



Waynedale

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Waynedale community is united in our commitment to developing lifelong learners by meeting each student's social, emotional and academic needs.



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Superintendent's Message

As we are well into another exciting school year, we are thrilled to share the great news and updates that make this year special. Our commitment to providing exceptional educational experiences and fostering a nurturing environment remains unwavering. Here's a look at what's new and noteworthy for the 2024-25 school year.



We are excited to embark on this school year and the successful consolidation into the newly named Waynedale Local School District. This consolidation is a strategic move designed to enhance educational opportunities and streamline resources. By merging our efforts, we aim to offer a more cohesive and enriched learning experience for all students.

KEY BENEFITS TO THE CONSOLIDATION

- **Enhanced Resources:** The consolidation allows us to pool resources, including advanced technology, specialized staff and extracurricular programs, providing students with a broader range of learning opportunities and support.
- **Improved Facilities:** The new school is a state-of-the-art facility, including upgraded classrooms, science labs and common areas, creating an optimal environment for both academic and personal growth.
- **Strengthened Community:** By bringing together students, parents and staff we are fostering a stronger, more inclusive community where collaboration and shared goals drive our success.

EXCITING PROGRAMS

Our district continues to offer programs and initiatives designed to enrich student experiences and support their academic and personal development.

- **CCP (College Credit Plus):** CCP courses allow a student to earn college and high school credits at the same time

by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The program's purpose is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students.

- **State-Approved Curriculum:** To support the science of reading state requirements, our teachers have completed professional development and use approved materials. The science of reading informs how students learn to read and write proficiently. It also incorporates explicit and systematic instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and writing to become effective readers.
- **STEM:** Our expanded STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program includes hands-on projects during this after-school club and partners with local businesses and organizations.
- **Mental Health and Wellness Support:** We are enhancing our mental health and wellness programs with additional counseling services and support groups to ensure students have the resources they need to thrive emotionally and academically.
- **OHuddle:** Provides school-based mentorship to support the whole child.

OHIO DEPT OF EDUCATION & WORKFORCE REPORT CARDS

Districts and schools receive an overall rating of 1 to 5 stars in half-star increments. The overall rating is made up of five rated components (Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Early Literacy and Graduation). College, Career, Workforce & Military Readiness is reported only and does not contribute to the overall rating.

Our district received a 4.5 overall rating for the 2023-24 state report card. Our district continues to set instructional goals to promote and encourage academic growth and overall student success. We appreciate the support of our learning community, which includes all stakeholders.

STAY CONNECTED

We encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the year. Visit our website for updates (<https://waynedale.us/>), receive our FinalForms messages and participate in upcoming school events. Your engagement and feedback are vital as we work together to provide the best educational experience for our students. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Here's to a successful and memorable school year!

*-James J. Ritchie,
Superintendent of Waynedale Local School District*



WMS

Waynedale Middle School Is Off to a Great Start

Waynedale Middle School is running smoothly with the amazing support from our community, families, students and staff. Students and staff are thrilled to be settling into our brand-new building. The students started with hesitation about their locker combinations and changing classes in a huge building and progressed to enjoying the independence of being a middle school student. We are very proud of what the students have accomplished so far, and we are only a small part of the way through! The brand-new facilities and the excitement of a fresh start have created a truly inspiring atmosphere.

Our athletes (in cheerleading, soccer, golf, football, cross country and volleyball) have worked hard through the fall season and are enjoying being in our new Waynedale facility. Groups like STEM Club, Newspaper Club and Student Council are beginning to attract many students. Waynedale Middle School is the place to be!!!

The positive energy and excitement are helping create a successful and memorable year.





WES

Welcome to the First Chapter of Waynedale Elementary

As we embark on this exciting journey at Waynedale Elementary, we're committed to honoring our cherished traditions while embracing new opportunities for growth and connection.



Throughout the first quarter, we've enjoyed getting to know new students and families. Meet-the-Teacher Night and Parent Teacher conferences were particularly important this year, for building these connections. We believe that education thrives through partnership, and we truly value the time families invest in attending these conferences, reinforcing

the importance of school in our children's lives.

We're also excited this fall to continue our collaboration with the local fire departments to promote fire prevention. Fire Prevention Week, which takes place annually in October, allows us to join forces with our community partners to deliver engaging and age-appropriate activities and lessons for our elementary students. This year, we were fortunate to welcome volunteer firefighters from all four communities. We're proud to build on this annual tradition alongside our local volunteers.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being on a single campus is the opportunity for older students to serve as role models for their younger peers. Although the students have



separate schedules during the day, we've started a new tradition that we hope will last for years to come. On Fridays, our varsity high school teams and various clubs welcome our elementary students as they arrive! The joy is evident as our elementary students step off the bus or out of their cars and are greeted by high-fives and smiles from those

high school students that they look up to. Throughout the year, extracurricular teams and clubs will participate during their respective seasons, fostering connections across grades.

Additionally, we're excited to introduce "Friday Finale." On the last Friday of each month, we'll gather all our elementary students and staff to celebrate achievements and strengthen our bonds. During these special events, we'll highlight the accomplishments of both students and staff, showcase talents and create lasting memories. Our goal is to send everyone home at the end of each month with a sense of pride and excitement about being a part of our Golden Bear family!

This year, we are all—students and staff—on a journey of discovery, learning more about one another, our community and our shared goals. We are thrilled to be writing the first chapter of Waynedale Elementary, and we can't wait to see what adventures await!



WHS

Waynedale High School Creates Success

Our students have completed their first nine weeks grading period and are off to another successful start of school. Students and staff have been enjoying the new building and have adapted well.



The Golden Bears Golf team has won the WCAL title and qualified for districts. In addition, the Boys' Cross Country team finished sixth at state, and Piper Polen qualified for state from our Girls' Cross Country team. This is only the second time both teams have qualified for regionals. We are so proud of our student-athletes.

Congratulations to Coach Louie Stanley for getting inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame by his peers and receiving the Life Time Achievement Award. Coach Stanley has always been a profound role model for our students and has

represented Waynedale extremely well. We are thankful for all his dedication and hard work representing Waynedale at the highest level.

Parents are reminded that cell phone use is still prohibited by our school policy and violation of this policy will result in the confiscation of the phone. This policy is intended to help reduce social issues and prevent academic violations. In addition, please remind your student that if he or she drives a car to school it must be registered with the high school office.

Please keep in mind that student attendance is necessary to ensure academic success. As we approach the flu season, parents are encouraged to help us maintain good attendance when possible and pick up makeup work whenever a student misses school. We are always available to provide any help or support for your student. Please contact the high school office at (330) 698-3071 if you have any questions or concerns or if your student is staying home due to illness.

Thank you for your continued support of the Golden Bears!



Boys' Cross Country team

Piper Polen

You're Invited

Board meetings are on the third Monday of every month, scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Please watch for location and time changes to be posted on our website.

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Holiday Concerts

Kindergarten and 1st grade

Christmas Sing Along
December 11, 2024 7:00 pm Waynedale High School

Elementary 2nd/3rd grade

Christmas Musical
December 16, 2024 7:00 pm Waynedale High School

High School Band/Choir and 6th grade Band

December 17, 2024 6:00 pm Fairlawn Church

Middle School

December 18, 2024 6:00 pm Waynedale High School

