



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

We have again reached the holiday season a time when we at Wayne Trace Local Schools reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. I want to take this time to thank our community for their continued support of the learning processes that take place each day within our district. We certainly appreciate all that you do to assist us and welcome your input as the learning process includes many different aspects and without everyone working together as a group we cannot be successful. I am also very thankful and appreciative of our staff here at Wayne Trace Local Schools. Much time and effort is put in by our staff members on a daily basis to be certain that our students receive the high quality education that our district is known for and expects. Again, I applaud your efforts and appreciate all that you do.

We were recently reminded of the support from our local families as we saw many parents come out for our parent/teacher conferences. Our staff appreciates those who were able to attend the conference and receive updates on the progress of your child. Please know that we welcome parents scheduling a meeting with your child's teacher at any point throughout the school year. If you were unable to attend parent/teachers conferences and would like to meet with our staff members I encourage you to contact the school and schedule a time to do so. Communication is key throughout the educational process to achieve desired outcomes.

At this time academically we have successfully put the first quarter of the year behind us and are well into the second quarter of the school year. The Ohio Department of Education has provided our staff with state content standards which are being introduced to students by our staff. I would be remiss if I did not mention the state mandated testing that continues to be updated. Our staff members are working to keep ahead of the testing updates and provide our students with the most up to date information so that we will see quality results on these assessments. Our expectations are that we will continue to see a decrease in the time spent on testing, which will allow our staff to focus on lesson content and instruction with our students. While we may not all agree with the current educational mandates, it is key that we continue to work together as we labor through this time of educational transformation. Our hope is that in working with the legislators, the Ohio Department of Education, and our local boards we can create an educational system that will provide high academic outcomes.

Speaking of high outcomes, the staff at Wayne Trace is currently implementing several measures to academically assist our students across the district. Each building has focused on working toward meeting the individual needs of each child and assuring that they look forward to attending school each day. Their work relies on the simple concept that if students feel as though they want to come to school each day they are more likely to perform at higher levels. Much work has gone into these various initiatives at each building in an effort to find ways to increase our students' want to be at school. I commend our staff members for putting in the extra time and effort to find new ways to be certain that all of our students are achieving at high levels. We will continue to work together to find new and exciting ways to make learning fun for our students.

As we transition from the fall into the winter our concern as far as hazardous weather situations shifts from fog to snow and ice. Just as has been the case in the fall, we will look to make sure travel conditions are favorable for both our district transportation and student drivers. Typically, snow and ice are more consistent than fog, but as I have noted in past updates due to the size of our district conditions can vary. We ask that student drivers use caution and give themselves extra travel time when winter conditions arise. We will continue to use a common sense approach when calling delays and cancellations as the safe transportation of our students to and from school is of great importance to us.

Turning to the school calendar, please note that our second quarter interim reports will be released on Friday, November 30. We will also begin our winter break starting on Monday, December 24 and will resume classes on Monday, January 7.

As I draft this newsletter we are in the beginning stages of renovating the space at the high school that has housed the weight room. The Board recently approved upgrading the weight equipment as well as adding multiple cardio machines to allow both our student athletes and community members to enjoy this space. Look for more information to be put out soon as to how you can sign up to receive access to this new Wayne Trace Community Fitness Center.

I also want to acknowledge our staff across the district who were involved in the organization of this year's Veterans' Day assemblies. It was great to see so many Veterans able to attend these events to honor their service to our country. I speak for all

involved in the Wayne Trace Local Schools when I say thank you for your service and sacrifice which has allowed us to enjoy freedom each day.

As I close this month's writing, I want to encourage each of you to support our Wayne Trace student organizations who will be sponsoring various food, clothing and gift drives for those in need this holiday season. If you are able to assist these organizations please consider doing so to help those who are less fortunate. We enjoy seeing our student organizations working to support others as we believe this is the true meaning of this season.

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

Benjamin A. Winans
Superintendent

LOOKING AHEAD.....SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER

Our 23rd annual senior Citizens Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th at 12:00 noon at the Jr./Sr. High School. We invite you to enjoy a delicious meal for only \$1 while being served and entertained by our talented students. Please RSVP to Colleen Saylor in the Jr./Sr. High School office at 419-399-4100, ext. 2 Please note, RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

Winter has made an early appearance. Because of the inclement weather we had on Thursday, November 15th, we had to cancel **Literacy Night**. It will be rescheduled at a later time. Information on this will be coming home with students in the near future as soon as a new date is determined.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

If you were unable to attend Parent Teacher Conferences that were held at the end of October, and would like to still schedule one, please contact your child's teacher at 419-263-2512.

Title 1

The Title 1 Reading program is a school-wide, federally funded program to provide additional assistance in reaching reading proficiency. The following criteria is used to select students to participate in the Title 1 program:

1. Reading Diagnostic score of "not on track" for grade level
2. Standardized reading score of limited or basic in any given reading area
3. AimsWeb reading assessment indicating "at risk" in any given reading area
4. Star Reading test indicating below grade level reading placement
5. Teacher criteria checklist indicating classroom performance below expected level
6. Kindergarten fall testing indicating "at risk" students

Students must qualify in at least two criteria areas to receive additional reading instruction by the Title 1 teacher. Students receive an additional 20-30 minutes of reading instruction three or five days a week from highly-qualified teachers. Please check out our School-Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Policy in the Title 1 folder under Quick Links on our school's website. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. April Krouse, the Title 1 teacher, or Mr. Jones.

Follow Payne Elementary on Twitter: @trace_wayne

Payne Elementary event cancellations will often be posted here, as well as recognition of students and staff, and the wonderful everyday things we do here at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary!

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

When we wake up and realize there is snow on the ground and the cold winds are blowing, we know December has arrived. Also, the kids are getting excited and starting to think about the excitement December brings. For the Grover Hill staff and students, the beginning of December marks the start of rehearsals for this year's Christmas program, the beginning of the Student Council's food drive, along with many other school activities.

Mrs. Schmidt, WTGH's new music teacher, has been working with the fourth, fifth and sixth-grade students as they prepare for this year's Christmas program "North Pole Musical." This year "North Pole Musical" will be performed on December 13th. On this day we will have two shows with the first show at 2:00 followed by an evening performance at 7:00. Mark your calendars now and we will see you at this year's Christmas Program.

Again this year, the PTO's will hold their annual basket raffle and bake sale. Tickets for the basket raffle can be purchased in the Grover Hill Elementary office beginning Monday, December 1. The cost for one ticket is \$1.00 or

\$5.00 for six tickets. The proceeds from these sales are used by the PTO to benefit the WTGH students.

Once again, the GH Student Council will be organizing their annual food drive. All items collected during at this time will be used to help the area churches' food pantry. This year's food drive will run from November 19th through December 14th. Items needed include canned goods; boxed goods; baby wipes, diapers, and cereals; laundry items, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies. If you wish to donate, you may do so by sending your canned food to school with your children. If you do not have a child in school but would still like to donate; you may bring your items to the school office between the 8:00 and 3:00. Thank you for helping make a better Christmas for a needy family.

Another community service project is taking place in fourth-grade. Again, this year the WTGH students are participating in a pajama drive. Starting on November 19th and running through December 14th, the fourth-grade students will be collecting pajamas. Once collected, the fourth-grade students donate the pajamas to Paulding County Child & Family Services. When all pajamas are collected, Scholastic donates a book for each pair of pajamas donated. With the collaborative efforts of the fourth-grade, Scholastic, and Paulding County Child and Family Services, each child who receives pajamas will also receive a book donated by Scholastic. The fourth-grade participation in the pajama drive is another way to promote reading while at the same time giving something beneficial to a needy child.

At this time, the WTGH staff and I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL Mr. Mike Myers, Principal

December is right around the corner after a very busy month at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. Mr. Howe and I would like to thank the parents who participated in our recent parent-teacher conferences. Communication with parents is an integral piece of a child's education. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your son/daughter, please call or email the teachers so that we can team together to provide the best possible education for our Wayne Trace students.

Wayne Trace's Senior Studio and AP Art History classes recently spent the day in workshops and touring the Toledo Museum of Art. These groups were joined by the entire 7th grade class who participated in a variety of art activities relating to materials that they are studying in their Social Studies and Language Arts classes. All of these programs and tours are part of the Toledo Museum of Art's visual literacy program which promotes the development of critical and creative thinking skills through the use of the arts.

Our art, band, and choir students displayed their talent recently with our annual Fall Arts Festival. The art students had many excellent displays while the high school band and choir had top-notch performances. Many thanks to Mr. Brincefield, Mrs. Wenninger, Mr. O'Donnell, Mrs. Stokes and parents for leading our Wayne Trace students in this endeavor!

On behalf of the students and staff at WTJH/HS, a special thanks to Mrs. Gudakunst and the other members of the Social Studies department for organizing a very thoughtful Veterans' Day program held on November 12. It was a very meaningful program and brought to light the sacrifices that our veterans and families endure for us to maintain the freedoms that we enjoy. Our veterans cannot be recognized and thanked enough for what they have done to protect our freedom!

Recently, our local chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 11 new juniors into NHS. The tapping ceremony was held on November 20 with families and students in grades 9-12 in attendance. These students have met the academic requirements for induction and have demonstrated character, leadership, and service traits to our faculty that warrant this recognition. Congratulations NHS members and a many thanks to Miss Klopfenstein for advising our local chapter of the National Honor Society.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to get into the spirit of the Christmas season by attending our upcoming choir and band concerts. The junior high school band and choir will be on Monday, December 3 and the high school band and choir will perform on Monday, December 10. Both concerts will be at 7:00 pm in the high school gymnasium.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for October: 7th Grade: Emma Laukhuf, 8th Grade: Kiara Bahena, 9th Grade: Malia Wittwer, 10th Grade: Joey Munger, 11th Grade: Max Laukhuf, 12th Grade: Hayden Williamson. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

DECEMBER MUSIC DEPT NEWS

Thank you to all who came out and supported our 6th annual Fine Arts Festival on Nov. 11th! We were excited to see so many people who enjoyed an evening of food, art and music! Appreciation goes out to all who made food, helped set up, tear down and made the evening a success!

Be sure to attend a Christmas concert as the HS and JH bands and choirs will be putting on wonderful programs to celebrate the season!

Looking ahead:

December 3rd - JH Band & Choirs Christmas Concert 7:00pm HS Gym

December 6th - HS Band & Choir will be providing entertainment for the Senior Citizen's Luncheon at the HS.

December 10th - HS Band & Choir Christmas Concert 7:00pm HS Gym

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

If you use/give gift cards during the Christmas season, you can get them from us! We offer gift cards to hundreds of retailers in various denominations. You purchase the gift card like you would in a store and we get a percent of it back for ordering in bulk. Go to www.waynetrace.org and click on the gift card link. You can print out a listing and send your order and check into the school. Just mark it for the music department and we will get it ordered! There are 2 order dates in December - the 6th and 13th. Orders must be received by noon that day to get it processed. Thank you for supporting us which allows us to support our music students!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 3 JH Band/Choir Christmas Concert @ 7p
- Dec. 6 Senior Citizens Dinner @ HS 12p
- Dec. 7 2 HR Delay—Teacher In-Service
- Dec. 8 Siberian Solstice Christmas Concert @ WTPE Auditorium
- Dec. 10 HS Band/Choir Christmas Concert @ 7p
- Dec. 13 "North Pole Musical" @GH 2p & 7p
- Dec. 14 WTPE Christmas Program Gr. 4-6 9:30a & 1:45p
- Dec. 17 Jr./Sr. HS Assembly on Life Choices
- Dec. 24-Jan 6.—No School—Christmas Break**

ATHLETIC EVENTS

HS Boys Basketball

- Dec. 7 Bryan-A 6:00
- Dec. 8 Paulding-H 6:00
- Dec. 14 Liberty Center-A 6:00
- Dec. 15 Lincolnview-H 6:00
- Dec. 21 Miller City-A 6:00
- Dec. 22 Van Wert-H 6:00
- Dec. 28 Woodlan-H 6:00

HS Girls Basketball

- Dec. 4 Bryan-H 6:00
- Dec. 6 Liberty Center-A 6:00
- Dec. 11 Paulding-H 6:00
- Dec. 17 Lincolnview-A 6:00
- Dec. 18 Van Wert-H 6:00
- Dec. 20 Ft. Jennings-A 6:00
- Dec. 27 Woodlan-A 6:00

Freshman Boys Basketball

- Dec. 3 Kalida-H 5:00
- Dec. 4 Van Wert-H 4:30
- Dec. 6 LCC-A 5:00
- Dec. 8 Paulding-H 4:30
- Dec. 13 Lima Perry-H 5:00
- Dec. 14 Liberty Center-A 4:45
- Dec. 15 Columbus Grove 10:00

JH Boys Basketball

- Dec. 4 Ft. Jennings-A 5:00
- Dec. 6 Crestview-H 5:00
- Dec. 11 Hicksville-A 5:00
- Dec. 13 Ayersville-A 5:00
- Dec. 18 Woolan-H 5:00
- Dec. 20 Fairview-A 5:00

JH Girls Basketball

- Dec. 1 Holgate-H 9:30
- Dec. 4 Continental-H 5:00
- Dec. 6 Antwerp-A 5:00
- Dec. 8 Crestview-H 10:00
- Dec. 11 Hicksville-H 5:00
- Dec. 13 Kalida-H 5:00
- Dec. 17 Fairview-A 4:30
- Dec. 20 Delphos Jefferson-H 5:00

HS Wrestling

- Dec. 6 Hicksville/Tinora-H 6:00
- Dec. 8 Arcadia Inv. 9:00
- Dec. 11 Edgerton @ Fairview 6:00
- Dec. 20 Ayersville-A 6:00
- Dec. 28 Defiance Inv. 12:00
- Dec. 29 Defiance Inv. 9:30

JH Wrestling

- Dec. 1 Wayne Trace Inv. 9:00
- Dec. 6 Hicksville/Tinora-H 6:00
- Dec. 8 Allen East Inv. 10:00
- Dec. 11 Edgerton @ Fairview 6:00
- Dec. 17 Patrick Henry @ Tinora 4:30
- Dec. 18 Ayersville-A 6:00

GO RAIDERS!!!