



WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOLS - OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE Mr. Benjamin A. Winans

As we wrapped up September, the unseasonably warm temperatures made it hard to believe the fall season was coming. However, as we welcome in October evidence of the change in seasons is becoming more evident with the leaves turning and the cooler temperatures. Regardless of the season, our students and staff have settled into a good daily routine as far as the school year is concerned. I am pleased to report that the 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start. I want to thank our students, parents, and staff for assisting with the start of school and creating an educational environment in which positive outcomes can be seen. It certainly takes a group effort to get the results we are looking for and we thank all involved for their commitment to assisting our district.

I believe that to reach positive results communication from all parties is necessary. I encourage you to visit our district website (www.waynetrace.org) where we have posted many items related to the educational process within our district. Once at the website you will notice each campus has been provided a link to allow those visiting the site to be able to 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.

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 the yearly report card, 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 on the State report card, we will continue to find areas in which we can improve. The report card takes 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 report card data and really dig into it. Please note that we will have our next scheduled two-hour delay on December 13, which will be followed by additional scheduled two-hour delays on February 14, March 20 and April 24. Our busses will run two hours late on each of these Fridays with school starting two hours later than normal. We have also scheduled one full day for teacher in-service this fall which will be on October 28. 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 an income tax renewal on the ballot on November 5th. This income tax renewal represents three-quarters of a percent (.75%) and will allow

the district to continue to provide our students with quality education on a daily basis and keep our facilities up to date. Your continued support of our district is greatly appreciated and as always if you have questions about this election or any other facet of the district do not hesitate to contact the central office at (419) 263-2415.

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 any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact your building principal or superintendent.

Go Raiders!

Benjamin A. Winans
Superintendent

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 25th, and we will begin to get into fall testing and the holiday season.

Our annual Halloween Parade will be October 25th at 1:45PM. Last year was my first experience with this, and I was blown away! I am looking forward to this year's parade. I even plan to dress up this year.

National Walk to School Day

On October 2nd, Payne Elementary will participate in National Walk to School Day. We would like to encourage our students to walk to school on this day. Our efforts have helped us earn the Safer Routes to school Grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation. This grant will be used to repair, replace or install new sidewalks on Merrin, Oak, and Townline in 2021.

Crosswalk

The crosswalk in front of the school (Townline) has students that cross the street every day after school. Please be cautious when traveling this road during and after school hours. Even during the school day, students may be crossing this street for various activities.

GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY Mr. Kevin Wilson, Principal

The beginning of the school year is off to a great start. It seems like the year just began and so is hard to believe that October is already here. As we look over the schedule, we notice many essential dates for your calendars.

First, we will be observing Fire Prevention Week the week of October 7th. We want to thank the Grover Hill Fire Department for the many educational activities they have planned for the students.

Second, the month of October brings the first quarter to a close. Since the first quarter ends on October 25th, we feel it is vital at this time to schedule a time for parents and teachers to sit down and discuss student progress. Parent/Teacher conferences begin on Wednesday, November 6th from 5:30 to 8:30 and again on Thursday, November 7th, from 1:00 to 8:00. The WTGH goal for this year is for 100% of the parents to attend these essential conferences. The WTGH staff and I would like to encourage all parents to make time to schedule meetings with their child's teacher.

Next, during October, our third-grade students will take the English Language Arts Fall state assessment. We have scheduled our Fall assessment dates for October 22 and 23. Each year it is our goal to help the students do their best. Parents, we also need your assistance. The best help to make sure your child gets a good night sleep as well as a good breakfast on test days.

We want to say thank you to all involved in making this year's fundraiser a huge success. The PTO fundraiser was very successful again this year. The funds raised during this PTO fundraiser are used to pay for assemblies, field trips, and many other items that benefit the Grover Hill students. At this time, the staff and I would like to take this time to THANK the PTO for all they do for WTGH students and teachers. Also, on behalf of the PTO, I would like to thank the WTGH community members for their support.

Finally, on Friday, November 1st, we will hold our Halloween parties. On November 1st, we will hold our fall parade along with the classroom parties. The parade will begin at 2:00. Again, this year we would like to invite all parents and grandparents to come out for the parade.

In closing, we want to thank the WTGH PTO for their purchase of Gaga Ball pit. Gaga Ball is a fun and exciting game the students enjoy playing during recess. The students have enjoyed this new addition to our playground and are very thankful to the PTO. Also, we would like to thank the ground crew for their work as they installed an 8-foot basketball hoop for the younger students.

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

We have had 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. Homecoming week is October 28-November 1 and will be filled with plenty of 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 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, 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 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 picked up in the office or printed from our website. For students who qualify, please complete the form and return it to our office.

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

Music Department News

The Little Caesar's Fundraiser pick up is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th from 3 -5:30pm in the band room. You may come in the south door (#11) to pick up your items.

Friday, October 4th is JH Band Night. Our Junior High will be playing at half time with the HS Band and we are looking forward to bringing you some "oldies but goodies"!

Saturday, October 5th the HS Band will travel to Allen East for the Mustang Brass Invitational. Show time is 5pm and admission is \$5.

Friday, October 18th is Senior Night and we will be having a halftime show featuring songs chosen by our seniors. They are: Max Laukhuf, Fred Hoagland, Sydney Coyne, Richie Williams, Alexis Gibson & Kelsey Guyton. We appreciate their dedication and leadership this year!

Saturday, October 26th - Payne & GH Halloween Parades

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 2	PE 3rd Grade Field Trip
Oct. 4	JH Band Night @ Football game
Oct. 5	HS Band @ Mustang Brass Inv. 5p
Oct. 22	PE Picture Retakes
Oct. 22-23	WTGHE Fall Assessments
Oct. 25	End of 1st quarter
Oct. 25	PE Halloween Parade
Oct. 26	Band performs in local parades
Oct. 28	NO SCHOOL-STAFF IN-SERVICE
Nov. 1	GH Halloween Party & Fall Parade

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

Oct. 4	Fairview -H	7:00
Oct. 11	Ayersville -T	7:00
Oct. 18	Dayton Jeff. (Parents Nt.)-H	7:00
Oct. 25	Edgerton -T	7:00
Nov. 1	Hicksville (Homecoming) -T	7:00

JV Football

Oct. 7	Fairview-H	5:00
Oct. 14	Ayersville-T	5:00
Oct. 28	Edgerton-T	5:00

Jr. High Football

Oct. 1	Edgerton -T (8th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 3	Montpelier-T (7th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 8	Antwerp -H (8th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 10	Ayersville -H (7th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 15	Hicksville -T (8th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 17	Allen East -T (7th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 22	Holgate -T (8th gr.)	5:00
Oct. 29	Crestview -T (7th gr.)	5:00

Varsity & JV Volleyball

Oct. 1	Holgate -T	5:30
Oct. 3	Bryan (Senior Night) -H	5:30
Oct. 7	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:30
Oct. 8	Edgerton -H	5:30
Oct. 10	Hicksville-T	5:30

Freshman Volleyball

Oct. 3	Bryan-H	4:30
Oct. 7	Ottawa Gland.-A	4:30
Oct. 8	Edgerton-H	4:30
Oct. 10	Hicksville-A	4:30

Jr. High Volleyball

Oct. 1	Hicksville-H	5:00
Oct. 3	Miller City-H	5:00
Oct. 8	Fairview-T	4:30
Oct. 12	GMC @ Antwerp	9:00

Cross Country

Oct. 8	County Meet @ WT	4:30
Oct. 12	GMC @ Edgerton	9:30
Oct. 19	District Meet @ OG	9:00

GO RAIDERS!