

May 19, 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!

Final exams launched for our seniors on Thursday, May 18, with the administration of seventh period finals. The remaining schedule for our seniors is as follows:

Friday, May 19, 2017

Periods 1, 3, and 5 Final Exams

Monday, May 22, 2017

Periods 2, 4, and 6 Final Exams

The semester two grades, for seniors, are to be finalized on May 23. Ms. Kelly Carlton and I will be reviewing to ensure all information is ready to close out on May 24, 2017. Parents and students will be contacted if the need arises during this review.

Our seniors will enjoy a celebratory trip to Holiday World on Tuesday, May 23. We have an outstanding group of individuals this year and they deserve the celebration opportunity.

Graduation practice will take place on Wednesday, May 24, beginning with an 8:00am breakfast in the cafeteria. Immediately following, students will move to the gymnasium to walk through the details of Saturday's graduation ceremony. The practice will last as long as necessary to ensure a professional program, befitting our students, on Saturday.

The seniors will conduct one final activity prior to enjoying pizza for lunch. Following this they will be free to go.

Parents, and students, please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you as you prepare to celebrate your child's high school graduation.

High School students in grades 9 – 11 will be administered final exams as follows:

Monday, May 22, 2017

Period 7 Final Exam

Note: Students will attend Periods 1 – 6 prior to the final exam.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Periods 1, 3, and 5 Final Exams

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Periods 2, 4, and 6 Final Exams

A reminder that students may opt out to up to two of their final exams provided they meet the opt out guidelines. Modified guidelines were approved at the beginning of the second semester and published for student and parent awareness.

Guidelines include:

1. Student may not have more than three (3) excused absences.
2. Student may not have an unexcused absence, or truancy.
3. Student may not have more than three excused tardies to a class.
4. Student may not have an unexcused tardy to any class.
5. Student may not have a suspension from school.
6. Student must have a minimum of a B- in the class (es) identified for opt out.
7. All student fees must be current.

With graduation rapidly approaching I am sure our seniors and their families are excited. This is indeed a wonderful time of year, with the anticipation of a high school career coming to a close, and a new chapter in a life nearby. While I share in the anticipation I do want to remind everyone that much work remains and it is important that we do not lose sight of course requirements in order to ensure all graduation requirements are attained.

With this, I would like to point everyone to some information I believe will be helpful as we near graduation. This information was shared in a letter to parents during March 2017.

Students are reminded the dress for graduation is to be shirts and ties for the gentlemen; dresses, or slacks for the ladies. Jeans, shorts, flip flops, tennis shoes, work shoes, and/or similar attire items are not allowed for this most solemn event.

Note: Any student not following the dress guideline will not be allowed to walk during the graduation ceremony. Students should see me for any assistance in meeting these requirements. Students absent from graduation practice, without obtaining prior approval from myself, will not be allowed to walk during graduation. If a student is absent from the scheduled graduation practice, additional practice may be planned for Thursday, May 25, and/or Friday, May 26, 2017.

Students not having met all Indiana state guidelines for a diploma will not be allowed to walk during the graduation ceremony.

Further, senior students are required to submit a baby picture, as well as senior picture, for use in the graduation ceremony. This should be done as soon as possible. Pictures may be turned in to the junior – senior high school office, or to Mr. Smith.

While graduation is rapidly approaching, it is imperative that each senior student maintain a diligent focus on ensuring academic assignments are completed timely. Further, students are reminded they are expected to adhere to all East Gibson School Corporation and Wood Memorial High School guidelines at all times. Subject to the severity and repetitiveness of any potential violation, a student found to have violated guidelines may be held out of the graduation ceremony.

Students and parents interested in enrolling in an Ivy Tech Dual Credit course should contact the high school for more information. There are a number of courses available, including Psychology, Advanced Speech/Communications, American History, and many more to students who will be a junior or senior next year.

Informational letters regarding summer school enrollment will be sent home to parents who have expressed an interest in their child taking advantage of this four week opportunity. 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

Information has been emailed to parents of students interested in taking a summer school course.

The second round of ISTEP has come and gone for the school year. Thank you to everyone for their patient and diligent focus to this year's assessment process.

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

Junior high school students will be recognized on the afternoon of May 24.

Congratulations to Chloe Bartley (800) and Lexie Lashbrook (High Jump) for qualifying to participate in the 2017 Girls Track Regional on Tuesday, May 23. We are proud of you and wish these ladies the best of luck.

I also want to wish our softball and baseball teams the best of luck in their upcoming sectionals.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome coach Bret Kramer to the Trojan family, as he was named varsity football coach during Monday, May 8's board meeting. Coach Kramer has a number of years of experience assisting with Wood Memorial football and is excited to get started. Coach is planning a parents meeting, to occur in the coming days.

Coach Kramer will host a parents meeting for prospective football players on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30pm. The meeting will take place in the high school lecture room.

Information of interest:

- The high school gymnasium will be closed to all activities beginning Monday, May 22 through graduation. This is to allow for preparations for the 2017 graduation ceremony to be conducted effectively.
- 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.
- The Riley Dance Marathon has been cancelled for this year due to scheduling conflicts with other events.
- Wood Memorial High School is planning on launching a Bass Fishing Team in the fall. A coach has been identified and we would like to now gain input on those students who may be interested in taking part in the program. If you are interested please stop by the high school office and give us your name. An organizational meeting will be held after the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

“Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.”

- Aristotle

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, May 22, 2017

Senior Final Exams – Periods 2, 4, 6
Underclass Final Exam – Period 7
Graduation Set Up and Decoration 1:30pm
Softball Sectional at Springs Valley
NE Dubois vs. Wood Memorial 5:30pm

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Senior Trip 8:30am – 6:00pm
Final Exams – Periods 1, 3, 5
Girls Track Regional 5:30pm
At Evansville Central
Softball Sectional at Springs Valley
SV vs. Cannelton 5:30pm
Tecumseh vs. Game One Winner 30 Minutes after Conclusion of First Game

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Final Day of School
Final Exams – Periods 2, 4, 6
Senior Graduation Practice 8:00am - TBD
Junior High School Honors Program 1:00pm
Baseball Sectional at NE Dubois
Tecumseh vs. NE Dubois 5:30pm

Thursday, May 25, 2017

Golf at NE Dubois 4:30pm
Softball Sectional at Springs Valley
Championship 6:00pm

Friday, May 26, 2017

Final Graduation Review

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Graduation Noon
Seniors Arrive at School 11:00am

Monday, May 29, 2017

Baseball Sectional at NE Dubois
Springs Valley vs. Wood Memorial 10:00am
Cannelton vs. Winner Game One
Championship Game 6:00pm

Additional Dates of Note

Senior Baccalaureate

May 21, 2017

Community Sponsored	
5:00pm	
Girls Basketball Camp	May 30 – June 2, 2017
Wood Memorial Youth Volleyball Camp	June 5 – 7, 2017
Grades 3 – 8	
12 – 3pm Daily	
Preliminary ISTEP Data Available	June 16, 2017
ISTEP Re-score Window	June 19, 2017 – July 7, 2017
Wood Memorial Volleyball Team Camp	June 26 – 28, 2017
High School	
Color Guard Camp	June 26 – 29, 2017
Color Guard Camp	July 18 – 20, 2017
Indiana Volleyball Team Challenge	July 22, 2017
Indiana University	
Color Guard Camp	July 31 – August 3, 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	October 5, 2017
6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria	
2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction	October 23, 2017
6:00pm	
ISTEP Retest	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Grade 10	
ECA – Winter	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
ISTAR	January 15, 2018 – February 16, 2018
Grades 3 – 8, 10	
ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies	
National Assessment of Educational Progress	January 29, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Grades 4 and 8	
Digital Based	
Math, Reading, Writing, US History, Civics, and Geography	
Accuplacer – Part 2	February 12, 2018 – March 30, 2018
ISTEP Part 1	February 26, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Academic Banquet	April 6, 2018

ISTAR

ISTEP Part 2

ECA – Spring

Senior Honors Night

6:00pm

2018 Graduation

ECA – Summer 1

ECA – Summer 2

April 16, 2018 – May 18,
2018

April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018

April 23, 2018 – May 25,
2018

May 10, 2018

TBD

June 21, 2018 – June 27,
2018

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.

Pairings and game schedules for the 2017 Softball Sectional are:

Monday, May 22	NE Dubois vs. Wood Memorial	5:30pm
Tuesday, May 23	Springs Valley vs. Cannelton	5:30pm
	Tecumseh vs. Winner Game 1	30 Minutes After first game of night
Thursday, May 25	Championship Game	6:00pm

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

Attention parents: The deadline to order a yearbook is Friday, May 19. You should have received information in the mail this week. If you have already purchased a book, Thank you. If you are uncertain about your order status please call 1.877.767.5217 to check status and/or order. To place an order online you may go to Jostens.com. Students may also pick up an order form from the high school office and return it to Mrs. Elizabeth Hill at the school. Payment should be made out to Wood Memorial High School, if paying at school.

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>

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 IHSA 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. IHSA 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 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 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.