



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

To open this edition of the district newsletter I want to begin by taking a moment to wish you all a very happy holiday season from all of us here at the Wayne Trace Local Schools. We hope that you are enjoying the holiday season with family and friends. We are very anxious to begin the New Year and have the opportunity to continue to serve our community by providing a quality education to our students.

I certainly hope that you all had the chance to get out and attend one of our many holiday programs that were held on our various campuses prior to the break from school. Our students worked very hard to prepare for these events and their hard work showed as they showcased their many talents during these programs. These students were led by a great group of instructors who I would be remiss if I did not mention. A special thank you to Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, Mrs. Caitlyn Schmidt, and Ms. Emily Wallace. These staff members put in many extra hours to assist our students in preparing for these programs. I would also like to thank Mrs. Karen Wagonrod for her organization of our annual Senior Citizens Luncheon. Believe it or not this was our 24th annual luncheon and Mrs. Wagonrod has done a fabulous job of organizing each of these events. This luncheon is just a small token of our continued gratitude for the support that is given to our district.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our student organizations who have worked together to make this holiday season a special one for many of those who are in need in our community. We had groups at each of our buildings that collected items or monies to put toward items for those who were less fortunate. It is truly great to see our young people recognize those in need and work hard to assist them. The giving nature of these students truly is the reason for the season!

It is certainly hard to believe we are entering a New Year as it seems as though it was just yesterday that it was August and we were starting our school year. As we approach the New Year we will again be actively seeking applicants for the 2020 Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame. Our most recent induction included Mrs. Sarah Voirol and Mr. Rex Flory as the 2019 Staff Hall of Fame inductees. If you have a former Wayne Trace staff member in mind that you are interested in nominating, please contact either Mrs. Sarah Sennebogen or me in the central office as we will get a nomination form sent to you.

Now that we have the levy renewal behind us, the Board has again begun to work closely with the Wayne Trace Performing Arts committee to examine how we might be able to meet the needs of our performing arts students with a facility here at the junior/senior high campus. We continue to work closely with Garmann Miller Architects and Engineers to nail down exactly what this facility needs to include to meet these needs. Our hope will be to expand the facility space here, specifically with an auditorium, which can house the performances of our band, choir and our musicals. We hope to finalize the design in the next month and present the design to the community as we examine how we can fund this project.

As we look forward to students returning from the holiday break, academically we will continue to challenge our students to meet high expectations. The Ohio Department of Education sets the academic standards which our staff are following to provide the necessary content to each student. I want to remind all parents and guardians if you have any questions about the educational process of your child do not hesitate to contact us. Continued collaboration between school and home will only assist in making the educational process a successful one for your children. We welcome your input and look forward to your continued support of this great district.

Speaking of returning to school, we will resume school on January 6. Our first semester will come to a close on January 17, and we will release students 2 hours early on this day. Please note that we do not have school on January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

As I close this edition of my newsletter to you, I want to thank the great staff members that I have the joy of working with each day here at Wayne Trace Local Schools. As a district we are truly blessed to have a staff of quality and caring individuals to meet the educational needs of our students. When you see a Wayne Trace staff member be sure to thank them for the great job they do each day.

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!
Benjamin A. Winans
Superintendent

Laurie DeLong, Student Services/Early Learning

Our Parent/Teacher organizations are truly supportive of our students and staff! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grover Hill PTO for their donation of an iPad to our speech therapy program. The students are eager to use the apps that enhance their therapy sessions.

Our preschoolers have been working very hard this year! Some students will start looking forward to the next step...Kindergarten! Parents of age-eligible preschool special needs students will be receiving information about this transition from preschool to kindergarten. We will soon be evaluating each student's progress. We will gather information from the teacher, therapists, and parents, and complete assessments, to develop an Evaluation Team Report (ETR). On this ETR, your child may be dismissed from services, or be recommended to receive assistance as they enter kindergarten with no interruption of services.

For questions or comments, you may contact the special education office at 419-587-3414; messages can be left at extension 309.

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

The school year will be halfway over on January 17th. Believe it or not, that means Spring is right around the corner. Our staff and students will continue to work hard as we enter into the testing season. Schedules for this year's testing will be forthcoming in the near future so stay tuned.

Payne Elementary will be holding the annual Spelling Bee in January for grades 5 and 6. Paulding Middle School will also be hosting the Paulding County Spelling Bee on the 6th of February to see who will go on to the regional Spelling Bee in Ft. Wayne, IN.

Kindergarten Registration

It's never too early to start thinking about Kindergarten registration. Information about this year's Kindergarten registration will be in the February newsletter.

Attendance

It is important for Ohio's students to be in the classroom every day and ready to learn. Missing 10 percent of school days can make it harder for students to learn to read and keep up in their classes. Absences also can be a sign that a student is facing a difficulty in school or is facing a non-academic barrier. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and create habits they can continue through their entire academic careers.

While students sometimes get sick or have medical appointments, missing any amount of school can be harmful to their learning.

WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM

- Excessive Absence = missing 38 or more hours of school in one month OR 65 or more hours in one school year with or without an excuse
- Habitual Truancy = 30 or more consecutive hours OR 42 hours in a month OR 72 or more hours in a year without an excuse
- Chronic Absence = missing 10 percent of the school year with or without an excuse.

HELP FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ON ATTENDANCE

- Emphasize the importance of going to school every day.
- Discuss the importance of a regular bed time and a morning routine.
- Create a backup plan to get to school if your student misses the bus.
- Schedule medical appointments for after school hours if it is possible.
- Contact the teacher to find out what your child missed and make a plan to complete the work if your student must miss school because of illness.
- Seek advice from teachers, school counselors or other parents to make sure your student feels comfortable coming to school and is excited to learn.
- Keep track of all absences.

Follow Payne Elementary on Twitter: @trace_wayne

Payne Elementary event cancellations will often be posted here, as well as recognition of students and staff, and the wonderful everyday things we do here at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary!

Upcoming Events for January, 2020

- Jan. 17th – End of 2nd nine weeks
- Jan. 20th – No School

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

Since all your presents have been unwrapped, you have broken each New Year's resolutions and all the unbroken Christmas decorations have been put away, it must be January. The month of January brings with it the feelings of a new beginning. As we begin this New Year, we look at the school calendar and see a busy schedule.

January 17th marks the end of the second quarter. Report Cards will go home with the students on Friday, January 24th. The students' efforts were outstanding during the first semester, and we expect the same during the second semester. As the first semester ends and we prepare to begin the second semester. If at this time, you have questions or concerns with your child's progress contact the elementary office and we will set up a time to meet with you. It is our goal to make sure your child gets the best possible education.

The Book Fair is back again this year. Starting on Tuesday, January 21st the book fair will be set up in the library just as in past years. Parents and students will be able to visit the Book Fair at 8:00 am before school starts and again after school until 4:00 pm. During this time we encourage both parents and students to visit the book fair with the goal of finding books that make reading fun and enjoyable. We hope to see you at this year's Book Fair.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Program and participated in the PTO Bake Sale and Basket Raffle. The proceeds go towards purchases to benefit the WTGH students. I would also like to say THANK YOU to the WTGH PTO for everything they do for the staff and students here at Grover Hill.

Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

December has gone by like a whirlwind. Our students continue to prepare themselves for success in the classroom between concerts, games and matches. After the Christmas break, the first two weeks will finish up the first semester and include exams. A semester exam schedule was given to all students in grades 7-12 for their parents' inspection for the exams on Thursday, January 16 – Friday, January 17, 2020. We will begin the second semester Tuesday, January 21. Semester grade reports will be mailed on Friday, January 24.

As semester testing begins, it serves to remind that our present seniors will be the third class that will be using the Ohio end-of-course tests as a requirement for graduation. As we make our way into the second semester and into the spring state testing, this and further information is worth noting again. The Class of 2020 (seniors) are required to take 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 test is scored 1-5 with five being the highest score. A total of 18 points (at least four total points needed for the two English tests, four points for the two math tests, and six points in the other three tested areas) 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. Our seventh graders will be tested in the areas of reading and math, while our eighth graders will be tested in reading, math, and science. One change, according to the State, starting this year the freshman will not have to take the English 1 state test. For the fourth year in a row, the American Institute for Research (AIR) is the company that is being used by the state of Ohio for all assessments in all areas. Testing will occur the third week of April for English Language Arts, and the end of April and early in May for the other tests. We will keep you informed as testing time draws nearer.

Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School is a great place to learn! If you have questions, please do not hesitate in contacting your son/daughter's teachers. We will continuously strive to provide the best education to our students.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for October: 7th Grade: Morgan Elliott, 8th Grade: Kyle Stoller, 9th Grade: Macy Doster, 10th Grade: Jarrett Hornish, 11th Grade: Maria Stoller, 12th Grade: Max Laukhuf. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride – Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

College Credit Plus: There will be a meeting on January 27th at 6pm in the Lecture Hall for those students in grades 6-11 interested in taking a College Credit Plus class. At this meeting, we will talk about the requirements, hand out the required paperwork, discuss the deadlines and go over how CCP works.

On January 31st, our sophomores will have an opportunity to explore programs at Vantage. Vantage will also hold an Open House for parents and students on Monday, February 24th. You can find more information about their programs and the Open House on the Vantage Career Center website.

Senior Info: There are a few scholarships already posted on the website. More scholarships will be coming through January, February and March. Please keep looking for updates. Seniors will be receiving handouts with the available scholarships beginning in January when we have more of our local scholarships' information.

Juniors will be taking the state funded ACT on February 25th in the morning. This is a great opportunity for our students.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The January 17th girls basketball home game against Edgerton will be Military Appreciate Night, there will be free admittance to all veterans from both communities. Thank you for your service!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 1-3 NO SCHOOL-Christmas Break
- Jan. 6 Classes Resume
- Jan. 17 End of 2nd Nine weeks
- Jan. 12 "Snow Bizz" @GH 2p & 7p
- Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL-MLK JR. DAY
- Jan. 27 CCP meeting in HS Lecture Hall 6 pm

ATHLETIC EVENTS

HS Boys Basketball

- Jan. 2 Tinora-A 6:00
- Jan. 4 Arlington-H 6:00
- Jan. 9 Antwerp-H 6:00
- Jan. 11 Delphos Jefferson-H 6:00
- Jan. 16 Edgerton-A 6:00
- Jan. 18 Ft. Jennings-A 6:00
- Jan. 24 Fairview-H 6:00
- Jan. 28 Continental-H 6:00
- Jan. 31 Holgate-H 6:00

HS Girls Basketball

- Jan. 3 Tinora-H 6:00
- Jan. 10 Antwerp-A 6:00
- Jan. 13 LCC-H 6:00
- Jan. 17 Edgerton-H 6:00
- Jan. 21 Jefferson-H 6:00
- Jan. 23 Fairview-A 6:00
- Jan. 30 Holgate-A 6:00

Freshman Boys Basketball

- Jan. 2 Tinora-A 4:30
- Jan. 9 Antwerp-H 4:30
- Jan. 14 Miller City-H 5:00
- Jan. 16 Edgerton-A 4:30
- Jan. 23 Fairview-H 4:30
- Jan. 30 Holgate-H 5:00

JH Boys Basketball

- Jan. 2 Paulding-H 4:30
- Jan. 6 Delphos Jefferson-A 5:00
- Jan. 7 Woodlan-A 5:00
- Jan. 9 Edgerton-H 4:30
- Jan. 14 Van Wert-H 5:00
- Jan. 16 Tinora-A 4:30
- Jan. 21 Antwerp-H 5:00
- Jan. 23 Ottoville-A 5:00
- Jan. 28 Holgate-A 5:00
- Jan. 30 Kalida-A 5:00

JH Girls Basketball

- Jan. 2 Ottoville-A 5:00
- Jan. 6 Tinora-H 5:00
- Jan. 7 Woodlan-H 5:00
- Jan. 9 Antwerp-A 5:00
- Jan. 14 Ayersville-A 5:00
- Jan. 16 Paulding-H 5:00
- Jan. 18 GMC @WT 10:00
- Jan. 20 GMC @ WT 5:45
- Jan. 21 7th Grade @ Antwerp TBA
- Jan. 23 7th Grade @ Antwerp TBA
- Jan. 25 GMC @ WT 10:00

HS Wrestling

- Jan. 4 Troy Invite 9:30
- Jan. 7 Tinora/Hicksville @ Tinora 6:00
- Jan. 10 Archbold-A 7:00
- Jan. 14 Celina-A 5:00
- Jan. 17 Van Buren Invite 2:00
- Jan. 18 Van Buren Invite 9:30
- Jan. 24 LCC-A 5:30
- Jan. 25 LCC-A 9:30

JH Wrestling

- Jan. 4 Antwerp Inv. 9:30
- Jan. 7 Tinora/Hicksville @ Tinora 6:00
- Jan. 11 Ayersville Inv. 9:00
- Jan. 14 Celina-A 5:00
- Jan. 25 Wauseon Inv. 9:00
- Jan. 28 Pat.Henry/Tinora/WT @WT 5:00

GO RAIDERS!!!