

# Wayne Community Schools

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Early Learning Center | 803 Providence Road | 402-833-1450

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*Learning for Life* – Every Student, Every Day!



May, 2024

## From the Desk of Superintendent, Dr. Mark Lenihan

**Dear Parents, Patrons, and Supporters of Wayne Community Schools:**

We have enjoyed another outstanding school year at Wayne Community Schools! As always, the school year goes by very quickly with this year being no exception. There are many accomplishments our students and staff have achieved this year, too many to mention in a brief article. I encourage all of you to take the opportunity to join all the end of year celebrations that take place near the end of the school year. Also, for those of you who are parents of students at Wayne Community Schools, take time to celebrate another great year with your kids! Our students and staff have successfully accomplished a fantastic school year, and we know hard work, dedication, and commitment are all keys to their success. The support of parents and community members is key to providing a high-quality education, and for that support we are grateful! We are proud of our students and staff at Wayne Community Schools!

Speaking of celebrations, one of my favorite celebrations each year is graduation, as it represents many years of hard work, commitment, and dedication on behalf of our students, teachers, parents, and community members. It is a time we look at our graduates and know they are a finished product prepared for the next phase of their lives. The Class of 2024 has been a very special group of young women and men, ladies and gentlemen, and scholars, who have had a tremendous impact on our school. We are also very grateful for the support parents of our graduates have given to their children and to our school. Certainly, the Class of 2024 has earned the distinction of "The Class with Class"! We wish all of our graduates the very best in their future endeavors!

At our graduation ceremony, we honored

three of our teaching staff members who, with the close of the 2023-24 school year, will retire from Wayne Community Schools. We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Lisa Janke, Mr. Dale Hochstein, and Mrs. Laura Hochstein. Combined, these outstanding educators have contributed over 75 years of service at Wayne Community Schools. Needless to say, they will be missed and we wish them all the very best in this next phase of their lives.

This summer will be very busy with the construction project. As it stands currently, we are on time for the high school classroom addition and interior remodeling to be complete prior to school starting in August. This will require quite a bit of coordination and effort, but our construction crew and maintenance staff are up to the task! Some of the remodeling efforts that will be completed this summer include space for Art, Vocal Music, Ag, and a facelift for the weight room. There will also be new HVAC in the existing high school classrooms, and an

entire new fire alarm system for the Jr/Sr High School! The Auditorium renovation and Wrestling room addition will take a bit longer, and should be complete by October 1st.

The Wayne Early Learning Center, which will house grades Pk-2nd, will be under construction most of next school year, with a completion date of May 31, 2025. We are very appreciative of the support from the community for this exciting facility renovation and expansion project!

We have enjoyed an incredibly successful school year, and look forward to summer preparations for the 2024-25 school year. The first day of school for the 24-25 school year is Wednesday, August 14th. In the meantime, I hope all of you have a wonderful summer, and are able to take time off from your busy schedules to spend time relaxing with family and friends. Please feel free to contact me with questions and concerns, and thank you for your continued support of Wayne Community Schools!

## Calendar Website:

The monthly school calendar can be accessed by logging into [midstatenebraska.org](http://midstatenebraska.org). Log-in and click on the Wayne Jr/Sr High link. You can select the monthly calendar for the day, week, or month. You can also print off the calendar to have. Check out the "Notify Me!" option to receive texts or email notifications for any activity you check off. Just follow the instructions on the page. You may also "Subscribe" by following the directions posted on the page. All of the instructions work on your smart phone, too!



**The current Wayne Community Schools Board Agenda can be found at:**

[www.wayneschools.org](http://www.wayneschools.org).

**It will be posted on Friday before the Board Meetings, which is the second Monday of each month.**

# Spanish Honor Society

Wayne High's chapter of Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica inducted nine new members this year, Andrea Olivares-Casillas, Ava Elliott, Nyamalo Kantai, Amelia Legler, Taytem Ellis, Jordyn Clinchard, Aidan Bohnert, Sophia Spieker, and Josie Ley. These students join returning chapter members Mason Ley, Nina Hammer, and Rylin Hall. As part of the application process, these students took the National

Spanish Exam (NSE), which is administered annually through the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. This year over 80,000 students from schools across the United States competed in the NSE, answering questions involving knowledge of vocab and grammar as well as listening and reading comprehension. Wayne had several students who received recognition based

on their national percentile ranking. The following students received Honorable Mention (Honorrifica): Andrea Olivares-Casillas (Level 4, bilingual category), Nyamalo Kantai and Amelia Legler (Level 3, classroom experience category), and Sophia Spieker and Josie Ley (Level 2, classroom experience category). This year we also had two medalists. Aidan Bohnert received a Premio de Bronce (Bronze Award) for scoring in the 80th percentile in the Level 2, classroom experience category. Jordyn Clinchard received a Premio de Plata (Silver Award) for her 94th percentile ranking in the Level 3, classroom experience category. Congratulations to all!



The annual Kindergarten Penguin Parade was held on February 23. The teachers say this tradition has been going on for approximately 35 years!



## School Lunch Hero Day

THANK YOU to Judy and her AWESOME kitchen crew for feeding the students and staff all year!!

## The Blue Devils bring home another Power Drive State Championship!

Car A107 driven by Braden Adams obtained 1165 out of a possible 1200 points to win this year's Advanced Class State Championship. (points awarded to individual events similar to a track meet)

- 2nd Place Endurance
- 2nd Place Maneuverability
- 1st Place Braking
- 1st Place Design & Construction
- 1st Place Documentation

Car E39 driven by Josh Doring received Runners-Up in Exhibition class.

Car E22 received Best Paint.

A HUGE thank you to Morgan Reynolds, Jewel Harpham, and Toni Rasmussen for their help on Saturday.





**CONGRATULATIONS to Prom King, Garret Schultz and Queen Frantzie Barner! Queen candidates were: Frantzie Barner, Delaney Kruse, Faith Powicki, Jersi Jensen, and Kate Hill. King candidates were: Garret Schultz, Sam Junck, Kaleb Moormeier, Mason Ley, and Caiden Backer**



**Dale Hochstein started coaching the girls' track team in 1988 and took over boys in 1999. He has been the face of Wayne High Track since that time.**

**Coach Hochstein has spent many hours and long days preparing his track teams for competitions and making sure our home track meets run smoothly. He has coached thousands of student-athletes during his tenure as Head Track Coach at Wayne High School, has led his teams to several conference championships, and coached hundreds of athletes at the State Track meet! He received the 2022 Northeast Nebraska Track and Field Achievement Award. Thank you, Coach Dale Hochstein, for your dedication and commitment to the Wayne Blue Devils Track program!!**

**Pictured with Coach Hochstein are current athletes, past and present coaches.**

## Foreign exchange students

Wayne Community Schools was honored to have two foreign exchange students this year. Linnea Skoldenberg is here from Sweden. Her host family is Dan and Teresa Tiedtke. While attending Wayne, Linnea was a cheerleader for football and basketball, One Act, FCCLA, Art Club, Track and Field, and the musical. "One of my favorite things about this experience and the US is that I have gotten the opportunity to try so many different things that never would have crossed my mind back in Sweden. I'm so grateful for all my teammates and coaches who have been so kind and welcoming. They have made my exchange year so memorable!" Elise L'Helgoual'h is here from France. Her host family is Mark and Karen Hill. Elise was a manager for volleyball, played basketball, FCCLA, and the musical while attending Wayne. "I had never played basketball before. It was really fun. I really like the fact that we can drive when we are younger here. In France you have to be 18 to do sport and activities at school!"



## Revolutionary War - 5th Grade

The Fifth Graders have been studying the Revolutionary War and its citizen soldiers. They have learned about the events that led up to the war as well as the hopes that American citizens had in a new and independent nation during and after the war. The 5th graders used Differentiated Learning to display this new knowledge. Some created dioramas, newspapers, posters, reports, performed skits, etc... The young men in this photo are Mason Nelson, Julian Contreras, Ayser Titml, Grant Law and Mason Rhods. They wrote their script and presented their skit "The Betrayal of Benedict Arnold". This is just one example of the fun presentations that our Fifth Graders shared.

Mrs. Trenhaile — 5th Grade—United States History

## End of the Year Joke

**Q:** What is a teacher's three favorite words?

**A:** June, July and August.

# We are growing and we need you!

In the 2023-2024 school year we introduced 21 NEW MATCHES! 21 kids getting an extra caring adult in their life is something to celebrate! Introducing new matches is one of my favorite parts



**Have a great summer!  
See you again in August!**



**MANY THANKS to Main Street Garage for supplying the staff at Wayne Community Schools with treats every month! We have thoroughly enjoyed them!!**

## Lunch Bills

**Please pay any outstanding lunch bills as soon as possible.**

1. Any charges made during the year are owed.
2. Any ala carte or extra items purchased are owed.

\*For example:

\*If your student brought a cold lunch and got a milk, the milk is charged to the student's account.

\*If your student took extras, the extras were charged to the student's account.

\*If your student did not take a full meal, the meal was charged to the student's account.

Any questions, please contact the school. Thank you!

## Food Backpacks

Food Backpacks will be available this summer to those who are already signed up for the 2023-24 school year once a week at the following location:

The Wayne Jr./Sr. High School Office located at 611 W. 7th Street.

Food Backpacks will be available Monday – Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and on Fridays, from 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Summer Backpack program will run Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, August 9.

of my job. Sometimes students have had to wait for this day for an entire year. You can imagine the smiles on their faces when I get to tell them we are going to meet their mentor. A person who is going to be there just for them to talk, play games, or just take a break with! Mentors are often more nervous than the students about their first meeting. When we sit down to make introductions, some matches hit it off easily. Others are a little quiet until we start to discuss something they have in common. Then whatever awkwardness was there quickly fades away. When I check in with the mentor after that first meeting, they almost always say something along the lines of "We had a great time! I am so glad I finally decided to this."

In recent years 92% of mentors reported leaving their mentoring time in a better mood than when

they arrived. 82% of mentors say they feel more engaged at work as a result of their mentoring time. The benefit to our students is obvious, but research is showing mentors benefit just as much!

We are ending this school year with one of the longest waiting lists we have ever seen! We have 11 BOYS and 6 GIRLS waiting for a mentor ranging from 3rd-11th grade. If you have ever considered becoming a TeamMates mentor this is a great time to apply! You and your mentee will be so glad you decided to do this .

If you have questions about TeamMates or are interested in becoming a mentor/mentee you may reach me at 402-746-4340 or shaleehoffman@yahoo.com or visit teammates.org to apply.

Shalee Hoffman

Wayne TeamMates Coordinator

## WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS | 2024-2025 CALENDAR



**Wednesday 2:00 dismissals are for teacher development.**

**Days off for weather and state tournaments may be made up if necessary.**

JANUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

2: Teacher Work Day  
6: School Resumes  
8: 2:00 Dismissal  
15: 2:00 Dismissal  
22: 2:00 Dismissal  
29: 2:00 Dismissal  
31: **NO SCHOOL** - PK-6 P/T Conferences 7-12 In Session

AUGUST 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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8: All-Staff Training Day  
12-13: Teacher Inservice  
12: Open House 5:00-7:00  
14: First Day of School – Noon Dismissal  
15: First Full Day of School  
19: First Day of ELC-PK4  
21: 2:00 Dismissal  
28: 2:00 Dismissal

FEBRUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	

5: 2:00 Dismissal  
12: 2:00 Dismissal  
19: 2:00 Dismissal  
21: **NO SCHOOL** – Winter Break  
26: 2:00 Dismissal

SEPTEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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29	30					

2: **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day  
4: 2:00 Dismissal  
11: 2:00 Dismissal  
18: 2:00 Dismissal  
23: P/T Conferences – 2:00 Dismissal  
25: P/T Conferences – 2:00 Dismissal  
27: **NO SCHOOL** – P/T Conferences

MARCH 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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5: 2:00 Dismissal  
13: 2:00 Dismissal – End of Q3  
14: **NO SCHOOL** – Spring Break  
19: 2:00 Dismissal  
26: 2:00 Dismissal

OCTOBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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27	28	29	30	31		

2: 2:00 Dismissal  
9: 2:00 Dismissal  
16: 2:00 Dismissal - End of Q1  
17: **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Inservice  
18: **NO SCHOOL** – Fall Break  
23: 2:00 Dismissal  
30: 2:00 Dismissal

APRIL 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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27	28	29	30			

2: 2:00 Dismissal  
9: 2:00 Dismissal  
16: 2:00 Dismissal  
18: **NO SCHOOL** – Easter Break  
21: **NO SCHOOL** – Easter Break  
23: 2:00 Dismissal  
30: 2:00 Dismissal

NOVEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

6: 2:00 Dismissal  
13: 2:00 Dismissal  
20: 2:00 Dismissal  
27-29: Thanksgiving Break

MAY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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7: 2:00 Dismissal  
14: 2:00 Dismissal  
17: Graduation  
20: Tentative Last Day of School

DECEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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4: 2:00 Dismissal  
11: 2:00 Dismissal  
20: 2:00 Dismissal - End of Q2/S1  
22-26: 5-day NSAA Moratorium  
23-1/3: Christmas Break

**WCS Moratorium – July 22-30  
NO ACTIVITIES, CAMPS, or WEIGHTS**

Quarter 1 – 44 days  
Quarter 2 – 42 days  
Quarter 3 – 48 days  
Quarter 4 – 45 days

**The final day of school will be determined at the April 2025 Board of Education meeting.**

179 – Student Days  
186 – Teacher Days

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## Phone messages

If you are not receiving phone messages or texts from the school, please contact the school. We will get your number on the list!



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**Wayne Blue Devils @WayneSchools.**

**Upcoming events, current happenings, fun things can be found there!**

