September 2, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Mr. Lee Lonzo, IHSAA representative for the Champions Together initiative, visited Wood Memorial High School on Wednesday, August 31, 2016. Mr. Lonzo met with nine (9) of our student leaders, introducing the Champions Together mission to them.

Wood Memorial High School will be moving forward to support this wonderful initiative, which is focused on students giving back to their community. The Champions Together initiative is a partnership between the IHSAA and Indiana Special Olympics. More information will be provided over the coming weeks.

Students in grades 9 – 12 received bullying education on Thursday, September 1, and Friday, September 2, as presented by the members of the Principal Student Advisory Council. I am proud of the work these students did in putting together an effective, and successful program for their schoolmates.

Our students have been fantastic, openly participating in each of the four high school sessions. We have wonderful students, who care a great deal about one another at Wood Memorial and I am proud of each one of them.

The junior high students will receive bullying education at a later date.

Through our association with Josten's we have an opportunity to send up to 14 students to a program hosted in Henderson, Kentucky, on Friday, September 9, 2016. The program features speaker Mike Smith, a self-proclaimed "professional teenager" and a renowned youth speaker. Mike has been inspiring students to make positive choices and encourages them to pursue their passions and leave a positive legacy.

In addition to Mike Smith the students will be introduced to "The Harbor" an online educational video resource that teaches character development in schools. The tool is sponsored by Jostens. Our Trojan representatives will also hear proven ideas on how to change the climate and culture in a school, as well as plans on how to bring the ideas back to Wood Memorial and effectively implement.

Ms. Shelly Casey has agreed to escort 14 students on what I expect to be a rewarding experience.

A reminder to students and parents regarding a review of the 2016 – 2017 Student Handbook. We encourage everyone to review the handbook, and following this request that 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 Wood Memorial High School National Honor Society is sponsoring a food drive, on behalf of the Tri – State Food Bank.
- Re-scheduled athletic events
    - Girls Soccer with Northeast Dubois will now be played on September 29, at 6:45pm and be played at NE Dubois.
- 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.
- 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.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

"We must be the change we wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, September 5, 2016
No School / Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

JH VB vs Tecumseh	5:30pm
VB at Pike Central	5:30pm
Tennis at Evansville Central	4:30pm
Girls Soccer vs Evansville Central	5:00pm
Boys Soccer at Evansville Day	5:30pm

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Blue Chip Conference Meeting	9:00am
Tennis at Vincennes Rivet	4:30pm
Post Prom Meeting – Library	6:00pm

Thursday, September 8, 2016

JH VB at Holy Trinity	5:30pm
JH FB at North Knox	5:30pm
VB vs Barr Reeve	5:30pm
Tennis at Barr Reeve	4:30pm
Boys Soccer at South Spencer	5:00pm
Girls Soccer vs South Spencer	5:00pm

Friday, September 9, 2016

Jostens Renaissance Presentation	8:30am – Noon
At Henderson County, KY High School	
WMHS will have representation in attendance	
Peers Meeting - Library	Lunch
Mid – Term for Quarter 1	

Saturday, September 10, 2016

JH Cheerleader Fund Raiser – At Wal – Mart	
Boys Soccer at Evansville Bosse	10:00am
Girls Soccer at Evansville Bosse	10:00am

Additional Dates of Note

Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	September 12, 2016 (5:30pm
Freshman Class Ring Information	September 12, 2016 (2:48pm)
Archery Team Meeting – Lecture Room	September 13, 2016
6:00 – 7:30pm	

Fall Sports Pictures 2:45pm	September 14, 2016
IDOE State ADM Count Day	September 16, 2016
Acuity Assessments Predictive Form A (ELA/Math) Grades 3 - 8	September 19 – October 7, 2016
USI Art Day Grades 9 – 12 College Course Opportunity 9:00am – 4:00pm	September 17, 2016
Lincoln Financial Life Enrollment	September 19 – 23, 2016
WM Football vs Princeton JV/C Game	September 19, 2016-5:30pm
IHSAA Principals Meeting At North Daviess High School (8:30am)	September 19, 2016
Freshman Class Ring Order	September 20, 2016 (Lunch)
College and Career Night 5:00pm – 7:30pm	September 21, 2016
Staff Professional Development Dr. Kirk Freeman – Formative Assessments Sponsored by Horace Mann – Mr. Nathan Hillyard	September 21, 2016 (1:45pm – 3:00pm)
WM FB at Springs Valley JV/C Game	September 26, 2016-5:30pm
School Improvement Plan Due	October 1, 2016
Student Achievement Plan Due	October 1, 2016
WM FB at Evansville Bosse JV/C Game	October 3, 2016-6:00pm
Indiana ISTAR Part 1	October 3 – November 4, 2016
Accuplacer Assessment – Part 1	October 3 – November 23, 2016
Student Leadership Summit Congressman Larry Buschon Vincennes University	October 4, 2016
21st Century Scholars Workshop WMHS Computer Lab	October 5, 2016 (8:00am – 3:00pm)
21st Century Scholars Workshop	October 6, 2016 (3:00pm –

	7:00pm)
WMHS Computer Lab	
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	October 10, 2016 (5:30pm
Library	– 7:30pm)
Student Council Sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive	October 11, 2016
8:00am – 1:00pm	
Acuity Assessments	October 31, 2016 –
	November 18, 2016
Predictive A (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	
WM FB vs Crawford County	October 14, 2016-6:30pm
Varsity	
Homecoming	
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
Library	– 7:30pm)
Mid-Term for Quarter 2	November 18, 2016
Physical Education Fund Raiser	November 18, 2016 –
Cheesy Cheeseballs	December 7, 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 Cafeteria	December 2, 2016 (1:15pm)
Indiana Winter ECA Window	December 5 – 16, 2016
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting Library	December 12, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
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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
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 English Language Learners	January 9 – February 24, 2017
Indiana ISTAR – Part 2	January 9 – February 3, 2017
Acuity Predictive B (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	January 23, 2017 – February 10, 2017
Acuity Predictive C (ELA/Math) Grades 3 - 8	January 30, 2017 – February 17, 2017
Accuplacer – Part 2	February 13 – March 31, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 1 Paper and Pencil and Online Applied Skills	February 27 – March 10, 2017
Spring Drama/Play High School Junior High School 7:00pm	March 17, 2017
Spring Drama/Play High School Junior High School	March 18, 2017

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

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 form Mrs. E. Hill. Purchases can be made online at 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

Fall Sports picture will be taken by Straub Photography on September 14 at the end of the school day. Order forms will be given to coaches for distribution.

Junior Class or 2018: Four Juniors are needed to work the JV Football game on September 19. Juniors will also be working all Girls and a Boys Basketball games. Juniors must work two games in the concession stand or pay $10 for each game not worked to go to Prom. Sign-ups are in the HS office.

From Ms. Kelly Hill, Student Services/Guidance Director

In order to assist our 7th and 8th grade parents and students Wood Memorial Junior High School will be hosting two 21st Century Scholars Workshops in October. With the assistance of Ms. Charity Julian, Oakland City University, parents and students attending the workshop will be able to gain help with the completion of the application process.

The workshops will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, from 8:00am – 3:00pm and Thursday, October 6, 2016, from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Both events will be hosted in the Wood Memorial High School Computer Lab.

For more information you may contact me at 812.749.4757.

The Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) is currently seeking families willing to host foreign exchange students. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Alaine Fritzinger at 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, 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.

From The White River Valley Antique Association

The 32nd annual Antique Show will be held during the period of September 8 – 11, at the Daviess County Fairgrounds, located in Elnora, Indiana. Additional information may be found by contacting Lisa Shafer at 812.698.0302, or by visiting www.wrvaa.org.