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WHITAKER WISE

Access Whitaker resources

Welcome new and returning families! As a guardian of a Whitaker student, you're already part of our community and the Circle of Commitment. Stay connected all year with our newsletter *Eagle Updates*, and follow us on Instagram @whitaker_circle for news and reminders.



LOOKING FOR ANSWERS, RESOURCES, OR HELPFUL INFORMATION? Whitaker Wise is your place for everything Whitaker. Bookmark the page for a great year ahead.
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NEW YEAR, NEW WHITAKER WEAR! Our online store is stocked with new apparel, including Nest Color items! Explore the Eagle Extras section for fun finds. Orders come home in student backpacks. WhitakerESWear.myshopify.com



Help **CLEAR THE LISTS** for Whitaker staff! Let's empty their [wishlists](#) and fill their classrooms with all the things our students need to learn.

PROGRESS REPORT

Hear about what the Circle is doing

➤ Our 2026-27 **CIRCLE BOARD** officers started July 1 and are already hard at work! Let's welcome this school year's board:

- **President** - Walker Jones • **Vice President** - Margaret Bohon
- **Treasurer** - Brooks Jewett • **Asst. Treasurer** - Griffin Duncan
- **Secretary** - Christina Bennett • **Assistant Secretary**: Ashley McGlone
- **Fundraising**: Claren Nunn • **Volunteer Coordinator**: Katie Cross
- **Marketing and Communications**: Jane Duncan
- **Staff and School Support**: Sarah Keiser
- **Student and Family Support**: Laura Otten

SOARING SPOTLIGHT

Meet WALKER JONES Circle president & Whitaker parent

Welcome to another school year at Whitaker! I am excited to serve as the Circle president this year! Whitaker has been a special school for our family, with all three of our kids attending since kindergarten. Our youngest, Tucker, will be in fourth grade!

There are many ways to get involved in the Whitaker community—help with Fall Fest, donate supplies, sew costumes for the musical, reshel books in the library, be a mystery reader, encourage your company to be a business partner, or chaperone a field trip! Any way you choose to help makes a positive impact on our students and staff.

Each family is a valued member of the Whitaker Circle of Commitment, and we look forward to your partnership. Please reach out anytime at whitakercircle@gmail.com. Thanks and Go Eagles!



CIRCLE THE DATE

8/10

First Day of School

8/14

New Family Welcome Coffee Morning 

> 7:30-8:30a.m. WES Front Playground

8/21

Nest Reveal Day

8/27

Spirit Night - Sammy Sliders 

> 3477 Burke Mill Rd, Winston-Salem

9/3

Spirit Night - La Caretta 

> 1989 N Peace Haven Rd, Winston-Salem

9/4

Bike Bus

> 7:15a.m. (departs Buies), 2:30p.m. (departs WES)

9/7

No School - Labor Day Holiday

9/26

Giving Campaign Parent Party 

9/28-10/02

Giving Campaign Week 

 **CIRCLE EVENT** whitakercircleofcommitment.org/events

GET INVOLVED!

Share your time, talent, and donations!

One of the best ways to share in your Eagle's journey and to get to know our school community is to volunteer.



STEP 1 Register with the school system

It's easy to do! Fill out this quick form in the WSFCS system. Remember to renew every year!

www.wsfcsvolunteers.com



STEP 2 Create an account with LOME,

our [online platform](#) that helps coordinate volunteers.

STEP 3 Get involved and make a difference!

There are many ways to support Whitaker, including *Room Parents*, *Circle committees*, *Bike Bus*, *lunchroom support*, *Book Buddies*, the *Backpack Program*, and more. Check **LOME** regularly for new volunteer opportunities added throughout the year.



We love our **WHITAKER BUSINESS PARTNERS!** Their support provides valuable resources for our students and classrooms. New this year, the **Soaring Partner Program** offers an exclusive opportunity for three businesses to invest in teacher professional learning. Contact Laura Bray, Business Partners Lead, at LauraCMeredith@gmail.com by August 26 or visit the Circle website to [learn how](#) your business can partner with Whitaker.

NEW FAMILY WELCOME COFFEE MORNING

FRI AUG 14
7:30-8:30a.m.

◀ **WES Front Playground** ▶

A great way to connect - all welcome!



ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers willing to serve and foster a feeling of community within our classrooms.

Room parents act as the liaison between Whitaker parents, teachers and the Circle.

The Circle will provide Room Parents with all of the information they need to get started in this role for the upcoming school year!

More details and LOME sign-up here!



HELP STOCK THE BACKPACK PANTRY

**EVERY WEEK,
ALL YEAR LONG**

WHAT IS THE BACKPACK PROGRAM?

The **Whitaker Backpack Program** provides supplemental food for students on weekends and school breaks.

Food bundles are delivered discreetly into students' bookbags or are available for pick up by parents weekly.

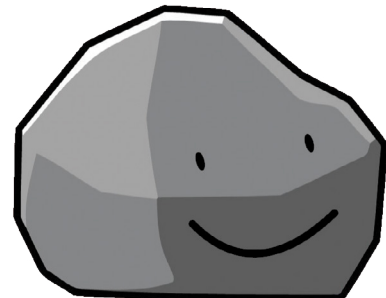


• GET INVOLVED •

Our food pantry is primarily supported by Whitaker community donations. You can help by purchasing supplies from the Amazon Wish List or dropping items in the school lobby donation bin.



RENT THE ROCK



**A fun and creative way
to support our Eagles!**

Students, families, and staff can "rent" the Spirit Rock in front of the school and paint it with a special message or artwork.

**More details and
LOME sign-up here!**

