



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

As we are welcoming in the New Year, we hope you had a joyous holiday season and were able to enjoy the time with family and friends. The break from school gives our students and staff time to recharge and return ready to hit the ground running in 2022. While we cannot always predict what 2022 will have in store for us here at Wayne Trace, we are certainly looking forward to the opportunity to continue to serve our community by providing a quality education to our students.

As we wrap up the holiday season, I want to recognize our students and staff members who worked to continue our traditional holiday programs. It was great to see our students and staff come together and showcase their talents while spreading some holiday cheer to all. A special thank you to Ms. Sharon Spinner, Mrs. Joni Wenninger, Mr. Kaleb O'Donnell, and Mrs. Caitlyn Schmidt. These staff members put in many extra hours to assist our students in preparing for these programs. I would also like to thank all students and staff district wide who donated their time and money to make certain we can provide those in our community who are in need with a nice holiday as well. The education of our students goes beyond what we do each day in our buildings and it was great to see so many students and staff willingly give of themselves so others could enjoy the season.

The Wayne Trace Staff Hall of Fame committee has again nominated two candidates for induction. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Peggy Glick and Mr. Al Welch will be inducted at the ceremony between the junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball game on January 22, 2022. Following the ceremony, the new inductees will enjoy a reception in the high school library where guests can greet them and congratulate them on their induction. We welcome all to attend this event and share in this event.

We plan to begin the new year right where we left off last year as we will continue to challenge our students academically 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.

You may have heard that our district is in the beginning stages of a Master Planning Process with Garmann Miller and Associates. As was explained by their representatives at our December Board of Education meeting, this process will run through the next six months. During that time much data will be collected and feedback from stakeholders will be sought to allow us to gauge how move forward as a district. Please keep a look out for more information in regard to this process as we move into the coming months.

This process will allow us to be able to examine where we are currently as a district and then properly plan so that we can continue moving forward in a positive manner well into the future.

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.

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

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

2021 has finally come to a close!! We are continuing to move forward successfully this school year. Even though the pandemic continues, it has had minimal effect for our school. We are still closely monitoring our students and hope to continue through these trying times.

I would like to thank everyone in the community for the continued support of our students and staff. Payne Elementary is an excellent school, and we will continue to provide the best learning experience possible for our students.

I hope everyone had safe and wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to continuing on with the school year!

Christmas Program

Our Christmas program was a success. We opened our doors for family and friends to attend our programs, and it was wonderful to have our students perform in front of an audience. Mr. O'Donnell did an outstanding job with our students, and everyone worked hard to make our first live Christmas program in two years a memorable experience.

OneView Parent Portal

It is extremely important to update any contact and emergency information, and any other changes, in the Oneview Parent Portal. This information will be accessed by the school in case of emergencies, and will be use to contact you in case there is a need to get a hold of you for any other reasons. You can access the link at: <https://www.waynetrace.org/Parents.aspx> under *Links*.

Free Breakfast and Lunch

We will continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to our students for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

Upcoming Events for January 2022

Jan. 17 - No School
Jan. 28 - Interims

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. This year we finished the 1st semester (2nd quarter) before Christmas break. We had exams on Monday, December 20th and Tuesday, December 21st. The second semester began Monday, January 3. Semester grade reports were mailed out on Friday, January 7.

As semester testing begins, it serves to remind that our present seniors 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 2022 (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 last year the freshman will not have to take the English 1 state test. Testing will occur around the second or 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. The graduation requirements for the class of 2023 and beyond are different from the class of 2022. These have been explained to each class very thoroughly. If you have any questions in regards to this, please feel free to contact our guidance counselors Mrs. Sarah Franz or Mrs. Tricia Langhals at the high school.

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. Please be safe and stay healthy!

Go Raiders!
Mike Myers, Principal

JR/SR Guidance News

There will be a College Credit Plus Information meeting on January 11th at 6:30pm for the parents of any student wanting to take a college class during the 22-23 school year. This meeting will be virtual and parents must register prior to the meeting. You can email Mrs. Franz to register your email for the meeting. A link will then be sent to your email. This meeting starts the process for signing up for College classes. This is open to any student currently in grades 6-11.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for November: 7th Grade: Dakota Densmore, 8th Grade: Torree Sinn, 9th Grade: Tyler Sanderson, 10th Grade: Kyle Forrer, 11th Grade: Mallory Moore, 12th Grade: Nathan Sinn. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride - Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 17 **NO SCHOOL—MLK DAY**
Jan. 28 Interims

ATHLETIC EVENTS

HS Girls Basketball

Jan. 6	Tinora - H	6:00
Jan. 10	LCC - H	6:00
Jan. 13	Antwerp - T	6:00
Jan. 18	Jefferson - H	6:00
Jan. 20	Edgerton - H	6:00
Jan. 24	Ft. Jennings - H	6:00
Jan. 27	Fairview - T	6:00
Jan. 29	Miller City - T	12:00

HS Boys Basketball

Jan. 7	Tinora - T	6:00
Jan. 8	Del. Jefferson - H	6:00
Jan. 14	Antwerp - H	6:00
Jan. 21	Edgerton - T	6:00
Jan. 22	Miller City - H	6:00
Jan. 25	Continental - H	6:00
Jan. 28	Fairview - H	6:00
Jan. 29	Kalida - H	6:00

JH Girls Basketball

Jan. 3	Tinora - T	5:00
Jan. 4	Woodlan - T	5:00
Jan. 6	Antwerp - H	5:00
Jan. 11	Ayersville - H	5:00
Jan. 13	Paulling - T	5:00
Jan. 15	GMC -@ PLDG	10:00
Jan. 17	GMC -@ PLDG	5:45
Jan. 22	GMC -@ PLDG	10:00

JH Boys Basketball

Jan. 3	Del. Jefferson - T	5:00
Jan. 4	Woodlan - T	5:00
Jan. 6	Edgerton - H	4:30
Jan. 11	Van Wert - H	5:00
Jan. 13	Tinora - T	4:30
Jan. 18	Antwerp - H	5:00
Jan. 20	Ottoville - T	5:00
Jan. 25	Continental - T	5:00
Jan. 27	Kalida - T	5:00

HS Wrestling

Jan. 6	Archbold - T	6:30
Jan. 8	Troy Invite	9:30
Jan. 11	Celina/Covington - T	6:00
Jan. 21	Van Buren Invite	5:00
Jan. 22	Van Buren Invite	9:30
Jan. 25	Liberty Center - A	6:00
Jan. 28	LCC - A	5:30
Jan. 29	LCC - A	9:30

JH Wrestling

Jan. 6	Archbold - T	6:00
Jan. 8	Antwerp Inv	9:30
Jan. 11	Celina/Covington - A	6:00
Jan. 15	Ayersville Inv	9:00
Jan. 22	Wauseon Inv	10:00
Jan. 25	L.C./Tin @ Lib. Ctr.	6:00

GO RAIDERS!