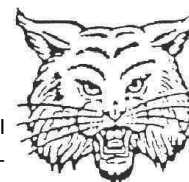


# Norwayne Local Schools

## Norwayne Board of Education

- Doug Ingold  
President
- Angie Smith  
Vice President
- Kirk Gasser
- Earl Rupp
- Winston Wyckoff, III

## Welcome from Superintendent Leatherman



Welcome to the start of the 2024 - 2025 school year! Before I discuss this year I want to take a moment to share the numerous accomplishments we achieved last year as a district. I'll start by highlighting our tremendous Senior class of 2024.

Academically, our Seniors performed exceptionally well in many areas. The 113 Norwayne graduates secured over two million dollars in scholarships. 24 Seniors graduated with Honors diplomas. 58 of the 113 students took College Credit Plus courses and 20 of them were National Honor Society members. Congratulations to our 2024 graduating class on a job well done!

Norwayne High School achieved numerous academic and athletic accolades. Our Boy's Soccer team won a WCAL championship. Our Girl's Soccer and Softball teams won their District and advanced to Regionals. The Boy's Basketball team won back-to-back WCAL titles while the Baseball and Track teams each three-peated. That's a total of four WCAL Championships which earned Norwayne High School the Wayne County All-Sports Trophy for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to all our athletes and coaches on a tremendous year!

Our Norwayne Fine Arts Departments had some impressive achievements as well. The Drama Club Cast received a Superior rating at the Play Festival with one member earning All County Cast Honors. In addition, we had three students accepted into the Tri-County Honor Choir and one student selected for the Akron Youth Symphony Orchestra. Our Just Write team qualified six students for the state competition.

Now let's talk about what's coming up this school year. At our Community Stadium, we are adding 154 additional seats to our Home-side bleachers. The project is slated to be completed by the start of the new school year. Ohio's Governor DeWine passed legislation mandating school districts adopt a cell phone policy. The District has approved a new policy for K-12 that will allow students to bring phones to school and be placed in their lockers. Students may access them between classes if needed. Recently, local radio station WQKT 104.5 was sold and its new ownership informed us that it will no longer make school closure announcements. We will continue utilizing our notification system and local TV channels to communicate district alert information. Our District website has been redesigned and we now have a mobile-friendly app for your mobile device. You can download the app from your app store by searching Norwayne Local Schools. The final item I wish to share is that we have partnered with the Wayne County Health Department to help families get needed student school vaccinations for this upcoming school year. Parents can bring their children to Norwayne Middle School on Thursday, August 8th from 6 - 8 pm. Further details can be found on the last page of this newsletter in the gray section under Norwayne District Calendar. All of these changes will help us better serve and communicate with our students, parents, and families.

I can't say enough how appreciative we are of our alumni, local businesses, and the community who provide the support needed to enable our students to grow to their fullest potential. We look forward to having another successful school year.

*Kevin Leatherman*

Kevin Leatherman  
Superintendent

## The 2024-25 School Year Begins

The first day of school for the 2024-25 school year is Monday, August 19th.

Daily time schedules are as follows:

### Norwayne High School

(Grades 9-12)

7:25 am to 2:45 pm

### Norwayne Middle School

(Grades 6-8)

7:25 am to 2:45 pm

### Norwayne Elementary School

(Grades K-5)

9:00 am to 3:45 pm

Buses will begin their routes at approximately 6:15 am for high school and middle school students. The elementary routes will start at approximately 7:35 am.

District Principals are in their offices daily beginning August 1st for conferences.

### Student Registration

Registration of all NEW students (Kindergarten—Gr 12) will be completed online at [Norwayne-oh.finalforms.com](http://Norwayne-oh.finalforms.com)

Parents/Guardians registering their

child(ren) should complete all forms in final forms and upload required documents.

Items needed for enrollment are:

Child's Birth Certificate

Child's Immunization Record

Parent/Guardian Proof of Residency

Custody documents from the court (if applicable)

Please call 330-435-1152 to speak with Norwayne Registrar Fran Hansen, if you have questions regarding registering your child.

### Open House Dates

#### Kindergarten

**Saturday, August 10**

**9:30—11:00 am**

#### District Wide

**Grades 1—12**

**Thursday, August 15th**

**6:00—7:00 pm**

### Orientation Program Dates

#### Kindergarten Open House and Bus Safety Training

at Norwayne Elementary School on Saturday, August 10th at 9:30 am.

For questions, please call the Transportation Department at 330-435-1141 or Norwayne Elementary at 330-435-6383 after August 5th.

#### Sixth Grade Orientation

at Norwayne Middle School will be held Thursday, August 8th at 6:00 pm.

For questions, please call the Middle School Office at 330-435-1195.

#### Ninth Grade Orientation

at Norwayne High School will be held Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 pm.

For questions, please call the High School office at 330-435-6384.

## Norwayne Transportation Department—Ph. 330-435-1141 & 330-435-1142

**Lori Weinman—Coordinator**

**Kristyn Johnson—Assistant**

Bus #1 Donna Mandley  
 Bus #2 Jenni Moyer  
 Bus #3 Lisa Bowen  
 Bus #6 Chrissy Brown  
 Bus #7 Jill Gasser  
 Bus #8 Lori Hoyt  
 Bus #10 Jim Bischoff  
 Bus #12 Chris Smith  
 Bus #13 Jerry Favri  
 Bus #14 Cheri Crawford  
 Bus #15 Mike Schar  
 Bus #16 April Troup  
 Bus #18 Josh Chaffin  
 Bus #20 Nikki Wincek

The District requires that students must be picked up and dropped off at the same location Monday—Friday. While a pick-up and drop-off point may be different, they must remain consistent. (For example, a student may have a pick-up located at their home address Monday—Friday and be dropped off Monday—Friday at a different address.)

Student requests to ride home in the afternoon with another student or to an alternate stop are not allowed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

If parents want to confirm their child's bus information, please call the transportation office between August 5—9. If there are major time changes from last year, the transportation office will contact you.

The Stopfinder app, for parents to use to view their child's bus information will be available again this school year.

Groups interested in renting out the Norwayne Community Center may contact Lori Weinman for availability and cost at 330-435-1141.

# Norwayne Elementary School—Ph. 330-435-6383

**Principal—Vince Sette**

**Assistant Principal—Nicole McQuate**

- Kindergarten—Amy Beichler
- Kindergarten—Jenna Rupp
- Kindergarten—Mindy Rupp
- Kindergarten—Dan Williams
- 1st Grade—Amanda Preattle
- 1st Grade—Brittany Taylor
- 1st Grade—Amy Shepherd
- 1st Grade—Dara Timmerman
- 2nd Grade—Aerial Gerber
- 2nd Grade—Denise Grimes
- 2nd Grade—Misti Kosier
- 2nd Grade—Brenna Wilson
- 3rd Grade—Jen Evans
- 3rd Grade—Alisha Gasser
- 3rd Grade—Brooke Hare
- 3rd Grade—Jen Buckingham
- 4th Grade—Sabrina Brandenburg
- 4th Grade—Rachel Eggeman

- 4th Grade—Derek Van Lehn
- 4th Grade—Robert Winebrenner
- 5th Grade—Emily Draa
- 5th Grade—Bethany Hess
- 5th Grade—Andrew Jacobs
- 5th Grade—Adam Steiner
- Intervention Specialist—Laurel Kesterson
- Intervention Specialist—Maddy McDermott
- Intervention Specialist—Jeannine Nicholson
- Intervention Specialist—Emily Ogg
- Intervention Specialist—Julie West
- Technology/STEAM—Brian Miller
- Tutor—Kaitlyn Clifford
- Tutor—Anika Conley
- Tutor—Kris Gerber
- Tutor—Melanie Hawley
- ELL Tutor—Jennifer Oberlin
- Art—Erica Dutter
- Music—Allison Daugherty
- Phys Ed—Lisa Eichelberger
- Guidance Counselor—Alexa Monte

- Secretary—Traci Albaugh
- Secretary—Melissa Sparks
- Secretary—Kim Suppes
- Library Assistant—Patty Murphy
- Paraprofessional Aide—Laura Buckingham
- Paraprofessional Aide—Tami Fitzpatrick
- Paraprofessional Aide—Tana Heilman
- Paraprofessional Aide—Kristin Lonsbury
- Paraprofessional Aide—Stephanie Maxwell
- Paraprofessional Aide—Brittany Yoder
- Kitchen Manager—Julie Atanasov
- Cafeteria Assistant—Melody Beery
- Cafeteria Assistant—Amy Ebert
- Cafeteria Assistant—Kimberly Harte
- Cafeteria Assistant—Shawna Wood
- Lead Custodian—Andy Moore
- Evening Custodian—Kathy Kent
- Night Custodian—Justine Gillis

## Schools Identifying Special Needs Children

In an effort to serve young people with disabilities, school districts in Ohio are in the process of locating and evaluating children from birth through 21 years of age. Disabilities may include developmental delays, health impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury.

Individuals may contact local school districts about children who may have a disability and may be eligible for special education services. Norwayne’s Special Education Coordinator, Nicole Seal, has information available about special education policies and procedures.

Questions may also be addressed to:  
 Kris Pipes-Perone, Tri-County Educational Service Center, Director of Special Education, at 330-345-6771, ext. 232.

### Elementary (K-5)

#### Fees

- Student Fee—\$75**
- Breakfast—\$2.50**
- Lunch—\$3.00**

## District Administration

The Transportation Office (with bus parking) and the Treasurer’s Office are located at the Administration/Norwayne Community Center Building.

**District Staff :**

- Superintendent—Kevin Leatherman**
- District Secretary/Registrar—Fran Hansen
- Treasurer—Nicole Peters
- Treasurer Asst—Kristyn Johnson
- Treasurer Asst—Jen Wood
- Transportation Coordinator—Lori Weinman
- Asst Trans Coordinator—Kristyn Johnson
- Technology Coordinator—Ryan Wile
- Technology Support—Matt Smith

**District Phone Numbers**

- 330-435-6382**
- 330-435-1152
- 330-435-1143
- 330-435-1150
- 330-435-1156
- 330-435-1141
- 330-435-1142
- 330-435-1144
- 330-435-1143

**District Staff :**

- Curriculum & Gifted Coordinator—Ann Gerber
- Spec Ed Consultant—Nikki Seal
- Speech Therapist—Pamela Winslow
- Psychologist—Beth Poremba
- Nurse—Janine Maglott
- SRO—Deputy Brumme
- Norwayne Community Center Custodian—Carolyn Wilfong

**District Phone Numbers**

- 330-435-6382
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## Norwayne Middle School—Ph. 330-435-1195

**Principal—David Dreher**

**Assistant Principal—Ben Kobus**

Guidance—Jodi Klauss

Athletic Director—Ben Kobus

6th Grade—Larry Besancon

6th Grade—Katie Kerns

6th Grade—Mark Stanley

6th Grade—Jake Zimmerly

7th Grade—Scott Bailey

7th Grade—Sarah Ice

7th Grade—Kim Reed

7th Grade—Sharon Straub

8th Grade—Shawn Deer

8th Grade—Keith Kerns

8th Grade—Tony Kline

8th Grade—Breanna Gill

Art—Molly Pamer

Band—Bradley Krak

Choir—Leanne Ratica

Robotics—Paul Klotzle

Technology/STEAM—Brian Miller

Agriculture—Catie Noyes-Johnson

Phys Ed—Kevin Philyaw

Phys Ed—Kristen Quallich

Spanish—Josue Perez

Intervention Specialist—Rodney Beckett

Intervention Specialist—Joe Love

Intervention Specialist—Michelle Vance

Intervention Specialist—Annie Yoder

Intervention Tutor—Sheri Csapo

Tutor—Darin Winkler

Secretary—Janeen Berger

Secretary—Sharon Gasser

Library Assistant—Cyndi Ritzman

Paraprofessional Aide—Brenda Buckingham

Night Custodian—Ike Rickey

Kitchen Manager—Angie Moore

Cafeteria Assistant—Sarah Bauman

Cafeteria Assistant—Mary Fetzer

Cafeteria Assistant—Jamie Moore

Cafeteria Assistant—Carolyn Wilfong

### Middle School Fees

**Student Fee—\$75**

**Breakfast—\$2.50**

**Lunch—\$3.75**

**6th Grade**

**Outdoor Education**

**\$100**

## Parent Procedure for Picking Up Children in a Crisis

As in any emergency, parents or other authorized persons may pick up children from school; however, if we are directed by emergency management officials to lock down our buildings, we must abide by the order and ask that parents do the same. Parents should be sure that their child's Emergency Medical Authorization

Form in **Final Forms** is updated and accurate. Students may be released to persons named on the Emergency Medical Authorization Form. Anyone picking up a child—including parents—may need to have a photo I.D. Students will not be released to anyone whose name is not on the Emergency Medical Authorization Form. If picking

up a child, parents should report to the main office of the building for assistance.

*Please remember: In the event of a bio-terrorist/chemical incident, the school district will act according to the directives of emergency management officials.*

## Emergency Notification System/Online Fee Payments/Final Forms

### Notification System

Norwayne Local Schools has a calling/texting /emailing system we utilize to keep you up-to-date on school emergencies, closings, attendance, tardiness, fee notices, grade reports and more. This system allows you to get the most accurate information as quickly as possible. If any changes occur to your contact information, please update your information in Final Forms.

### Fee Payment

Payments can be made online for your child's school fees, and breakfast and lunch purchases. Please go to the district web page to sign up for PaySchools Central.

### Final Forms

We use Final Forms for student enrollment and yearly school form updates - [norwayne-oh.finalforms.com](http://norwayne-oh.finalforms.com). There are forms for parents and students to complete (if new enrollment) or update (if returning student) for the 2024-25 school year. Please complete these forms as soon as possible prior to the first day of school. New enrollees, please complete forms and turn in required enrollment documents by August 5th.

# Norwayne High School—Ph. 330-435-6384

**Principal—Doug Zimmerly**

**Assistant Principal—Ben Kobus**

Guidance—Amy Frary

Athletic Director—Ben Kobus

Agriculture—Abbey VanTyne

Agriculture—Catie Noyes-Johnson

Art—Andrea Dietry

Band—Bradley Krak

Biology/Science—Adam Indorf

Chemistry/Science—Beth Hochstetler

Choir—Leanne Ratica

Digital Design/Robotics—Jeff Snure

Government—Brad Helenthal

Language Arts—Brittany Ford

Language Arts—Lance Larrison

Language Arts—Tera Walker

Advanced Math—Trisha Reese

Math—Chuck Steiner

Math—Brian West

Phys Ed—Kevin Philyaw

Phys Ed—Kristen Quallich

Social Studies—Jacob Shoup

Science—Jude LaChance

Spanish—Christine McCall

Spanish—Josue Perez

STEAM—Paul Klotzle

Tutor—Beth Smith

Intervention Specialist—Denise Followay

Intervention Specialist—TBA

Intervention Specialist—Jacob Morgan

Intervention Specialist—Scott Norman

Industrial Technology—Paul Klotzle

Secretary—Michelle Buckingham

Secretary—Carol Miller

ESL Student Aide—Joe Chaffin

Library Assistant—Lisa Piatt

Lead Custodian—Bill Vance

Night Custodian—Tim Heckler

Night Custodian—Jacob Shiverdecker

Lead Groundskeeper—Doug Hanzie

Asst Groundskeeper—Chris Smith

Paraprofessional—Randy Hoge

Paraprofessional—Misty Snow

## Calamity Days & Make-Up Days (if needed)

As we know, we need to be prepared in the event of extreme weather. The decision to cancel school is made through the office of the Superintendent. The announcement will be issued to the general public via local TV stations and through the District Notification System noted on page 4 of this newsletter.

Please turn to Cleveland TV Channels 3, 5, 8 & 19 for all school and weather related announcements. WQKT will no longer be listing school closings/delays.

### Make-Up Days (If Necessary)

Monday, February 17  
Monday, March 24  
Tuesday, March 25  
Wednesday, March 26  
Friday, May 30

### High School

**Breakfast—\$2.50**

**Lunch—\$3.75**

**Class fees are listed in  
the Student-Parent  
Handbook**

## Goodbye!

Some familiar names and faces will no longer be at Norwayne. Due to retirements or resignations, the following dedicated staff members will not be returning. We send with them our Best Wishes.

Laura Brown

Dave Colich

Robbie Heckler

Kim Hostetler

Brianne Indorf

Ashley Lehman

Bethany Lehman

Megan Leone

Morgan Rittenberger

Charbea Tetzl

Deb Winkler

## Norwayne Athletics

The Norwayne Athletic Boosters appreciate the many supporters of Norwayne Athletics.

If you would like to join the Athletic Boosters you may send a \$25 check to Norwayne Athletic Boosters, 350 South Main St, Creston, 44217. Checks should be made payable to Norwayne Athletic Boosters. Volunteers are needed to serve in the Booster Club. All monthly meetings (2nd Monday of the month) are open to the public.

### Athletic Passes

Passes for Sporting Events can be purchased at the High School Office during school hours.

## Norwayne Local Schools

*Superintendent's Office—*  
350 S Main St  
Creston, OH 44217  
Phone: 330-435-6382  
Fax: 330-435-4633

*Business Office—*  
161 S Main St  
P O Box 4443  
Creston, OH 44217  
Phone: 330-435-1150

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## Norwayne District Calendar—2024-25

<b>Monday, August 19</b>	<b>First Day for Students</b>
Monday, September 2	Labor Day—No School
Monday, September 9	Fair Day—No School
Tuesday, September 10	District In—Service—No School
Friday, October 18	District In—Service—No School
Friday, October 25	End of First Grading Period
Wednesday, November 27	Thanksgiving Break—No School
Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving—No School
Friday, November 29	Conference Comp Day—No School
Monday, December 2	Conference Comp Day—No School
Monday, December 23	Christmas Break Begins—No School
Monday, January 6	School Reconvenes
Friday, January 17	End of First Semester
Monday, January 20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day—No School
Friday, March 21	End of Third Grading Period
Mon-Fri, March 24—28	Spring Break—No School
Friday, April 18	Good Friday—No School
Sunday, May 25	Graduation
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day—No School
Thursday, May 29	Last Day of School

### Parent-Teacher Conference Dates

(4:30—7:30 pm—by appointment)

#### Elementary

September 19/October 10/February 10

#### Middle and High School

September 18/November 13/February 10

#### Picture Dates

##### Elementary

Monday, September 30

Monday, March 3

##### Middle & High School

Tuesday, September 24

### VACCINE CLINIC AT NORWAYNE MIDDLE

#### Wayne County Health Department

For all Students

6—8 p.m. Thursday, August 8th  
\$10 per vaccine donation requested but no  
child will be denied. Please bring insurance  
card and vaccination record.