

August 19, 2016

Dear Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School parents, guardians, and community:

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

A main area of focus for my staff and me, over the past two months, has been to identify the Priorities – of – Focus for our team to successfully raise the bar on our educational expectations. In order to ensure we maintain a laser focus on this a formal continuous improvement program has been defined. Within this program there are ten (10) POE's, or Points – of – Emphasis:

- Enhancement of our junior high school performance.
- Formalizing, expanding, and increasing the rigor within our curriculum.
- Identification of the proper, and best practice, technology tools to aid daily instruction.
- Reviewing and enhancing our safety program.
- Continuing the promotion of individual wellness.
- Development of a Positive Behavior system.
- Celebrating and growing successes.
- Identification of an effective school improvement plan.
- Ensuring and effective and dynamic CTE program execution.

With the above nine (9) POE's, I will be establishing a “Programs Committee” for our junior high school and high school. This committee will be open to any and all community, staff, and student members who are interested in helping to identify areas for improvement, as well as ideas on how to implement them. More information will be provided on this in the near future.

In keeping with the theme of collaboration and communication I want to invite Wood Memorial stakeholders to follow the happenings at the junior high and high school by joining us on twitter at WMTrojans1.

Information of interest:

- Ms. Shelly Casey is coordinating the Wood Memorial School – Community participation with WFIE Television's Sunrise School Spirit event. WFIE will visit Wood Memorial on Friday, September 2, 2016, from 6:00am – 7:00am. We need ALL students, staff, instructors, and school – community members at the football field by 5:45am to participate in the live morning news updates.
 - In conjunction a food drive is underway to assist the Tri-State Food Bank.
 - Individuals may drop off canned items, as well as bottled water, at the junior high school and/or high school office during school hours (7:00am – 4:00pm) between now and September 2.

- This is a wonderful event, for a great cause, and provides our students and school – community an opportunity to be showcased. It is a great opportunity to show our Trojan Family Pride and our commitment to Servant Leadership.
 - Let’s make it a great Sunrise!
- Re-scheduled athletic events
 - Boys Soccer with Northeast Dubois will now be played on August 29, at 5:00pm. This will be hosted by Wood Memorial.
 - Girls Soccer with Northeast Dubois will now be played on September 29, at 6:45pm and be played at NE Dubois.
- Information from the Indiana Department of Education has identified the period of September 2 – 16, 2016 for the ISTEP+ Grade 10 Rescore Window.
- The deadline for purchasing iPad insurance is September 30, 2016.
- The Wood Memorial Junior High Cheerleaders will be conducting a fundraiser – shirt sales – during the period of September 6 – 30, 2016.
- The “Trojan Pride” period has been established to allow for students to have the opportunity to participate in a number of opportunities during the school day. These will include, but not be limited to:
 - Peer Mentoring
 - Peer Tutoring
 - Faculty Mentoring
 - Faculty Tutoring
 - Extra – Curricular Club Participation
 - Assignment Make – Up
 - Conflict Mediation
 - Additional Remediation
- Beginning with the 2016 - 17 school year students driving to school must purchase a parking permit at the time of registration. The permit cost is \$2.00. Student drivers must place the parking permit (sticker) on their rear window for quick and easy reference by administration.
- Student drivers are reminded they may utilize the east parking lot when driving a vehicle to school. Please note that all drivers must adhere to guidelines for the safe operation of their vehicle while on, or near our campuses. These guidelines may be found in the 2016 – 2017 Student Handbook.
- A new grading scale is being implemented for the 2016 – 2017 school year. The modifications made involve the rollout of a “Weighted GPA Scale”, which is aimed at rewarding students involved with the most rigorous curriculum offered. The weighted grade point scale is being implemented beginning with the Class of 2020, our current freshmen.

I apologize for any inconvenience your student and our staff members may be experiencing due to this issue.

Thank you for all you do to support our students and the school – community.

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“They know enough who know how to learn.”

Henry Brooks Adams

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Girls Soccer vs Boonville 10:00am
VB at Springs Valley 11:00am

Monday, August 22, 2016

Tennis at Tecumseh 4:30pm
VB vs Washington Catholic 5:30pm
Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser
Through August 24, 2016

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Tennis at Gibson Southern 4:15pm
Girls Soccer vs Evansville Harrison 5:00pm
Boys Soccer at South Knox 5:00pm
JH FB at Vincennes Lincoln 5:30pm
JH VB at North Knox 5:30pm
VB vs South Knox 5:30pm
Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser
Through August 24, 2016

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser
Through August 24, 2016

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Tennis at NE Dubois 4:30pm
JH VB vs Loogootee 5:00pm
VB at Tecumseh 5:30pm
Girls Soccer vs Mt. Vernon 5:30pm
Boys Soccer at Gibson Southern 5:00pm

Friday, August 26, 2016

FB vs Tecumseh 6:30pm

Saturday, August 27, 2016

Tennis at North Posey Invitational TBA
Dance Team Bake Sale
August 20 – 27, 2016

Additional Dates of Note

Dance Team Bake Sale August 20 – 27, 2016
JH VB at North Knox August 23, 2016 (5:30pm)
Choir Club Meeting August 23, 2016
Choir Room – 3:30pm

Student Council Elections Trojan Pride	August 24, 2016
School Pictures Grades 7 - 12	August 24, 2016
Class Reunion Cafeteria	August 26, 2016 (5:00pm)
Heroes Wellness Meeting Vincennes University – Gibson County Center	August 30, 2016
Sunrise School Spirit – WFIE at Wood Memorial 6:00am – 7:00am	September 2, 2016
Labor Day – No School	September 5, 2016
Blue Chip Conference Meeting	September 7, 2016 (9:00am)
Mid – Term for Quarter 1	September 9, 2016
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	September 12, 2016 (5:30pm)
Freshman Class Ring Information	September 12, 2016 (2:48pm)
Football Homecoming	September 16, 2016
IDOE State ADM Count Day	September 16, 2016
Acuity Assessments	September 19 – October 7, 2016
Predictive Form A (ELA/Math) Grades 3 - 8	
USI Art Day Grades 9 – 12 College Course Opportunity 9:00am – 4:00pm	September 17, 2016
Lincoln Financial Life Enrollment	September 19 – 23, 2016
IHSAA Principals Meeting At North Daviess High School (8:30am)	September 19, 2016
Freshman Class Ring Order	September 20, 2016 (Lunch)
College and Career Night 5:00pm – 7:30pm	September 21, 2016
Staff Professional Development Dr. Kirk Freeman – Formative Assessments Sponsored by Horace Mann – Mr. Nathan Hillyard	September 21, 2016 (1:45pm – 3:00pm)
School Improvement Plan Due	October 1, 2016
Student Achievement Plan Due	October 1, 2016
Indiana ISTAR Part 1	October 3 – November 4, 2016
Accuplacer Assessment – Part 1	October 3 – November 23, 2016
21 st Century Scholars Workshop	October 5, 2016 (8:00am – 3:00pm)

WMHS Computer Lab 21 st Century Scholars Workshop	October 6, 2016 (3:00pm – 7:00pm)
WMHS Computer Lab Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting Library	October 10, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Student Council Sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00am – 1:00pm	October 11, 2016
Acuity Assessments	October 31, 2016 – November 18, 2016
Predictive A (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	
Quarter 1 Ends	October 14, 2016
Fall Break	October 21 and 24, 2016
Senior Class Graduation Meeting	October 31, 2016 (1:00pm)
Fall Drama/Play High School	November 3, 2016
Junior High School 7:00pm	
Fall Drama/Play High School	November 5, 2016
Junior High School 7:00pm	
Fall Drama/Play High School	November 6, 2016
Junior High School 2:00pm	
Senior Class Graduation Order	November 8, 2016 (8:00am)
Freshman Class Ring Order	November 8, 2016 (8:00am)
Veterans Day Program High School Gymnasium	November 11, 2016 (9:00am)
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting Library	November 14, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Mid-Term for Quarter 2	November 18, 2016
Physical Education Fund Raiser Cheesy Cheeseballs	November 18, 2016 – December 7, 2016
Acuity	November 21, 2016 – December 9, 2016
Predictive B (ELA/Math) Grades 3 - 8	
WM JHS Spelling Bee Cafeteria	November 22, 2016 (1:15pm)
Thanksgiving Break	November 23 – 25, 2016
WM JHS Geography Bee Cafeteria	December 2, 2016 (1:15pm)
Indiana Winter ECA Window	December 5 – 16, 2016
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	December 12, 2016 (5:30pm)

Library	– 7:30pm)
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Library	– 7:30pm)
Senior Graduation Products	December 14, 2016 (7:30am)
Freshman Class Ring Delivery	December 14, 2016 (7:30am)
WM HS/JHS Christmas Dance	December 17, 2016
Toyota Classic	December 19, 20, 22
WM High School	(5:30pm)
Quarter 2/Semester 1 Ends	December 21, 2016
Christmas Break	December 22, 2016 – January
	3, 2017
Toyota Classic	December 23, 2016
Gibson Southern HS	
Semester 2 Begins	January 4, 2017
WIDA Access Annual Assessment	January 9 – February 24,
	2017
English Language Learners	
Indiana ISTAR – Part 2	January 9 – February 3, 2017
Acuity	January 23, 2017 –
	February 10, 2017
Predictive B (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	
Acuity	January 30, 2017 –
	February 17, 2017
Predictive C (ELA/Math)	
Grades 3 - 8	
Accuplacer – Part 2	February 13 – March 31,
	2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 1	February 27 – March 10,
	2017
Paper and Pencil and Online	
Applied Skills	
Spring Drama/Play	March 17, 2017
High School	
Junior High School	
7:00pm	
Spring Drama/Play	March 18, 2017
High School	
Junior High School	
7:00pm	
Spring Drama/Play	March 19, 2017
High School	
Junior High School	
2:00pm	
Acuity	March 20, 2017 –
	April 7, 2017
Predictive C (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	

Indiana ISTAR – Part 3	April 10 – May 19, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 2	April 17 – May 5, 2017
Online	
Multiple Choice	
Technology Enhanced Items	
Indiana ECA – Spring	April 24 – May 26, 2017
Indiana ECA – Summer	August 21 – September 1, 2017

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Administrative Assistant/Athletic Director

The Wood Memorial Athletic Department will be selling football, volleyball, boys soccer, and girls soccer season tickets and passes in the athletic office starting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Tickets will be sold from 9:00am until 3:00pm.

Prices for Fall Sports Passes:

Varsity Football	
Adults	\$20.00
Students	\$15.00
Varsity Volleyball	
Adults	\$56.00
Students	\$42.00
Varsity Girls Soccer	
Adults	\$32.00
Students	\$24.00
Varsity Boys Soccer	
Adults	\$24.00
Students	\$18.00

Family passes may be purchased at a price of \$150.00, which covers a 4 member family. Additional family members may be added at a cost of \$20.00 per member.

Adult All – Season Passes	\$70.00
Student All – Season Passes	\$50.00

Other pass options available to Trojan fans include:

Adult 10 Event Pass	\$40.00
Student 10 Event Pass	\$30.00
Adult 20 Event Pass	\$80.00

Student 20 Event Pass \$60.00

If you have any questions, please call the Wood Memorial Athletic Office at 812.749.4750.

With the launch of fall sports, on Monday, August 1, occurring, a reminder that all student – athletes must have a completed physical, signed, on file with the athletic office before being allowed to take part in any type of practice activity. Physical forms may be obtained from the respective coach and/or by contacting the athletic office.

The 2016 – 2017 Student – Athlete Handbook is currently in the final stages of being revised. Coaches will present a handbook copy to each student – athlete and/or parent when available.

For the advanced planning of our student – athletes and parents, a required parent meeting will be conducted by the respective coach prior to the first contest being held. A parent and / or guardian must be in attendance. If a conflict arises the parent/guardian should contact the coach in order to schedule a make-up time. A student – athlete will not be allowed to participate in a contest until such time that the parent/guardian has met with the coach; and signed the acknowledgement form.

From Ms. Elizabeth Hill, Curriculum Director/Yearbook Sponsor/Art Instructor

Aug. 7, 2016

YEARBOOK

Extra 2015-16 yearbooks are available for purchase for \$50 from Mrs. E. Hill.

2016-17 BACK TO SCHOOL YEARBOOK DEAL: Purchase a yearbook and personalization, get 4 icons for free! You must purchase personalization to receive the icons. Offer expires September 16, 2016. Order forms are available in the HS & JH offices, or form Mrs. E. Hill. Purchases can be made online at jostensyearbooks.com.

HIGH SCHOOL Yearbooks (hardback):

*Make Checks payable to Wood Memorial High School

Signature Package \$57.00

(Includes: Yearbook, Personalization, 8 Multicolored Signing Markers, Autograph Section)

Yearbook \$40.00

Personalization \$6.00

Icons 4 FREE!

Autograph Section \$3.00

Photo Pockets \$3.00

Clear Protective Cover \$3.00

JUNIOR HIGH Yearbooks (paperback):

*Make Checks payable to Wood Memorial Junior High School

Signature Package * \$17.00
(Includes: Yearbook, Personalization, 8 Multicolored Signing Markers, Autograph Section)

Yearbook \$22.00

Personalization \$6.00

Icons 4 FREE!

Autograph Section \$3.00

Photo Pockets \$3.00

School Picture Day is Aug. 24. All Wood Memorial students and faculty must have their pictures taken for IDs and to appear in the yearbook. Straub will be set up at 7:30 on the stage. All students that travel to Pike need to come and have their picture taken first.

Seniors: there is a dress code for senior pictures-shirt and tie for the gentlemen and dresses, or dress shirts for the ladies. All shirts worn should have sleeves (shoulders are not to be exposed). No t-shirts, tank tops, or halter-tops, tops which reveal the midriff, or any clothing, which is inappropriately revealing are not permitted. Piercings that are not school appropriate will not be allowed.

Junior Class or 2018: Every Junior must work a total of 2 Football and/or Boys Basketball games in the concession stand or pay \$10 for each game not worked to go to Prom. Sign-ups for Football concessions are in the HS office.

From Ms. Kelly Hill, Student Services/Guidance Director

In order to assist our 7th and 8th grade parents and students Wood Memorial Junior High School will be hosting two 21st Century Scholars Workshops in October. With the assistance of Ms. Charity Julian, Oakland City University, parents and students attending the workshop will be able to gain help with the completion of the application process.

The workshops will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, from 8:00am – 3:00pm and Thursday, October 6, 2016, from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Both events will be hosted in the Wood Memorial High School Computer Lab.

For more information you may contact me at 812.749.4757.

The Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) is currently seeking families willing to host foreign exchange students. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Alaine Fritzingler at AlaineF@pax.org, or 812.585.0765.

Seniors interested in applying for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship (Gibson County) should be aware of the following information and requirements:

- Applicants must be a resident of Indiana; and a resident of, or attend high school in Gibson County;
- Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited Gibson County or Indiana high school by June 2017 and attend full senior year at the same high school;
- Applicants must have a minimum of 3.5 cumulative grade point average (4.0) scale; have a minimum SAT score of 1200, or a minimum ACT score of 25;

- Applicants must be available for an interview on October 14, 2016, if selected as a finalist;
- Applicants may apply for the scholarship in only one county.

The deadline for application is September 15, 2016.

The Dr. Z. Olen & Inez G. Pumphrey Scholarship will award \$6,000 this year to Ivy Tech students. To be eligible, students must be degree seeking and enrolled in at least one course at the Ivy Tech Princeton Instructional site.

Each year, the Dr. Z. Olen & Inez G. Pumphrey Scholarship benefits multiple students. Since 2012, the Scholarship has collectively awarded \$23,200 to 21 Ivy Tech students. This couple – life-long residents of Gibson County – have impacted students in the community with their generosity and commitment to education, said Ayana Blair, executive director of resource development for Ivy Tech. Dr. Olen passed away in 2009.

Both of these individuals knew the value of education and were willing to work for it, Blair indicated. The late Dr. Olen worked his way through college with a variety of part-time jobs and eventually opened the first veterinary clinic in Fort Branch. Inez Pumphrey taught at Marlette Elementary School in Fort Branch – but continued college classes to complete her BA degree – going on to teach at the high school in Ft. Branch, as well as at the elementary school.

To be considered for this scholarship and others, students must first enroll for classes. Visit <https://www.ivytech.edu/apply-now/> to apply for admission to the College. For more information on scholarships available to Ivy Tech Southwest students visit <https://www.ivytech.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.html>.

You may contact Amanda Sumner, Scheduling and Assessment at asumner10@ivytech.edu, or 812.385.8495.

From Ms. Jill Bottoms, Student Council Sponsor

The annual Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Our goal for this year is 35. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school – community to give a most precious resource through a blood donation. Please mark your calendars and plan on donating to the Red Cross Blood Drive.

Student Council Nominations will be conducted during the period of August 10 – 19, 2016. Students interested in being considered as a student council member should contact me for more details.

We are also looking for students interested in serving as freshman class officers during the 2016 – 2017 school year. Students interested in being considered for an officer role should see me during the period of August 10 – 19, 2016.

From Mr. Michael White, Choir Instructor

The Choir group will be sponsoring a fund raiser during the period of September 6 – 22, 2016. The fund raiser will be “Peel and Save Discount Cards”. Your support of our students would be very appreciated.

From Ms. Elizabeth McClelland, Drama Sponsor

The dates for our Fall and Spring plays have been set as follows:

Fall Drama and Play dates will be on November 3, 5, and 6.

Spring Drama and Play performances are scheduled for March 17, 18, and 19, 2017.

I will be announcing our selections later this semester.