



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Paul Jones

As the calendar turns to the month of November, our staff and students are excited to begin the second quarter of the school year. The fall season is definitely upon us as the leaves are changing color and the temperatures continue to drop, at least somewhat. While the months and seasons seem to be rolling along quickly our staff continues to put in the necessary time with our students to teach the required curriculum. As I travel to our three campuses I am encouraged as I see staff utilizing new and exciting tools to make certain our students are achieving at high levels. We appreciate this hard work in the classroom by both staff and students and also the continued support we get from our parents and community members.

We work to keep our stakeholders updated each day as information is added to our district website (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.

November also brings with it the end to our fall extra-curricular seasons. We want to congratulate and thank all those who participated in our fall extra-curricular activities. The varsity football team made the OHSAA Football playoffs, the Girls Cross Country won the GMC conference, and both boys and girls represented Wayne Trace well at the Regional Cross Country Meet in Tiffin. The Girls Varsity Volleyball had a strong season finishing 18-6, 6-1 in the GMC conference, and the Varsity Golf teams also experienced success this year. We would also like to thank all those who supported our events throughout the fall. As we turn to the winter seasons we are pleased to announce that we will be able to provide a live stream of our varsity and junior varsity events for the winter in much the same manner we did for our fall events. Please keep an eye on our website and social media as links will be posted for the upcoming events.

Our report card from the Ohio Department of Education was very positive, as it showed the hard work our students and staff are putting in, and will continue to put in as we move forward through the school year. However, we are working as a district to utilize our own local data to provide feedback on areas that we will look to improve in. 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 9,

February 10, March 17, and April 21. These scheduled days allow our staff to collaborate and develop plans to increase the achievement across the district.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Education for giving me the opportunity to serve as superintendent at Wayne Trace Local Schools. I have lived in Northwest Ohio all of my life, and I feel this community and school district are second to none. I would also like to thank the students and staff for making the start of this school year a wonderful experience and a success. There is no better time to be a Raider!!

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!

Paul Jones
Superintendent

PAYNE ELEMENTARY Mr. Matt Evans, Principal

Payne Elementary has had a wonderful first nine weeks! The students and staff have been doing an amazing job so far!

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

Payne Elementary's **Terri Lynn Nut and Candy Fundraiser** will be in person this year starting September 28 and end Friday, October 14. Pickup date will be Monday, November 21. Terri Lynn products are high quality nuts and candies.

PTO

Payne has recently started the PTO program back up! The first meeting was held on October 10th and we had an awesome turnout! We are always looking for more people to come to the meetings! Be on the lookout for the next meeting! It will take place in December!

Updates

You can follow along with Payne Elementary by following our Facebook Page: Wayne Trace Payne Elementary or Instagram: [wt_payne_elementary](https://www.instagram.com/wt_payne_elementary)

Calendar events:

November 11th- Veteran's Day Assembly @ 10:00am
November 17th- VIP for 6th Grade Lunch
December 16th- Christmas Program 10am and 2pm
December 21st- End of Second Nine Weeks
December 22nd-January 2- No School Christmas Break

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mrs. Jennifer Knoblauch, Principal

Happy Fall! We are so glad that you are reading this and you support our Raiders! Grover Hill Elementary has had a successful 1st quarter and we dove right into the 2nd. Students recently walked our halls for the annual

Halloween Parade. It was a joy to watch.

Our staff sponsored a fabulous Literacy Night on October 20th. This has become a fall community event, please come next year. We would also love for you to come to our community STEAM night, February 9th.

Please ensure that students read each night. Our AR (Accelerated Reader) program is a great way to encourage your child. Each 9 weeks they are able to shop in our AR store with the points they earned if they have met their goal.

We will be honoring our Veteran's on November 11th, at 10am. Our students are excited to perform for the community under the direction of our fabulous music teacher, Caitlyn Schmidt. Please join us and have lunch too!

We have been honoring students for their hard work and appropriate behavior this year. Each grade has the best writing piece chosen, once a month, and displayed on our Principal's Board. Character certificates are given weekly to those students who embody that trait. Students are also working as a class to earn an incentive by earning compliments for good behavior.

Students recently enjoyed the skating day provided by our wonderful PTO. They are now earning a bowling day that will be at the end of the semester.

Our teachers work hard on our 2 hr delays. Thank you for supporting us. This common collaboration time improves the instruction of all students.

Please plan on joining us at our annual Christmas Program on December 8, 2022 at 2pm or 7pm. This is a must see event of the year!

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The first nine weeks concluded on

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

October 14 for the 2022-2023 school year. Grade reports were mailed on October 21 to parents/guardians of our students at Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School. Overall, the students have worked hard to keep up with the expectations of our teaching staff. Our district motto this year at each building is for students to Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready! The students and staff have been terrific in accepting this motto and displaying these qualities and expectations.

Parent-teacher conferences are set up for Wednesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 27th. We had a great turn out! 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.

The National Honor Society induction ceremony took place on Friday, November 4 at 1:55 p.m. Junior and senior students who meet the criteria in scholarship, character, service, and leadership were honored.

On Tuesday, November 8, the eighth grade students toured 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.

The annual Veteran's Day program will be held on Friday, November 11 at 8:10 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. The public is invited to attend this inspiring assembly.

The end of the 2nd quarter is Wednesday, December 21, 2022. High school exams will be on Tuesday, December 20 and Wednesday, December 21. Christmas break (no school) will be from Thursday, December 22 to Monday, January 2. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

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!

Mike Myers, Principal

CAFETERIA NEWS Mrs. Marissa Coil, Director

After having free meals through the pandemic, we are having difficulties receiving payments for lunch accounts. Negative balance emails/letters are sent twice a week. Please be sure to check your email for a notification from TITAN. If the balance exceeds \$10, Marissa Coil will reach out via phone call to ensure the balance letters are being received. Payments can be made via cash or check, or online through EZ Pay. Please note: Payments made on EZ Pay may take up to two days to process and are not received instantaneously.

If you have not done so already, please complete a Free & Reduced Meal application. The application can be found at family.titank12.com.

Please remember that **all elementary students** receive free breakfast. We offer hot breakfast and a variety of shelf-stable options (pop-tarts, cereal bars, cereal, etc.) daily. We encourage all students to take advantage of free breakfast.

Jr/Sr High students are served breakfast from 7:45-8:05 daily. Please encourage your student(s) to eat breakfast daily to fuel their bodies and minds.

The district cafeterias are offering a 6-week menu cycle full of students' favorite meals and a few new menu items as well. We offer Tasting Tuesdays, Sweet Treat Thursdays, and Cook's Choice once every three weeks, and the students love it! We are excited to start a new menu cycle after the new year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marissa Coil.

GO RAIDERS!

WAYNE TRACE SENIOR CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO OUR 25th ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER

WHAT: A free dinner, complete with an art exhibit and entertainment for the senior citizens of Wayne Trace Local School District.
WHEN: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. (in case of inclement weather, the date will be December 12, at 11:00 a.m.)
WHERE: Wayne Trace Jr. High Gym (please park in the parking lots to the NORTH of the school)
WHO: For the senior citizens (ages 62 and older) of our school district and their guests
WHY: Because you are very special to us at Wayne Trace!

We're having our 25th annual Senior Citizens Day at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School, and we'd like for you to be part of it! Everyone is getting in on the act. Our Music Department is getting the entertainment ready, our Art Department is preparing a beautiful display, and some of our distinguished students will be there to serve you!

A dinner from Grant's Catering provided by the WT School Board will be served, so reservations for the special event are **REQUIRED!**

Please RSVP by November 21, 2022 with your name, address, phone number and number attending.

You can RSVP one the following ways:

** Call the Central Office at 419-263-2415 and select option 1
** Email Sarah Sennebogen at sennebogens@waynetrace.org