

WesternWayne *Schools*



Western Wayne Schools Community,

With the fall equinox right around the corner, we are finally seeing lower temperatures, crisp mornings, changing of colors, and the always comforting feeling of a nice warm sweatshirt. What more could one ask for? There are so many things to be thankful for during these uncertain times, so with that being said, I challenge everyone to step outside and take the time to enjoy the beauty around us. In times like these, it can be the best medicine. It's hard to believe but we are closely approaching the end of the first quarter (October 14th). As this date is coming very quickly, please keep in mind that our parent-teacher conferences will be taking place on Wednesday, October 20th. Information on this will be sent out from your building level principals here very soon. Shortly following these conferences we will be on fall break during the week of October 25-29, so please mark your calendars. As we have settled into the school year I would be remiss if I didn't mention how resilient our students and staff have been through the uncharted waters of this COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, I am extremely impressed with how our community has supported us through very difficult times, times that have presented unprecedented issues that have led to very difficult decisions. The support from our Western Wayne Families is truly what makes being an Eagle so special. So thank you.

Stay-In-School Gameplan

As the school year has progressed, we have seen a great deal of impact coming from COVID-19. The number of positive COVID cases in Wayne County has been pretty consistent which has created unique challenges in keeping our students within the halls of WWS. I do implore everyone to please help us stay open by continuing to follow the recommendations below. Our staff members will be following these procedures as well.

1. Help your child conduct a self-screening of their health each day before going to school. If you or your child think they are experiencing a symptom, **please keep them home!**
2. If a student has been tested and he/she is awaiting the results of the test, he/she should not report to school.
3. Students (and staff) will continue to use a mask at school at all times. Please remember to send your child to school with a clean mask each day.

In The Event of a Positive Case

When we are made aware of a positive case, we work with the direction of the Wayne County Health Department to determine who needs to be quarantined. In the event that we are notified that a large number of individuals are impacted, we will also send out a letter notifying all families of the impact. As always, we will notify individuals on a direct basis. If you do not receive a phone call then your child has not been impacted. This is our method of communication, all of which will keep the confidentiality of positive cases at the forefront.

COVID-19 Protocols: [LINK](#)

Golden Eagle Industries

It is with great excitement to announce that our Golden Eagle Industries was awarded a \$10,000 Lilly Endowment grant from Forward Wayne County. These grant funds will be used to add more equipment to our graphics lab, which will allow us to expand our screen printing capabilities. At this time our current career focuses within Golden Eagle Industries include; Advanced Manufacturing, Agriculture, Automotive Service Technology, Business, Engineering. This program is growing exponentially, stay tuned for more exciting updates.

At-Home Learning

We have several Golden Eagle Learners who are opting into this option as their learning environment changed last week. Unfortunately, we know it is likely that others may have to stay home due to experiencing symptoms, having a positive diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19. Though this was not an original option as we entered into the school year, we did want to maintain a system that would minimize disruptions to learning as students transition between school and home. If you have any questions or would like to have this option for your child, please feel free to contact your child's building level principal for further details.

2-Hour Delay

The weather is still nice right now, but before we know it we will be waking up to conditions that may be unsafe for an on-time start to school. Please make sure that your child's school has your most updated contact information so that you receive prompt notifications from our automated system. **If we have to delay our school-day start, our 2-hour start time will be 10:00, not 10:30.**

New Student Registration

Families who are new to our area with school-aged children or families who live outside of the Western Wayne Schools boundaries, but want to attend Western Wayne Elementary or Lincoln Middle/High School should [CLICK HERE](#) to register at Western Wayne Schools. You can also email emiller@wwayne.k12.in.us for students in grades K-5 and rlakes@wwayne.k12.in.us for students in grades 6-12.

Questions, Comments, or Praises?

Though we are a very tight-knit community and communicate very regularly, we ALWAYS want to hear your feedback. Within this [LINK](#) is a parent survey with an open comment section. Feel free to use this anytime. This will help us address any issues or concerns you may have. We love positive posts too, so please let us know what we can do to serve you better.

Taking pride in our district

Let's each do our part to support and highlight the wonderful happenings within our district. Unfortunately, in a social-media-driven society, many times the image of a school, business, or person can be damaged by negative comments that might not be factual. Here at WWS, we want to work closely with our community and its stakeholders to ensure our district is reflected in a positive light. If you have any questions or issues, please contact our district to address this prior to posting on Facebook. We are ALWAYS here to listen and provide guidance on any issue. We take great pride in this.

If there is anything I can do, please let me know. My email address is astover@wwayne.k12.in.us and my phone number is 765-478-5375.

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