

November 25, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

On behalf of the entire Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School team I would like to wish everyone a Happy and most wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. It is our desire that you have the opportunity to enjoy family during this holiday weekend.

With the end of the first semester now in sight it is time to begin the planning process for final exams. Earlier today, Tuesday, November 22, I met with representatives of the Student Advisory Council and our instructional staff to establish parameters for finals. With this said, the following plan has been identified for our final exams (high school only):

1. Final Exams will be administered on December 19, 20, and 21.
2. The Day One Final Exam will be focused on 7th period.
3. The Day Two Final Exams will be focused on 1st, 3rd, and 5th periods.
4. The Day Three Final Exams will be focused on 2nd, 4th, and 6th periods.
5. Final exam periods will be 90 minutes in length.
6. Students eligible to opt out of two (2) finals must do so by the end of school on Thursday, December 15, 2016.
7. Students eligible to opt out of two (2) finals must complete a form, to be signed by each instructor. Forms will be made available beginning on Monday, December 12, 2016 and may be picked up from first period instructors.
8. Forms must be turned in to the respective last period instructor on Thursday, December 15, 2016. Students missing this deadline will not be able to opt out of a final exam.
9. Information on those students approved to opt out of two (2) finals will be finalized on Friday, December 16, 2016.
10. An approval process, for student attendance adjustments, during final exams, will be available. Parental sign-off will be required in each instance.

The bell schedule for the final exam days will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

For reference and awareness I have provided a copy of our final exam policy, as found in the 2016 – 2017 Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School Student Handbook:

Final Exam Policy

Wood Memorial Junior High School and Wood Memorial High School will administer final exams during the last three regular school days of each semester. High school students (grades 9-12) will be required to take a final exam for each class enrolled. Final exams will account for 20% of a respective student's final semester grade in each class. Final exams will not be administered for junior high students (grades 7 and 8).

Note: Courses offered to junior high students, earning high school credit, towards graduation, will have final exams administered.

Students in grades 9-12 may be exempt from taking a final exam as identified below:

- Students with three (3) or less total absences may opt out of two (2) of their final exams.
 - Absences are defined in full day totals
 - Students will collaborate with their respective instructors to determine the opportunities for final exam exemption.

Acuity Window B testing will take place during the period of November 29 – December 9, 2016. This will involve our junior high school students during November 29 – December 2. Reference information below on the testing schedule.

Mr. Bartley has announced the following students as finalist for the December 2, 2016, Geography Bee:

Grant Strickland
Gramm Collins
Nathan Lee
Kaiden Tepe
Faith Smithhart
Everett Attaway
Chris Johnson
Joe Cargal
Reese Morton
Jordan Cooper

Good luck to these students.

Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Kelly Hill, Wood Memorial Guidance Director, and Ms. Charity Smith, Oakland City University, Wood Memorial High School has been awarded a \$450 grant from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The grant is earmarked for use with the promotion of the 21st Century Scholars program and will be used for two (2) college campus visits, as well as college planning workshops.

I appreciate the efforts of Ms. Hill and Ms. Smith.

A reminder to students and parents regarding a review of the 2016 – 2017 Student Handbook. We encourage everyone to review the handbook, then request the acknowledgement page, of receipt/review, found in the back of the handbook be signed and returned to the high school and/or junior high school office. A copy of the handbook was distributed to high school students during the first day of school; and junior high school students should have access to the document on their iPad desktop. The handbook may also be found at wmhs.egsc.k12.in.us.com.

Information of interest:

- The Indiana Department of Education has release preliminary school accountability information for the 2015 – 2016 school year. The information is currently in an embargoed state, while administration reviews the accuracy of the data used in the process. Schools have until December 5, 2016 to identify corrective responses to any errors noted in the DOE’s process.
- The WM wrestling match scheduled for January 25, 2017 has been moved to January 11, 2017. The event will be hosted at Wood Memorial.
- Checkout Mr. Meyer’s information post later in the bulletin about his plans to organize a pep band for our winter sports activities. I am excited about this prospect and look forward to having our talented students showcased.
- The state of Indiana has announced that the ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Spring Portal will remain accessible for parent use and reference until March 31, 2017.

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

“I would rather lose in a cause that will some day win, than win in a cause that will some day lose.”

- Woodrow Wilson

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 26, 2016

WM Wrestling at Evansville Central	9:00am
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Monday, November 28, 2016

Boys JHS BB vs Princeton	5:30pm
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Girls JHS BB at Princeton	5:30pm
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Tuesday, November 29, 2016

High School Student Council Meeting	2:48pm
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Girls BB vs North Posey	5:30pm
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Boys BB – C – Team at Tecumseh	5:30pm
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Girls JHS BB at Fort Branch	5:30pm
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Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Indiana School of Dentistry Visit	
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FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	2:48pm
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Post Prom Committee Meeting	2:48pm
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Wrestling vs Mount Carmel 6:00pm

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Faculty Meeting 7:30am
JHS Student Achievement Plan Due
Student Advisory Council Meeting 2:48pm
JHS BB at Haubstadt 5:30pm
Girls BB vs Shoals 6:00pm
Varsity Only

Friday, December 2 2016

Staff PLC Session 7:30am
Gold Schedule
WM JHS Geography Bee 1:15pm
Cafeteria
Choir Field Trip 4:45pm
Boys BB vs Loogootee 5:30pm

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Wrestling at North Knox Invitational 8:30am
Swimming at Tecumseh Invitational 9:00am
Girls JHS BB at South Knox 10:00am
Boys JHS BB at South Knox 10:00am
Boys BB at Tecumseh 5:30pm
Reindeer Run/Walk

Sponsored by Gibson General Health Foundation and Deaconess

Register online at www.gibsongeneral.com/pages/reindeerrun

Event Schedule:

7:30am Sign Up
8:45am Kids Elf Run
9:00am – 5K/1 mile Run/Walk

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer Assessment – Part 1	October 3 – November 23, 2016
Post Prom Committee Fund Raiser	November 4, 2016 – February 18, 2017
Chicken & Dumpling Sales – BB Games	
Band Fund Raiser	November 11 – 28, 2016
Poinsettia Sales	
Vinyl Window Sticker Sales	
Freshman Class Fund Raiser	November 16 – December 6, 2016 (Randa Cutlery)
Physical Education Fund Raiser	November 18, 2016 – December 7, 2016
Cheesy Cheeseballs	
Acuity	November 21, 2016 –

Predictive B (ELA/Math) Grades 3 - 8	December 9, 2016
Indiana Winter ECA Window WMHS (Re – Takes)	December 5 – 16, 2016
High School Student Council Meeting	December 6, 2016
JHS ISTEP MATH Team Meeting	December 6, 2016-2:48pm
Health Occupation Field Trip	December 8, 2016 – 7:30am
Ms. Morton’s Classes	December 9, 2016
IDOE Classroom Audits of WMJHS A Function of the Focus School Process (SAP) 8:30am	December 9, 2016
HS/JHS Choir Christmas Concert 2:00pm Cafeteria	December 10, 2016
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting Library	December 12, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
JHS IDOE SAP Audit	December 12, 2016 (8:30am)
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	December 14, 2016
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 WM High School	December 19, 20, 22 (5:30pm)
Quarter 2/Semester 1 Ends	December 21, 2016
HS/JHS Band Christmas Concern 5:00pm Cafeteria	December 21, 2016
Christmas Break	December 22, 2016 – January 3, 2017
Toyota Classic Gibson Southern HS	December 23, 2016
Semester 2 Begins	January 4, 2017
WIDA Access Annual Assessment	January 9 – February 24, 2017
English Language Learners	January 9 – February 3, 2017
Indiana ISTAR – Part 2	January 12, 2016
Jostens Graduation Commitment 2:30pm	January 23, 2017 – February 10, 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	

Textbook Fair Science and Health Huntingburg Event Center (9am – 3pm)	February 1, 2017
Accuplacer – Part 2	February 13 – March 31, 2017
Student Council Blood Drive	February 24, 2016
Indiana ISTEP – Part 1	February 27 – March 10, 2017
Paper and Pencil and Online Applied Skills	
Spring Drama/Play High School Junior High School 7:00pm	March 17, 2017
Spring Drama/Play High School Junior High School 7:00pm	March 18, 2017
Spring Drama/Play High School Junior High School 2:00pm	March 19, 2017
Acuity	March 20, 2017 – April 7, 2017
Predictive C (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	
WM Archery Tournament HS Gymnasium – 7am – 9pm	April 1, 2016
Indiana ISTAR – Part 3	April 10 – May 19, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 2 Online Multiple Choice Technology Enhanced Items	April 17 – May 5, 2017
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, Athletic Director

IHSAA Student-Athlete Tip of the Week (10/31/2016)

There are many benefits of having a positive outlook. It's helpful in the classroom, in your sports endeavors, and in life in general.

In my experience as an athlete and coaching student-athletes, I know that having an upbeat, positive attitude can lift other people around you. You may be frustrated at times, but if your overall mindset is positive, you will move on quicker than your teammates and opponents.

Your emotions show up when least expected. If high performance is your goal, then embrace the fact that positive emotions plays a more important role than most student-athletes realize. Conquering your emotions will help you attain greater success in every walk of life!

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

The junior class will be running the concession stand at all girls and boys basketball games this winter. Every junior must work two basketball games in the concession stand, or pay \$10.00 for each game not worked, in order to go to Prom. Sign-ups for concession workers are in the high school office.

Prom Committee meetings will be conducted during Trojan Pride, weekly, on Monday.

Acuity B testing schedules are as follows:

Tuesday, November 29, 2016
8th Grade – English

Wednesday, November 30, 2016
7th Grade – English

Thursday, December 1, 2016
8th Grade – Algebra

Friday, December 2, 2016
7th Grade – Math and Algebra

From Ms. Kelly Hill, Student Services/Guidance Director

From Ms. Jill Bottoms, Student Council Sponsor

Thank you to everyone who took part in our annual blood drive. The next drive will take place on February 24, 2017, 8:00am – 1:00pm.

From Ms. Elizabeth McClelland, Drama Sponsor

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

From Ms. Janet Gentry, Chemistry Instructor

From Mr. Christopher Meyer, WMHS/WMJHS Band Director

We are excited to announce that there will be a pep band at many of our high school basketball games this year! The pep band is open to any junior high school and high school students, even

if they are not currently enrolled in band. We are looking for brass, woodwind, piano, bass guitar, and drumset players, so stop by the band room and see Mr. Meyer, the new band director, for more information.

From Mr. James Beckman, Junior High School Science Instructor

The seventh grade students have completed a project aimed at understanding plant and animal cells. This included the creation of models for display. In addition, students created clay mitosis models for display. The students did a wonderful job. Their work is on display in the junior high school, by the art room.

From Ms. Sally Morton, Director of Health Services

Indiana University School of Dentistry will be coming to East Gibson Schools on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. Through the Seal Indiana Dental Program, eligible students will have their teeth examined and preventive dental services performed as needed. These services include sealants on permanent teeth, fluoride varnish treatment, a toothbrush cleaning, oral health education and/or temporary fillings. If interested, please pick up a pamphlet in the school office and return the completed portion by Monday, November 28, 2016.

From Ms. Anita Powell, Art Instructor

I will be hosting weekly yoga sessions on Thursday, from 5:15pm – 6:30pm, in the WMJHS Fitness Center. There will be a donation box with a suggested amount of \$5 – \$7. Interested individuals may participate and should wear close fitting, but comfortable clothing.

From Ms. Rachel Heck, Coordinator Deaconess/EVSC Health Science Institute

The Deaconess Health Science Institute is a rigorous, two-week summer program for high-achieving high school students in Southwestern Indiana who are interested in exploring healthcare careers. Deaconess Hospital in Evansville sponsors HIS in partnership with Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation.

HIS is a valuable opportunity for students to experience a wide variety of health careers first-hand. Students live on the campus of Deaconess Hospital for two weeks as they hear from 100+ health professionals, participate in 12 different clinical rotations (including witnessing surgery and hopefully a birth), and explore Deaconess facilities and local universities.

To be eligible to participate in the program students must be a current sophomore or junior in a Southwestern Indiana High School or home school in Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, or Warrick counties.

If interested you may find the HSI brochure at <http://www.deaconess.com/hsi> or at <https://goo.gl/forms/wth4pH92O4QAKIC3>.

We have also created a short video for view at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pbs2Z2irr5g>.

You may also contact the Wood Memorial High School guidance office for more details.

From Ms. Cassie Scaper, 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
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
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 for Departmental	http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&nest=WSCH_HOME
Western Kentucky University	January 15	https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/

