



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE By BENJAMIN A. WINANS

Wayne Trace Local Schools is off to another great start, as we look to promote high academic expectations and provide students with a safe learning environment. Students returned to our three campuses on August 23 for what is shaping up to be another great school year.

The expectations will be set high for our students for their academic achievement and our staff will work to implement various techniques to assist students in meeting these high standards. Much conversation has surrounded these content standards in previous years, but what we know for sure is that the Ohio Department of Education will use these standards to measure our growth as a district, via state-mandated tests and reporting measures. We as a district are constantly adjusting our practices to deal with the changes that are coming to us from the state level, as our teachers and school officials continue to make the necessary efforts to meet the academic expectations of the Wayne Trace Community.

Student safety is always a major concern of our district. As we start the new school year we begin to be on the lookout for potential weather hazards that may force us to adjust school schedules. Weather forces us to make decisions concerning if it is safe enough to get students to school. Please know we will work with the Sheriff's office and the other neighboring schools to assist us in our decision making process. However we ask that you remember that weather patterns can change quickly, which may lead to our staff needing to make decisions based upon these weather changes. Just as weather patterns can change, so too can conditions in our very large district. While it may be clear in some areas of the district, other areas may be experiencing totally different weather patterns. Please know that our bus driver's first concern is the safety of each student on the bus and they will take the necessary precautions to make sure travel conditions are safe before they proceed. If your student drives to school, ultimately you as the parent have the control. In extenuating circumstances if you believe conditions are not safe for your child to drive please contact the school. The safety of each student in traveling to and from school is a top priority of the district.

Here at Wayne Trace we also want to provide a safe environment within our school buildings. Please be sure that if your child feels as though they are being unfairly treated by others, that these behaviors are reported to school officials. As a district we will investigate the situation and work to correct any unnecessary disruptions to the learning experience here at Wayne Trace Local Schools. We will ask for your cooperation in dealing with these situations.

As I mentioned in my opening address to our staff, schools that operate with high levels of collaboration and communication can reach high levels of performance. One of our goals as a district is to communicate with our stakeholders and provide collaboration to meet your needs. This communication and collaboration needs to follow the correct process. Should you have concerns about something that is taking place in the classroom, we ask that you first contact the classroom teacher to assist you. If there are concerns on the athletic field, please reach out to the coach of the sport in question. In each of these cases if you are not satisfied with the response you receive you may contact the next person in the chain of command. Our building principals and athletic director are in their positions to assist you if your concerns are not met. If you are still not satisfied with their response I will also listen to your concerns. However, I will seek out those district representatives whom you have worked with to attempt to resolve any issues and be certain that they are involved in our conversations as well. Contacting the proper person will result in communication that will allow you as a parent or community member to see timely results to issues.

We recently wrapped up another successful Staff Hall of Fame induction ceremony. We were pleased to add Elaine Harp and Janet Priest to the list of Staff Hall of Fame Members here at Wayne Trace. Another annual event that we are anticipating is Homecoming which will be held on Friday, September 22. The evening festivities will kick off prior to the football game with Fairview as the coronation of this year's king and queen will take place at 6:30. On Saturday, September 23 the annual Homecoming Dance will take place starting at 7:00. There will also be the annual Homecoming events for student scheduled throughout the week, coordinated by the high school student council who is under the direction of Mrs. Annette Sinn. Our hope is that all students can participate in these events and celebrate another successful Homecoming week.

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!

Laurie DeLong, Student Services/Early Learning

Congratulations to the Little Raiders Preschool Staff for the award of a 5 Star Rating for Step Up to Quality! This rating is awarded by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Our Preschool Program was recognized for promoting learning and development programs that meet stringent child development standards that exceed licensing and health and safety regulations. Our Preschool staff includes Susan Backus, Sara Linder, Maddi Moore, Denise Shouse, Stacy Betzer, and Sherray Eickholt.

If you have questions regarding special needs programs, psychologists, therapists (speech, occupational, physical, vision), nursing, parent mentor, and preschool I can be reached at Grover Hill Elementary (419-587-3414 ext. 330).

Elementary Title I Reading Program

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:

- Reading Diagnostic score of "not on track" for grade level
- Standardized reading score of limited or basic in any given reading area
- AimsWeb reading assessment indicating "at risk" in any given reading area
- Star Reading test indicating below grade level reading placement
- Teacher criteria checklist indicating classroom performance below expected level
- 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 I folder under Quick Links on our school's website. If you should you have any questions, at Payne Elementary please contact Title I teacher April Krouse or Mrs. Dunham and at Grover Hill Elementary please contact Title I teacher Mrs. Bauer or Mr. Wilson.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

PAYNE ELEMENTARY— Jody Dunham, Principal

We wish to sincerely thank the families and Payne community for an exciting and positive start to the school year!

September Events at WTPE

On September 25 at 1:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join us for the "Basketball Jim Jones" assembly which promotes positive character development and support for academic achievement. This is a great opportunity to team together in support of all students.

The Paulding County Sheriff's Department is bringing the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program back to us this year. This program for our fifth grade students begins September 1 and will last twelve weeks. We appreciate the support of the Sheriff's Department!

The Blessings for Raiders program will return to WTPE in mid-September. Please complete the application that was sent home with your child and return it to the school office. We wish to thank the Paulding County United Way and the Defiance Area Youth for Christ for their support of this program. Blessings for Raiders provides weekend food to students.

Dismissal for Students Being Picked Up

We wish to thank the families for being patient, helpful and prompt with picking up their students using the new dismissal procedure at the end of the school day. Families are encouraged to enroll in this program if they plan to pick up their child after school, even if pick up will be random occurrences. Please contact the office to register for a car number and book bag tags.

Volunteers Needed!

We encourage you to contact us to be a Volunteer at Payne Elementary. (419-263-2512) Volunteers are needed to work with all students ranging from Young Kindergarten to grade six. We look forward to hearing from you soon to partner in the education of all students!

GROVER HILL ELEM. - Kevin Wilson, Principal

It has been great having the students back in the building for what is expected to be a great school year. I would like to thank the GH Fire Department and EMS for the delicious breakfast they supplied for our first day back. Your gesture is greatly appreciated.

Life Touch will be here for school pictures on Tuesday, September 12 to take pictures of the preschool students and again on Wednesday, September 13 to take pictures of preschool thru 6th-grade students. If you need a school picture packet, please call the elementary office.

The GH PTO fundraiser begins September 1 and ends on September 15. All money raised goes toward paying for assemblies, field trips

and reward days. I want to thank the PTO for their assistance in purchasing some needed fibar for the playground. This additional fibar looks great and has made the playground a safer place for the students.

This year both the 4th and 5th grade students will be attending educational opportunities sponsored by the Paulding OSU Extension and the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District. The 4th graders will head to the Paulding County Fair Grounds on Thursday, September 21st for Farm Safety Day. Then on Friday, September 22nd it will be the 5th grade students opportunity. The 5th grade students Field Day sponsored by the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District educates the students on forestry, water quality, geology, agriculture, farm safety, pollinators, livestock, and wildlife. We would like to thank both the OSU Extension and Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District for offering these educational experiences.

Again this year VIP Day is scheduled for each grade level. On VIP day, students will invite their VIP to come to school for a visit for a portion of a class and then lunch. Kindergarten VIP day will be on Wednesday, September 27. Information about this day will be sent home in a letter from the kindergarten teachers.

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

It has been a terrific start to the 2017-2018 school year. We are pleased to have a few new students and staff, along with another class of seventh graders, added to our returning students and staff at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School. I look forward to a great year as we help our young people develop into life-long learners and responsible citizens.

Mr. Michael Myers is our new assistant high school/junior high principal. He will be responsible for the day-to-day attendance and discipline of the building and oversees the junior high students and staff. I will continue to be the principal of grades 7-12 with primary focus on the high school students and staff. Mr. Myers and I have met with all of the students and staff to explain our roles and vision for success at Wayne Trace.

The seniors in the class of 2018 are the first students required to have taken 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. Each of the seven exams are scored on a scale from one to five (five being the highest). A total of 18 points 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. Every student graduating after 2018 will be held to the same standards.

I want to thank all parents who have completed the forms necessary for your sons and daughters to attend Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School. As a reminder, we must have emergency medical information on each student. Parents, if you have not filled an emergency medical form out, please do as soon as possible. If it has been misplaced, please contact us and we will make sure you receive one immediately. Also, if you believe that your son or daughter would qualify for a free or reduced lunch, please complete the form and return it to our office.

We strive to provide the best possible education that the students and parents of Wayne Trace Local deserve. Raider Pride! Go Raiders!

Guidance Department News

The parents of seniors meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28th in the Lecture Hall. Mrs. Franz will talk about general information concerning the senior year from 6:00-6:30 and then from 6:30-7:30 a representative from Ohio Northern will talk about completing the FAFSA (Federal Aid Form) and general scholarship information. Most colleges require parents to fill out the FAFSA in order to be admitted. Parents of juniors and seniors can come to both or just one of these meetings.

Seniors need to have their picture taken for the yearbook and the composite by Gibby's. Gibby's will be here on Thursday, September 7th from 7:15-8:00 a.m. for seniors. Senior girls must wear a dressy top and senior boys must wear a shirt and tie.

Safe Start Driving School is in the process of getting a new owner. Once that is finalized, they will let us know when the next classes are scheduled, and we will put it on announcements.

Vantage will host College Night on October 11th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Over 40 colleges will be represented. This is a great opportunity for students to get information from a lot of colleges in one place.

Music Department News

Great job to our Raider Marching Band members on a fine showing at the Defiance County Fair Band Spectacular on August 21st. Thanks to Ebel Butcher Shop, ByPass Agronomy and Nutra Plus Fertilizer for being our sponsors! We appreciate all who came out to support us and we hope you are able to catch our halftime show during the football games!

Come out to the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival for some great soup, sandwiches, and homemade pie and support the Performing Arts Association! The Festival runs from September 15th through September 17th.

The Music Department will be doing a Little Caesar's Fundraiser beginning September 7th. Please support the choir and band students by purchasing pizza or breadsticks.

Athletic Department News

Check out the new "Parkview Sports Medicine" link on our school website. Go to waynetrace.org and click on athletics. Then choose the Parkview link. It has tweets, schedules, scores, and photos and videos.

Senior Night for all high school sports except volleyball will be October 6 before the varsity football game. Volleyball will have their Senior Night September 7 before the varsity volleyball game.

The Athletic Department will be selling old white football jerseys for \$20 at the home football games.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 4	NO SCHOOL—LABOR DAY
Sept. 5	NO SCHOOL—STAFF IN-SERVICE
Sept. 11	Bd. of Education mtg. 7:30 at HS
Sept. 12	WT-PAC Public mtg. at Grover Hill Elementary at 7:00
Sept. 15	2 HR. DELAY—STAFF IN-SERVICE
Sept. 16	Lima Bath Band Spectacular 7:00
Sept. 18	HS-Powder Puff Football 7:00
Sept. 20	HS-He-Man Volleyball 7:00
Sept. 21	HS-Cookout/Games 6:00; Pep Session 7:00; Bonfire 8:00/Senior Bonfire 9:00
Sept. 22	Homecoming
Sept. 23	HS-Homecoming Dance 7:00
Sept. 28	Senior Parent Meeting 6:00 at HS
Sept. 30	Band competition in New Bremen

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football		
Sept. 1	McComb-H	7:00
Sept. 8	Crestview-H	7:00
Sept. 15	Antwerp-T	7:00
Sept. 22	Fairview-H (Homecoming)	7:00
Sept. 29	Ayersville-T	7:00
JV Football		
Sept. 2	McComb-T	10:00
Sept. 11	Tinora-T	5:00
Sept. 18	Antwerp-T	5:00
Sept. 25	Fairview-H	4:30
Jr. High Football		
Sept. 5	Paulding-T (7th gr.)	5:00
Sept. 7	Fairview-H (8th gr.)	4:30
Sept. 12	Ayersville-T (8th gr.)	5:00
Sept. 14	Fairview-T (7th gr.)	4:30
Sept. 19	Tinora-H (8th gr.)	4:30
Sept. 21	Tinora-T (7th gr.)	4:30
Sept. 26	Edgerton-T (8th gr.)	5:00
Sept. 28	Edgerton-H (7th gr.)	5:00
Varsity & JV Volleyball		
Sept. 5	Antwerp-H	5:30
Sept. 7	Crestview-H (Senior Night)	6:00
Sept. 11	Woodlan-T	6:00
Sept. 12	Fairview-T	5:30
Sept. 14	Ottoville-T	5:30
Sept. 16	Miller City @ Perry	10:00
Sept. 19	Ayersville-H	5:30
Sept. 23	Bryan/VW @Van Wert	10:00
Sept. 26	Holgate-T	5:30
Sept. 30	Lincolnview/Hicksville-H	10:00
Freshman Volleyball		
Sept. 5	Antwerp-H	4:30
Sept. 11	Elida-T	5:00
Sept. 12	Lima Perry-T	5:00
Sept. 14	Tinora-T	4:30
Sept. 16	Hicksville-T	10:00
Sept. 19	Van Wert-H	4:30
Sept. 26	Van Wert-T	4:30
Jr. High Volleyball		
Sept. 5	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Sept. 7	Van Wert-T	5:00
Sept. 11	Holgate-T	5:00
Sept. 12	Paulding-T	5:00
Sept. 14	Ayersville-H	4:30
Sept. 18	Tinora-T	4:30
Sept. 19	Crestview-H	5:00
Sept. 26	Antwerp-T	4:30
Sept. 28	Edgerton-H	4:30
Cross Country		
Sept. 7	Fairview @ Edgerton	4:30
Sept. 9	Spencerville Inv. -T	9:00
Sept. 12	Crestview -T (JH)	5:00
Sept. 16	Ottawa-Glandorf Inv.-T	9:00
Sept. 23	Liberty Center Inv.-T	9:00
Sept. 26	Antwerp/Ayersville/FV/Bryan-H	5:00
Sept. 30	Edgerton Inv.-T	9:00
Boys Golf		
Sept. 7	Holgate-T	4:30
Sept. 11	Tinora-H	4:30
Sept. 14	Ayersville-H	4:30
Sept. 16	Antwerp Inv.-T	9:30
Sept. 19	GMC @ Ironwood	9:30
Girls Golf		
Sept. 7	Antwerp/Hicksville @ Hicksville	4:30
Sept. 11	Tinora-T	4:30
Sept. 12	Fairview -T	4:30
Sept. 19	GMC @ Ironwood	9:30
Sept. 21	WT Invitational-H	4:30
Sept. 23	Allen East-T	TBA