

April 21, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans! The home of the State Champion Lady Trojans!

Wood Memorial High School is working with Ivy Tech University in order to establish an “Early College” partnership, allowing students to have the opportunity to earn college credit, while in high school. Representatives of Ivy Tech met with the WMHS leadership team on Thursday, April 20, 2017, to discuss the plan for program implementation.

The Early College program will provide opportunities for students to earn between 30 and 60 college credits by the time they graduate high school. Further, students would receive a cost effective rate, per credit hour from Ivy Tech.

With the above stated, I would encourage students and parents, currently in the sophomore and junior classes, interested in college opportunities, to attend informational meetings being planned for the weeks of April 24 and May 1 to learn more about the opportunity. Ms. Elizabeth Hill and I will be conducting student meetings on April 26 and 27 to present information on this opportunity. The meetings will be held in the Lecture Room during Trojan Pride.

An informational session for parents of these students will be held on Monday, May 1, 2017, beginning at 6:00pm, in the Wood Memorial High School Lecture Room.

Scheduling for our 2017 summer school will launch on Monday, April 24, 2017. Students and/or parents interested in attending summer school may contact the high school office at 812.749.4757.

Summer school will run as follows:

- May 30 – June 23, 2017
- Monday – Thursday
- Week 1 (8:30am – Noon)
- Weeks 2 – 4 (8:00am – Noon)

We will offer the following classes:

- Junior High School Math
- Junior High School English
- Physical Education I
 - For Incoming Freshman
- Credit Recovery Classes
- High School Courses
 - Must be approved

The Wood Memorial student services team will be making contact with students and parents in the upcoming weeks.

ISTEP Part 2 assessments have been completed for English and math in the junior high school. Next week seventh grade students will complete testing with the social studies portion of this year's exam. The social studies assessment will be conducted during regular scheduled classes on Monday and Tuesday.

Testing begins at the high school, with sophomores being assessed with English and math beginning on Wednesday, April 26.

I appreciate the focus and commitment to ensure an effective environment for student testing by our students, as well as staff members.

The senior honors night program has been scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 10, 2017. The event will recognize the accomplishments of the 2017 graduating class, including scholarship awards, national honor society members, as well as much more. In conjunction, the newest members of the National Honor Society will be inducted during the evening's ceremony. There will be cookies and drinks available between the induction and the recognition of our seniors.

The evening launches at 6:00pm with the induction of the National Honor Society class of 2017.

A high school honors program, for students in grades 9 – 11 will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Congratulations to the winners at last week's junior high school science fair. Individuals recognized included, seventh graders, Wyatt Lashbrook and Lucy Hunter, honorable mention; first place, Hannah Deisher; second place, Kara Ingle; third place, Ava Hudson; overall first place for seventh and eighth grades was Hannah Deisher.

Information of interest:

- Senior class cap and gown pictures will be taken on May 1, 2017, at 1:10pm.
- Due to timing conflicts senior pride day has been moved to Friday, May 12, 2017.
- Senior students are being asked to provide pictures for use in the graduation ceremony in May. Each senior should bring one senior picture and one baby shot to Ms. Nossett as soon as possible. Student names should be provided on the back of the respective picture.
- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Wood Memorial's softball game with Tecumseh has been moved to Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 12:00pm.
- Wood Memorial's tennis match with Evansville Bosse, at WMHS, has been moved to Friday, April 28, 2017.
- Wood Memorial's baseball game with Vincennes Rivet has been moved from April 22 to Saturday, April 29, 2017. The game will begin at noon.

- Through a grant from Alcoa, Ivy Tech is offering an opportunity for high school students who are juniors and seniors to earn up to 6 college credits during the summer at no cost. To learn more about this opportunity visit this link:
<https://www.ivytech.edu/southwest/17903.html>

Information on the events at Wood Memorial High School may also be found at wmhs.egsc.k12.in.us; for the junior high school at wmjhs.egsc.k12.in.us. For real-time information follow us on Twitter at @WMTrojans1.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“Our greatest duty and our main duty is to help others, and please, if you can’t help them, would you please not hurt them?”

- Dalai Lama

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Academy Day

8:30am – 11:00am

Hosted by Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D.
Vincennes University – Gibson County Center

BA vs. Eastern Greene

11:00am

WM JHS/HS Band Performance

7:00pm

Lions Club 100th State Conference Dinner
Evansville, Indiana

Additional Dates of Note

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

ISTEP – Part 2

May 1, 2017

Grade 10 – Math

Early College Parent Meeting

May 1, 2017

6:00pm

Sophomores/Juniors (College Bound)

ISTEP – Part 2

May 2, 2017

Biology

AP Physics Exam

May 2, 2017

Color Guard Practice

May 2, 2017

Old Gym – 3:30pm – 5:00pm

AP English – Literature Exam (English 12)

May 3, 2017

Environmental Science Field Trip

May 3, 2017

Blackfoot Landfill

Francisco Mine

2017-2018 Athletic Physicals

May 4, 2017

Spring Band Concert

May 5, 2017

7:00pm

2017 High School Prom

May 6, 2017

AP Biology

May 8, 2017

AP Calculus

May 9, 2017

AP English Language (English 11) Exam

May 10, 2017

Senior Honors Night

May 10, 2017

6:00pm

ECA

May 10 – 19, 2017

Algebra I

English

For Retesters

Chemistry II Field Trip

May 11, 2017

Vincennes University

7:00am – 2:30pm

Senior Pride Day

May 12, 2017

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| Riley Dance Marathon 2:00pm – 9:00pm | May 13, 2017 |
| High School Honors Program 2:20pm | May 17, 2017 |
| Senior Week | May 18 – May 24, 2017 |
| 7 th Grade Orientation 8:30am – 11:00am | May 19, 2017 |
| FCA Field Trip | May 20, 2017 |
| Senior Baccalaureate Community Sponsored 5:00pm | May 21, 2017 |
| Snow Day 5 | May 25, 2017 |
| Snow Day 6 | May 26, 2017 |
| Graduation | May 27, 2017 |
| Girls Basketball Camp | May 30 – June 2, 2017 |
| Wood Memorial Youth Volleyball Camp Grades 3 – 8 12 – 3pm Daily | June 5 – 7, 2017 |
| Preliminary ISTEP Data Available | June 16, 2017 |
| ISTEP Re-score Window | June 19, 2017 – July 7, 2017 |
| Wood Memorial Volleyball Team Camp High School | June 26 – 28, 2017 |
| Indiana Volleyball Team Challenge Indiana University | July 22, 2017 |
| 7 th Grade Orientation | August 3, 2017 |
| 2017 – 2018 Staff Opening Day | August 8, 2017 |
| First Day of School | August 9, 2017 |
| Open House | August 9, 2017 |
| ISTEP Final Results Available | August 16, 2017 |
| WMHS and WMJHS Open House | To Be Determined |
| Indiana ECA – Summer | August 21 – September 1, 2017 |
| Accuplacer – Part 1 | October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017 |
| College Night 6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria | October 5, 2017 |
| 2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction 6:00pm | October 23, 2017 |
| ISTEP Retest | December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017 |
| Grade 10 ECA – Winter | December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017 |
| ISTAR Grades 3 – 8, 10 ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies | January 15, 2018 – February 16, 2018 |

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| National Assessment of Educational Progress Grades 4 and 8 Digital Based Math, Reading, Writing, US History, Civics, and Geography | January 29, 2018 – March 9, 2018 |
| Accuplacer – Part 2 | February 12, 2018 – March 30, 2018 |
| ISTEP Part 1 | February 26, 2018 – March 9, 2018 |
| Academic Banquet | April 6, 2018 |
| ISTAR | April 16, 2018 – May 18, 2018 |
| ISTEP Part 2 | April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018 |
| ECA – Spring | April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018 |
| Senior Honors Night 6:00pm | May 10, 2018 |
| 2018 Graduation | TBD |
| ECA – Summer 1 | June 21, 2018 – June 27, 2018 |
| ECA – Summer 2 | August 23, 2018 – August 29, 2018 |

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Athletic Director

Promoting Education Based Athletics in Indiana.

Have you ever had a coach make the comment to you or a teammate by saying the words “you are thinking too much”? If so, what would those words mean to you? It more than likely means that you are “overthinking” or not playing by natural instincts.

Sports are played best by those who think less and play naturally. In other words, a baseball or softball player might overthink their time at bat by waiting for a perfect pitch. Regardless of the sport, there is always a scenario where “overthinking” is a detriment, rather than a plus.

Try to relax in those stressful situations and rely on those natural instincts. Focus on your role, your training and how your coach has instructed you. If you block out all other distractions, you will be free to play to your best ability and do what comes naturally!

All content copy of Billy Shepherd Sports Inc. as provided by Robby Kimes of the IHSAA.

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

All students who are attending prom will have to pay all of their class dues and fees, textbook rental fees, lunch charges, and library fines, before they will receive a ticket. This includes all money owed for fundraisers. See your class sponsors for how much you may owe.

Class of 2017: The yearbook staff needs a senior photo of your choice to appear in the yearbook next to your Straub picture. Pictures must be taken by a professional photographer and be school appropriate. Please email high resolution images to ehill@egsc.k12.in.us, or bring me a printed picture, no smaller than 4 x 6 inches to scan. Please participate, even if you do not order a yearbook!

Faculty and Staff: The high school yearbook staff would like to include a picture of you from your high school days alongside your staff picture. Please participate by emailing a picture to ehill@egsc.k12.in.us.

Seniors – Straub Photography will be at school May 1, at 1:10pm, to take a cap and gown class picture. Please make sure you them on that day! You do not have to dress up for this picture.

Spring sports photos will be taken on May 1 for all high school sports and junior high track. Coaches will be given order envelopes soon.

Tips for ISTEP Assessments

- Watch for words like Not and Except...They tell you to look for the choice that is false or different from the other choices.
- Utilize the testing time effectively by taking all of the time presented for the assessment.

- Pay close attention to the questions by reading the directions carefully and refer back to them a second time before diving into the work being asked for.
- Be Confident and use breathing exercises to relax as often as you need.
- Look at the choices carefully before selecting an answer.
- Eliminate answers that are obviously incorrect.
- Take the time to think before answering a question. You have the knowledge and are prepared to succeed.
- Verify your work carefully.
- Believe in yourself and you will always do the very best you can.

From Ms. Kelly Hill, Student Services/Guidance Director

For students requiring assistance with math and science there is a free hotline available to you. The Rose Hulman Institute sponsored “Homework Hotline” has tutors ready to assist students with their assignments. Rose Hulman students man the Hotline from 7:00pm – 10:00pm (EST) – 6:00pm – 9:00pm (CDT) Sunday – Thursday.

The Hotline phone number is 877.ASK.ROSE.

Rose Hulman also offers resources you may find helpful at www.AskRose.org.

Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants have announced their 2017 scholarship program, which is their 10th year of doing so. The winners will receive up to \$1000 in scholarship money each year. The deadline for applying is June 12, 2017.

To apply, and learn more, for this opportunity you may go to <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

Ms. Ginger Schenks, Post Prom Coordinator

2017 Post Prom will be held on Saturday, May 6 in the WM Cafeteria from 12:00am to 2:30am. Doors open at midnight and doors will be locked at 12:30am with no one admitted after that time. The Post Prom theme is Neon. The Post Prom committee is purchasing neon t-shirts for all attendees.

From Ms. Sally Morton, School Nurse

The Indiana State Department of Health has updated the school immunization requirements. For the 2017 – 2018 school year, it is recommended that incoming seniors have a Meningococcal Serogroup B (MenB) vaccine in addition to the already required Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (MCV4). For the 2018 – 2019 school year, the MenB vaccine will be required for incoming seniors.

Two doses of Hepatitis A is required for Kindergarten through 3rd grades and recommended for grades 4 through 12 during the 2017 – 2018 school year. For the 2018 – 2019 school year, two doses of Hepatitis A are required for Kindergarten through 4th grades, 6th grade, and 12th grades. Two doses of Hepatitis A are recommended for 5th grade and grades 7 – 11.

Please call the nurses office at 812.749.4222 with any questions.

Attention parents of East Gibson School Corporation students in grades 4-11: If your child plans to participate in school related sports during the 2017-2018 school year they MUST have an IHSAA sports physical form on file in the school office. Sports physicals will be offered at the Oakland City campus by the Deaconess Oakland City providers at a cost of \$10 per student beginning May 4, 2017. IHSAA sports physical forms are available for pick up in the school offices. There is a portion of the form that must be filled out and signed by the parent or guardian, and returned to your child's school office by Tuesday, April 18th.

From Linda Miller, Librarian

In order to get books back before end of school, the last day to check books will be April 24, 2017.

From Ms. Kimberly Higgins, Assistant to the Dean/OPTIONS Coordinator

The College of Engineering and Computer Science will host its annual UE Engineering OPTIONS Summer Camps this June. We are inviting middle school boys and girls and high school girls in the tristate to participate. More detailed information for each of the camps can be found at the links below. Online registration is available.

Middle School Boys (June 5 – 9)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/msBoys.cfm>

Middle School Girls (June 11 – 14)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/msGirls.cfm>

High School Girls (June 18 – 23)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/hsGirls.cfm>

From Mr. Nicholas Hunter-Shields, Recreation Therapy Administrative Assistant

Camp Riley is hosted by Bradford Woods and is made possible through the generous support of Riley's Children's Foundation. Bradford Woods, IU's Outdoor Center operated by the School of Public Health-Bloomington, is located 20 miles southwest of Indianapolis, in Martinsville, Indiana. Camp Riley has offered unique programs for youth with disabilities and chronic illnesses since 1955.

Children can attend one of eight Camp Riley sessions offered during a nine-week span with each session offering a staff-to-camper ratio appropriate to the campers' needs.

More information on this opportunity may be obtained by calling 765.349.5135, extension 5218.

From the Indiana Higher Commission For Education – March 16, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Kaylee Showers Thursday, March 16, 2017
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Indiana extending financial aid filing deadline to April 15, 2017.

Hoosiers have one more chance to file FAFSA for college financial aid. Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers announced today that the state's March 10th financial aid

filing deadline would be extended to April 15th this year in response to recent issues with a federal data retrieval tool that complicated the process for families attempting to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

“This is an excellent opportunity for Hoosiers who missed last Friday’s deadline to complete the FAFSA and qualify for financial aid that makes college more affordable,” Lubbers said. “All prospective college students— whether they’re a high school senior, a current college student or a returning adult—should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.”

Beyond determining eligibility for state and federal financial aid, colleges use information from the FAFSA to determine their scholarship awards. Filing the FAFSA is particularly important for Indiana’s 21st Century Scholars who will not receive their scholarship that pays for up to four years of college tuition without completing the FAFSA.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is committed to continued outreach in partnership with local high schools, colleges and community organizations to alert students of the extension and provide assistance to students who still need to file.

Filing the FAFSA The fastest and easiest way to file the FAFSA is online at www.fafsa.gov. To complete the FAFSA, you will need: 1) Your Social Security Number; 2) Your 2015 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned; and 3) An FSA ID to sign electronically. NOTE: Dependent students need this same information for their parent(s). The U.S. Department of Education provides email and live chat assistance for FAFSA filers as well as a helpline at 1-800-4FED-AID.

More FAFSA Help for Hoosiers Hoosier families can find FAFSA-related help via phone at 1-888-528-4719, email (awards@che.in.gov), Twitter (twitter.com/learnmorein), Facebook (facebook.com/learnmorein) or online at LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost.

From Erin Lucas, Office of Congressman Larry Bucshon

The 2017 Academy Day will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Vincennes University Gibson County Center, in Fort Branch, Indiana. Registration begins at 8:30am, with the program running from 9:00am – 11:00am (CDT).

Individuals considering a career in one of the United States Service Academies will be able to learn about the opportunities, the application process, congressional nominations, and the every day life of a Service Academy Cadet.

The application process for a congressional nomination from Congressman Buschon’s office, for the class of 2022, will be from March 1, 2017 until October 6, 2017.

From Jamie Nunnally, Communications Director, National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) announced that its board of directors has approved the affiliation of a new state chapter: the Indiana Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (INCEP). Indiana is the ninth state to launch a chapter.

The Indiana Commission on Higher Education indicates that 52% of Indiana high school graduates, in 2014, completed at least one college course through dual credit; an increase from 39% in 2012. The Commission's data shows that students who complete dual credit courses are more likely to enroll in postsecondary education within a year following high school graduation, as compared with those who do not earn pre-college credit.

Independent research published by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance found that Hoosier college students who had completed dual credit are more likely to place out of remedial courses, pass all their first-year courses, and persist to sophomore year than colleges students who had not taken dual credit courses.

From Ms. Cassie Scraper, College Connection Coach, Ivy Tech University

For the convenience of students and parents I am providing the following information on applying to be considered for a scholarship:

| College/University | Scholarship Deadline | More Information |
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| Anderson University | Varies for Departmental | http://www.anderson.edu/students/fin-aid/scholarships |
| Ball State | Varies for Departmental | http://cms.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarshipsandfinancialaid/howtoapply/datesanddeadlines |
| Bellarmino University | Varies for Departmental | http://www.bellarmino.edu/financialaid/institutional/ |
| Brescia University | February 15 | https://www.brescia.edu/brescia-university-scholarships |
| Butler University | November 1 | https://www.butler.edu/prospective-first-years-financial-aid/first-year-butler-gift-programs |
| Hanover College | March 1 | https://www.hanover.edu/admission/financialaid/scholarships#grants |
| Indiana State University | December 1 | http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships#qt-scholarships_tabset-ui-tabs2 |
| Indiana University | November 1 | https://scholarships.indiana.edu/index.html |
| Indiana Wesleyan | Varies for Departmental | https://www.indwes.edu/financial-aid/undergraduate/scholarships |
| IUPUI | Varies for Departmental | http://scholarships.iupui.edu/freshman/inres.html |
| Ivy Tech Community College | March 15 | https://www.ivytech.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.html |
| Marian University | October 15 | http://www.marian.edu/admissions/financial-aid |
| Murray State University | January 15 | http://www.murraystate.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.aspx |
| Oakland City University | October 1 (tentative) | http://www.oak.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.php |
| Olivet Nazarene | None | http://www.olivet.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships/ |
| Purdue University | November 1 | https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/types-of-aid/free-money/scholarships.html |

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| Southern Illinois University-- Carbondale | November 1 | http://scholarships.siu.edu/types/freshmen/index.php |
| University of Evansville | December 1 | https://www.evansville.edu/tuitionandaid/scholarships.cfm |
| University of Indianapolis | Varies for Departmental | http://www.uindy.edu/financial-aid-for-new-students/grants-and-scholarships |
| University of Louisville | December 15 | http://louisville.edu/admissions/aid/scholarships |
| University of Southern Indiana | December 2 *See website for departmental scholarship deadlines | http://www.usi.edu/admissions/scholarships/freshman-scholarships |
| Vincennes University | January 15 | http://www.vinu.edu/web/financial-services/financial-aid |
| Wabash Valley | Varies fro Departmental | http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&nest=WSCH_HO ME |
| Western Kentucky University | January 15 | https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/ |