



WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

# Welcome Class of 2027 & New Students Parent Orientation

## **Welcome to Whittier Tech**

Principal/Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Laganas

# Introductions

## Associate Principal

### Katrina Jensen

6:00pm - 7:00pm Presentations  
**TOURS** will be starting at 7pm



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# School Safety



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# Building Security

- Full-Time School Resource Officer (SRO) - Haverhill PD
- Security Manager/Student Mediation Facilitator
- Doors - Access Control
- Earbuds/ Cell Phones -Homeroom/Food and Drinks
- Growth Mindset/SEL/Trauma/Cultural Diversity
- Principal's Communication
- Vape detectors



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# Building Security - cont.

## Security Staff:

- Four Full-Time Whittier Tech Security Staff
- Four Additional Contracted Security Staff-24/7
- Guard Shack, Vestibule, and Poets Inn-back entrance vestibule
- Student/Staff Badges
- Two-way communication -Students, Parents and Staff



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# Communication/Surveillance Systems

- Intercom System
- House Phones in all classrooms/Vocational Areas
- Motorola Radios
- Cell Phones
- Video Surveillance High /Definition Cameras
- Computer Systems
- SchoolMessenger/Voice Messages
- Building/Bus Surveillance/Video /Audio

# Principal's Communication

- Email
- Principal's Portal
- Principals Info/Updates - Website
- Sunday Night Messages/SchoolMessenger
- Principal's School Council
- Out and About

# Emergency Plans





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# **Enhanced Lockdown Drills/Emergency Situations-A.L.I.C.E Model**

- Medical- Response Team- Nurses,Administration, SRO
- Shelter-in-Place
- Fire Drills
- Enhanced Lockdown-ALICE Training
- Building Evacuation



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# Meet your Assistant Principals

- Ms. Fleming: Grades 9 and 11
- Mr. Gagne: Grades 10 and 12



# Assistant Principal Office information

## **Assistant Principals Office - 4th Floor**

- Tricia Fleming x 314 - Grades 9 & 11
- Adam Gagne x 229 - Grades 10 & 12
- Ashley Greene x 254 - Secretary to AP's - *Dismissals, Bus passes, Working papers*
- Security/Mediation X 308 - Cheryl Begin

## **Main Office**

- Principal Laganas x 216
- Associate Principal Jensen x 248
- Ryan Connolly x 222 - School Resource Officer
- Front Desk x 211 x 237

# Expectations

- Bus routes are posted on the website
- Student drop off is at 7:20am at the front of the school
  - Breakfast Cafe/Homeroom
  - Homeroom - 7:43-7:48am
  - You will be considered late at 7:43 and will need to sign in at the attendance office. Being tardy to school will result in progressive discipline
  - School Ends at 2:03
- 3:00 buses are offered every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
- Late buses for Extra Help, Athletics, and clubs/activities are offered

# Telephones/Cell Phones Electronic Device Usage

***GOAL:*** *To provide our students the opportunity to make responsible, wise decisions when using cell phones and/or electronic devices. \*We will not allow cell phones, electronic devices or the social media sites connected with electronics to interfere with or disrupt the educational process*

- Students may only use their cell phones/electronic devices on the bus, during their designated lunch period in the cafe/west terrace, and before/after school.  
**Cell phone use of any kind is prohibited in all other areas during school hours.**
- Student use of cell phones, or other electronic devices during the school day is a ***privilege, not a right***. Abuse of this ***privilege*** can result in the ***Zero Tolerance Policy*** invoked by the Principal or designee on an individual and/or school-wide basis.

***\*Please refer to our student handbook***



# Attendance

## **ABSENCES, LATENESS, AND DISMISSAL ATTENDANCE**

- “Regular attendance and promptness are essential for academic and technical success. All Whittier students are expected to be in school and in all classes whenever school is in session.
- “Students who are absent ten or more days in a school year will result in all loss of credit and failure for the school year. Family vacations and trips are not permissible during school time.
- “Upon reaching the fifth absence, parents/guardians will be notified and students may be required to have a hearing with the Principal or designee, Guidance Counselor and their parents/guardians.

**APPEALS PROCESS** - In some cases , a student or parent/guardian may have good cause to appeal due to extraordinary illness or circumstances. The appeal must follow the process outlined below:

-Written request with supporting documentation

-Principal will review documents and **past history** and render decision in writing to uphold or deny the appeal.

**Dismissals** - A written note must be submitted to the Assistant Principal's office at the beginning of school for student dismissals. Students should not bring a phone text or try to call their guardians in the office to get dismissed. We do know there are circumstances that may arise and will work with all families so their student can get dismissed.

**\*Please refer to our student handbook**



# Discipline/Student Conduct

## Major Violations

- **Chapter 71, Section 37H, 37H 1/2**
  - Possession of a Dangerous Weapon
  - Possession of a Controlled Substance
    - Assault on Educational Personnel
  - Felony Charge or conviction
    - Any violations may lead to ***long term suspension/ Short Term***



# **Bullying and Harassment/Major Violations of Student Conduct**

**Whittier Regional Technical High School is committed to maintaining a school environment free of bullying and harassment.**

**Title IX:**

**Unwanted sexual behavior, advances, or requests for favors. Unwelcome verbal, visual, or physical sexual conduct. Offensive, severe, and/or frequent remarks about a person's sex.**



# Cyber-Bullying Definition

- Bullying through the use of technology or an electronic communication
- Examples are:
  - Facebook – Instagram – Twitter – Snapchat – TikTok
  - Instant Messages
  - Text Messages
  - Distribution of inappropriate emails, pictures or videos
  - SNAPChat

# Freshmen Exploratory Expectations

- Students will explore 24 shops from now until the beginning of March.
- There is a Student [Shop dress code expectations](#) that all students will follow.
- Students will be graded in all shops it is important to do well in every shop area.

# Mediation Program

- Peer Mediation Program
- How to get help?
- Non-violent, Conflict Resolution

# Extra Curricular Activities

United Nations Club

Chess Club

DECA

Environmental Club

FIRST Robotics

Gay / Straight Alliance

Interact Club

Key Club

Yearbook Club

Chorus/Drama Club

Peer to Peer

Multicultural Club

National Technical Honor Society

Peer Leadership

Peer Mediation

Poetry Club

Ski Club

SkillsUSA

Student Government

Journalism Club





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# Get Involved!

# Student Services

Kristine Morrison

Director of Pupil Personnel Services

- **Special Education - inclusive model with a continuum of services**
  - 15 Teachers - 3 Para-Professionals - 2 School Psychologists
- **Guidance - 4 School Counselors, 3 School Adjustment Counselors**
- **Health Services - 2 School Nurses/aide**
- **English Language Learner (ELL)**
- **Title 1**





# Special Education

- Inclusive Model of Services Special Education
- Liaison assignment
- Ms. Stacey Horvitz, Evaluation Team Leader
- Ms. Amy Gourley - Admin. Assistant x236
- 2 School Psychologists



# Guidance Services

- Ms. Karatkiewicz - Dept. Head
- Ms. Zappala - Admin. Asst. x252
- Advisory Program
- College and Career Planning
- Focus on Student Wellness
- Freshmen Counselor, 3 upper-class
- School Adjustment Counseling - 3





# Health Services

- Ms. Holmquist, Ms. Dibartolo and Ms. Conners x221 or 206
- Immunization and Health Records
- Physical Exam requirements and flu v
- Emergency Contact Form
- Individualized Health Care Plans
- Medications - Prescribed and OTC



# English Language Learners

- English Language Learners - ELL Teachers and SEI endorsed staff
- Home Language Survey - Please return.
- ELL direct instruction, support - Ms. DiMauro
- Former English Learner Monitoring
- Translation Services
- Seal of Biliteracy



Kevin Williams  
Director of Technology  
Katrina Jensen- Associate Principal



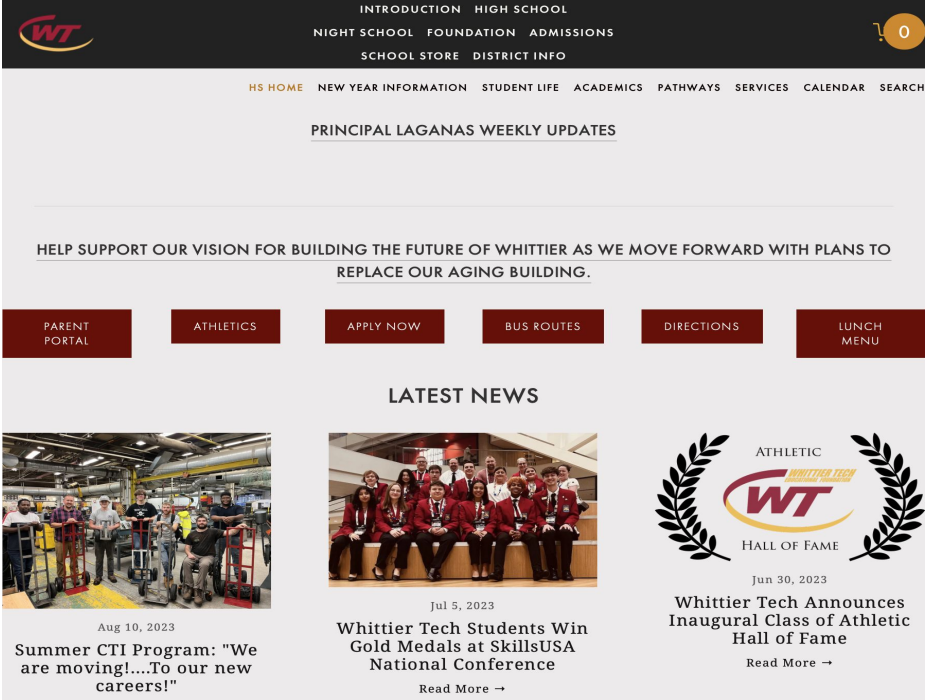
# 1:1 School

- WT has been a 1:1 school for 8 years
- All students receive an iPad for use for the entire time they are enrolled
- iPads and accounts are locked for Whittier use only
- Optional insurance is available



# General Information

- <https://whittiertech.org>
- Social Media
  - [Facebook](#)
  - [YouTube](#)
  - [Instagram](#)
- PowerSchool
- MySchoolBucks
  - [Sign Up for an Account](#)
- SchoolMessenger



The screenshot shows the Whittier Tech website homepage. At the top is a dark navigation bar with the WT logo on the left and links for INTRODUCTION, HIGH SCHOOL, NIGHT SCHOOL, FOUNDATION, ADMISSIONS, SCHOOL STORE, and DISTRICT INFO on the right. Below this is a lighter navigation bar with links for HS HOME, NEW YEAR INFORMATION, STUDENT LIFE, ACADEMICS, PATHWAYS, SERVICES, CALENDAR, and SEARCH. A section titled 'PRINCIPAL LAGANAS WEEKLY UPDATES' is visible. A central banner reads: 'HELP SUPPORT OUR VISION FOR BUILDING THE FUTURE OF WHITTIER AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH PLANS TO REPLACE OUR AGING BUILDING.' Below the banner is a row of red buttons: PARENT PORTAL, ATHLETICS, APPLY NOW, BUS ROUTES, DIRECTIONS, and LUNCH MENU. The 'LATEST NEWS' section features three items: 1) 'Summer CTI Program: "We are moving!....To our new careers!"' dated Aug 10, 2023, with a photo of students in a workshop. 2) 'Whittier Tech Students Win Gold Medals at SkillsUSA National Conference' dated Jul 5, 2023, with a photo of students in red jackets. 3) 'Whittier Tech Announces Inaugural Class of Athletic Hall of Fame' dated Jun 30, 2023, featuring the Athletic Hall of Fame logo.

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PRINCIPAL LAGANAS WEEKLY UPDATES

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PARENT PORTAL ATHLETICS APPLY NOW BUS ROUTES DIRECTIONS LUNCH MENU

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# Whittier Wildcats Athletics

Athletic Director Kevin Bradley



# Athletics

## FALL

Cheerleading

Cross Country

Golf

Soccer

Girls Volleyball

Football

## WINTER

Basketball

Cheerleading

Hockey

Wrestling

## SPRING

Baseball

Lacrosse

Softball

Track

Boys Volleyball



# Sports Physicals

- Sports Physicals will be given free of charge by our school Doctor on August 23rd and Sept 6th
- Sports Physical forms- school nurse, AD or Coach
- Link online Principal/Info Updates

# Starting Dates for Fall Sports

All Football	Friday, August 18 @3:30	Turf Field
Cheerleading	Monday, August 21 @2:30	Gym
G Volleyball	Monday, August 21 @8:00	Gym
G Soccer	Monday, August 21 @5:00	Upper Field
B Soccer	Monday, August 21 @9:00	Turf Field
B/G Cross Country	Monday, August 21@8:30	Track
Golf	Email <a href="mailto:kbradley@whittier.tec.ma.us">kbradley@whittier.tec.ma.us</a>	

*Go onto [whittiertech.org](http://whittiertech.org) 8/18 for updates*

