



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

September brought with it unseasonably warm temperatures for this time of year which makes it very hard to believe the fall season is coming. However, as we welcome in the new month of October we are beginning to see some clear signs of the change in seasons as the leaves begin to change color and the temperature continues to stay cooler. No matter the season, we have had a great opening to the 2021-2022 school year at Wayne Trace. We are pleased to see all our students in the buildings working hard this school year. I want to thank our students, staff and parents for assisting with the start of the school year as we work to create an educational environment where we can see positive outcomes.

If you are in search of information in regard to our school district I encourage you to visit our district website (www.waynetrace.org) as there you will find links to each of our buildings. From these links you can easily access more detailed information in regard to the specific campus. While the website provides you with up to date information, we also want our stakeholders to feel free to contact the respective building principal should questions arise in regard to the educational processes within the district. In the education process, communication plays a vital role in students being successful.

As I touched on in the opening to this month's newsletter we are beginning to see the a few weather related issues that come with the fall season which can create driving hazards. I am certain you are well aware that we have experienced a few days recently where fog has created safety concerns for our travel to school. I want to thank all those involved for their patience in dealing with the various weather situations that we encounter each day. While we cannot predict the weather, we can be sure to make proactive calls in response to the conditions that will allow our students to arrive to school safely each day.

Academically, we continue to work toward the achievement goals that are set by the Ohio Department of Education. With the recent release of our scores on assessments from last school year, our administrative staff is working very closely with our teaching staff to examine the data. While Wayne Trace Local Schools as a whole performed well on many of the measures, we will continue to find areas in which we can improve. This provides us with a snapshot of the entire district which we value, however we also strive to meet the individual needs of each student within the district.

As a reminder our school calendar includes several scheduled two-hour delays for teacher in-service, which allow our staff the opportunity to break down the student data and really dig into it. Please note that we will have our next scheduled two-hour delay on October 22, which will be followed by additional scheduled two-hour delays on December 10, February 11, March 18 and April 22. Our busses will run two hours late on each of these Fridays with school starting two hours later than normal. We appreciate your cooperation as we use this in-service time allow us to better prepare to be certain our students are successful.

As we approach the month of November and the fall election I want to remind all stakeholders that we will have a meet the candidate night on October 26 to allow the public to hear from all candidates running for the Wayne Trace School Board. This event will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym and is open to the public.

In closing, I want to thank all of our students and parents for a great start to the school year. As I have conversations with our staff members I am hearing great things about the behavior, efforts and overall attitudes of our

students. When students display these characteristics it makes the educational process that much easier and much more productive.

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

Student Services/Early Learning Mrs. Laurie DeLong, Director

We would like to extend our thanks and very best wishes to Rita Licardi, our English Language Tutor, as she has moved to a different assignment within the Western Buckeye ESC area. We are appreciative of the work she has established, and her care for students and families at the Grover Hill, Payne, and JH/HS buildings. With Rita's departure, we would like to welcome Kelly Klopfenstein as our new ESL tutor.

Grover Hill and Payne preschool families are invited to an upcoming Coffee & Dessert Parent training about movement and sensory pathways. Free, fun take-home materials will be given to each family. Information about this event will be sent home with the students.

If you would like to contact our new ESL tutor, have questions about preschool, or special education, you may call the special services office at 419-587-3414, extension 330.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

Payne Elementary has had a wonderful start to the school year. We have already reached the halfway point of our first nine weeks. Our first quarter will end on October 15th, and we will begin to get into fall testing and the holiday season.

Our annual Halloween Parade is tentatively scheduled for October 29th at 1:45PM. We expect this year's parade to be spectacular, and the staff and students are already beginning to get excited!

Online Free and Reduced Applications for Wayne Trace Local Schools

Even though school breakfasts and lunches are free again this year, it is very important that everyone fill out the lunch application form online to be eligible for fee waivers. The district also receives additional funding as a result of the form being filled out. Top apply, simply go to lunchapplication.com and click "Apply Now" or visit www.waynetrace.org and click on the link provided.

Calendar events:

- October 15 – End of 1st Quarter
- October 21 – Picture Retakes
- October 22 – 2 hour delay
- October 26-27 – 3rd Gr. Reading Test
- October 29 - Halloween Parade

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Mark Lange, Principal

It is hard to believe that fall is officially here and that we are over one-eighth of the way through the school year!

Most of our early testing has been completed, and teachers are busy using that data to determine which of our students need additional support in the area of reading. Reading is the foundation of learning in all subject areas. The key to success is to catch reading deficiencies early and provide timely and adequate support.

Parents sometimes wonder what they can do to help their children in the area of reading, and the answer is quite simple – READ! If your child is in the primary grades, take fifteen minutes a night to sit down with your child and read. Re-reading a book your child

brings home from school is a great way for them to practice new words they are learning and it helps to build their fluency. Fluency is the speed at which a child reads and is often expressed in terms such as "words per minute" or "correct words per minute." If your child is older, have them read aloud to you. By reading aloud, students can often catch mistakes that they make because what they have just read does not sound right. Oral reading can help with both fluency and comprehension of what was read.

Parents also sometimes believe that helping their child requires a sizable time investment. Over the years, I have encouraged parents to find two 15-minute blocks of time to help their child. Spend fifteen minutes reading to your child or listening to your older child. Likewise, spend fifteen minutes working on math. Students at all levels of the elementary can benefit from working on number recognition, putting numbers in sequential order, or practicing their math facts. Don't spend too much time on the task or your child may feel like it is a punishment, and we don't want to discourage them. Throw a set of math flashcards or sight words in the car. Encourage your child to practice while you travel to the grocery store or grandma's house. As you make dinner, ask your child to read to you. These small investments of time now will pay big dividends in the future!

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school. Be sure to mark November 22nd and 23rd on your calendar as our parent-teacher conferences are just around the corner! More information will be sent home in several weeks!

Respectfully,
Mark Lange Principal

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

It has been a fantastic start to the school year at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. Academically, our students are working hard as the faculty continues to lay the groundwork for success in the classroom and beyond. We had a great Homecoming week in September filled with several fun and neat activities for our students.

I want to continue to encourage our parents' involvement in their son/daughter's education. In order for all parents to be informed, this year we will pass out interim reports (1st one passed out to students to take home on Sept. 17) to each student and quarterly grade reports by mail. It is our desire to keep parents informed so that students' grades may improve by the end of the quarter, if needed. As a reminder, parents are able to gain access to your son/daughter's grade through ProgressBook, an online version of the grades throughout the nine weeks. If you have questions or need assistance, always feel free to contact teachers or any of us in the office at 419-399-4100.

Also, I want to thank all parents who have completed the new online forms (OneView) 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, who 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 a replacement is sent home. Also, free or reduced lunch forms can be filled out on our website to see if you qualify for being exempted from class fees.

It continues to be our pleasure to be involved in the education and lives of the students of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School.

Go Raiders!
Mike Myers, Principal

Music Department News

Shout out to the WTHS Marching Band for playing at the Payne Parade on September 11 and on their performance at the Lima Bath Band Spectacular on September 18! There were 16 bands plus ONU's band performing for a night of great music! To watch the band's performance visit our Wayne Trace High School Music Department Facebook page!

BEEF! We have it! Get a \$10 raffle ticket from any JH/HS choir or band student! There are 10 chances to win 50-60# of Angus beef with the grand prize including a YETI cooler! Tickets can be purchased until October 1st. Drawing will be held October 8th!

Fine Arts Festival - Saturday, October 23 at 7:00pm. We are excited to bring back a normal concert for the community to enjoy! Come for a night of great music by the HS Choir and HS Marching Band, and art displays by the Art Department. Hopefully next year we can bring back the dinner and extra performing group!

Parents of kids in the music department – if you haven't signed up for Remind, please email us for the code! Everything music/concert related will be sent on the Remind text system!

Looking ahead:

December 6th – JH Band and Choir Christmas Concert 7:00pm HS Gym
December 13th – HS Band and Choir Christmas Concert 7:00pm HS Gym

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 15 End of 1st quarter
Oct. 22 2 HR Delay- Staff In-Service
Oct. 23 Fine Arts Festival @ WTHS
Oct. 29 Halloween parade @ WTPE

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

Oct. 1 Fairview(SN)-H	7:00
Oct. 8 Ayersville-T	7:00
Oct. 15 Paulding-H	7:00
Oct. 22 Edgerton-T	7:00

JV Football

Oct. 4 Fairview-H	5:00
Oct. 11 Ayersville-T	5:00
Oct. 18 Paulding-H	5:00

Jr. High Football

Oct. 5 Antwerp-H (8th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 7 LCC-H (7th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 12 Hicksville-T (8th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 14 Allen East-T (7th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 19 Paulding-T (8th gr.)	4:30
Oct. 21 Paulding-T (7th gr.)	4:30
Oct. 26 Crestview-T(7th gr.)	5:00

Varsity & JV Volleyball

Oct. 2 Linc/Hicks (JV&V) -T	10:00
Oct. 4 Bath(SN)-H	5:30
Oct. 5 Ayersville-H	5:30
Oct. 7 Woodlan-T	5:30
Oct. 11 Del. Jeff-T	5:30
Oct. 12 Paulding-T	5:30
Oct. 14 Edgerton-H	5:30

Jr. High Volleyball

Oct. 4 Ottoville-T	5:00
Oct. 5 Hicksville-H	5:00
Oct. 7 Miller City-H	5:00
Oct. 12 Fairview-T	4:30
Oct. 16 GMC 7th @ Tinora	TBA
Oct. 16 GMC 8th @ Antwerp	9:00

Cross Country

Oct. 2 Edgerton Inv. -T	9:00
Oct. 5 County Meet @ Ant	4:30
Oct. 9 Edgerton Inv. -T	9:00
Oct. 16 GMC @ Edgerton	9:30
Oct. 23 District Meet @ OG	TBA

GO RAIDERS!