

November 4, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

A reminder on our cell phone policy and guidelines (As found in the student handbook):

Cell phone use is prohibited during class instruction (bell to bell). Immediately upon entering the classroom, students are instructed to keep all phones turned off and out of sight, unless specifically directed by the classroom instructor to turn on and utilize. Students who do not comply will be subject to the following discipline:

1. 1st Offense – Student is issued a classroom warning by the instructor.
2. 2nd Offense (1st Office Referral) - Phone taken from the student and a detention will be assigned. The phone will be returned to the parent/guardian in person.
3. 3rd Offense (2nd Office Referral) – Phone taken from the student and an extended detention will be assigned. The phone will be returned to the parent/guardian in person. with a warning of suspension with the second infraction;
4. 4th Offense (3rd Office Referral) Phone taken from the student and a suspension assigned.
5. Subsequent offenses shall be treated as administrative insubordination and will be dealt with accordingly.

Cell phone use is permitted before the start of school, during lunch, and passing periods. Any inappropriate use of the cell phone, including, but not limited to, inappropriate photographs, inappropriate text messaging and recording/videotaping will result in confiscation of the phone; further consequences include possible police referral. Failure of a student to comply with a faculty/staff request to turn over a cell phone or electronic device may result in suspension. If a student loses cell phone privileges and continues to use the device, he/she will be subject to suspension or expulsion from school.

The administration may use its discretion to allow or prohibit use of any of the devices discussed here as conditions may warrant. A student may lose the right to use of item for up to the remainder of the school year.

I have also been asked about our policy regarding food and drink in the school and classroom. Per the student handbook:

Students are not allowed to take food or drinks out of the cafeteria.

There is to be no food, including candy, gum, and other food items, nor drinks in the hallways,

classrooms, library, or other areas of the junior high school and / or high school at any time, unless approval has been given by the building principal or his / her designee. This may occur in such instances in which a medical condition exists requiring a respective student to have a drink with them during the school day. Other instances may be approved upon review of their individual merit as applied to our commitment to always act for the best interests of our students.

In order to ensure our students have the opportunity to receive certified instruction in the areas of Physics, Algebra, and Geometry, we have taken the opportunity to align instructor course schedules to provide this instructional opportunity. Anytime a step, such as this, is taken our goal is to ensure that each student impacted have the opportunity to successfully earn course credits, as outlined by their semester schedule. I have met with the impacted students, explaining to them any changes which may have been necessary in their daily schedule. Additional information will be provided to parents and students as we progress through the remaining portion of the first semester.

Congratulations to our student-athletes recognized for all – conference during their respective fall season. Wood Memorial was represented by seniors Katie Thacker and Carsen Robinson on the Blue Chip Conference volleyball team. Senior Chloe Bartley and Kenzie Tooley earned Honorable Mention. In girls soccer, Cassidy Saulmon, Brenna Maikranz, and Sydney Day were named to the Blue Chip Conference All – Conference team, with Honorable Mention honors going to Morgan Loveless and Makayla Stocker. WMHS had the following representatives from boys soccer: Tristan Vickers, Spencer Vickers, and Jake Price as All-Conference, with Eli Schenks voted Honorable Mention.

In an effort to enhance school – community collaboration and communication we are currently in the process of establishing “Trojan TV”. The project, once in place, will allow for video communication to occur within and outside Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School.

Any student interested in being a part of the Trojan TV Broadcasting Club should see me at the high school office. There will be a number of opportunities for students to gain experience in the area of broadcasting.

Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School students were presented with a lesson over the election process during the week, as required by Indiana state law. The lesson administration was conducted during our Trojan Pride period. I appreciate the efforts of our instructors and students to ensure the timely completion of this requirement.

Please be sure to check out the accompanying calendar-of-events for the upcoming week. Ms. McClelland and the drama club will be performing their fall production during the week ahead. The cast and crew have put forth a great deal of effort in preparing for their performance of “The Boy Who Cried Werewolf”. The Thursday evening performance was outstanding and I am certain you will enjoy it.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Champions Together sponsored “Halloween Fest”. The team raised approximately \$500 for Indiana Special Olympics during the evening.

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:

- 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 boy’s basketball program will sponsor a showcase scrimmage on Saturday, November 12, 2016. The afternoon of scrimmages begins at 12:30pm and will feature our Trojan athletes from grade 5 – varsity. Admission is \$2.00, with a dinner, sponsored by the 6th man club, being held at 4:00pm (\$6.00 per meal, with children pre-school age eating free).
- Several WMHS students were able to take part in the “Women in Manufacturing Tour of Opportunity” on Friday, November 4. Students experienced a tour of Toyota, as well as a visit to Ivy Tech – Evansville, during the trip.
- 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

“A sense of humor can help you overlook the unattractive, tolerate the unpleasant, cope with the unexpected, and smile through the unbearable.”

- Moshe Waldoka

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Fall Time Change

Monday, November 7, 2016Library Closed until 5th Period

First Official IHSAA Boys Basketball Practice

Principal Open Office

5:00 – 7:00pm

Annual Lip Sync Contest

7:00pm

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Election Day

Student Mock Elections Held

Senior Class Graduation Order

7:30am

Freshman Class Ring Order

7:30am

High School Student Council Meeting

2:48pm

JH Boys BB at Owensville

5:30pm

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Field Trip to Patoka National Wildlife Refuge

Ms. Norvell's Period 1 and 5 Classes

IDOE Initial Audit - WMJHS

8:30am

A Function of the Focus Process

NHS Meeting

2:48pm

FCA Meeting

2:48pm

JHS Trojan Pride

2:48pm

Inferencing

Cafeteria

Thursday, November 10, 2016

JHS ISTEP Math Meeting

7:30am

JHS Trojan Pride

2:48pm

Inferencing

Cafeteria

JH Girls BB at Barr Reeve

5:30pm

JH Boys BB at Barr Reeve

5:30pm

Friday, November 11, 2016

Veterans Day Program

10:00am

High School Gymnasium

JHS Trojan Pride

2:48pm

Inferencing

Cafeteria

Girls BB vs Gibson Southern

5:30pm

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Girls Swimming at Tell City

10:00am

East Gibson Showcase/Inter-squad Boys BB Scrimmage

12:30pm

Girls BB vs Vincennes Rivet

5:30pm

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer Assessment – Part 1

October 3 – November 23,
2016

Acuity Assessments

October 31, 2016 –
November 18, 2016

Predictive A

Math

November 1 - 3, 2016

English

November 7 - 9, 2016

Make Up Dates

November 3 & 10, 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

Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting

November 14, 2016 (5:30pm
– 7:30pm)

Library

High School Student Council Meeting

November 15, 2016-2:48pm

FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride

November 16, 2016

7th Grade High Ability Testing

November 16 – 18, 2016

JHS ISTEP ELA Team Meeting

November 17, 2016 – 7:30am

Ivy Tech Advanced Automation and Robotics Program review

November 18, 2016 – 9:07am

PLTW Students

Mid-Term for Quarter 2

November 18, 2016

Physical Education Fund Raiser

November 18, 2016 –

Cheesy Cheeseballs

December 7, 2016

WM Wrestling Invitational

November 19, 2016

Weigh In – 8:00am

Wrestling – 9:00am

WM vs Evansville Bosse

WM vs North Knox

WM vs. Indianapolis Washington

Acuity

November 21, 2016 –

December 9, 2016

Predictive B (ELA/Math)

Grades 3 - 8

WM JHS Spelling Bee

November 22, 2016 (1:15pm)

Cafeteria

High School Student Council Meeting

November 22, 2016-2:48pm

Thanksgiving Break

November 23 – 25, 2016

High School Student Council Meeting

November 29, 2016-2:48pm

IDOE Classroom Audits of WMJHS

November 29, 2016

A Function of the Focus School Process (SAP)

8:30am

FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride

November 30, 2016

Post Prom Committee Meeting

November 30, 2016

JHS ISTEP ELA Team Meeting	December 1, 2016 – 7:30am
Student Achievement Plan Due	December 1, 2016
WM JHS Geography Bee	December 2, 2016 (1:15pm)
Cafeteria	
Reindeer Run/Walk	December 3, 2016
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	
Indiana Winter ECA Window	December 5 – 16, 2016
High School Student Council Meeting	December 6, 2016-2:48pm
JHS ISTEP MATH Team Meeting	December 8, 2016 – 7:30am
Health Occupation Field Trip	December 9, 2016
Ms. Morton’s Classes\	
HS/JHS Choir Christmas Concert	December 10, 2016
2:00pm	
Cafeteria	
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	December 12, 2016 (5:30pm
Library	– 7:30pm)
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	December 19, 20, 22
WM High School	(5:30pm)
Quarter 2/Semester 1 Ends	December 21, 2016
HS/JHS Band Christmas Concern	December 21, 2016
5:00pm	
Cafeteria	
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
Jostens Graduation Commitment	January 12, 2016
2:30pm	
Acuity	January 23, 2017 –
	February 10, 2017
Predictive B (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	
Acuity	January 30, 2017 –

Predictive C (ELA/Math) Grades 3 - 8	February 17, 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	March 17, 2017
Junior High School 7:00pm	
Spring Drama/Play High School	March 18, 2017
Junior High School 7:00pm	
Spring Drama/Play High School	March 19, 2017
Junior High School 2:00pm	
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	April 17 – May 5, 2017
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 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.

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.

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.

With the above, the Fall Play will be “The Boy Who Cried Werewolf”.

From Ms. Janet Gentry, Chemistry Instructor

The Chemistry 2 class attended “Mole Day” at the University of Southern Indiana, on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. Student from other area high schools were also in attendance.

Three-member teams from each school competed in a “Chemistry Bowl” with WMHS finishing 5th. Each student in attendance was able to compete using electronic clickers. Class awards were given based on the average score of each class, as a whole, and alternate team member scores. WMHS finished 4th in this area.

Students were able to tour the USI science labs and were treated to several chemical demonstrations presented by Dr. Jeff Seyler, Chemistry Department Chair.

WMHS students participating were: Chloe Bartley, Kylie Head, Spencer Vickers; and alternate team members were: Carsen Robinson and Katie Thacker. Other students in attendance were: Veronica Bittner, Sydney Day, Cameron Houchins, Kalyn Ingle, Brenna Maikranz, Cassidy McIntosh, Ethan Phillips, Emily Rudolph, and Makayla Stocker.

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 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
Bellarmine 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 fro Departmental	http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&nest=WSCH_HOME
Western Kentucky University	January 15	https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/