



# WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

As we turn the calendar to November it seems mother nature has also determined it is time for fall weather to kick in. We saw some very unseasonably warm weather through both September and October, but now it seems the fall season has certainly arrived. Just as quickly as the temperatures have dropped, we have also seen a quick first grading term come and go here at Wayne Trace. While the time has seemed to go by quickly, please know that the content being taught to the students has not been hurried. Our teaching staff continues to find new and exciting ways to convey the curriculum to our students. It is through their hard work in the classroom and the cooperation between our school and community members that we continue to strive to reach our goal of making our district the best it can be.

One of the traditional ways that we look to engage the community in the educational experience is through holding our annual parent-teacher conferences on November 6 and 7. These conferences allow parents to have a conversation with those who work to educate their children each day. This is a very positive way for teachers and parents to work together toward the success of each child. If you have not yet scheduled a conference with your child's teacher I encourage you to contact the school to schedule a time to do so.

We also work to keep our stakeholders updated each day as information is added to our district website ([www.waynetrace.org](http://www.waynetrace.org)). Here you will find general information in regard to the whole district, as well as links to each of our individual buildings. Please take some time to visit the website as our staff works very hard to keep these pages updated to allow our stakeholders to have access to the most up to date information in regard to our district.

As we move further into the fall season safe travel to and from school continues to be a concern. Our district also continues to make student safety at all of our campuses a top priority. The principals will be working directly with the staff and students to organize and conduct safety drills that may be needed in case something unforeseen would happen during the school day. While these drills are necessary to plan ahead as situations may arise, statistics show that there is no safer place than a school building. We will continue to work to keep our students and staff members safe as we work through the year and complete safety drills to be proactive in the school safety process. Our School Resource Officer, Deputy William Lyons also creates yet another avenue for us to assure our students and staff can operate in a safe environment within the schools.

In my previous update I mentioned that we had received our annual report card from the Ohio Department of Education. While our scores overall looked very favorable, we continue to examine the data for areas of improvement. The breaking down of this data and really digging into it allows our staff to better be able to service the needs of each student. We appreciate the cooperation of the community as you allow us the time to do this during our scheduled professional development days throughout the school year. As a reminder, we have scheduled two hour delays for in service on December 7, January 25, February 8, March 8, and April 26. These scheduled days allow our staff to collaborate and develop plans to increase the achievement across the district.

As you may already be aware we have been awarded the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant for each of our elementary schools to provide an after-school tutoring and mentoring program. This program allows students to have contact with our classroom teachers for additional assistance outside of the school day. The program is off and running, but will continue to enroll new members. Should you have questions in regard to this program feel free to contact Jessica Davis, Program Coordinator at Wayne Trace Grover Hill Elementary at (419) 587-3414 or Rachel Dettrow, Program Coordinator at Wayne Trace Payne Elementary at (419) 263-2512.

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

## LOOKING AHEAD....SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER

Our 24th annual Senior Citizen's Dinner is scheduled for **Thursday, December 5**, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School. We invite you to enjoy a delicious meal for only \$1 while being served and entertained by our talented students. To register for the meal or for additional information, please call Colleen Saylor in the Jr./Sr. High School office at 419-399-4100, extension 2.

## Laurie DeLong, Student Services/Early Learning

The Health Partners of Western Ohio Dental Van is coming to the buildings of our district the week of November 12. Any parents who would like their child to participate can fill out the forms, which are available on the Wayne Trace High School website, Grover Hill Elementary website, or Payne Elementary website, and return them to their classroom teacher or School Health Coordinator Mrs. Sabrina Roth.

To keep up with the latest in the Little Raider Preschools, parents may check in on Facebook by doing a search of *Wayne Trace Grover Hill Little Raiders Preschool*, or *Wayne Trace Payne Little Raiders Preschool*. Special education information can be found on the Wayne Trace website, under the District tab.

We are excited to welcome school psychologist intern Zach Boyer, special education administrative assistant Amy Noggle, and case manager Ellie Miller to serve our district! Mr. Boyer and Mrs. Noggle have been serving since the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, and Miss Miller has joined us this fall.

For additional information regarding special needs programs, psychologists, therapists (speech, occupational, physical, vision), nursing, parent mentor, and preschool, please call the district's special education office.

## PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Paul Jones, Principal

The end of the first nine weeks have come and gone! Friday, October 25, was the end of our first quarter and we have moved into November. The weather has changed, and hopefully this will take care of our bee problem on the playground. Payne Elementary ended the month of October with the annual Halloween Parade which as on October 25<sup>th</sup> at.

Our students and Teachers have worked very hard so far this year. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders completed the Fall State Tests a few weeks ago, and have crossed that of their list! We will continue to move forward through the Holiday season, and prepare our students for the Ohio State Tests in the spring. Along the way will be many awesome experiences that our staff are preparing.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Payne Elementary will have Parent/Teacher conferences beginning November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. There will be NO SCHOOL on November 7<sup>th</sup> so that we can have a full day of Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:00PM through 8:00PM. If you are unable to attend during these days, please contact your child's teacher and set up a date and time to meet with them.

## Veteran's Day Assembly

We will have our annual Veteran's Day Assembly on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in the school auditorium. All Veterans are welcome to attend and also we will be serving lunch from 11-1 pm to those Veterans who would like to attend. More information will be coming concerning this as everything is finalized in the coming days.

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[@trace\\_wayne](https://twitter.com/@trace_wayne)

## GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

The leaves are starting to change colors and the days are getting shorter, so we must be entering the month of November. As we look at our calendar for November, we see how busy this month is going to be. During November, we hold Parent/Teacher conferences, Veterans Day, and we cannot forget Thanksgiving Break.

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, November 6, from 5:30 – 8:30 and again on Thursday, November 7 from 1:00 – 8:00. Parents, if you have not signed up for a meeting with your child's teacher you still have time. At WTGH we feel it is essential for the teachers and parents to work together for the benefit of the student. If you need assistance on signing-up or maybe you have questions about the conferences, feel free to contact the elementary office.

One such activity is Veteran's Day. On Monday, November 11, the Grover Hill staff and students will be taking time out of their busy day to honor our Veterans. The WTGH Student Council is working hard to put this program together. The Veteran's Day program will begin at 10:00 am. We, the staff and students, would like to invite all Veterans to join us for our Veteran's Day program on November 11. After the program, we would like all Veterans to stay and join us for lunch. All Veteran's and spouse's meals are free of charge. Providing this meal is a small way for us to say THANK YOU for your service to our country. We look forward to seeing you on November 11.

This year Literacy Night has moved to November 14<sup>th</sup>. In past years Literacy Night has

been successful, and this year should be no different. The theme for this Literacy Night is "Game Night." The staff has been busy planning for this exciting night, and they are working hard to come up with fun and educational games that include reading. As we get closer to Literacy Night, more information will be available.

Also, at this time, Mrs. Schmidt and her students in grades four, five, and six have started preparations for this year's Christmas program. Mrs. Schmidt and her students have selected the program Snow Bizz, and at this time, they are holding auditions. The date for this year's program is Thursday, December 12. On December 12, there will be two performances with the first performance at 2:00, and the second is at 7:00. We hope you can attend one of these two programs.

In closing, the staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,  
Kevin E. Wilson, Principal

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

The first nine weeks concluded on October 25 for the 2019-2020 school year. Overall, the students have worked hard to keep up with the expectations of our teaching staff. Grade reports will be mailed on November 1 to parents/guardians of our students at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School.

Parent-teacher conferences are set up for Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:30 pm and 5:30-8:30 pm. We encourage parents to set up appointments with teachers if there are concerns after receiving the grade reports. Contact our office staff and we will try to schedule appointments where teachers may still have openings. Also, parents may call or email teachers directly if questions arise throughout the year. An important factor for student success is having parents who are involved and care about their child's education.

On Wednesday, November 6, the eighth grade students will tour Vantage Career Center. While students do not make the decision to attend Vantage until their sophomore year, this tour motivates students to begin thinking about future career options. This is an example of an exciting educational opportunity that our students have at WTJH/HS!

The annual Veteran's Day program will be held on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. The public is invited to attend this inspiring assembly.

Another special program that will take place in November is the National Honor Society induction ceremony on November 26 at 1:55 p.m. Junior and senior students who meet the criteria in scholarship, character, service, and leadership will be honored.

As always, I want to thank the community for its outstanding support of all the activities involving our students at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School. Go Raiders!  
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## Students of the Month

Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School teachers recently voted on the following Students of the Month for September: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Allison Noggle, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Adrian Laukhuf, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lane Morehead, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Malia Wittwer, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Matthew Doan, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Chloe Thompson. As part of their award each student received a "Raider Pride – Pay Forward" t-shirt. Congratulations Raiders!

## Music Department News

It seems crazy, but the choirs and bands have already started Christmas music for you to enjoy in December! We do appreciate all the support our HS band received during marching band season at games and shows. We also want to give a big shout out to Mark Holtsberry! He is our halftime announcer and always brings enthusiasm and energy to our performances. The band worked very hard to bring you a variety of music this year and they are ready to transition into concert band!

Many have asked, but we will not be having a Fine Arts Festival this year due to Homecoming being so late. There may be some plans in the works for something else – we will keep you posted!

Let us help you with your Christmas shopping! The Performing Arts will again be offering gift cards for your convenience. It's simple – you purchase the gift cards at face value and we receive a percentage back for ordering in bulk. There are hundreds of retailers to choose from and three dates to place orders. Go to the school website, [waynetrace.org](http://waynetrace.org), where you will find a link to get the information! The first order date is November 14<sup>th</sup>!

## Athletic Department News

Wayne Trace Athletic Dept. is offering "Parent Ads" again for the 2019-20 winter sports program. This is for parents of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School students. You may purchase an "ad" for your jr. high/high school student. It can be as simple as "Good Luck" or you can add recent photos or childhood photos, artwork, etc. Digital photos (such as those taken by Gibby's\* for Sports Picture Day at Wayne Trace) work best. Other photos can be scanned, but the quality is not as high. 1/4 page, 1/2 page, and full page ads are available. Wayne Trace Athletic Dept. reserves the right to edit all ads. You may purchase an ad regardless of whether or not your student is involved in sports. For more info, email: [kipferd@waynetrace.org](mailto:kipferd@waynetrace.org)

There has been an additional section added to the Athletic Forms portion for those students who intend to participate in sports at Wayne Trace. This needs to be filled out if your student was in a fall sport or will be in a winter or spring sport. To participate, your student must have a physical on file in the Athletic office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please log-in to Oneview.

- Click on the Submit & View Online Forms.
- Under Athletics 2019-20, click on Athletic Forms.
- Scroll down to Section Nine: Competitive Balance.
- Answer the question - Do the student and parent(s) currently reside inside the WT School District?
- If you answer "yes", you need to scroll to bottom and click on "Save & Submit to District"
- If you answer "no", a second question will pop up - Has the student been continuously enrolled at Wayne Trace since the start of 7th grade? Please answer "yes" or "no" accordingly. Scroll to bottom and click on "Save & Submit to District"

## DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 6	8th Grade tour of Vantage Career Ctr
Nov. 6	P/T Conferences 5:30-8:30 pm
Nov. 7	NO SCHOOL-P/T Conferences 1p-8p
Nov. 8	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 6	8th Grade tour of Vantage Career Ctr
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Assembly @ PE 1:45p
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Program @ HS 8:00a
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Program @ GH 10:00a
Nov. 14	Literacy Night @ GH 6p-7:30p
Nov. 26	NHS Induction @ HS 1:55p
Nov. 27	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 29	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

### HS Boys Basketball

Nov. 29 Columbus Grove-T 6:00

### HS Girls Basketball

Nov. 26 Defiance-T 6:00

### JH Girls Basketball

Nov. 25 Lincolnview-H 5:00

Nov. 26 Edgerton-H 4:30

Nov. 30 Holgate-T 10:00

### HS Wrestling

Nov. 30 Grahm Preview-T 7:00

**GO RAIDERS!**