



TIGER TALK

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

State of the District

Finances

The district continues in a solid financial position. The most significant unknown going forward is the new biennial budget effective July 1, 2017 running through June 30, 2019. If the state holds the current funding formula W-G will continue to be financially solid. The funding model put in place on July 1, 2015 was very fair to lower wealth small rural districts with less capacity than higher wealth districts across Ohio.

Enrollment

Enrollment continues to be a concern. Total Kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment is now below 500 students. The two largest classes, mid-50 students, graduated in 2015 and 2016. The incoming Kindergarten classes in 2015 and 2016 were 35 and 30, so we experienced a net reduction of 44 students. Currently our two largest classes are second grade and ninth grade, 48 students each. The tenth grade class of 31 is the smallest. Given a lower birth rate and shifts in population we anticipate enrollment continuing below 500 students for the foreseeable future. On the positive side we have three preschool classes totaling 45 students. We also are net plus on open enrollment (sixty students coming to W-G from other districts).

State Report Card Measures/Opportunities for W-G Students

The state is no longer doing a performance index ranking. The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* computed a "GPA" for all districts and W-G is tied for #126 of 614 school districts; top 20%. The link: http://www.cleveland.com/datacentral/index.ssf/2016/09/a_gpa_for_every_school_distric.html

Achievement

Per state criteria W-G is rated a "C" district in achievement [a "B" in 2014 and a "C" in 2015]. This is the third year in a row with different tests with varying standards. Areas of strength were math, science, and social studies at the HS and the elementary. Math and Science scores were some of the highest in the region. English across all grade levels did not hit the state cut score. We have introduced new curriculum materials for reading and writing and when more is known about the new tests I am confident our teachers will be able to help our students improve on state tests.

However, the most relevant assessment is daily in the classroom. Teachers can work with and help all students in real time today, helping those that did not learn and enriching assignments for those students that learned at very high levels. State tests cannot be seen by teachers and the results are returned after the students are gone. We will continue to address state standards and testing but will make time for teaching and student learning the highest priority every day.

Value Added

W-G was rated by the state as an "A" district in Value Added, one year's growth. Again Value Added scores are old data, not real time, and of not much value when the students are gone.

Graduation Rate

W-G was rated a "B" on the four-year graduation rate, which means 3 of 56 students did not complete HS in four years; and an "A" on the five-year graduation rate.

Welcome English
Teacher Ms. Sauer



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Prepared for Success

Teachers will also continue to work on additional elements of student learning and growth that are valued by our community, but not reflected in the state report card. For example, under “Prepared for Success” (ready for college and career) we are rated a “C”, but the criteria is very narrow. Just a few examples: Production Agriculture and Ag Business do not count for any points. American and State FFA degrees do not count for points. A student successfully completing a two-year welding program and getting a good job in a factory in Lima does not count for points. We did reach a “C” on the basis of college classes taken and ACT tests.

Additionally, the state report card does not reflect the comprehensive program at W-G, the significant elective classes and extra-curricular opportunities for students; music trip to NY, solo and ensemble, choir, band, vocal, 3D art, graphic publications, drama/musical production, health, physical education, multiple athletics, technology and computer apps, the one-to-one Chromebook program, Project Lead the Way “Design and Modeling”, Manufacturing overview, Internships, STEM classes, physical science, career connections, the career cafe’, the elements of the character education (kindness tree, persistence, integrity, other) and special activities like “Get Real” week, focusing on career, character, anti-drug activities, Ag day, COSI on-wheels, Right to Reading week, the annual international trip by the Spanish class (Europe and Costa Rica the past two years). This year we also have Academic Assist first period and Mindset Monday’s...with the goal to help all students develop a growth mindset...to learn effective effort and the attitude and innate skills to achieve success in school and ultimately in life.

In summary, our students have excellent elective opportunities, smaller class sizes, challenging core academics, and a caring faculty. We want all students to build a foundation of knowledge, skills, abilities, interests and be successful beyond even what they believe is possible today.

W-G graduates have done very well in life; take a look at the Distinguished Alumni list on our web site (wgschools.org). Interestingly many did not have to take 25 plus tests, a student growth measure test, and other national tests to get out of HS...and they are doing quite well.

An Opportunity-New Federal Education Law--ESSA

Suggestion for the state: return to a focus on teaching and student learning and let our elected local board of education, with input from parents and community members, determine what is best for our students. The state now has that opportunity as Congress passed the ESSA act which reduced testing requirements and authorized more local control. If the goal is raising student achievement, we suggest taking the massive amount of money going to testing, value added, and other top down initiatives and reallocating to teacher development and needs in the classroom. A reallocation to what would earn a much higher return-on-investment.

This is your school district. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any concern, issue, or idea. Feel free to stop by school to say hello and share your thoughts with me. Or call me at 419-568-9104 or e-mail me at pfisterc@wgschools.org. Thank you. Chris Pfister



From left, State Board of Education member Ann Jacobs presents W-G math teacher Kathy Lament with a certificate Wednesday for being named the 2017 Teacher of the Year for District 1 (21 counties in NW Ohio). Mrs. Jacobs said “Kathy sets high expectations for her students, as well as for herself. She is the epitome of a master teacher and is well respected by her colleagues”.

Picture courtesy of Cassie Smith, Wapakoneta Daily News

WG FFA NEWS

Mr. Schnippel

Chase Cummings has been selected to compete in the National FFA Talent Competition. He will perform live at the National FFA Convention October 18th - 22nd. Over 50,000 FFA members from across the nation are expected to gather in Indianapolis, IN that week. More than a dozen WG FFA members plan to travel with Wapakoneta and Delphos FFA'ers to the event. Mindi Brookhart, Danielle Heintz, & Brandon Turner will all receive top honors at the convention on Saturday when they are awarded the American FFA Degree.



Agricultural Alertness Drone Program

Members of the WG FFA are participating in the Agricultural Alertness Drone Program. This unmanned aircraft will be used to help local farmers survey crops and gather data. The drone is equipped with an aerial 4K camera and can be used to estimate crop damage, locate drainage problems, manage pest control, and evaluate deficiencies in crops.

Below are 2 pictures of the school and campus using the drone camera.



Career Café

Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Dellinger

The counseling department in combination with Mrs. Junkins's Careers courses will be hosting a monthly Career Café. The Career Café is an opportunity for our students to meet individuals from their community and learn about their career journeys. Each month we plan to focus on a specific career cluster and invite multiple professionals from that field.

This will take place over the lunch hour(s). If you are interested or know someone interested in meeting with our students please contact Abby Dellinger at abby.dellinger@wgschools.org for date and time schedules.

- September: Health Sciences
- October: Engineering & Manufacturing
- November: Human Services
- December: Entrepreneurship / Small Business owner
- January: Agriculture
- February: IT / Communication
- March: Business, Management, & Administration

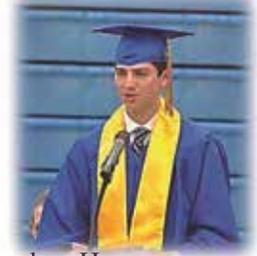
STEM I Project

Mr. Turner

Over this past summer, Wes Eller represented W-G by driving our car in the Lima Area Soap Box Derby Race. The car was built by high school students taking the STEM I class as there are many Physics concepts that directly tie to the soap box derby. Although the car did not win, this was a great opportunity to gain knowledge about the race that will be analyzed in this year's class. Throughout semester I, the car will be disassembled and improvements will be made before competing in future races.



Correction from the August 2016 Tiger Talk...



Jonnell Case and Stephen Hayes
Class Valedictorians



Kiley Valenti
Salutatorian

COMMUNITY WALKERS PROGRAM



The building will be open for walking starting Monday, October 31, 2016 to Friday, April 28, 2017 from 6:00-7:30p.m. Walkers are asked to enter and leave from the front northwest elementary doors (W-5). The building will not be open when the school day had to cancel or when out due to a holiday break.

WG SEEKING SUBSTITUTE BUILDING CLEANER

The Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools is seeking a substitute Building Cleaner. The hourly rate for this position is \$ 13.83. Applications are available at the Superintendent's Office 500 N. Westminster St., Waynesfield, by calling [\(419\) 568-9100](tel:4195689100) or online at wgschools.org (Employment/Classified application). For more information call the Superintendent's Office.

REMINDER TO BUS RIDERS: When school is operating on a delay there is no breakfast provided in the auditoria. Because of this, your child's pick up time is delayed an additional 10 minutes. (Ex. 2 hour delay will make your pick up time delayed 2 hours and 10 minutes.)

W-G PRESCHOOL

Waynesfield-Goshen is still accepting preschool applications for three, four and five year olds. If you would like an enrollment packet please contact W-G Preschool at 419-568-9100 ext. 13.

Mrs. McKinney's Class

W-G Preschoolers are working on making new friends and getting to know one another at school! Here we are making our "Friendship Web" during circle time. (Each student told one thing about being a good friend as the string connected everyone in the class making the web of friends!)



Mrs. Casey's AM Class

Recently, we've been exploring apples while learning about the letter Aa. The students got to choose the color (yellow, green or red) of their painting (in the picture). Students also learned about the parts of the apple and taste tested apples (red, green and yellow) to find out which one they liked best and made a graph. We also made a graph of our favorite ways to eat an apple.



BUS SAFETY WEEK

This year the National School Bus Safety Week is October 17-21, 2016. The following is a reminder to students and parents:

1. Get up early enough so you don't rush to catch the bus.
2. Wait for the bus at a safe distance from the road.
3. Keep out of the Danger Zone which is 10 feet all around the bus.
4. Students stay in your seat.
5. Respect the driver and other bus riders.



Warning Light Reminders:

- Do not pass a school bus that has a stop arm and red alternating flashing lights on.
- When a bus has alternating flashing amber (yellow) lights on, slow down and prepare to stop. Watch for children near the roadway.

If you fail to stop for a school bus, your error will not go unnoticed. Bus drivers will report the license plate number of any vehicle that fails to comply with the law to a law enforcement agency, and an investigation will be conducted to identify the driver for enforcement purposes.



Tiger suds and softener sale

~~~don't forget to order your detergent and softener~~~



**SALE STARTS – OCTOBER 14 THRU OCTOBER 24**

**Order forms may be picked up in the Elementary/HS Offices at that time**

**\$45.00 Per 5 Gallon Buckets – Comes with a pump**

**PICK-UP is THURS., NOV. 10, 2016 @ BUS GARAGE 3:15 to 6 pm**

**W-G Academic Boosters appreciates your support!!!!!!**



**- Attention -**



*Waynesfield-Goshen is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program. For purchases made at Kroger stores, using your Kroger Plus rewards card, Waynesfield-Goshen will receive a percentage of the sale. We would like to encourage parents, family, and friends of W-G to register their Kroger Plus card on the Kroger website by following the steps below. All money earned from the Kroger Community Rewards program will be placed in a fund supporting classroom incentives, materials, and field trips. Please contact Mr. Pence at 419-568-9100 if you have any questions.*

- Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If a member does not yet have Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register.
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information
- Enter NPO number (**27576** for W-G) or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

## October 2016

| Sunday | Monday                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                              | Wednesday                                                                         | Thursday                                                                                | Friday                                                                             | Saturday                                                         |
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|        |                                                                                                     |                                                                      |  |                                                                                         |                                                                                    | 1<br>10AM VB @<br>Van Buren                                      |
| 2      | 3<br>5:30PM<br>VB @ Kenton                                                                          | 4<br>5PM<br>JH VB @ USV<br>(8 <sup>th</sup> only)<br>VB vs. Lima Sr. | 5<br><b>Picture Day</b><br><br>5PM<br>JH FB @ Perry                               | 6<br>6:30PM<br>Homecoming<br>Parade & Powder<br>Puff Game                               | 7<br>7PM HS FB vs.<br>Perry<br>Homecoming                                          | 8<br>8PM<br>Homecoming<br>Dance                                  |
| 9      | 10<br><i>Columbus Day</i><br>5:30PM VB vs.<br>Temple Christian<br>6PM Board of<br>Education Meeting | 11<br>5PM JH & HS CC<br>Meet<br><br>5:30PM VB vs.<br>Continental     | 12<br><br>7PM Athletic<br>Booster Mtg.                                            | 13<br>4:30 VB @ USV<br>5PM JH FB vs.<br>Ridgemont<br>6:30PM Preschool<br>Literacy Night | 14<br><b>End of the<br/>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b><br><br>7PM HS FB @<br>Ridgemont | 15<br>10AM CC @<br>Lehman (NWCC)<br><br>11AM VB vs.<br>Riverdale |
| 16     | 17<br>             | 18                                                                   | 19                                                                                | 20<br>5PM JH FB @<br>Riverside                                                          | 21<br><b>Grade Cards<br/>Sent Home</b><br><br>7PM FB vs.<br>Riverside              | 22                                                               |
| 23     | 24<br>6PM MS<br>Band/Choir<br>Concert<br>7:15PM HS<br>Band/Choir<br>Concert                         | 25<br>4PM<br>K-12 Parent<br>Teacher<br>Conferences                   | 26                                                                                | 27<br>8:15AM Elem.<br>Honor Roll<br>Assembly<br><br>9:15AM MS<br>Honor Roll<br>Assembly | 28<br>7PM HS FB vs.<br>Lehman<br>Senior Night                                      | 29                                                               |
| 30     | 31                                                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                                                   |                                                                                         |                                                                                    |                                                                  |

## November 2016

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|                                                                                                                                       |                                           | 1                                                                                                        | 2                                                 | 3<br>4PM<br>K-12 Parent<br>Teacher<br>Conferences                                          | 4                                                                                                                                                           | 5<br>11AM<br>HS GB @<br>Pandora-Gilboa<br>(Scrim)   |
| 6<br><i>Daylight<br/>Savings Time<br/>Ends</i><br> | 7<br>6:30PM<br>Fall Sports Award<br>Night | 8<br><br>Election Day | 9<br>7PM Athletic<br>Booster Mtg.                 | 10<br>6PM HS GB @<br>Delphos Jefferson<br>(Scrim)                                          | 11<br><br>Veterans Day<br><br><b>End of 2<sup>nd</sup><br/>Interim</b> | 12                                                  |
| 13                                                                                                                                    | 14                                        | 15                                                                                                       | 16                                                | 17<br>6:30PM<br>Kdg. Project<br>EASE<br>&<br>Preschool<br>Literacy Night                   | 18<br><b>Interim<br/>Reports<br/>Available</b><br><br>6PM HS BB vs.<br>Pandora-Gilboa<br>(Scrim)                                                            | 19<br>HS GB vs.<br>Lincolnview/<br>Bradford (Scrim) |
| 20                                                                                                                                    | 21<br>6PM Board of<br>Education Meeting   | 22                                                                                                       | 23<br><b>NO SCHOOL<br/>Thanksgiving<br/>Break</b> | 24<br> | 25<br><b>NO SCHOOL<br/>Thanksgiving<br/>Break</b><br><br>6PM HS GB @<br>Shawnee                                                                             | 26                                                  |
| 27                                                                                                                                    | 28                                        | 29<br>6PM HS GB vs.<br>Marion Local                                                                      | 30                                                |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                     |

## December 2016

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|                                   |                                                                                   |                |                                                                                                     | <b>1</b><br>5PM JH GB @ Botkins                                                               | <b>2</b><br>6:30PM HS BB @ Parkway      | <b>3</b><br>10AM JH BB @ Botkins<br>11AM HS GB @ Allen East<br>6PM HS BB @ Kenton                       |
| <b>4</b>                          |  | <b>6</b><br>5PM JH BB @ Ridgemont<br>JH GB vs. Ridgemont<br>6PM HS GB vs. Jackson Center        | <b>7</b>                                                                                            | <b>8</b><br>6PM HS GB vs. Ridgemont                                                           | <b>9</b><br>6PM HS BB vs. New Knoxville | <b>10</b><br>10AM JH BB vs. Ada<br>JH GB @ Ada<br>11AM HS GB vs. Cory Rawson<br>6PM HS BB vs. Ben Logan |
| <b>11</b>                         | <b>12</b><br>6PM Board of Education Meeting                                       | <b>13</b><br>5PM JH BB vs. Lehman<br>JH GB @ Lehman<br><br>6PM HS GB @ McComb                   | <b>14</b><br>7PM Athletic Boosters Meeting                                                          | <b>15</b><br>5PM JH BB @ Allen East<br>JH GB vs. Allen East<br>6PM HS GB @ Lehman             | <b>16</b><br>6PM HS BB @ Ridgemont      | <b>17</b><br>10AM JH GB vs. Jackson Center<br><br>6PM HS BB @ Fairbanks                                 |
| <b>18</b>                         | <b>19</b><br>6PM MS Band/Choir Concert<br>7:15PM HS Band/Choir Concert            | <b>20</b><br>6PM HS GB @ Parkway                                                                | <b>21</b><br><b>End of Second Quarter</b><br><b>1PM EARLY DISMISSAL</b><br><br><i>Winter Begins</i> | <b>22</b><br><b>No School Christmas Break Begins</b><br><br><b>Classes Resume January 4th</b> | <b>23</b>                               |                      |
| <b>25</b><br><i>Christmas Day</i> | <b>26</b>                                                                         | <b>27</b><br> | <b>28</b>                                                                                           | <b>29</b>                                                                                     | <b>30</b>                               | <b>31</b><br><i>New Years Eve</i>                                                                       |

**TICKET TAKERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE WINTER SPORT SEASON. IF INTERESTED CONTACT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR BRETT PURCELL AT 419-568-9100 EXT 16. THE PAY PER GAME IS \$16.50 FOR HIGH SCHOOL EVENT AND \$14.50 FOR JR. HIGH EVENT.**

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