



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

As we turn the calendar to the month of May, we begin our final month of the 2021-2022 school year. It is this time of year where we begin to wonder just where has this school year gone, as it seems as though just yesterday we were welcoming students back into our buildings. Just as these past eight months have passed quickly, this final month will most certainly fly by as well. However, we look forward to this time of year as we begin to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and ultimately celebrate Commencement for our Class of 2022. This is an exciting time for our seniors as they will celebrate with their classmates and then look to begin a career, join the military, or find summer employment to assist them as they travel off to further schooling in the fall. I am certain no matter what path this group determines to take, that success will continue to follow them as they use the skills they have gained in education thus far. To the graduating Class of 2022, please remember though your educational experience may be coming to a close here at Wayne Trace, you are prepared to be a lifelong learner and you will always be a member of our Wayne Trace community.

Above I mentioned the culminating event for the seniors each year which is our annual Commencement ceremony. We will celebrate the accomplishments of the Wayne Trace Class of 2022 on May 22 at 2:30 in the high school gymnasium. Each year this ceremony 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 of the graduating class. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the many accomplishments of this class.

We have all but wrapped up our "testing season" for this school year. We want to extend a very gracious thank you to those who assisted us with providing breakfast to our students on varying days during the state testing. We also want to thank both students and staff for their continued dedication to achieve marks on these tests. Like it or not, these assessments are something we must complete and we thank you all for working together to make this process go as smoothly as possible.

Speaking of seasons, we are about to put a wrap on the spring sports season as well. The weather has been up and down thus far for our athletes as they look to get outside and compete in their sporting events. If you have not had the chance to attend an event, I encourage you to take the opportunity to come and enjoy watching our spring sports athletes compete. A full schedule of events can be found on our website. We wish our spring athletes the best of luck as they enter the end of their season and start down the tournament trail.

Over the course of the year the weather has created some issues for us which has caused us to miss several days of school. However, we have utilized make up days and will not have to extend our calendar for students this school year. We will release students on May 24, 2022 to end the school year. Please be sure to check our website for any calendar information you may need.

I want to make you aware of various upcoming events that will be happening in the district. Our annual Prom will be held in the junior high gym on May 7. Please mark your calendar, as May 12 we will have our senior awards ceremony in the high school gym at 7:00 p.m. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and the many others to attend events within our district which will showcase our student's talents. As always visit our school website to find out what events are upcoming at the various campuses.

Before I close, I would also like to quickly touch on our Master Planning Process which recently included a survey of our community and staff members. We first want to thank all those who participated. The facilities committee recently met to go over the survey results and has since made some recommendations to the Board. The overall consensus from the survey results was that our community believes our district is headed in the right direction and wants to see us remain fiscally responsible, keep our facilities up to date and clean so that we can continue to provide a

great environment for our students to learn in. The Board will be examining the recommendations made by Garmin Miller more in depth and begin to take on projects that will meet the wants of our community. Should you have any questions in regard to this continued process please reach out to any of the facilities committee members or district administrators.

Go Raiders!
Benjamin A. Winans
Superintendent

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

Testing is wrapping up and we are at the beginning of the end. Our students have worked very hard and have done an awesome job completing the state assessments. The students and staff have done an amazing job this year! Let's hope the normalcy continues.

Night of the Arts

Thursday, May 12th, Payne Elementary will be having its fifth annual Night of the Arts!! *All students in grades preschool through 6th grade will be presenting a short program in the gym. Unlike last year, we will have guests in to see the program. There will also be other events following the program and food as well!! This will be a HUGE event for WTPE!*

6th Grade Visit to the Jr. High

Our 6th graders are about to close a chapter in their academic careers here at Payne Elementary. On May 4th they will be visiting the Jr. High and seeing their new academic setting for next year. Good Luck to the future class of 2028!!

Field Trips

The month of May is always the best time for field trips, and we have a few lined up for our students this month. Thank you to the Board of Education for allowing us to schedule field trips safely and give our students an educational experience outside our building!!

Last Days

Our last day for Pre-school will be May 18th & 19th. The last day for grades K-6 will be May 24th.

Breakfast/Lunch

LUNCH will no longer be free beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

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Upcoming Events for May, 2022

- May 4 - 6th Grade visit Jr. High
- May 6 - Battle of the Books @ Paulding County Fairgrounds
- May 6, 13 - Preschool Screening at Grover Hill
- May 12 - Night of the Arts (Public can attend)
- May 18, 19 - Last day for preschool
- May 24 - Last day for students

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Mark Lange, Principal

Greetings from Grover Hill!

By the time you are reading my May article, all of our statewide testing will have been completed for the year. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will have taken assessments in Language Arts and Mathematics, and fifth grade students also must complete an assessment in the area of Science. I am hopeful that our students put forth their best efforts and will make Grover Hill Elementary very proud!

The stakes for our third grade students are very high due to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Students in third grade are given a fall language arts assessment and also a similar assessment in the spring. It is hoped that students will pass one or both of these assessments. If not, students can pass an alternative assessment that is approved by the state. If a student fails to earn a passing score, the Ohio Department of Education deems them ineligible for advancement onto fourth grade. This is part of the state's plan to ensure that all students across Ohio have basic reading skills.

As we wrap up our final month of school, it is field trip time! Each one of our grade levels are

planning day trips to places such as the Toledo Zoo, the Fort Wayne Zoo, Sauder Farm & Craft Village, the Ohio Caverns, and the Ohio & Erie Canal and the Isaac Ludwig Mill. By now, teachers have sent field trip information home with each student and are in the process of collecting permission slips and payments!

The WTGHE PTO will be hosting our annual carnival day on Tuesday, May 24. This is an annual tradition that all of our students look forward to on the last day of school. I want to thank the PTO for their willingness to shoulder much of the work that carnival day requires, and for their continued support of our students. On Monday, May 23, we will be holding our awards assemblies. Awards for students in grades 1-3 will be handed out at 1:00 and grades 4-6 will receive theirs at 2:00. To round out our list of events in May, we will have an assembly hosted by legendary Harlem Globetrotter, Buff Coleman.

Our preschool and kindergarten screenings have been completed, but it is not too late to register your child if you have not yet done so. Please contact Laurie DeLong if you are interested in enrolling your preschooler and contact Kimberly Troth if you have a future kindergartener to register. The number to call is 419-399-4100, option #3 or delongl@waynetrace.org or trothk@waynetrace.org.

Your partner in education,
Mark Lange
WTGHE Principal

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

The 2021-2022 school year is quickly coming to a close with our final student day scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 and graduation set for Sunday, May 22 at 2:30 PM in the high school gymnasium. Graduation practice will be Thursday, May 19 at 8:30 AM. Congratulations to all of our seniors and their parents for meeting the challenges and hard work required to succeed, while maintaining the perseverance necessary to make this day a reality. My hope is that our seniors have come to recognize the value of education and that learning is a life-long process!

Our students are finishing up their state testing the last week of April. 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 7 as the prom will take place in the Wayne Trace junior high school gym. After-prom activities will be held at the Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center in Fort Wayne, IN.

We have several opportunities to recognize academic success and enjoy the talents of our students. The annual senior awards will take place on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 PM. The junior high band and choir will hold their spring concert at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 3 and the high school band and choir concert will be on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 PM. Both concerts will be in the high school gymnasium. There will be a Wayne Trace School District Art Show on Saturday, May 14 from 12 - 3 pm in the Junior High gym. Our seniors at Vantage will be recognized with their awards ceremony at Van Wert High School on Monday, May 23 at 7 pm.

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

Go Raiders!
Mike Myers, Principal

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

SPORTS PHYSICALS - available to all Wayne Trace athletes at Wayne Trace in the Jr. High gym

Tuesday May 17, 2022 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Students can be excused from study hall to get a physical.)

Cost is \$15 (make checks payable to: Paulding County Hospital)

Students should pick up a physical form in Mr. Linder's office and have parent fill out and sign **prior** to physicals. Physicals will be done by Dr. Nigel Hogan and Melanie Banks, CNP

***** ATTENTION *****

Due to Federal legislation changes, beginning with the 2022/2023 school year, meals will no longer be free to all students. Parents will need to visit www.lunchapplication.com to fill out the application for free or reduced meals. All students who do not qualify will be charged full price.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 3 - JH Band/Choir Concert 7:00p in HS Gym
- May 4 - 6th grade visit to Jr/Sr High School
- May 6 - Battle of the Books @ PC Fairgrounds
- May 6 - JH Band and Choir Large Group Contest at Parkway
- May 12 - Night of the Arts @ WTPE
- May 16 - 5th & 6th Grade Band and HS Band/Choir Concert 7:00pm in HS Gym
- May 18/19 - Last day of school for Preschool

- May 22 - Graduation 2:30p in HS Gym
- May 24 - Last Day for Students

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Baseball

May 2	St. Johns - A	5:00
May 3	D. Jefferson - A	5:00
May 6	LCC - H	5:00
May 9	Parkway - H	5:00
May 13	Miller City - A	5:00

JV Baseball

May 3	Paulding - H	5:00
May 5	LCC - A	5:00
May 6	Van Wert - A	5:00
May 9	Liberty Center - A	5:00
May 12	Ayersville - H	5:00
May 13	Leipsic - H	5:00

Varsity Softball

May 2	Elda - A	5:00
May 5	Wauseon - H	5:00
May 6	Lincolnview - H	5:00
May 9	Celina - A	5:00

JV Softball

May 2	Elda - H	5:00
May 3	Allen East - H	5:00
May 4	Crestview - H	5:00
May 6	Lincolnview - A	5:00
May 7	Hilltop DH - H	10:00
May 10	Paulding - A	5:00
May 12	Defiance - A	5:00
May 13	Leipsic - H	5:00

HS Track

May 3	Crest/St. J/Pauld. @ Crest	4:30
May 6	Antwerp Invitational	4:30
May 9	County meet @ WT	4:30
May 13	GMC @ Ayers	4:00

JH Track

May 2	Crest/Ott./Pauld. - H	5:00
May 5	Ayers/Hick/FVWV @ Hicks	4:30
May 10	Paulding Relays @ Pauld.	5:00
May 12	Edg/Hicks/Tinora @ Hicks	4:30
May 17	GMC @ Hicks	4:00

GO RAIDERS!