

August 12, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

What a wonderful first three days of school we have had at Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School. I am so very proud of our students, staff, and everyone who have focused on ensuring a successful and positive school year launch. Thank you to all who have committed to help make our school – community the “Best of the Best”.

I would also like to thank the students, staff, parents, and school-community members who have helped make me feel welcome as a Trojan. This is indeed a special place and even more poignantly we have a special, special opportunity to continue to build success and showcase the talents, skills, and character of our most precious students. I am excited.

I would like to introduce a collaborative opportunity for all members – students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members – of the Wood Memorial School Community. With this said, I believe to be most effective with the development and growth of our students it is imperative that every stakeholder of Wood Memorial have an opportunity to collaborate and provide input in any area/aspect of interest involving our school (s) they may have. Thus, I will conduct monthly “Open Office” sessions, focused on providing time for such collaboration to occur.

The first session was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Anyone wishing to meet with me may do so by setting up an appointment at the high school office. Appointments will be scheduled in 15 minute increments and may carry over this time if availability exists.

I encourage you to come meet anytime to review items of interest you may have. You may schedule a meeting by calling 812.749.4757 and requesting a time.

The September “Open Office” session will be conducted on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

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.

Thank you to all who attended our open house. We had a large turnout, which speaks volumes to the commitment of our stakeholders on behalf of their child’s education. I appreciate your involvement in helping build excitement for a successful launch to the school year.

Information of interest:

- 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.

On one other note, I wanted to provide an update on the arrival of the new chiller, which will bring cooler air to the junior high school and elementary school. According to Mr. Edwards, maintenance director, the new item was to be here on July 15 and obviously this has not happened due to a manufacturing issue. The new date for arrival is September 23. Once on site, installation should take approximately 3 days.

In the meantime, our supplier has placed service workers on site during the past 2 – 3 days in an effort to repair the current (old) chiller. We should know on Monday, August 15, if this repair has been successful.

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

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, August 15, 2016**

VB at Northeast Dubois 5:30pm  
Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser  
Through August 24, 2016  
Student Council Nomination Period (August 10 – 19)  
Freshman Class Officer Nomination Period (August 10 – 19)

### **Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

VB vs Mount Vernon 6:00pm  
Girls Soccer at Northeast Dubois 5:00pm  
Boys Soccer vs Northeast Dubois 5:00pm  
Boys Tennis vs North Daviess 4:45pm  
JH FB at Pike Central 5:30pm  
Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser  
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### **Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser  
Through August 24, 2016  
Student Council Nomination Period (August 10 – 19)  
Freshman Class Officer Nomination Period (August 10 – 19)

### **Thursday, August 18, 2016**

VB vs Vincennes Rivet 5:30pm  
Boys Soccer at North Knox 5:00pm  
Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser  
Through August 24, 2016  
Student Council Nomination Period (August 10 – 19)  
Freshman Class Officer Nomination Period (August 10 – 19)

### **Friday, August 19, 2016**

FB vs Princeton 6:30pm  
Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser  
Through August 24, 2016  
Student Council Nomination Period (August 10 – 19)  
Freshman Class Officer Nomination Period (August 10 – 19)

### **Saturday, August 20, 2016**

Girls Soccer vs Boonville 10:00am  
VB at Springs Valley 11:00am  
Dance Team Bake Sale  
August 20 – 27, 2016  
Boys BB Yeti Cup Sales Fund Raiser

Through August 24, 2016

**Additional Dates of Note**

Student Council Nomination Period	August 10 – 19, 2016
Freshman Class Officer Nomination Period	August 10 – 19, 2016
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	August 24, 2016
Trojan Pride	
School Pictures	August 24, 2016
Grades 7 - 12	
Class Reunion	August 26, 2016 (5:00pm)
Cafeteria	
Heroes Wellness Meeting	August 30, 2016
Vincennes University – Gibson County Center	
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	September 17, 2016
Grades 9 – 12	
College Course Opportunity	
9:00am – 4:00pm	
Freshman Class Ring Order	September 20, 2016 (Lunch)
Staff Professional Development	September 21, 2016 (1:45pm – 3:00pm)
Dr. Kirk Freeman – Formative Assessments	
Sponsored by Horace Mann – Mr. Nathan Hillyard	
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
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	October 10, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Library	

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	November 3, 2016
High School	
Junior High School	
7:00pm	
Fall Drama/Play	November 5, 2016
High School	
Junior High School	
7:00pm	
Fall Drama/Play	November 6, 2016
High School	
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	November 11, 2016 (9:00am)
High School Gymnasium	
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	November 14, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Library	
Mid-Term for Quarter 2	November 18, 2016
Acuity	November 21, 2016 – December 9, 2016
Predictive B (ELA/Math)	
Grades 3 - 8	
WM JHS Spelling Bee	November 22, 2016 (1:15pm)
Cafeteria	
Thanksgiving Break	November 23 – 25, 2016
WM JHS Geography Bee	December 2, 2016 (1:15pm)
Cafeteria	
Indiana Winter ECA Window	December 5 – 16, 2016
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	December 12, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Library	
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Library	
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 from Mrs. E. Hill. Purchases can be made online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://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**

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