



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

We have begun another school year here at Wayne Trace Local Schools and we again look to promote high academic expectations and provide students with a safe learning environment. Our faculty returned to the three campuses on August 20 and were followed by the students returning on August 22. All are now settling into the routine and we expect another great year in 2018-2019.

The expectations will be set high for our students for their academic achievement and our staff will work to implement various techniques to assist student 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 to 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 you may be aware we have also added another layer to our safety planning through the addition of a School Resource Officer. Our district has partnered with the Paulding County Sheriff's office to dedicate Deputy William Lyons to this role in our district each day. Deputy Lyons will provide our district with a full time officer committed to building positive relationships with students and parents as well as providing a safe and positive learning environment.

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.

For those who were able to attend our opening football game of the season you noted that we conducted another successful Staff Hall of Fame induction ceremony. We were pleased to add Constance Caldwell and Dr. Kevin Miller 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 21. The evening festivities will kick off prior to the football game with Antwerp as the coronation of this year's queen and king will take place at 6:30. On Saturday, September 22 the annual Homecoming Dance will take place starting at 7:00. The will also be the annual Homecoming events for students 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!

Benjamin A. Winans
Superintendent

Laurie DeLong, Student Services/Early Learning
We are in the planning stages of "It's My Turn" self-determination workshops for our students in the JH/HS cross-categorical classroom. The workshops are presented by the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Students With Disabilities, and will cover such important areas as employability, post-secondary options, living skills, and community participation. More information will be coming soon!

Grover Hill and Payne Elementaries are pleased to have received a new 21st Century Grant! The grant will fund a program for any students grades K-6, and will provide tutoring in reading, math, mentoring, snacks, games, and positive youth development. Sessions will be available before and after school. Students invited into the program will receive a letter in September. Additional spots will be available. For information about the program, please email the Program Coordinator, Jan Kohart, at: jkohart@wbesc.org

For questions regarding the Student Services department, which includes special needs programs, psychologist, therapists (speech, occupational, physical, vision), nursing, parent mentor, and preschool, among others, you may call the Special Education office at 419.587.3414, or email delongl@wt.k12.oh.us

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

Off and Running

School has started and the journey has begun! As we enter September, things are running smoothly and the students seem excited for another wonderful school year. I have met many parents and feel right at home here at Payne Elementary. It won't be long before the leaves will begin to turn and fall will be upon us. I won't mention snow until October!!

Open House

Open House was a success. The 3rd Floor Initiative was off and running first on the evening of August 14th. Blake Dunn had this to say, "Kaiden Wilcox is my friend and is in Wolves House with me, and we've been together since Kindergarten!" Blake and Kaden are going to have a GREAT YEAR!

Overseeing the Houses on the 3rd floor this year will be:

Wildcats – Mrs. Wilder
Elephants – Mrs. Stouffer
Wolves – Mr. Wilhelm
Stallions – Mrs. Foster

New Student Registration

We continue to accept student applications for students Preschool through Sixth Grade. Please stop by the district central office or call 419-263-2512 to register your child.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Students may enter the building through the cafeteria door beginning at 8:30 each morning. Breakfast is served 8:30-8:45 in the cafeteria.

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

It is wonderful to have the students back in the building. After a month of quiet preparation, it is good to have the noise and excitement of students walking the hallways again.

Ready set smile, it is time for school pictures. First, Life Touch will be here on Tuesday, September 12 to take pictures of the Tuesday preschool students. Then, Life Touch will return on Wednesday, September 13 to take pictures of preschool thru 6th-grade students. Parents, you should have received school picture information with your Open House information. If you need a school picture packet, you can call the elementary office, and one will be sent home to you.

It is a fundraiser time again. The GH PTO fundraiser begins Friday, August 31 and ends on Friday, September 14. Please note these important dates on your calendar. All money raised from the PTO fundraiser goes toward paying for assemblies, field trips and reward days.

This year both the 4th and 5th-grade students will be attending educational opportunities sponsored by the Paulding OSU Extension, Paulding County, and the Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District. The 4th-grade students will head to the Paulding County Fair Grounds on Thursday, September 27th for Farm Safety Day. Then on Friday, September 28th it will be the 5th-grade student's 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. The teachers and I would like to thank both the OSU Extension and Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District for offering these educational experience to the Paulding County students.

The staff and students at WTGH have enjoyed the many visitors we have had during VIP Days. Again, this years VIP Day is scheduled for each grade level. On VIP day, students will

invite their VIP to come to school for a visit. The visit will not be for an entire school day, but instead will be a portion of a class and then lunch with the student. This year our first VIP day will be on Wednesday, September 26. This day will be VIP day for the kindergarten students. Parents, you will receive information about this day in a letter from their child's teacher. This letter will be sent home about a week before the VIP day.

The Title I reading program is a school-wide, federally funded program that provides additional assistance in reaching reading proficiency. The following criteria are used to select students to participate in the Title I program:

- Ohio Reading Diagnostic score of "Not on Track" or "Further Assessment" for grade level
- Star Reading or Early Literacy test placement of below grade level
- DIBELS reading assessment indicating a need for intensive intervention
- Kindergarten fall testing indicating a student is "at risk."
- Teacher recommendation based on classroom performance
- A standardized reading score of limited or basic in any given reading area

Students may qualify for Title services if they meet at any of these criteria. Students receive an additional 20-30 minutes of reading instruction three or five days a week from highly-qualified teachers. If you have any questions regarding the teachers' qualifications, you may contact Mr. Wilson. Please check out our School-Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Policy in the Title I folder under Quick Links on our school's website: waynetrace.org/2/home. Should you have any questions concerning Grover Hill's Title I program please feel free to contact Mrs. Bauer or Mr. Wilson.

Sincerely,
Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

It has been a terrific start to the 2018-2019 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 Junior/Senior High School. I look forward to a great year as we develop our young people into life-long learners and responsible citizens.

Mr. Brock Howe is our new assistant high school/junior high principal this year. He will be responsible for the day to day attendance and discipline of the building and oversee 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. Howe 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 2019 are required to have taken seven "end of course" exams that the state of Ohio is provided 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 2019 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.

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

Music Department News

Marching band season has begun! Band camp Great job to all our Raider Marching Band members on a fine showing at the Defiance County Fair Band Show on August 20th. We appreciate all who came out to support us and we hope you are able to catch a halftime show during the football season!

The JH Band will have a chance to see what it's like to play during halftime of a high school football game on Friday, Sept 21. They will play with the HS Band during this Homecoming Game!

If you have a chance to come out to the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival, please stop by the 3 Schools In Harmony food stand and get some great soup, a sandwich, and an apple dumpling to help support the Performing Arts Association! The Festival runs from September 21st – 23rd.

The Music Department will be doing a Little Caesar's Fundraiser beginning September 4th. Please support the choir/band students by purchasing pizza or breadsticks – you won't be disappointed! The money raised goes towards the band trip to Florida in 2020 and also pays for the fees for contest for the JH/HS band and choir students, along with many other things!

Mark Saturday, November 10th on your calendar and plan to attend the 6th annual Fine Arts Festival! This will be a night of great food, entertainment, and art displays! There will be more info coming on how to obtain your tickets.

Athletic Department News

WT Homecoming Football game will be held Friday, Sept. 21 when the Raiders take on the Antwerp Archers.

Our Fall Seniors will be honored along with their parents at the Oct. 5th game vs. Ayersville. This will include all fall sports except Volleyball who will have a ceremony to honor their Seniors Monday, October 8th.

The WT Athletic Boosters will be selling Laundry Detergent again this year. You can order your detergent now through Sept. 14 if you would like to support the Boosters and WT Athletics. Order forms are available on the Wayne Trace Athletic Boosters Facebook page. You can also pick up an order form at the 50/50 table at home football games or by contacting any booster member. Thank you and GO RAIDERS!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 3	NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
Sept. 4	HS Sports Picture Day 12:15-3:30
Sept. 6	Jr/Sr High Pictures
Sept. 10	PE Fall Pictures
Sept. 11	Alternate PS Pictures PE & GH
Sept. 11	Jim "Basketball" Jones Assembly @ PE
Sept. 12	GH Fall Pictures
Sept. 15	Band Spectacular @ Defiance HS
Sept. 17	NO SCHOOL-Staff In-Service
Sept. 21	2 HR Delay—Staff In-Service
Sept. 21	Interim Reports Sent Home
Sept. 21	Homecoming
Sept. 29	HS Band Comp @ Ottawa-Glandorf

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football		
Sept. 7	Crestview-T	7:00
Sept. 14	Tinora-H	7:00
Sept. 21	Antwerp (HC)-H	7:00
Sept. 28	Fairview-T	7:00
JV Football		
Sept. 17	Tinora-H	4:30
Sept. 24	Antwerp-H	4:30
Jr. High Football		
Sept. 4	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Sept. 6	Van Wert-H	5:00
Sept. 11	Paulding-H	4:30
Sept. 13	Ayersville-T	4:30
Sept. 17	Tinora-H	4:30
Sept. 18	Crestview-T	5:00
Sept. 25	Antwerp-H	4:30
Sept. 27	Edgerton-T	5:00
Varsity & JV Volleyball		
Sept. 4	Tinora-T	5:30
Sept. 6	Crestview-T	5:30
Sept. 10	Woodlan-H	5:30
Sept. 11	Antwerp-T	5:30
Sept. 13	Ottoville-H	5:30
Sept. 15	MC/Perry-WT	10:00
Sept. 17	Van Wert-T	5:30
Sept. 18	Fairview-H	5:30
Sept. 25	Ayersville	5:30
Sept. 29	Linc/Hicks (JV&V) @ Linc	10:00
Freshman Volleyball		
Sept. 4	Tinora-T	4:00
Sept. 10	Van Wert-H	4:30
Sept. 11	Antwerp-T	4:30
Sept. 17	Van Wert-T	4:30
Sept. 18	Fairview-H	4:30
Jr. High Volleyball		
Sept. 4	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Sept. 6	Van Wert-H	5:00
Sept. 11	Paulding-H	4:30
Sept. 13	Ayersville-T	4:30
Sept. 17	Tinora-H	4:30
Sept. 18	Crestview-T	5:00
Sept. 25	Antwerp-H	4:30
Sept. 27	Edgerton-T	5:00
Cross Country		
Sept. 6	Edg/FV @Edg	4:30
Sept. 8	Spencerville Inv. @Spenc.	9:00
Sept. 11	Crestview (JH)-T	5:00
Sept. 11	Elida Invite (HS)-T	4:30
Sept. 15	OG Inv.-T	9:00
Sept. 22	Lib. Center Inv-T	9:00
Sept. 25	Ayer/FV/Bry @ WT	5:00
Sept. 29	Edgerton Inv-T	9:00
Boys Golf		
Sept. 6	Holgate @ Aug. CC	4:30
Sept. 10	Tinora-T	4:30
Sept. 13	Ayersville-T	4:30
Sept. 15	Pettisville Inv-T	9:00
Sept. 18	GMC @ Ironwood	9:30
Sept. 22	Tinora Inv @ Eagle Rock	TBA
Girls Golf		
Sept. 6	Ant/Hicks/Tin @ Ant	4:30
Sept. 10	Tinora/Antwerp @ Antwerp	4:30
Sept. 13	Willow Bend Tourn @ WB	4:30
Sept. 18	GMC @ Ironwood	10:00
Sept. 20	WT Inv @ WT	4:30