

GENERALS BULLETIN

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Employee Newsletter



WELCOME BACK: TEEING UP FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR

I hope each of you had a wonderful summer and found time to relax, recharge, and rejuvenate. Summer always seems to pass by so quickly, but I hope you were able to enjoy a slower pace. I have certainly missed everyone. The days seem much longer when our hallways are quiet and our classrooms are empty. I hope you're looking forward to coming back as much as I am.

As we gather for our opening meeting on August 13, we'll spend a little time talking about golf. Golf and education may not seem to have much in common, but the more you think about it, the more similarities you find.

Every golfer strives to make steady progress, overcome challenges, and celebrate each successful shot along the way. A new school year is much the same. We all start with a fresh scorecard, full of opportunities to make a positive impact. There will be days when everything falls perfectly into place and others when we'll land in what may feel like a sand trap! Most importantly, just as a great round of golf is made memorable by the people you share it with, our school year is made meaningful by the incredible team we have. Together, we celebrate successes, navigate challenges, and make a difference in the lives of our students every day.

Thank you for all you do. I can't wait to see everyone again, reconnect, and begin another exciting year together. Here's to a fantastic start and a school year filled with growth, joy, teamwork, and many reasons to celebrate.

Welcome back!
Kevin Herman, Superintendent
Anthony Wayne Local Schools



NEWS YOU CAN USE



NEW: HUMAN RESOURCES WEBPAGE HAS A NEW LOOK

We've updated the Human Resources section of the district website to make it easier to find the information you need. The page is now divided into three sections:

- **EMPLOYEES:** www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Employees
Forms, resources, benefits information, and other employee-related materials
- **SUBSTITUTE STAFF:** www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Substitutes
Information for current and prospective substitute employees
- **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:** www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Careers
Open positions, application information, and other employment resources

These pages are also accessible by selecting [Human Resources](#) from the Departments tab on the homepage. We encourage you to bookmark these pages for quick and easy access.

REMINDER: KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

If your personal information changed over the summer, please notify the CAO so your employee records can be updated. Common updates include:

- New home address (including any local or school district tax withholding changes)
- Name change
- Preferred emergency contact
- Phone number or personal email address

Please take a few moments to complete the [Staff Directory questionnaire sent via email](#). Keeping your information current helps ensure accurate payroll, benefits, and tax documents, as well as who to contact in an emergency.

RESOURCE: WHO TO CALL AT THE CAO

Need help but aren't sure who to contact? We have updated the [CAO Contact Guide](#) with the direct extensions of the right person to best assist you.

Still stuck? Call [419-877-5377](tel:419-877-5377) and your call will be routed to the correct person.

OPENING DAY: THURSDAY, AUGUST 13



Welcome back! Join us as we come together to celebrate the start of a new school year.

Please see the schedule below for event details. If Opening Day is not part of your regular work schedule, you're still welcome to join us for the morning's activities.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30 AM	Breakfast courtesy of Cedar Creek Church
8:00 AM	Welcome Message from Superintendent Kevin Herman Staff Recognition Program
8:30 AM	Keynote Speaker: Jon Detwiler
9:15 AM	Professional Development: Safety Care Training
10:30 AM	Building-level Staff Meetings
11:30 AM	Lunch on Your Own
12:00 PM	Work Day: Personal / Workspace Preparation

MEET THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JON DETWILER

Jon Detwiler has dedicated over 35 years of his career to public education. A Martha Holden Jennings Scholar and WTOL Crystal Apple Award recipient, he brings a wealth of wisdom and leadership experience to his message. His career spanned a wide range of roles: classroom teacher and principal, superintendent, varsity coach, and even substitute bus driver, giving him a complete perspective on every facet of school life.

He joins us on Opening Day to remind us of the powerful influence we have on our students, celebrate the privilege of our work, and re-energize us for an incredible year ahead!

Please help us extend a warm welcome to Jon on Opening Day.

NEW FACES & NEW SPACES



SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW GENERALS!

We are excited to welcome our new staff members to the district! Your talents, dedication, and unique perspectives will strengthen our schools, and we look forward to the positive impact you will have on our students, colleagues, and community.

DISTRICT WIDE

Tyler Amburgy, Bus Driver
Meagan Conroy, Assistant Treasurer
Alyssa Fisher, Behavior Specialist
Steve Harrison, Bus Driver

AWHS

Jason Biniker, Marketing / DECA Teacher
Ellie Fleisher, Science Teacher
Tracy Greene, Business Technology Teacher
Penny Sledge, Food Service

AW JUNIOR HIGH

Amy Brinthaup, Intervention Specialist
Drake Furey, Social Studies Teacher
Lisa Herald, Food Service
Matthew Hoffer, Food Service
John (Jack) Hursh, PE & Health Teacher
Tori Owen, Intervention Specialist

FALLEN TIMBERS

Clare Black, Intervention Specialist
Maya Fleck, Intervention Specialist
Kaylee Lu, English Language Arts Teacher

WATERVILLE PRIMARY

Autumn Cornell, Intervention Specialist
Kama Wathier, Gifted (LEAP) Teacher

WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY

Chris Goyer, Special Education Aide
Austin Miller, Special Education Aide
Molly Rutkowski, Intervention Specialist
Myranda Portenoso, Custodian
Jamie Winland, Cafe/Playground Aide
Patricia Wittenmyer, Cafe/Playground Aide

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Rebecca Meeker, Special Education Aide
Ashton Hooley, Special Education Aide
Kim Smucker, Special Education Aide
Pam Weideman, Special Education Aide
Megan Wright, Special Education Aide



WELCOME BACK TO WELLNESS



SIDE CUT METROPARK TAKEOVER

Bring your family and enjoy a day at the park as we say farewell to summer and hello to a new school year! Enjoy archery, canoeing, geocaching, refreshments and reconnection courtesy of the AW Wellness Committee.

Thursday, Aug. 6 // 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Side Cut Metropark - Rotary Pavilion



NEW YEAR, NEW ROUTINES: FITNESS CENTER OPEN FOR USE

If you're looking for a convenient way to fit a new workout routine into your back-to-school schedule, consider the fitness center at AWHs. The space is open to staff from 5:15 - 7:15 a.m. Monday - Friday and from 5:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

Before you go: [Complete the Fitness Center Staff Use Form](#) to review guidelines and ensure you have fob access.

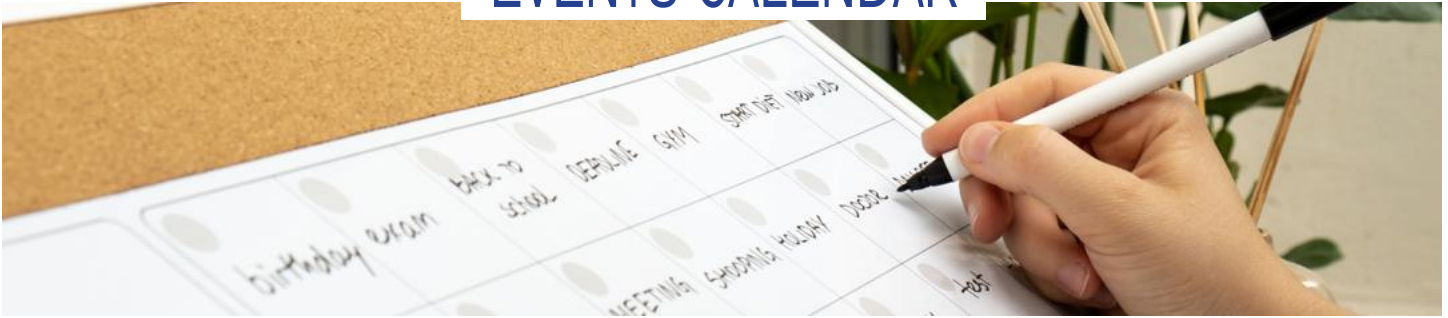
EDUCATORS' EAP IS STILL HERE FOR YOU

Be ready for whatever this year brings with a visit to the EAP. [Classroom management tips, ideas for stretching your budget, advice for bullies and bullying, support for parenting challenges, and so much more!](#) is available for free to all AW employees.

August EAP Newsletter: [Spark a Love of Learning](#)



EVENTS CALENDAR



AUGUST 1

PowerSchool Access Opens

AUGUST 3

Safety Care Training

AUGUST 4

Administrative Retreat

AUGUST 5

180th Deployment Briefing

AUGUST 6

Staff Wellness Picnic
Back to School Bash

AUGUST 10

New Certified Staff
Orientation
Board Meeting

AUGUST 12

New Classified Staff
Orientation

AUGUST 13

Payday
Staff Opening Day,
Work Day & PD

AUGUST 17

Rolling Start
Grades 1-5, 7 & 9
KRA by Appt.

AUGUST 18

Rolling Start
Grades 1-12
KRA by Appt.

AUGUST 19

Rolling Start
Grades K-12

AUGUST 21

Generals Football
Home Opener

AUGUST 22

Alumni Hall of Fame
Induction

AUGUST 24 - 28

Start with Hello Week

AUGUST 25

Back-to-School
Job Fair

AUGUST 27

Payday

SEPTEMBER 2

Wellness Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 7

Closed: Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 9

LPDC Materials Due

SEPTEMBER 10

Payday

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LPDC MEETING DATES FOR 2026-2027

[View the meeting dates and your building rep information.](#)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS

WELLNESS COMMITTEE - SIDE CUT METROPARK TAKEOVER

THURSDAY, AUG. 6 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Bring your family and enjoy archery, canoeing, geocaching, refreshments and fun courtesy of the AW Wellness Committee. Meet at the Silver Lake parking area.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: AW BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

THURSDAY, AUG. 6 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Drop by Chateau Estates to assist with student registration, school supply and AW gear distribution, library card sign ups, meal service, and more for select families. This event is in partnership with Heritage Church, Neighborhood Bridges, AW Food Ministries, the Toledo Lucas County Public Library and Chateau Estates.

OHIO TAX FREE SHOPPING HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, AUG. 7 - SUNDAY, AUG. 9

Get your back-to-school shopping done and avoid the sales tax on clothing priced at \$75 or less, school supplies priced at \$20 or less, and school instructional materials priced at \$20 or less. [View full details](#)

CEDAR CREEK BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

SATURDAY, AUG. 8 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cedar Creek Church (Whitehouse Campus) is hosting a celebration for all area students featuring free school supply giveaways, lunch, bounce houses and other activities. [Download a flyer.](#)

STAFF OPENING DAY

THURSDAY, AUG. 13 7:30 a.m.

Gather together for breakfast courtesy of Cedar Creek Church, opening remarks from Superintendent Herman, staff recognition, keynote speaker and more as we tee up the start of the school year.

ANTHONY WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOLS BACK-TO-SCHOOL JOB FAIR

TUESDAY, AUG. 25 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We are seeking candidates interested in becoming a General! If you know someone who would be a great fit for our team as a substitute employee, please encourage them to drop by the CAO for onsite applications, immediate interviews, and free background checks. [Download a flyer to share with your contacts.](#)

STAFF NEWS & RECOGNITION



[Meagan Conroy](#)

is the new Assistant Treasurer for Anthony Wayne Local Schools.



[Amanda Valdez](#)

received the Spirit of Advising Award at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference.



[Molley Stachowiak](#)

thrives on multitasking and customer service as Secretary I at Whitehouse Primary.

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR STARTS DURING THE SUMMER



District custodians learned the latest in sanitation, safety, and equipment maintenance at the MVOM Summer Training Day held at Sylvania Southview on June 23. [Learn more.](#)



[Dani Ottensman and Julie Pingle](#) processed and delivered thousands of supply orders.



Neil Raymond managed the installation of the new transportation fuel center.



Our custodians, engineers, and maintenance teams worked through the summer heat to ensure our buildings are clean, well-maintained, and looking good for the first day.

