



# WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

To open this month's newsletter on behalf of the Wayne Trace Local School Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff, I would like to wish you a very happy holiday season. We are looking forward to the New Year and the opportunity to continue to serve this great school district through providing quality education to our students.

In regard to the holiday season, I certainly hope you had the chance to attend one of our many holiday programs that were held at our various campuses prior to the break from school. Our students did a wonderful job of showcasing their many talents. We pass along our thanks to those in the leadership roles who directed these students: Ms. Sharon Spinner, Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, Mrs. Ann Wieland and Mrs. Joni Wenninger. The hard work that was put in by the staff and students was clear to see as I attended these various programs. I would also like to thank Mrs. Karen Wagonrod for her organization of our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Luncheon. Our junior/senior high school cafeteria prepared a wonderful meal for all to enjoy. The high school band and choir did a fabulous job providing post meal entertainment for the group as well. We certainly appreciate the continued support that you give to our district.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our student organizations who have worked together to make this holiday season a special one for many of those who are in need in our community. We had groups at each of our buildings that collected items or monies to put toward items for those who were less fortunate. It is truly great to see our young people recognize those in need and work hard to assist them. The giving nature of these students truly is the reason for the season!

Time seems to be flying by as it is hard to believe we are actively seeking applicants for our 2018 Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame. I feel like it was just yesterday that we inducted Mrs. Elaine Harp and Mrs. Janet Priest as the 2017 Staff Hall of Fame inductees. If you have a former Wayne Trace staff member in mind that you are interested in nominating, please contact either Mrs. Sarah Sennebogen or me in the central office as we will get a nomination form sent to you.

We continue to focus on the future planning for our district. The Board has tasked the Wayne Trace Performing Arts committee with raising funds to assist with the first phase of the planning which would include the addition of a performing arts center to our junior/senior high facility. While additional information can be found on the school website ([www.waynetrace.org](http://www.waynetrace.org)) please feel free to reach out to a Wayne Trace Performing Arts committee member or me if you have questions in regard to our planning. The goal of all involved is to make certain that we plan appropriately so that we can continue to provide our students with a quality education.

As we look forward to students returning from the holiday break, academically we will continue to challenge our students to meet high expectations. The Ohio Department of Education sets the academic standards which our staff are following to provide the necessary content to each student. I want to remind all parents and guardians if you have any questions about the educational process of your child do not hesitate to contact us. Continued collaboration between school and home will only assist in making the educational process a successful one for your children. We welcome your input and look forward to your continued support of this great district.

In turning to the calendar, school will resume on January 3. Our first semester will come to a close on January 12. We will be releasing students one hour early on January 12. Please note that we do not have school on January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and that we also have a scheduled two-hour delay for teacher in-service training on January 19.

In closing, I want to thank the great staff members that I have the joy of working with each day here at Wayne Trace Local Schools. As a district we are truly blessed to have a staff of quality and caring individuals to meet the educational needs of our students. When you see a Wayne Trace staff member be sure to thank them for the great job they do each day.

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!

Benjamin A. Winans

Wayne Trace Local Schools

Superintendent

### Student Services/Early Learning-Laurie Delong

We will soon start planning the 2018 - 2019 rosters for our Little Raiders Preschools. Parents of typically developing preschoolers (who attended an Early Childhood Screening this school year) will receive an initial letter at the end of March. The next Early Childhood Screening will be April 12, 2018 at the Parlane Center on Fairground Drive in Paulding. The screening is for children from ages birth - 5. To schedule an appointment, parents may call [1-877-473-8166](tel:1-877-473-8166) (toll free) for registration information. After hours, a message can be left at extension 41.

Kindergarten Screening/Registration is coming in April! The Payne Elementary Screening/Registration will be April 16-17 and the Grover Hill Screening/Registration will be April 18-19. Forms are available by calling the elementary offices (Grover Hill, [419-587-3414](tel:419-587-3414) or Payne, [419-263-2512](tel:419-263-2512)) or by printing it from the Wayne Trace website.

If you have any questions about special education or early learning matters, you may contact me at [419-587-3414](tel:419-587-3414) option 3, or at [delongl@wt.k12.oh.us](mailto:delongl@wt.k12.oh.us).

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

### PAYNE ELEMENTARY-- Jody Dunham, Principal

Happy New Year from Payne Elementary!

#### January Events

One of the first things that the building does in January is gather growth data in the content areas of reading and math. AIMSweb diagnostic assessments will be administered to students in all grades the week of January 3. Data collected from these assessments identifies specific reading and math sub-skills. With this information, teachers are able to provide specific targeted interventions as needed. Please feel free to visit with your child's teacher throughout the school year to ask about ways that you can support these goals.

In January, there are three events to mark on your calendars. First, there is a scheduled one hour early dismissal on Friday, January 12. The purpose for this dismissal is to align with the high school exam schedule for the end of the semester. School will not be in session on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Also, there is a scheduled two hour delay on Friday, January 19 for staff development.

#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to sixth grade student Emma Laukhuf for winning the building-wide spelling bee. The winning word was custody. Emma is the daughter of Mick and Lisa Laukhuf. Brenna Thomas, the daughter of John and Crystal Thomas was runner-up. We wish Emma the best of luck as she represents Payne Elementary at the Paulding County Spelling Bee on February 6.

#### Thank You!

We wish to thank Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell and his students for presenting an outstanding Christmas program. Students in Grades 4 through 6 did an amazing job singing Christmas songs and reciting their lines in the show.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Stay Warm!!!

### GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

At this time we welcome the students back from what we hope was a fantastic Christmas Break. Now that all the decorations have been tucked away for another year, it is time to get back to work. The month of January brings with it the feelings of a new beginning. As we begin this New Year, we look at the school calendar and notice how busy we will be.

First, the Grover Hill 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students will participate in the local Spelling Bee. This year's Spelling Bee takes place on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The date for the local Spelling Bee was selected to give the students a chance to spend some time over break to prepare. Last year's Spelling Bee was very competitive, and as we look over the list of participants, this year we expect another intense competition. We would like to wish all competitors the best of luck on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

January also marks the end of the second quarter. The quarter ends on January 12<sup>th</sup> with report cards being sent home on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents, I want to encourage you to look carefully look at your child's report card and if you feel you would like to discuss the progress to contact me at the elementary office. Then we can find a time to sit down together as we want to make sure your child gets the best possible education.

The Book Fair is back again this year. Starting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the book fair will be in the library just as in past years. Parents and students will be able to visit the Book Fair before school starting at 8:00 AM and then after school until closing at 4:00 AM. During this time we encourage both parents and students to visit the book fair with the goal of finding books that make reading fun and enjoyable. We hope to see you at this year's Book Fair.

After school tutoring will begin again on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Tutoring is an excellent opportunity for your child to receive the extra help they might need on homework or maybe they just need help preparing for a test. The goal of after-school instruction is to assist any student willing to stay after school for one hour Monday thru Thursday. During a tutoring session, students can work on homework, study for a test, or receive assistance with their organization. Parents, the only request we have is that you are here promptly at 4:30 to pick up your child/children.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

December has gone by like a whirlwind. Our students continue to prepare themselves for success in the classroom between concerts, games and matches. After the Christmas break, the first two weeks will finish up the first semester and include exams. A semester exam schedule was given to all students in grades 7-12 for their parents' inspection for the exams on Thursday, January 11 - Friday, January 12, 2018. We will begin the second semester Tuesday, January 16. Semester grade reports will be mailed on Friday, January 19.

As semester testing begins, it serves to remind that our present seniors will be the first class that will be using the Ohio end-of-course tests as a requirement for graduation. As we make our way into the second semester and into the spring state testing, this and further information is worth noting again. The Class of 2018 (seniors) and beyond are required to take seven end-of-course exams that the state of Ohio is providing in the following areas: English I and II, Algebra I, Geometry, American History, American Government and Biology (the Class of 2018 took a Physical Science test and a Biology test with the highest score being counted for science, but the Class of 2019 and beyond have only the Biology requirement).

Each test is scored 1-5 with five being the highest score. A total of 18 points (at least four total points needed for the two English tests, four points for the two math tests, and six points in the other three tested areas) is required to meet the state graduation requirement along with the credit requirements set up by the state of Ohio and our local Wayne Trace board of education. Our seventh graders will be tested in the areas of reading and math, while our eighth graders will be tested in reading, math, and science. For the third year in a row, the American Institute for Research (AIR) is the company that is being used by the state of Ohio for all assessments in all areas. Testing will occur the second week of April for English Language Arts, and the end of April and early in May for the other tests. We will keep you informed as testing time draws nearer.

Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School is a great place to learn! If you have questions, please do not hesitate in contacting your son/daughter's teachers. We will continuously strive to provide the best education to our students.

#### Congratulations!

Friday, December 1, Wayne Trace seventh and eighth grade students participated in their annual junior high spelling and geography bees. Eighth-grader Faith Meraz, last year's reigning champion, took first place in the spelling bee, correctly spelling "grandiose" and then "atoll." Congratulations to both Faith as well as eighth-grade runner-up, Isaiah Pirani. In the geography bee, seventh grader Mallory Moore was the winner, with Ariel Landwehr as the runner-up. Congratulations to these ladies as well!

### Students of the Month

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for October: 7th Grade: Laura Thornell; 8th Grade: Karlie Simindinger; 9th Grade: Greg Lammers; 10th Grade: Carl Kueschall; 11th Grade: Madison Coyne; and 12th Grade: Megan Moore. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

### Music Department News

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas concerts and Senior Citizens Dinner in December. Your support of the students in band and choir is truly appreciated! Our students will be very busy once break is over preparing for Solo & Ensemble in St. Marys, which is January 20<sup>th</sup>. All HS Band and Choir students will also start preparing for Large Group Contest held March 9/10.

Pep band is under way - you can hear them at upcoming games on Jan. 4, 12, 18, 23 and 26!

Practice for the spring musical will also start in January! Mark your calendars for March 15-18<sup>th</sup> to see Fiddler on the Roof!

## DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                |                                       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Jan. 3</b>  | <b>Classes Resume</b>                 |
| Jan. 6         | Softball Chicken Noodle Dinner 4-5:30 |
| Jan. 12        | End of 2nd Semester                   |
| <b>Jan. 15</b> | <b>No School MLK Day</b>              |
| <b>Jan. 19</b> | <b>2hr Delay-Staff In Service</b>     |
| Jan. 27        | NHS Dodgeball Tourney 2:00            |
| Jan. 29        | College Credit Plus Parent Mtg 6:00   |

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

### Scholastic Bowl Meets

|         |                  |      |
|---------|------------------|------|
| Jan. 3  | Columbus Grove-T | 4:00 |
| Jan. 4  | Antwerp-H        | 4:30 |
| Jan. 10 | Leipscic-T       | 4:00 |
| Jan. 11 | Edgerton-T       | 4:30 |
| Jan. 17 | Pandora Gilboa-T | 4:00 |
| Jan. 18 | Fairview-H       | 4:30 |
| Jan. 24 | Kalida-T         | 4:00 |
| Jan. 25 | Holgate-H        | 4:30 |
| Jan. 31 | Ottoville-T      | 3:10 |

### Varsity & JV Boys Basketball

|         |                     |      |
|---------|---------------------|------|
| Jan. 4  | Antwerp-H           | 6:00 |
| Jan. 6  | Arlington-H         | 6:00 |
| Jan. 11 | Edgerton-T          | 6:00 |
| Jan. 13 | Delphos Jefferson-H | 6:00 |
| Jan. 18 | Fairview-H          | 6:00 |
| Jan. 20 | Lima Shawnee-T      | 6:00 |
| Jan. 26 | Holgate-H           | 6:00 |
| Jan. 30 | Continental (SN)-H  | 6:00 |

### Freshman Boys Basketball

|         |             |      |
|---------|-------------|------|
| Jan. 4  | Antwerp-H   | 4:30 |
| Jan. 11 | Edgerton-T  | 4:30 |
| Jan. 16 | Ottoville-H | 5:00 |
| Jan. 18 | Paulding-H  | 5:00 |
| Jan. 25 | Holgate-H   | 4:30 |

### JH Boys Basketball

|         |                     |      |
|---------|---------------------|------|
| Jan. 4  | Paulding-H          | 4:30 |
| Jan. 8  | Delphos Jefferson-T | 5:00 |
| Jan. 11 | Edgerton-H          | 4:30 |
| Jan. 16 | Van Wert-H          | 5:00 |
| Jan. 18 | Tinora-T            | 4:30 |
| Jan. 23 | Antwerp-H           | 5:00 |

### Varsity & JV Girls Basketball

|         |                       |      |
|---------|-----------------------|------|
| Jan. 5  | Antwerp-T             | 6:00 |
| Jan. 8  | Lima Shawnee-T        | 6:00 |
| Jan. 12 | Edgerton-H            | 6:00 |
| Jan. 15 | LCC-H                 | 6:00 |
| Jan. 19 | Fairview-T            | 6:00 |
| Jan. 23 | Delphos Jefferson-H   | 6:00 |
| Jan. 25 | Holgate-T             | 6:00 |
| Jan. 29 | Liberty Center (SN)-H | 6:00 |

### JH Girls Basketball

|         |              |       |
|---------|--------------|-------|
| Jan. 4  | Ottoville-T  | 5:00  |
| Jan. 8  | Tinora-H     | 5:00  |
| Jan. 11 | Antwerp-T    | 5:00  |
| Jan. 16 | Ayersville-T | 5:00  |
| Jan. 18 | Paulding-H   | 5:00  |
| Jan. 20 | GMC-H        | 10:00 |
| Jan. 22 | GMC-H        | 5:45  |
| Jan. 27 | GMC-H        | 10:00 |

### High School Wrestling

|         |                    |      |
|---------|--------------------|------|
| Jan. 6  | Troy Inv-T         | 9:30 |
| Jan. 19 | Van Buren Inv-T    | 5:00 |
| Jan. 20 | Van Buren Inv-T    | 9:30 |
| Jan. 26 | LCC Inv-T          | 5:30 |
| Jan. 27 | LCC Inv-T          | 9:30 |
| Jan. 30 | Antwerp @ Paulding | 6:00 |

### JH Wrestling

|         |                    |       |
|---------|--------------------|-------|
| Jan. 6  | Antwerp Inv-T      | 9:30  |
| Jan. 13 | Ayersville Inv-T   | 9:00  |
| Jan. 20 | Wauseon-T          | 10:00 |
| Jan. 30 | Antwerp @ Paulding | 6:00  |