



December 1, 2023

Happy Holidays AW Families!

As we approach the festive season, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude and share some important updates from our school district.

This time of year gives us many opportunities to gather as a community and reflect on the many ways that together we create a supportive and nurturing environment for our students to thrive.

Over the last year, there have been so many accomplishments to celebrate within the educational experiences the AWLS staff provides to students. I am very grateful for these dedicated and passionate individuals who work tirelessly to engage students in their learning in a positive and engaging school environment.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, we know there will be challenges to overcome, but our commitment to providing an exceptional education remains steadfast. I'm confident that when we work together to resolve these challenges, we will continue to see our students excel academically and personally.

I extend my sincere gratitude to you for your continued collaboration with the District to provide our students with experiences that have allowed them to be successful over the last year. Your involvement and partnership play a vital role in the success of the overall well-being of our school community now and as we enter 2024.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of the children of our community.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Dr. Jim Fritz, *Superintendent*  
Anthony Wayne Local Schools

### **FEEDBACK REQUESTED: Financial Planning Survey Reminder**

The District is seeking feedback from stakeholders regarding the failure of the District's proposed Bond Issue and Operational Levy. If you have not already done so, [please take a moment to complete a brief survey to share your thoughts](#). Your input will help to inform the District's future financial decisions. The survey closes December 20.

### **NOTICE: Adjustments Made to District Calendar**

Due to the spring primary election being moved from May to March, and three of our buildings being used as polling locations, the Board of Education voted to change the District calendar. There will be no

school for students on Tuesday, March 19. It will be a staff professional development day. Students will be in session on Tuesday, May 7. [Please download a new copy of the District calendar for your reference.](#)

**NOTICE: No School Due to Solar Eclipse**

There will be no school on Monday, April 8 due to the Total Solar Eclipse. The Board of Education made the decision to use this as one of the District’s calamity days under advisement from local emergency management agencies who cited safety concerns related to increased traffic, reduced visibility and the eclipse occurring during dismissal times.

**NOTICE: School Delay and Closing Information**

As we enter the winter season, please know that in the event of school delay or closure, the District will notify families and staff via the *InstantConnect mass messaging system* and *local media*. This information will also be made available on the District website and app. *Delays and closings will not be communicated via social media.*

Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date with your child’s school. If you have not already done so, please make sure you are subscribed to receive text messages from InstantConnect by texting YES to 87569.

**Supporting Our School Community**

From serving in a school-family support organization, participating in a service project, or making a financial donation, there are a number of ways you can support our school community. If the holiday spirit has you feeling generous, please visit [AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Volunteer-Support](http://AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Volunteer-Support) for ways you can contribute. Thank you!

**Employment with Anthony Wayne Local Schools**

The District is urgently seeking applicants for open positions in our Transportation and Food Service Departments. Substitute employees are also in high need. If you are interested in a rewarding position with our outstanding team, please apply today at [AnthonyWayneSchools.org/HumanResources](http://AnthonyWayneSchools.org/HumanResources).

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**December Events**

*Please refer to the District Events Calendar for a full list of events.*

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| December 1 - 2    | AWJH Musical: <u><i>Matilda the Musical, Jr.</i></u> , 7:00 p.m.    |
| Wednesday, Dec. 6 | 8th Grade Choir and Close Harmony Perform at Toledo Zoo, 6:00 p.m.  |
| Thursday, Dec. 7  | 6th Grade Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.                                   |
| Friday, Dec. 8    | AWHS Choir Winter Coffeehouse, 6:00 p.m.                            |
| Monday, Dec. 11   | <u><a href="#">Board of Education Meeting</a></u> , 6:00 p.m.       |
| Tuesday, Dec. 12  | 6th Grade Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.<br>AWJH Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, Dec. 14 | AWHS Winter Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.                                |
| Dec. 21 - Jan. 2  | District Closed: Winter Break                                       |

## November Highlights & Headlines

AWLS Video: [Behind the Scenes with the STEM in Society Class](#)

AWLS Video: [AWHS Fall 2023 Signing Day](#)

AWLS Video: [Five Star Staff: Meet Mr. Chandler Adams](#)

AWLS Video: [AWLS honors our Veterans](#)

AWLS Video: [Five Star Staff: Meet Mr. Craig Rutherford](#)

AWLS Video: [Five Star Staff: Meet Mr. Mark Richards](#)

AWLS News: [Fall athletics season one for the record books](#)

AWLS News: [Election Day follow up](#)

13abc: [Community members react to Perrysburg and Anthony Wayne levy failures](#)

13abc: [Anthony Wayne needs more bus drivers this school year](#)

13abc: [Realtor says local housing market has bright spots, despite challenges](#)

BCSN: [Unsung Hero of the Week: Anthony Wayne's Bryce Anderson](#)

BCSN: [Anthony Wayne marches past Avon Lake](#)

BCSN: [Highland halts Anthony Wayne's season in Regional Semifinals](#)

BCSN: [Anthony Wayne returns core lineup as NLL Buckeye Division favorites](#)

The Blade: [AW defense strengthened by addition of former Eastwood head coach Rutherford](#)

The Blade: [Lucas, Wood county voters address school taxing measures](#)

The Blade: [School board contests tighten as election day ends](#)

The Blade: [2023 Northwest All District Football selections announced](#)

The Blade: [2023-24 NLL Buckeye Division girls basketball preview](#)

The Blade: [2023 All-Blade football: Complete list of this year's recipients](#)

The Blade: [Way-too-early look ahead to 2024 high school football season](#)

The Mirror: [AW cross country wraps successful season](#)

The Mirror: [November 7 election historic for some AW-area races](#)

The Mirror: [Anthony Wayne election results](#)

The Mirror: [Anthony Wayne adds 38 names to Military Wall of Honor](#)

The Mirror: [Fallen Timbers Middle School marks 50th anniversary](#)

The Mirror: [Artwork, poetry by freshman Gracelyn Vance selected as finalists in annual competition](#)

The Mirror: [Twelve Generals sign to play at next level](#)

WTOL: [What is next for Perrysburg, Anthony Wayne schools after voters reject bond issues?](#)

WTOL: [AW students collect books and backpacks for kids in foster care](#)