



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE
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Well, by this point in the year I would like to say spring has definitely sprung but it seems as though Old Man Winter keeps attempting to rare his ugly head. Regardless, we are to the point of having one grading period remaining for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

With this change in season also comes what in education we see as one of the most dangerous parts of the school year. This time period includes spring break, prom and graduation. This is a time when we need to be sure to emphasize the importance of making wise decisions to our students.

Spring time also means that we have come to our next round of assessments from the State. While many question the testing processes, the Ohio Department of Education measures much of our academic success on how well our students perform on these annual assessments.

I have mentioned that we are entering the final term of our school year. In doing this, to date we have missed 45.1 hours of instruction time this year due to weather related issues.

Time is beginning to run short for those who wish to nominate a former staff member to be considered for the 2017 Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame, as the Hall of Fame committee hopes to announce this year's inductees at the May Board meeting.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's musical, The Music Man, directed by Mr. Joel Dunham who was assisted by Kaleb O'Donnell and Kate Wenninger.

We have enjoyed another successful winter sports season which culminated with several team and individual honors. Ruger Goeltzenleuchter was able to reach the pinnacle of the wrestling season by making it to the State meet.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about your child's educational experience at Wayne Trace, feel free to contact your building principal or superintendent. Go Raiders!

Annual NHS Glow-in-The-Dark 5K Run/Walk

The Wayne Trace National Honor Society is holding its annual Glow-in-the-Dark 5K on Saturday, April 29, at the Payne ball park across from the Payne Elementary School.

Dustin is a 2006 WT graduate who has been diagnosed with stage III colon cancer. He underwent surgery in September 2016 to remove a large tumor and has been undergoing bi-monthly chemotherapy treatments.

Registration forms are available at the Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School, on the Wayne Trace website, or on Facebook. Registration forms are due by April 5 if you want to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

If you have any questions about the 5K, please email klopfensteinj@wt.k12.oh.us or call Joni Klopfenstein (ext. 229) at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Laurie DeLong, Student Services/Early Learning

The final Early Childhood Screening is April 5 at Antwerp Elementary from 3:30-7:00 p.m. This screening is only for Antwerp and Wayne Trace students.

Our next Coffee & Dessert Parent/Professional Series will be Tuesday, April 18, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the WTHS Lecture Hall. An autism awareness documentary, "The Family Next Door" will be featured.

If you have questions regarding any special education services, contact me at 419-587-3414, or at delongl@wt.k12.oh.us.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

PAYNE ELEMENTARY - Jody Dunham, Principal

Upcoming State Assessments

Students in grades three through six are working very hard to prepare for the End of Year State Assessments. Assessments will be administered on April 5, 6, 26, 27 and May 3 and 4.

The Ohio Department of Education tells us that the word test can cause a certain amount of stress in any student, no matter how well she is doing in school.

Consider sports. You take your child to practice, where she learns the rules of her game. You cheer for her to urge her toward success.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher to get ideas of things that you can do at home to support your child's success when taking these high stakes assessments.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten screening will be held April 10 and 11 at WTPE. All children who will be 5 by September 30, 2017 are invited to participate in this process.

April Events

Please mark your calendars to reflect No School on April 13, 14 and 17 for Good Friday and Easter break. In addition, a 2 hour delay is scheduled for Friday, April 28 for staff meetings to support the Ohio Improvement Process.

GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

This year four 5th and 6th grade teams competed for the right to represent WTGH in the Paulding County Battle of the Books. The winners will travel to Paulding on Wednesday, March 29, for the chance to be Paulding County Champs.

All students in grades 3-6 will take the ELA state assessment on April 5 and 6. Students will take the Math assessment on April 26 and 27 followed by the Science and Social Studies on May 3 and 4.

Spring Break will begin on Thursday, April 13, with the students returning to school on Tuesday, April 18.

The dates for kindergarten screening at WTGH are set for April 19 and April 20. If you have a child eligible to attend kindergarten next year and would like to register them for kindergarten screening, please contact the WTGH office.

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL - Phil Nofziger, Principal

The third nine weeks was completed on Friday, March 17. It was a busy and successful quarter for our students at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School.

- Both our high school band and choir received a superior rating (1) at the OMEA district contest and have qualified for the OMEA state contest on Friday, April 21. The academic quiz team won the Green Meadows Conference tournament held on February 24. Faith Meraz, a seventh grader, won the Paulding County spelling bee and qualified for the regional competition at Fort Wayne where she placed third.

- Our girls and boys varsity basketball teams both were GMC champions. The boys team finished as district runner-up and senior Ethan Linder finished his career by scoring 2,107 total points. Senior Ruger Goeltzenleuchter finished sixth in the state in his weight class at the state wrestling tournament.

Academically, the schedule for the upcoming state end-of-course testing has been set. The testing will take place on the following days in these areas:

- 7th & 8th grade ELA, ELA I, and ELA II - Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5
7th & 8th grade Math, Algebra I, and Geometry - Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27
8th grade Science and Biology - Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2

I want to thank the Wayne Trace School community for the continued support of our students in all areas of involvement.

- American Hist. and Am Govt. (juniors and seniors) - Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4

Students of the Month
Wayne Trace JH-HS teachers recently voted on the following March Students of the Month:

- 7th Grade: Haylee Finfrock; 8th Grade: Elizah Harris; 9th Grade: Miriam Sinn; 10th Grade: Ellie Stoller; 11th Grade: Chelsea Sinn; and 12th Grade: Brooke Ramey. Each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt as part of their award.

Guidance Department News

Wayne Trace will be holding a 9th grade registration meeting on Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. This is for students going into 9th grade next year and their parents.

Because of the fog delay on March 21, the juniors will take the ACT on Wednesday, April 19.

Seniors, many scholarships are due from now until the end of April. Please check the website and be sure to check deadlines.

Music Department News

Congratulations to our high school band and choir for earning a "1" rating at district contest in March! They will go on to state contest on April 21.

Thanks go out to all who made The Music Man a success! From the students who were on/off stage, to the people who made costumes, provided food, made the technical aspects of the show happen, and directed this musical - it took all of you to make it happen!

Athletic Department News

The WT Athletic Boosters will hold their annual Reverse Draw on Friday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each which includes the draw and a steak dinner; \$25 for just the steak dinner.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4/5 JH/HS ELA Assessments
April 5/6 Gr. 3-6 ELA Assessments
April 6 PE-Spring photos for Preschool
April 7 PE-Spring photos for KG-6th gr.
April 10/11 PE-Kindergarten registration
April 13/14/17 NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK
April 18 PE-Coffee with the Principal 9:30-10:30
April 19/20 GH-Kindergarten registration
April 19 Juniors take ACT at HS
April 21 4th Qtr. Interim Reports
April 21 State Choir & Band Contest
April 21 Athletic Boosters Reverse Draw 6:30
April 26/27 JH/HS Math Assessments
April 26/27 Gr. 3-6 Math Assessments
April 28 2 hr. Delay-Staff In-Service
April 29 Glow in the Dark 5K Run/Walk-Registration at 6:45; Walk/Run at 8:00

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Girls & Boys Basketball

- April 2 District 7 All-Star BB games at Toledo Notre Dame-girls at 2:00; boys game following
April 21 North/South boys BB at Otterbein 8:00
April 23 Ohio vs. Indiana All Star BB at Antwerp-girls at 3:00; boys game following
April 30 Boys Ohio vs. Indiana All Star BB at St. Francis University 4:00

Varsity Baseball

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JV Baseball

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