first grade through high school. Each camp will focus on a subject area in reading, math, science or arts and culture, with the goals of:

- 1. Developing and improving the student's academic skills
- 2. Expanding their interests
- 3. Instilling confidence for future college successes

#### Click the link below for more information

(https://www.ccsj.edu/college-explorer-summer-camps/#:~:text=A%20VARI ETY%20OF%20CAMPS%20TO%20MEET%20YOUR%20INTERESTS%2 0AND%20NEEDS&text=Joseph%20will%20offer%20seven%20free,improv ing%20the%20student's%20academic%20skills)

## MATH TRACK AVAILABLE FOR THE SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING



The School City of Whiting is offering access to Math Track for interested adults! Math Track is an online platform that empowers adults with the math skills they need to help students with their schoolwork. Additionally, Math Track helps identify individuals interested in making a bigger impact by becoming a math teacher.

You can access Math Track by clicking <u>HERE</u>. From there, you can create an account using the following school code: 3212. If you need any customer support, then you can reach Math Track's support at <a href="mailto:help@mathtrack.com">help@mathtrack.com</a>.

# MEET OLLIE, EVERY STUDENT'S FAVORITE ADMINISTRATOR IN LAKE COUNTY



Meet Ollie, the eight-month-old golden retriever provided by Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (Notre Dame FCU) serving his community as an emotional support dog for the School City of Whiting! Ollie took a break from his busy workday to pay the team at Notre Dame FCU's Lake County headquarters a visit.

Ms. Julie Pearson, principal at Nathan Hale Elementary School, initially floated the idea of a therapy dog before the COVID-19 pandemic. It was upon the return from remote classes that Superintendent Cynthia Scroggins felt an emotional support dog could help students cope with the stress of returning to school. The School City of Whiting put together a written grant and Notre Dame FCU answered the bell, donating over \$8,000 to cover adoption, training, and care for the new pup.

Ollie's first day at Nathan Hale Elementary School was November 7, 2022, and he's been growing into his role (and his body!) ever since. As his training progresses, Ollie will continue to provide comfort and support to students at Whiting Middle School and Whiting High School in addition to Nathan Hale Elementary.

Read the entire article here.

# GreatNews.Life CATCHES UP WITH WHITING MAYOR STEVEN SPEBAR



Click here to watch the video.

### **BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY**



The SCW participated in the Annual Bike and Walk to School Day on May 3rd. The Walk and Bike to school day events connected us with many important issues that communities care about such as safe walking routes to school, building a sense of community, and promoting good health habits such as physical exercise. These events are a great way for our Whiting schools to promote safety before and after school.

Any student who walked or rode their bike to school on May 3rd received a fun pop it keychain and a raffle ticket for a chance to win tickets for the Mascot Hall of Fame, the Whoa Zone, Bella Boos, and Deep River Water

Park. All prizes were graciously donated by Mayor Spebar and the City of Whiting. Mayor Spebar, Chief Harbin, and Detective Captain Stelow were on hand to greet our students as they arrived and distribute prizes.

We really appreciate the continued support from Mayor Spebar, the City of Whiting, and all of our community partners.

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## **Top Ten**

Whiting High School's TopTen Juniors and Seniors were recognized by the Whiting School Board of Trustees and Administration on May 21st at the annual Top Ten luncheon. Our Top Ten students serve as leaders in their class not only in the area of academics but also often in the area of extracurricular activities and service to others. These students work hard throughout their high school career to maintain their GPA.

This year's Top Ten seniors in order of class ranking are: (1) Julia Olsen, (2) Luke Zorich, (3) Emily Greer, (4) Brianna Atteberry, (5) Miranda Casanova, (6) Emily Bonchik, (7) Vanessa Gonzalez, (8) Andrea Aguilar, (9) Annie Semancik, and (10) Jose Torres.

We are very proud of our Top Ten seniors and what they have achieved during their time at Whiting High School!

#### **Stock Market Game**

Three students at Whiting Middle School received first place in the middle school division of The Stock Market Game.

Mrs. Sotello, our 7th and 8th grade Technology/PLTW teacher, uses the Stock Market Game as part of her curriculum teaching students about financial literacy in her classroom.



The Stock Market Game is an online simulation of the global marketplace that engages students in the world of economics, investment and personal finance. Participation in the Stock Market Game also provides students with real-world experiences in math, economics, social studies, and language arts. The students were given \$100,000 in virtual funds and in three months it grew to \$112,236.97.

There were 501 teams participating and our team, "Money Makers", took 1st place in the Region. Team members were Emmanuel Mendoza, Olivia Perez and Ava Diaz. They did an outstanding job at the state level, finishing 7th. Great Job WMS students!

#### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

#### Teacher of the Year

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated in the SCW during the week of May 8-12. Throughout the week, teachers were given special treats such as donuts, an ice cream social, early dismissal, and a luncheon sponsored by Notre Dame FCU. Student videos were shared daily with the staff in which students discussed why they value their teachers and appreciate all that they do for them.

The SCW is fortunate to have teachers who are able to connect and build relationships with their students, believe that all students can experience academic success, make all students feel accepted, and help each student reach individual goals.

One such teacher is Connie Thomas, WMS 6th grade teacher, who was awarded the Whiting-Robertsdale Educator of the Year award on April 28th at the annual Chamber Installation dinner. We congratulate Connie on her award and give appreciation to all of our staff for their dedication.



Connie Thomas "Whiting-Robertsdale Teacher of the Year"



Click on the following link to verify your voter registration or to register to vote.

https://indianavoters.in.gov/

#### **SCW SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Click here to access the SCW School Calendar

## SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING FACTS

#### Did you know?

285,538 nutritious meals served

48,000 miles are driven by our bus drivers

Dual Credit and Diploma numbers for 2021-2022

Dual credits from Ivy Tech - 453

Dual credits from Hammond Area Career Center - 366

Credits from AP - 183

#### Class of 2022

95 Core 40 diplomas

19 Academic Honors Diplomas

**5** Technical Honors Diplomas

# **ATHLETICS**

Click <a href="here">here</a> for the the Whiting Oilers Athletic Page

### **WE'RE HIRING**

Are you interested in an exciting career opportunity? If so, the School City of Whiting is hiring multiple positions. To see which positions are available, click <a href="HERE">HERE</a>.