

Wayne Community Schools

Wayne Elementary School | 312 North Douglas Street | 402-375-3854

Wayne Jr./Sr. High School | 611 West 7th Street | 402-375-3150

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

www.wayneschools.org



Learning for Life – Every Student, Every Day!

August, 2024



From the Desk of Superintendent, Dr. Mark Lenihan

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

The 2024-25 school year is here and our staff is very excited to work with the students and partner with our parents and community members. As always, this summer has kept our staff very busy in preparing for school to begin. Our maintenance staff, secretarial staff, technology staff, and business office have done a tremendous job doing the important, behind the scenes work that makes our school run smoothly. We are very fortunate to have such a committed summer staff, and the work they do is greatly appreciated by all!

It has been a very busy, and rather messy summer at the school district with construction and renovation work occurring at the high school, the new parking lot south of the high school, and the wrestling room addition. It is always a hard push to complete major renovation work and upgrades in a few short summer months, and this year is no exception! To be brief, a new heating and cooling system has been added to the existing high school classrooms, the vocal music and art rooms have swapped locations, the

Ag classroom has been moved to the old wrestling room area, a new wrestling room is being added to the weight room building, and we have added six new classrooms to the east side of the high school building! We also have completely renovated the science classrooms, and all three high school science rooms will be located at the east side of the high school.

Another important upgrade to the Jr/Sr High School is a new fire alarm system. There also will be building security upgrades to our main entrance, and several other of our main doors at the Elementary School and Jr/Sr High School. We are also very excited about the much-needed improvements to the parking area south of the high school, which will include concrete parking, curbs, and lighting. The wrestling room addition, and the upgrades to the auditorium will not be ready until October 1st, which won't cause any disruption to the school schedule. As this phase of the project nears completion, the focus of our construction will be the new Pk-2nd grade Early Learning Center, which will open in fall of 2025. We are very excited to see the summer 2024 construction phase come to completion, and look forward to our new Early Learning Center facility that will expand our enrollment capacity substantially!

There are several new teachers joining our staff for the 2024-25 school year, as listed below:

- Derek Jueden – 7-12 Building Construction and Trades
- Terran Sievers – High School Science
- Suzanne Hasenkamp – High School Science
- Kelsey Schroeder – High School Special Education
- Paige Milliken – K-12 ELL
- Rylee Wagner – 6th Grade
- Brooke Henderson – Elementary Special Education
- Micaela Hight – 3rd Grade
- Savannah Leseberg – 3rd Grade

Please help me welcome all of our new staff to the Wayne Community

School District!

Along with our new teaching staff, we have made some shifts in our school district administrative staff. Russ Plager will move from Elementary Principal to High School Principal, Courtney Maas will move from 1st grade to our new K-2nd grade Principal, and Andi Diediker will move from 5th grade to 3rd-6th grade Principal. Mrs. Maas and Mr. Diediker will share principal duties at the Elementary School this year, prior to the opening of the new Early Learning Center for grades Pk-2nd in the 2025-26 school year.

We will host our annual Preschool – 12th grade open house on Monday, August 12th from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Teachers and staff will be available for students and parents. Please feel free to look around your child's room, help them set-up their desk or locker, and take advantage of the

opportunity to visit the staff. The Early Learning Center at the Sunnyview Place Business Park location will be open as well. I look forward to seeing many of you at the open house and at school events this year.

I encourage you to contact any of the administrators listed below with any questions or concerns you might have. High School Principal - Mr. Russ Plager (402) 375-3150
ruplage1@waynebluedevils.org
Junior High Principal/Athletic Director Mr. Dave Wragge (402) 375-3150
dawragg1@waynebluedevils.org
Director of Special Education/ELC - Mrs. Misty Bear (402) 833-1450
mibear1@waynebluedevils.org
K-2 Elementary Principal – Mrs. Courtney Maas (402) 375-3854

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

www.wayneschools.org.

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

Calendar Website:

The monthly school calendar can be accessed by logging into 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!



Bus Forms

Any family in the Wayne Community School district who has not received a bus request form and would like to use the bus service for the 2024-25 school year, is asked to contact Pam Anderson at the Wayne Jr./Sr. High School office, (402) 375-3150. Students from the city of Wayne, surrounding rural Wayne County, and Carroll students who wish to ride the bus, are eligible to do so.

Bus stops include:

- Vintage Hill Park
 - Viken Park/Sunnyview Park Shelter
 - Hank Overin Baseball Field
 - Carroll Auditorium
 - Bowling Alley
 - Rainbow World
- (Daycare participants only)



School Pictures

The dates are as follows for school pictures in each building.

*Jr/Sr High School: Tuesday, September 10

*K-Grade 2: Wednesday, September 11

*Grade 3-6: Thursday, September 12

*PK4: Wednesday, September 18 & Thursday, September 19

Subs

Do you have some free time on your hands? Have you considered subbing?

Wayne Community Schools is always looking for substitute teachers! A teaching certificate or local area sub certificate is required.

We also need people to sub in our kitchen and para-professional positions! No certificates needed!

Contact Deb if you're interested in any of these subbing opportunities!

402-375-3150

Welcome to the Wayne Cafeteria

Welcome to the Wayne Cafeteria! Thank you for choosing to eat with us!

*REMINDER students need to have three components on their trays for breakfast and lunch with one of those components being at least a half a cup fruit or vegetable to be considered a reimbursable meal; otherwise they will be charged Ala Cart.

*Applications for reduced/free meals have been mailed out but if you misplaced your copy; more are available.



Wayne TeamMates will kick off the school year with our Back-to-School Pizza Party on Monday, August 26th from 5:30-7:00 in the High School Commons. Mentors, mentees, and their families are welcome to attend!

We are actively searching for new mentors, with more than 20 kids waiting for a mentor this year! Visit <http://www.teammates.org> or contact our coordinator, Shalee Hoffman at shaleehoffman@yahoo.com, for more information.

K-12 OPEN HOUSE

5:00-7:00 P.M.

ELEMENTARY AND
JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL



Sport Season Passes

ALL SPORTS PASSES

Adults: \$70.00

Grades K-12: \$10.00

ADMISSION PRICES

JV and Varsity games

Adults: \$7.00

Students: \$5.00

E-tickets will be the main source for passes and tickets. Admission can also be done at the gate.

able in the school offices.

*Family members are welcome to join their student for lunch. We ask that you call the office by 9am to be added to the lunch count. We are excited for another year of great food options!

~The Kitchen Staff

REMINDER

Kindergarteners, 7th graders, and new to the state students MUST have a physical before schools begins. Paperwork can be picked up from the offices.

7-12 Schedules

Monday, August 12

8:00 AM

Schedules will be in the
Counseling Office.

WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2024-25 MEAL PRICES

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Students: Grades PK-6:	\$1.50	\$2.45
Students: Grades 7-12:	\$1.50	\$2.55
Reduced Price:	\$0.30	\$0.40
Adult Staff/Adult Visitors:	\$2.75	\$4.60
Milk, per carton:	\$0.40	\$0.40
Adult Ala Carte:	\$3.75	

Tailgates

There will be sponsored
Tailgates before every
home football game!
Come hungry and cheer on
the Blue Devils!

This year's home football
schedule is:

Friday, August 30 – Omaha

Roncalli Catholic

Friday, September 13 –

Omaha Brownell-Talbot

Friday, September 27 –
O'Neill

Friday, October 18 –
Schuyler

Friday, October 25 –
Columbus Scotus



School is starting again! Please be mindful of the buses carrying our students!!

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						
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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						
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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
15: First Day of ELC-PK4A
16: First Day of ELC-PK4B
21: 2:00 Dismissal
28: 2:00 Dismissal

FEBRUARY 2025						
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5: 2:00 Dismissal
12: 2:00 Dismissal
19: 2:00 Dismissal
21: **NO SCHOOL** – Winter Break
26: 2:00 Dismissal

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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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						
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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						
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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						
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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						
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6: 2:00 Dismissal
13: 2:00 Dismissal
20: 2:00 Dismissal
27-29: Thanksgiving Break

MAY 2025						
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7: 2:00 Dismissal
14: 2:00 Dismissal
17: Graduation
20: Tentative Last Day of School

DECEMBER 2024						
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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

Wayne School Facebook Pages

CHECK OUT THE VARIOUS SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS FACEBOOK PAGES! Stay up-to-date on happenings and fun stuff!

- Wayne Community Schools
- NE Nebraska Spring Sprints
- She Devils Dance Team
- Wayne Ag Ed
- Wayne Blue Devils Booster Club
- Wayne Blue Devil Bowling
- Wayne Blue Devils Cross Country

- Wayne Blue Devils Volleyball
- Wayne Blue Devils Wrestling
- Wayne Community School Bands
- Wayne Community Schools Foundation
- WCS-Early Learning Center
- Wayne Elementary Librarian
- Wayne Family and Consumer Sciences
- Wayne FBLA
- Wayne FCCLA
- Wayne High Alumni Basketball Tournament

- Wayne High Blue Devil Football
- Wayne High Cheerleaders
- Wayne High Mock Trial
- Wayne High School Color Guard
- Wayne High School Esports Club
- Wayne High Softball
- Wayne Junior High Science
- Wayne Kids Club
- Wayne Lady Blue Devils Basketball
- Wayne Music Boosters
- Wayne Online School Store
- Wayne Elementary Boosters



Please join Wayne Community Schools in welcoming our new teachers to the District!

- Mrs. Suzy Hasenkamp – Science
- Mrs. Brooke Henderson – Special Education
- Mrs. Micaela Hight – Third Grade
- Mr. Derek Jueden – Industrial Tech
- Ms. Savannah Leseberg – Third Grade
- Ms. Paige Milliken – Newcomers
- Ms. Kelsey Schroeder – Special Education
- Mr. Terran Sievers – Science
- Ms. Rylee Wagner – Sixth Grade
- Mrs. Erin Willrich – Sixth Grade (2nd Semester)



A new school year brings new changes!
Mr. Diediker – 3-6 Principal
Mrs. Maas – K-2 Principal
Mr. Plager – High School Principal

POWERSCHOOL

If you are having trouble setting up a Parent PowerSchool account, please contact Deb at the High School and she will get it set up. Due to PowerSchool updates, it is easier to have it set up through a PowerSchool administrator. 402-375-3150
dedaum1@waynebluedevils.org

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3-6 Elementary Principal –
Mr. Andi Diediker (402) 375-3854
andiedi1@waynebluedevils.org
Superintendent – Dr. Mark Lenihan
(402) 375-3150
malenih1@waynebluedevils.org

The beginning of school is always a very exciting and fun part of our year. I look forward to the return of our students and seeing many of our parents and patrons at school events. As always, feel free to call or stop by my office with any questions or concerns, and thank you for your continued support of Wayne Community Schools!

Policy Reviews

The following policies are reviewed annually by the Board of Education and were recently reviewed June 10, 2024. All policies can be found at: www.wayneschools.org
*Policy 5415: Anti-Bullying
*Policy 5416: Student Fees
*Policy 5418: Homeless Students
*Policy 6400: Parent/Community Involvement in Schools



Fall Sports Kick-Off

When: Friday, August 23
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Kern Track

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!



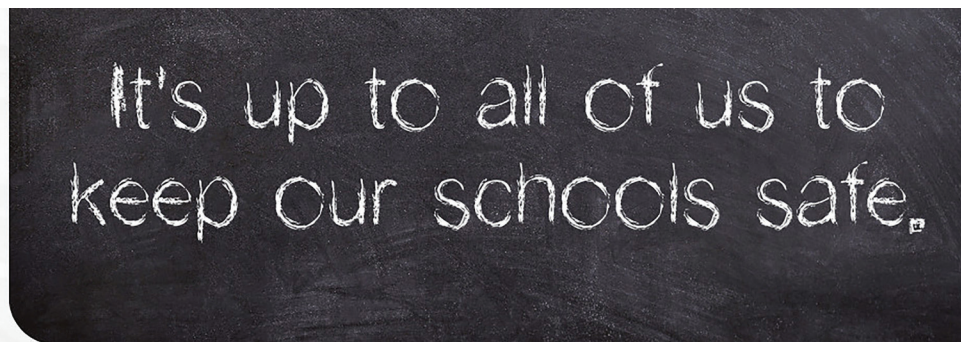
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Discrimination

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Joke

Q: What is the king of all school supplies?
A: The ruler.



Call 833-980-SAFE (7233) to report:

- ☑ School threats
- ☑ Bullying
- ☑ Crime
- ☑ Violence
- ☑ Abuse
- ☑ Sexual exploitation
- ☑ Concerning social media posts
- ☑ Students in distress



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www.facebook.com/Wayne-Community-Schools



You can also follow us on Twitter!

Wayne Blue Devils @WayneSchools.



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