



# WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

As I open this month's edition of the newsletter I want to extend congratulations to each member of the Wayne Trace Class of 2018. On Sunday May 27, this class became the 46<sup>th</sup> class to cross the stage and receive their diplomas from Wayne Trace High School. While we celebrated the commencement ceremony and concluded this chapter of their educational careers we want all members of this class to know that we will be here for support in their next step in their young lives. We are proud that they called Wayne Trace home for the past thirteen years and want them to know they will always be a RAIDER!

The close of the school year also brings with it the anxiety of the student body to be able to enjoy the coming summer months. However, I want to be sure to include how great it has been to also see these students show off what they have learned over the course of the 2017-2018 school year. I have been fortunate enough to attend several end of year programs where our student body was able to convey the knowledge they had gained to other students, staff, and stakeholders. I am a firm believer that in education we need to work to allow our students the opportunity to share what they have learned with others as this is one of the best ways to positively reinforce the learning.

As we begin to plan for the 2018-2019 school year, one of the first items we are working to prepare for the return of the students is our technology. Specifically we are moving into the fifth year of the 1:1 program at the junior/senior high. In order to keep the most up to date technology in the hands of our students the Board has graciously approved the purchase of new laptops and chrome books for this initiative. Our technology staff, along with their summer helpers will be working with the new devices to make certain they are ready for the student body when they return. Many thanks to our Technology Coordinator Ashton Duer and our Classroom Technology Specialist JoEllen Sission for their continued work to keep our district technology at the level that is needed to assist in the education of our students.

In looking at curriculum for the coming school year, our staff has been working with their building principals and our curriculum coordinator to ensure that our coursework is up to date with the current Ohio Department of Education standards. As a district we are also pleased to continue to offer our students the opportunity to enroll in our on-line learning lab. Once enrolled the students have an alternate path for earning high school credits in a nontraditional format. A unique opportunity is also provided to the students as they can earn college credits without ever leaving the Wayne Trace campus. We continue to see our students being successful in both the high school level coursework and the college level coursework. Students may enroll for a portion of their day or for the entire day and are also able to retain eligibility for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Our new curriculum/testing coordinator Tim Manz will oversee this program for our district with assistance from our junior/senior high administrative and guidance team. We encourage those who might have questions to reach out to these staff members by contacting the high school office.

Our performing arts department closed out their year with a nice concert by both the junior high and high school students. A unique twist was added to the high school concert as the fifth and sixth grade students were incorporated into their performance. A special thank you goes to Miss Sharon Spinner, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, Mrs. Ann Weiland and Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell for all the hard work that they put in this year with our performing arts students at the varying levels.

In closing, I want to again extend my thanks to the Wayne Trace community for the support that you have shown of our students and staff over the school year. Several times over the course of this year I have witnessed our community come together to meet the needs of our students, staff and stakeholders. We are truly blessed to have the high quality staff members we do in our district, who make it their goal each day to provide all students with a quality education and assist them in becoming productive citizens.

If there are 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

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

### PAYNE ELEMENTARY- Jody Dunham, Principal

Thank you families and students for a wonderful school year! We are so proud of what the students have learned and accomplished and we know that it would not have happened without the support of the families.

We wish the sixth grade students the very best as they transition to the Junior High School. The sixth grade class is filled with wonderful scholars, athletes and musicians. Most of all, the class has students of integrity and character. We anticipate great things in the future from this class! We will miss you!

#### Summer Ideas

All students are encouraged to visit their local library this summer to continue reading their favorite books. Reading is such an important life skill! Please keep in mind that the Payne Community Library has books that are part of our Accelerated Reader program.

The hours of the Payne Community Library are:  
Monday & Tuesday 12:00-7:30  
Wednesday - Friday 10:00-5:00  
Saturday 9:00-1:00

#### For Your Planning

Applications for kindergarten students will continue to be accepted in June and August. Please call 419-263-2512 to register your child.

The Payne Elementary school office will be open for a few weeks in June and then again beginning the first of August. The first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be August 22.

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

First, the GH staff and I would like to thank the PTO and parents who made Carnival/Olympic Day a huge success. The time and effort put into ensuring this day are full of fun and excitement for the GH students are much appreciated. The PTO does so much throughout the school year for the students and staff; we want you to say THANK YOU.

As this year ends, the WTGH staff is also preparing for next year. Watch for the August newsletter or WTGH website for any information concerning the 2018-2019 school year. To help as you get ready for next year, we have placed the school supply list on the site.

In closing, the GH staff, students, and I would like to congratulate Mrs. Claudia Elliott. Two years ago, we felt a need to recognize a community member who is an outstanding role model and example for the students. The first recipient was Ruth Stoller, who received her award last year. This year we have decided to honor Claudia Elliott, who does so much for the Grover Hill students. Congratulations and thank you, Mrs. Elliott, for being someone who has set an example for us all.

In closing, I would like to wish the students, staff, and community an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

Another school year has quickly come to a close. There were 61 seniors who became Wayne Trace graduates following the ceremony on May 27. The Wayne Trace class of 2018 has left their mark and I want to wish every graduating senior the very best in their future endeavors.

With the close of this school year, we are very excited about the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. There will be a familiar face returning to the teaching staff as Mrs. Kara Kelly will be back as a high school English teacher. I would like to thank Mrs. Laura Steffen and Mr. Lyn Bell for serving as our ninth grade and eleventh grade English teachers respectively, this past year. Their hours of planning and teaching impacted our students' lives. Also, Mrs. Diane Gordon and Mrs. Rose Ann Hall will retire from their present positions as head cashier and head cook at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. We wish Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Hall the very best in retirement and thank them for the years of service to our students and staff over their careers here at WTJH/HS.

As most of you are aware, Mr. Michael Myers will be taking over the position of high school principal and Mr. Brock Howe will assume the role of junior high/assistant high school principal for the 2018-2019 school year. They are very capable young men and I wish them my best as they meet the challenges that lie ahead in the world of education.

Congratulations to the high band for receiving a superior (I) rating and the choir an excellent (II)

rating at the OMEA state contest. Both groups gave tremendous performances and have had an outstanding year. A huge thanks to Ms. Sharon Spinner and Mrs. Joni Wenninger who lead these outstanding performers.

I would like to finish the 2017-2018 school year and my 37 years in education by recognizing and thanking the adults that play such an important part in the education of our young people at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School: faculty, secretaries, technology specialists, paraprofessionals, cooks, custodians, bus drivers, coaches, and aides. All of these people impact the lives of our youth and we can't thank them enough for their dedication and service.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break. Also, I trust that the 2018-2019 school year will be the best ever for the students and staff of Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School!

### Athletic Department News

Dr. Kuhn will be doing Sports Physicals at Wayne Trace on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at WT High School. The cost of physicals will be \$15. Checks should be made out to Paulding Co. Hospital. The schedule for physicals is:

High School Boys 8:00-9:30 a.m.  
Jr. High Boys 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Break for Lunch 11:00-12:30 p.m.  
High School Girls 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Jr. High Girls 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Physical forms can be picked up in the Athletic Dept. or the Central Office. These need to be signed by your parents and brought the day of physicals and turned back into the Athletic Dept. This is the preferred time to arrive; however, if a student cannot make it at their scheduled time, or would like to come with a sibling, they can come anytime from 8:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m. on that date.

### Raider Kids Football Camp

Session 1—Entering grades 1st - 4th  
Thursday, July 26th 6-8pm  
Session 2—Entering grades 5th - 8th  
Friday, July 27th 6-8pm

This is a free camp at Wayne Trace High School put on by the high school, junior high and little league coaches. For questions, please contact Mike Speice, Head football coach 419-399-2411.

**Have a fun and safe summer!**

**We look forward to seeing you  
all next school year on the first  
day of school: August 22, 2018**

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