



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

It is with great pride that I welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year at Wayne Trace Local Schools. On behalf of the Wayne Trace board of education, administration, faculty and staff, I am pleased to let you know that your children will be in the capable hands of a highly focused workforce committed to making sure the educational needs of all students are met. We look forward to the continued support that each of you give to our students both academically, in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

I am amazed at how quickly the school years seem to come and go. It seems as though just yesterday we were gathered in the gymnasium to celebrate the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2017. Yet our next school year will officially begin on Wednesday August 23, 2017. As this date is fast approaching, we hope that all students and parents have been able to relax, recharge, and enjoy the summer months away from school. Our staff looks forward to seeing all students return to our buildings eager to begin another successful school year.

The Wayne Trace Local School District is currently accepting students for enrollment. If you wish for your student to attend the Wayne Trace Local School District we ask that you contact the building principal(s) to receive information in regard to enrollment. If you are not certain which elementary school your child will be attending, please feel free to contact the central office (419-263-2415) for that information.

Providing quality learning and setting high academic standards for our students are top priorities for the Wayne Trace School District. There are a variety of ways in which as educators we measure the success of our students. One measure that has been created by Ohio Department of Education is the yearly report card that assesses each district in the state on various measures. The Wayne Trace district, not unlike many others, has seen varying results on these state report cards. We anticipate the next report card is to be released by the Department of Education in September of 2017. We will continue to study the data from our previous report cards to assure that we are working toward achieving quality marks in the future. For more information on the state report card system, contact the central office or visit the Ohio Department of Education web-site at www.ode.state.oh.us.

As I mentioned earlier, the school year is fast approaching and many of our students are preparing for extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. We want to be sure to encourage you to attend these events at the various levels and continue to support our students as we believe these activities play a vital role in the educational process. One event in particular we are anticipating is the annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony which will be held prior to the varsity football game on September 1st. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 6:45 at which time we will induct two former staff members, Elaine Harp and Janet Priest. We hope you are able to attend this annual event.

We encourage you to feel free to contact the school to discuss any questions or concerns that you might have about your child's educational experience. The open door policy with parents, residents, and other stakeholders in the community will remain in place as we look forward to hearing from you.

In closing, I would like to thank the Wayne Trace board of education for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Wayne Trace School District in the capacity of superintendent. I am excited to continue the traditions that Wayne Trace Local Schools is known for and to embark on a new era that will continue to move us to the forefront in education.

Go Raiders!

Laurie DeLong, Student Services/Early Learning

The Back-to-School Early Childhood screening will be held Monday, August 14 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Parc Lane Training Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. This screening is for children from birth to age 5, and will be the only screening before preschool classes begin for the 2017-18 school year. Appointments may be made by calling 1-877-473-8166.

We would also like our parents to be aware of Wayne Trace's Parent Mentor, Cathy Ruiz. Mrs. Ruiz may be contacted at Western Buckeye ESC at (419)399-4711. She is a wonderful resource person for parents and staff and is available to support and answer special education-related questions. In addition, an extensive, free lending library and other resources and information are available. Plans are being finalized for the Coffee & Dessert Parent/Professional series for this year. The first session will deal with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), and its effect on children and how parents and schools can effectively work with children with FASD. Look for details about this event in upcoming newsletters.

For additional information regarding the Student Services department, which includes special needs programs, psychologists, therapists (speech, occupational, physical, vision), nursing, parent mentor, and preschool, please feel free to call me at the Grover Hill Elementary building (419-587-3414 extension 330).

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

PAYNE ELEMENTARY- Jody Dunham, Principal

The building is ready and the teachers and staff are excited to welcome the students back to school! Over the summer the gymnasium floor was resurfaced, masonry work was completed on the exterior of the building and our maintenance staff scrubbed, painted and updated the facilities.

5th & 6th Gr. Meeting Schedule for August 15

The fifth and sixth grade students and families are invited to attend a beginning of the year meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15. You will not want to miss this exciting evening. Teachers will explain the Third Floor Initiative, academic expectations and each student will learn which "House" they will be part of this school year. House t-shirts are handed out at this event!

Open House Schedule for August 21

Open House for all students, preschool through fourth grade is scheduled for Monday, August 21 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Fifth and sixth grade students are welcome to drop by their classrooms to say hello. All students are encouraged to bring their school supplies with them. We look forward to welcoming the students and families back to school that evening. We have missed you!

Arrival Procedure Change

Students may enter the building through the cafeteria door at 8:30 each morning. Breakfast is served beginning at 8:30 in the cafeteria. Students will no longer be dropped off in front of the building on Townline Street.

Dismissal Procedure Change for Students Being Picked Up

If you plan to pick up your child at the end of the day this school year, please make sure that you stop by the table in the hallway by the office at open house to register your child for a dismissal number.

Adults will no longer enter the building for student pick up. Students will be escorted by staff to their pick-up vehicle outside the cafeteria doors at the end of each day.

New Student Registration

Beginning August 1, new students and their families are encouraged to stop by the school office or call 419-263-2512 to register for grades Young Kindergarten through Six.

New Teachers and Staff

We welcome the following new teachers and staff to Payne Elementary!

- Miss Katie Germann – Third and Fourth Grade Intervention Specialist
- Mrs. Erin Schmidt – Elementary Guidance Counselor
- Mrs. Holly Rupp – Head Cook
- Mrs. Kristin Martin – Speech Therapist

GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

The 2017-2018 school year is fast approaching. We are excited for the new academic year and anxiously await the students return. Our number one goal is to give the students the best educational opportunities we can offer. To help us achieve this goal, I would like to encourage or challenge the students to give their very best efforts in all that they do.

Open House is Monday, August 21 from 5:00 – 6:30. Open House is a great night for parents to meet your child's new teacher and students are encouraged to bring in their school supplies. Parents will also have the opportunity to pay book fees and put money on your child's lunch account.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 23rd. Students who buy breakfast may enter the building at 8:20 and are to go directly to the cafeteria. At 8:40 the doors open for all students. At 8:50 all students should be in their homeroom. Students are dismissed at 3:30 and will leave the building on the east side just as in past years.

This year you will find two new faces in the Grover Hill building. We are excited to have Mrs. Erin Schmidt joining our elementary staff. Mrs. Schmidt comes to us from Lima City School and will be taking on the role of our elementary guidance counselor. Mrs. Schmidt will be splitting her time between the Payne and Grover Hill buildings. We also want to welcome Mrs. Robin Molitor who will be working as a member of the cafeteria staff this year. Please join me in giving a warm Grover Hill welcome to both Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Molitor.

Once again the PTO has agreed to hold their annual fundraiser which will begin early in the school year. Money raised from this fundraiser is used to assist the Grover Hill staff and students by paying for field trips. At this time on behalf of the Grover Hill students and staff I would like to thank the PTO for all of their efforts and also say thank you to everyone who participated.

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

We are anxiously anticipating the return of our students and staff for what should be an excellent 2017-2018 school year. School starts promptly at 8:05 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23. I will be anxiously awaiting the arrival of our students!

It is a pleasure to welcome back a returning teacher and a new staff member to Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. Mrs. Heather Hatcher will be teaching Biology this school year while Mr. Michael Myers will be our new assistant principal. We are excited to have these two professionals join our quality staff at WTJH/HS.

Open House – The JR/SR High School Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 22, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Included during the Open House are the 7th grade orientation and the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip meeting. A cafeteria representative will be available during the Open House so you can deposit money on your child's lunch account. Come and meet the teachers for the 2017-2018 school year!

7th Grade Orientation – This orientation is for all seventh grade students and their parents on Tuesday, August 22, and begins in the junior high school gymnasium at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Nofziger and Mr. Myers will discuss the transition from sixth grade to seventh grade. Students and parents will have an opportunity to meet their teachers and to follow a simulated schedule.

8th Grade Washington D.C. meeting – This informational meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. following the conclusion of Open House in the junior high gym. We would like to see all eighth grade students take the Washington D.C. trip, so please plan to attend this meeting. Cost of the trip and other important details will be presented.

Student Schedule and Laptop Computer Pick-up Students in grades 7-12 are **required** to pick up their class schedule and school issued laptop computer on the following days and times:

- Tuesday, August 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The take-home laptop fee is \$40 and must be paid **before** the computer is allowed to go home. Students are encouraged to provide their own laptop bag.

Students will be permitted to meet with Mrs. Franz to make schedule changes on these dates, during these times. **NOTE:** Students will **not** be permitted to make schedule changes at Open House or during the first week of school.

Music Department News

Marching band season has begun! Band camp is finished and we are working on bringing you a great half time show of "Full Steam Ahead"!

You can get a sneak preview as we perform at the Defiance County Fair on August 21st at 7:30.

A BIG thanks to the Paulding County Area Foundation for giving us grant money and the Wayne Trace Performing Arts Association for purchasing additional band uniforms and hats. It's great to see the band growing and we appreciate the continued support of the WTPAA and the generosity of the PCAF.

Upcoming events:

- September 16-7:00 p.m. Lima Bath Band Spectacular in the Bath HS
- September 30-Band competition in New Bremen
- November 11-5th annual Fine Arts Festival at WT

Athletic Department News

You may purchase an **All-Sports Pass** which will cover every home, regular-season WT athletic event including varsity football and boys varsity basketball.

All-Sport Passes will be available as follows: Student \$70; Adult \$110; Husband/Wife \$160; Husband, Wife & 1 child \$195; Husband, Wife & 2 children \$220; Husband, Wife & 3 or more children \$245; Single parent & 1 child \$140; Single parent & 2 children \$170; Single parent & 3 or more children \$195; 3 or more children in one family (no adults) \$170.

The WT Athletic Department will be offering a discount ID to all Senior Citizens (65 and older living within the Wayne Trace School District) which can be used to attend all home football, basketball, volleyball, and wrestling regular season athletic competitions. This pass may **NOT** be used for presale tickets—only for entrance at the

door. With this pass, entrance to HS games will be \$3 and all junior high games and freshman games will be \$1.

If you are interested in an All-Sports Pass or a Senior discount ID, stop in to see Vicky Etzler in the High School office on August 14, 16 or 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Ticket prices for 2017-18 will be as follows:

- HS Boys Basketball/Varsity Football: Presale \$6 Adults/\$4 Students; all tickets at the door \$6
- HS Girls Volleyball/Basketball: No presale; at the door \$6 Adults/\$4 Students
- Jr. High, Freshman and JV Contests: No presale; at the door \$3 Adults/\$2 Students

Parent Ads

The Athletic Department is offering Parent Ads for the Fall Sports Program. This is for parents of Jr./Sr. High School students. You may purchase an "ad" for your Jr./Sr. High student which can be as simple as "Good Luck" or you can add recent photos or childhood photos, artwork, etc.

Digital photos, such as those taken by Gibby's* for Sports Picture Day, work best. Other photos can be scanned, but the quality is not as high. 1/4 page, 1/2 page, and full page ads are available. The Athletic Department reserves the right to edit all ads. You may purchase an ad regardless of whether or not your student is involved in sports. For more information or if you are interested in an ad, please email kipferd@wt.k12.oh.us by August 17.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 14 Early Childhood Screening at Parc Lane Training Center 1:00-5:00
- Aug. 15 JH/HS-Laptop pickup 10:00-6:00
- Aug. 15 PE-5th & 6th gr. Orientation 7:00
- Aug. 16 JH/HS-Laptop pickup 8:00-3:00
- Aug. 18 JH/HS-Laptop pickup 8:00-3:00
- Aug. 21 PE-Open House 5:00-6:30
- Aug. 21 GH-Open House 5:00-6:30
- Aug. 21 HS band performs @ Def. Co. Fair 7:30
- Aug. 22 JH/HS Open House 5:00-6:30
- Aug. 22 7th gr. Orientation in JH gym 5:30-6:30
- Aug. 22 8th gr. Washington trip mtg. 6:30-7:30
- Aug. 23 **FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**
- Aug. 28 - PE-First day for Preschool and KG

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

- Aug. 12 Edon-H (Scrimmage) 10:00
- Aug. 18 Spencerville-T (Scrimmage) 6:00
- Aug. 25 Paulding-T 7:00

JV Football

- Aug. 26 Paulding-H 10:00

Jr. High Football

- Aug. 17 Col. Grove -T (8th gr. Scrim) 5:00
- Aug. 24 Lima Perry-H (8th gr.) 5:00

Varsity & JV Volleyball

- Aug. 10 Edon-T (Scrimmage) 5:00
- Aug. 22 LCC-H 5:30
- Aug. 24 Continental-T 5:30
- Aug. 28 Liberty Center-T 5:30
- Aug. 29 Paulding-H 5:30
- Aug. 31 Spencerville-T 5:30

Freshman Volleyball

- Aug. 22 Parkway-T 4:30
- Aug. 28 Liberty Center-T 4:30
- Aug. 29 Paulding-H 4:30

Jr. High Volleyball

- Aug. 29 Tinora-H 4:30
- Aug. 31 Kalida-H 4:30

Cross Country

- Aug. 26 Delphos St. John's Inv.-T 9:00
- Aug. 29 Wayne Trace Inv.-H 4:30

Boys Golf

- Aug. 4 Bryan-H 2:00
- Aug. 7 Defiance Inv. @ Eagle Rock 9:00
- Aug. 8 Hicksville-H 2:00
- Aug. 9 Kalida Inv. @ Country Acres 9:00
- Aug. 10 Paulding Inv. @ Auglaize 9:00
- Aug. 16 Bryan-H 1:00
- Aug. 17 Paulding-T 4:30
- Aug. 21 Ottoville-T 4:30
- Aug. 23 Ottawa-Glandorf-H 4:30
- Aug. 24 Wayne Trace Inv.-H 4:30
- Aug. 29 Miller City/OG @ Pike Run 4:30
- Aug. 31 Edgerton-H 4:30

Girls Golf

- Aug. 7 VW Inv. @ Hickory Sticks 9:00
- Aug. 8 Parkway-T 3:00
- Aug. 10 Defiance Inv. @ Auglaize 1:00
- Aug. 15 Allen East Inv. @ Colonial TBA
- Aug. 16 Lincolnview/Shawnee-H 4:00
- Aug. 17 Celina Inv.-T 8:30
- Aug. 22 Fair./Tinora @ Eagle Rock 4:30
- Aug. 28 Hicksville-H 4:30
- Aug. 31 Fairview-H 4:30