



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

As I begin this writing I find it hard to believe that we have come to the final month in our 2016-2017 school year. I want to begin this month's edition of the newsletter by congratulating all our seniors in the Class of 2017! This next month will be a very exciting time as you finish up your high school career and begin to embark on the next step of your life. For some this will mean working through the summer months to earn an income prior to beginning the next step in your education. For others it will mean beginning a career or joining a branch of the military where you will protect and serve our nation. No matter what this next step of life includes for each of you, I am confident that if you use the skills that you have gained in your education thus far you will be successful. Please remember, though your educational experience may be coming to an end here at Wayne Trace, you are prepared to be a lifelong learner and continue to gain valuable skills which will assist you throughout your career path, no matter what direction you choose to take.

As the end of the year approaches so does our commencement ceremony for our seniors. We will celebrate the accomplishments of the Wayne Trace Class of 2017 on May 28 at 2:30 in the high school gym. Each year this event is something to look forward to as we have the opportunity to reflect back on the events that have shaped the lives of each member the graduating class. We invite all those who wish to attend to do so and assist us in this celebration.

As I have mentioned in previous updates, as the end of the school year approaches so does the annual testing season for our students. From roughly the middle of April through the middle of May our students at all levels are engaged in various assessments. Most if not all of these assessments have shifted to an online format. Our technology department, principals, teachers, and students have worked hard to prepare for this time of year. I want to commend all those involved as this process has been one that has taken much effort and teamwork to be certain the testing runs smooth. A reminder to those with upcoming assessments, good attendance, attention, and attitude will assist you in being successful both on the assessments and as you continue your educational endeavors. As the results of these assessments are released to our district personnel we will be certain to get this information out to students and parents in a timely manner.

While the testing season is upon us, our student athletes are also enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather as the spring sports seasons are in full swing. I encourage you to take the opportunity to get outside and attend one of our spring sporting events. A full schedule of these events can be found on our website.

In looking at the school calendar, the weather has cooperated and we are currently on track to end our school year on May 25. To this point we have been fortunate as the lower number of delays and cancellations have not required us to make up any time. If this should change in the coming month, we will keep you updated through the instant alert system and through communication from each building. As has been the past practice, we will release students 1 hour early on our final day of school, May 25.

As I wrap up this writing, I want to be sure to make you aware of a few upcoming events. Please mark your calendar to attend the Senior Awards evening which will be held in the high school gymnasium on May 11 at 7:00 p.m. May 16 is a busy day for our elementary students as at the Wayne Trace Grover Hill building students will present their spring program at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. On the same date at the Wayne Trace Payne Elementary building students will present their Night at the Arts at 6:00 p.m. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to attend events within our district which will showcase our students' talents.

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!

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

PAYNE ELEMENTARY—Jody Dunham, Principal

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is upon us. It's been an outstanding year of teaching and learning. The month of May will be filled with fun learning experiences to reward the students for their amazing accomplishments!

State Assessments Update

On May 3 and 4, students in Grades 4-6 will take the End of Year Ohio Social Studies and Science Assessments. As always, please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest the night before and a nutritious breakfast each morning.

Spring Programs

The first and second grade students will present their spring program at 1:30 on Friday, May 5. The theme for the program this year is "Journey Into Outer Space." Mr. O'Donnell and his students are very excited and hope that you will come to see their program.

On May 16, "A Night at the Arts" is scheduled from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This evening will feature all Payne Elementary students in preschool through sixth grade. Families are encouraged to arrive and be present in the gym at 6:00 for an opening performance that you won't want to miss! After the opening event, families and their students will be dismissed to explore up to nine stations. Student work will be displayed throughout the first floor of the building. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and water will be available to students and their families. Doors will open at 5:30.

The Traditional Kindergarten classes will end their school year with a program for family and friends at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23. The Young Kindergarten class will have their program at 12:30 that same day.

Finally, on May 23 at 6:30 p.m., the Payne Elementary band students will join their peers from Grover Hill Elementary at Wayne Trace High School to present their spring concert. We look forward to this special evening!

Annual May Events

The staff verses sixth grade students softball game is scheduled at 1:30 on May 18 and the annual Olympic Day for students is scheduled at 1:30 on May 23. The End of the Year Awards Assemblies are planned for May 24. Grades 1-3 is scheduled for 9:30 and Grades 4-6 for 1:30.

Families are always welcome to attend these events!

Safety Drill

As you know, safety plans and drills are a routine part of the educational process. I try very hard to keep the students, staff, families and community informed of the hard work that goes into this planning and preparedness at WTPE. At the end of the day on May 19, students will once again be evacuated to our primary evacuation location. Students will load their bus at that location and be transported home. Students that are typically picked up at school or walk home from school will be transported back to WTPE for their regular dismissal. It is very important to regularly practice these drills and your faithful support is much appreciated.

GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

As the calendar flips to show the month of May, the students and staff realize another school year is coming to a close. As we look at the calendar, we notice many end-of-year activities taking place. We would like for you take some time and read over the many different events below and mark your calendar for those you would like to attend.

This is only the second year for VIP Day, and it has been very successful. We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to be a student's VIP. You may not realize how much it means to the students to have you take time out of a busy schedule to share a school day with them. At this time, we have one grade level yet to hold VIP Day. The sixth-grade students have set May 17th as their VIP Day. We hope that if you are invited by a sixth-grade student, you will come and enjoy May 17th with them.

The first of many May activities will be the sixth-grade students' visit to the Jr./Sr. High School for their orientation on Friday, May 12. Mr. Nofziger, Mrs. Franz, and Mr. Langhals have put together a very informative afternoon for them. They will take a bus to the high school at 12:00 and will spend the remainder of the day at the high school getting acquainted with the high school building and operations. At the end of the day, the sixth-grade students will be dismissed from the high school and will not be returning to Grover Hill Elementary.

This year's first, second and third-grade students will be presenting their spring program on Tuesday, May 16. There will be two performances of this program. The first performance is at 2:00 with the second performance at 7:00. Mrs. Wieland and her students have put many hours into preparing for this program, and so we can expect another great 1-3 music program. We want to encourage each of you to take time out of your busy schedules to come and see one or both performances. We know that parking space is limited, but we ask that you not park in front of the houses on Perry Street.

Our fifth and sixth-grade band students will take part in the Spring Band Concert along with the high school band. The band and choir program is on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30. We hope you can attend as the students have been practicing all year, and this will be their chance to show how good they have become.

The WTGH Kindergarten program is on Tuesday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m.. The kindergarten teachers and Mrs. Wieland have put together an end of the year program. This is a very talented kindergarten class and we hope that you will join us for this very special day.

This year the PTO Carnival and Olympic Day will be held on Wednesday, May 24. Carnival and Olympic Day is always an exciting time as the PTO will have a variety of activities planned for the students. At this time, we would like to thank the PTO for everything they do for the Grover Hill students.

This year's grades 1-3 & 4-6 awards assemblies will be held Thursday, May 25. The awards assembly for grades 1-3 will be at 9:00 a.m. The awards program for grades 4-6 will take place at 10:00. We would like to welcome all parents, family, and community members to join us for these assemblies.

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

The 2016-2017 school year is quickly coming to a close with our final student day scheduled for Thursday, May 25, and graduation set for Sunday, May 28, at 2:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Congratulations to all of the seniors and their parents for the hard work and perseverance required to make this day a reality. My hope is that our seniors recognize the value of education and that learning never ends!

Our students will finish up their state testing the first week of May. We test the first thing in the morning for approximately 90 minutes. The periods are rearranged throughout the testing days so our students who are testing do not miss the same classes. Our students are working hard and appear to be giving their best effort.

Our juniors and seniors will enjoy a special time on Saturday, May 6, as the prom will be taking place here in the junior high school gym. After-prom will take place at the Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

We have several opportunities to recognize academic success and enjoy the talents of our students. The annual senior awards will take place on May 11 at 7:00 p.m. The junior high band and choir will hold their spring concert at 7:00 p.m. on May 22 and the high school band and choir concert will be on May 23 at 6:30 p.m. followed by an awards ceremony. Both concerts will be in the high school gymnasium. Our seniors at Vantage will be recognized with their awards ceremony at the NPAC in Van Wert on May 19.

Please come and support our students by attending the remaining concerts, ballgames, and track meets as we close an excellent year at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School.

Guidance Department News

Wayne Trace Graduation will be Sunday, May 28, at 2:30 p.m. We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our students in the Class of 2017!

Safe Start Driving School is offering a few classes as they transition to the new owner. Classes will be conducted at the Antwerp office and will be offered May 1-4 and 8-11 from 5:00-8:15 p.m.; June 5-8 and 12-15 from 8:00-11:15 a.m.; and July 5-7 and 10-14 from 8:00-11:15 a.m. For more information, call 419-258-1069.

Scholarship information is available at on the website (waynetrace.org) on the Guidance page via the High School. ACT information can be found at act.org. Students are able to find testing dates, sites, and register for the test online. The next test date is June 10 and registration deadline is May 5.

Music Department News

Congratulations to the HS Band and HS Choir for making it to OMEA State Contest Event! Reminder for all students signed up for HS Choir next school year, registration for the New York trip in March 2018 must be done by May 15.

May Dates:

- May 5 OMEA Contest at Fostoria HS – 8th grade choir performs at 6:00 p.m. ; JH band performs at 7:40 p.m.
- May 12 OMEA Contest at Parkway School – 7th grade boys & girls choirs perform
- May 22 JH Band & Choir Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m. in the HS Gym
- May 23 HS Band & Choir, 5th & 6th Grade Band Spring Concert – 6:30 p.m. in HS Gym
- May 29 HS Band at Payne & Grover Hill Memorial Day Ceremonies

Athletic Department News

Wayne Trace Athletic Department is offering "Parent Ads" for the 2017-18 Fall Sports Program. This is for parents of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School students. You may purchase an "ad" for your Jr./Sr. High School 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.

Sports physicals will be available at Wayne Trace High School on Tuesday, June 20. Following is a preferred schedule; 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.

- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - High School boys
- 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Jr. High boys
- 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch Break
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - High School girls
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Jr. High girls

Dr. Kuhn will be doing the physicals again this year, and the cost is \$15. Checks should be made out to: Paulding Co. Hospital. Physical forms are available in the Athletic Department or High School office at Wayne Trace. These need to be signed by the student's parent or guardian.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 3/4 Gr. 4-6 End of Year Social Studies and Science Assessments
- May 5 PE-1st & 2nd gr. Spring Program 1:30
- May 5 JH OMEA Choir & Band Contests at Fostoria
- May 6 Prom in JH gym 8:00
- May 8-13 8th gr. Washington DC trip
- May 11 Senior Awards Night 7:00
- May 12 6th gr. orientation at Jr. High 12:00
- May 12 JH OMEA Choir Contest at Parkway
- May 16 PE-"A Night at the Arts" 6:00-8:00
- May 16 GH-Gr. 1-3 Spring Program 2:00 & 7:00
- May 17 GH-6th gr. VIP Day
- May 18 PE-Staff vs. 6th gr. softball game 1:30
- May 18/19 Seniors' Exams
- May 19 Vantage Senior Awards at NPAC
- May 22 JH Band & Choir Spring Concert 7:00 in HS gym
- May 23 PE-Traditional Kindergarten program 9:30
- May 23 PE-Young Kindergarten program 12:30
- May 23 PE-Olympic Day 1:30
- May 23 GH-Kindergarten program 1:30
- May 23 HS Band & Choir and 5th/6th gr. Band Spring Concert 6:30 in HS gym
- May 24 PE-End of Year Awards assemblies-gr. 1-3 at 9:30 & gr. 4-6 at 1:30
- May 24 GH-PTO Carnival & Olympic Day
- May 25 GH-Awards Assemblies gr. 1-3 9:00; gr. 4-6 10:00
- May 25 **LAST DAY OF CLASSES—1 HR. EARLY DISMISSAL**
- May 28 Graduation 2:30 in HS gym
- May 29 HS Band at Memorial Day Parades at Payne & Grover Hill
- Aug. 23 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2017-2018**

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Baseball

- May 1 Delphos St. Johns-H 5:00
- May 2 Delphos Jefferson-H 5:00
- May 4 Antwerp at Tin Caps Stadium 4:30
- May 5 LCC-T 5:00
- May 8 Parkway-T 5:00
- May 12 Miller City-H 5:00

JV Baseball

- May 2 Paulding-T 5:00
- May 5 Van Wert-H 5:00
- May 8 Antwerp-H 5:00
- May 9 Hicksville-H 4:30
- May 11 Ayersville-T 4:30

Varsity Softball

- May 1 Elida-H 5:00
- May 2 Paulding-H 4:30
- May 4 Wauseon-T 5:00
- May 5 Lincolnview-T 5:00
- May 8 Celina-H 5:00

JV Softball

- May 1 Elida-T 5:00
- May 2 Delphos Jefferson-T 5:00
- May 3 Crestview-T 5:00
- May 5 Lincolnview-H 5:00
- May 9 Paulding-H 4:30
- May 11 Defiance-H 5:00
- May 12 Coldwater-T 5:00

Varsity Track

- May 2 Crestview/Del. SJ/Pldg.-H 5:00
- May 5 Antwerp Inv.-T 4:30
- May 8 WT Relays-H 4:30
- May 12 GMC at Ayersville 4:00
- May 15 County Meet at Antwerp 4:30

JH Track

- May 1 Crestview/OG/Pldg. at Pldg. 4:30
- May 4 Ayers./Hicks./Fairview-H 5:00
- May 16 GMC at Hicksville 4:00