

WesternWayne *Schools*



Western Wayne Schools Community,

First and foremost, I hope everyone enjoyed a restful fall break. As fall sports have come to an end and we prepare for the winter months it's incredibly hard to believe we are now in the second grading period of the year. Though we have faced many trials in dealing with COVID19, it is with great delight to see how resilient our students and staff have been throughout the beginning of the school year. As always, thank you for your support and grace through these very very difficult decisions.

In other news, our Golden Eagle Industries received a \$10,000 grant from Lilly Endowment to help with the purchase of a new screen printing machine. This new piece of equipment will allow our students to manufacture t-shirts for the local community at a rate of 200 shirts an hour. Wow! This will help our manufacturing process as we have been receiving a large number of work orders over the last few months from local businesses. Perhaps the most important aspect of this programming is the real-world applications it holds. Our students are being tasked with being their own entrepreneurs and working in a hands-on environment that provides them with employability skills for the future. Now that is a win-win! Our Golden Eagle Industries have been gaining traction and attention from all over the state. With that being said, we are off to a great start to something very special. If you would like to hear more about our Golden Eagle Industries or would like to help support please let me know.

One final note that you might have already seen happening at WWS is our newly updated MTSS model (Multi-Tiered System of Supports). With the gracious grant support from East Central Educational Service Center (HB1008), we have worked diligently to bridge the educational gaps created from COVID19. In doing so, Lincoln Middle School and Western Wayne Elementary will be comprehensively examining student data to uncover learning gaps in both English Language Arts as well as Mathematics. Those students facing issues in either/or subject areas will be provided time during the traditional school day to sit down and work closely with a mentor and/or teacher. Our spiral approach shows a lot of promise as we tackle these issues head-on.

Social Media / Marketing Plan

Within the next few weeks, Western Wayne Schools will be updating our social media and marketing campaign to highlight the ongoing greatness happening throughout all of our district. Our goal is to provide a more robust social media and marketing foundation to draw more attention toward our district than ever before. We want to "tell our story" and this will provide the framework in doing so. What does this mean? We will be using only (1) Facebook page to cover all K-12 happenings at Western Wayne. We are taking this route to funnel all supporters of Western Wayne to one location to create an easier method of keeping up with all of our district updates. Additionally, you will be seeing much more content as we

will have more administrators on the account to capture everything in real-time. This will require us to close down our LMS/LHS and Western Wayne Elementary School pages as we converge everything into a one-stop shop. (We will be archiving the old accounts and posts) We will be pushing out updates and our new information soon so stay tuned.

School Messenger

In an ongoing effort toward maintaining the best possible communications with our Western Wayne Families, we have recently partnered with Intrado “School Messenger” services. This new service will allow our district to send out real-time voice recordings to parents and guardians, which were previously computer-generated. Additionally, This new service will allow us to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts, and more. At this point in time, we are in the “**opt-in**” phase of our roll-out. The purpose of this opt-in phase is to encourage as many Western Wayne families to confirm their willingness to receive ongoing SMS messages from our district by opting in from your device(s). Western Wayne families can opt-in by texting “Y” to the SchoolMessenger Communicate shortcode “67587” from each device you wish to receive SMS text messages on. This will be a two-week campaign to get as many families on board as possible prior to our **November 1st** launch date. Please take part in this new communication method by taking the time to sign up on your phones. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Ben Burris at: bburris@wwayne.k12.in.us or our tech office at 765-478-6318.



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our

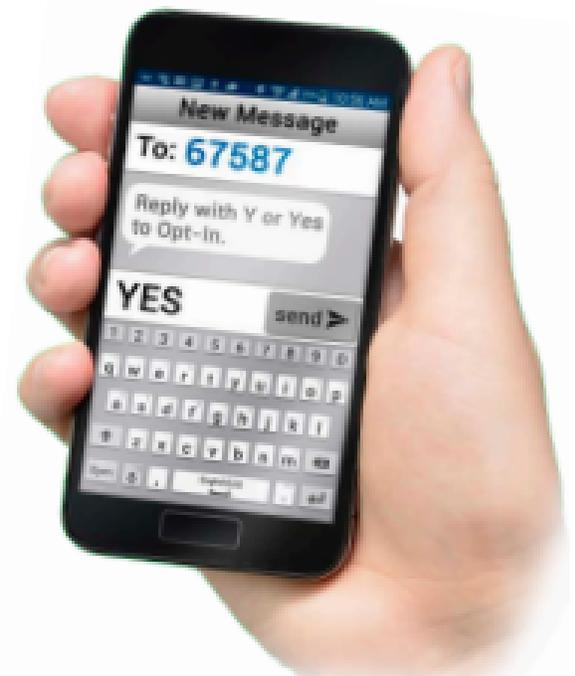
Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts, and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt-out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

We recommend saving this shortcode and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or district.



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Just send “Y” or

“Yes” to 67587

TBRI Parent Night #2

Who: Trust-Based Relational Intervention Parent Series (HopeAlight)

What: Parents can learn the same strategies and common language that students are using in our school system to stay emotionally regulated. You will also learn how to interpret and handle maladaptive behaviors, as well as how to help your children learn and build resilience and use their voice to get their needs met appropriately.

When: November 4th 5:30-7:30

Where: Virtual-Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucuGrqjwpEt16NXvEdscj62959a3zWW-s>

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**GERARD FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE TO
Lincoln High School Juniors and Seniors
And
Lincoln High School Graduates**

Juniors & Seniors: Must be enrolled in courses that applies toward early college program or program level courses that lead toward a credential

Graduates: Enrolled at the Richmond campus pursuing a certificate or degree. The deadline to apply for Fall 2022 is June 2022!

How To Apply for Scholarships

1. If you haven't already done so, complete an application for admission. Follow the steps noted on this link:
<https://www.ivytech.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.html>
2. After applying for admission, the following link will help guide students through the scholarship application.
<https://www.ivytech.edu/files/ScholarshipHelp.pdf>
3. Need assistance? Contact an Advisor at Ivy Tech Richmond at 765-966-2656, ext 1202.

Dirt Road Travel Basketball

Lincoln boys basketball program is offering dirt road travel basketball again this season for 6th graders! Practice will start on Monday, October 11th and your games will be played on Sundays. Dates for games are November 14, 21, December 5, 12, 19, and January 9, 16, 23, 30. Your son will practice two times a week, he will be learning the fundamentals of basketball, teamwork, responsibility, and the importance of being committed to our program. We take great pride in our entire program and we look forward to watching your son grow in our system and eventually be a varsity Golden Eagle! Please email Coach Klein your son's name and your phone number as quickly as possible to Coach at rklein@wwayne.k12.in.us.

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](#)

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.

Andy Stover



Superintendent
Western Wayne Schools