

September 9, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Congratulations to our Junior High School students of the month for August 2016. The students recognized were:

- Reese Morton
- Kiersten Bottoms
- Tori Daltry
- Tyler Miskell

Students are nominated by their instructors for showing outstanding character.

Congratulations to senior Katie Thacker for being named August Student – Athlete – of – the – Month.

I would like to thank Ms. Yount and Ms. Creasy for working on behalf of our students during the first four (4) weeks of school. They have done a wonderful job for us and our entire Trojan Family. Well done ladies.

Welcome back Ms. Elpers and Ms. Kolb. We are excited to have you in the classroom.

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](http://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 local 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

“My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.”

Abraham Lincoln



JV/C Game	
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	September 21, 2016 (1:45pm – 3:00pm)
Dr. Kirk Freeman – Formative Assessments Sponsored by Horace Mann – Mr. Nathan Hillyard	
JH Blue Chip Conference Volleyball Tournament At North Knox	September 24, 2016
10am – Barr Reeve vs Loogootee – Main Gym	
11am – Wood Memorial vs Vincennes Rivet – Main Gym	
10am – South Knox vs Shoals – Aux Gym	
11am – NE Dubois vs North Knox – Aux Gym	
Noon – Semi Final 1 – Aux Gym	
Noon – Semi Final 2 – Main Gym	
1pm – Championship – HS Gym	
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 JH VB Tournament	October 1, 2016
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (HS Gym)	
WM vs Pike Central – 9am	
Washington vs Princeton – 10am	
Consolation Game – 11am	
Championship Game – Noon	
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Elem Gym)	
Washington vs Princeton- 9am	
WM vs Pike Central – 10am	
Consolation Game – 11am	
Championship Game - Noon	
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

21 <sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Workshop	October 5, 2016 (8:00am – 3:00pm)
WMHS Computer Lab	
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	October 5, 2016
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Workshop	October 6, 2016 (3:00pm – 7:00pm)
WMHS Computer Lab	
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	October 10, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Library	
Student Council Sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive	October 11, 2016
8:00am – 1:00pm	
Post Prom Committee Fund Raiser	October 17 – 28, 2016
Wind & Willow Dip Mix Sales	
Acuity Assessments	October 31, 2016 – November 18, 2016
Predictive A	
Math	November 2 – 4, 2016
English	November 9 – 11, 2016
WM FB vs Crawford County	October 14, 2016-6:30pm
Varsity	
Homecoming	
Quarter 1 Ends	October 14, 2016
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	October 19, 2016
Fall Break	October 21 and 24, 2016
USI Mole Day Activities	October 25, 2016
8am – 2pm	
Senior Class Graduation Meeting	October 31, 2016 (1:00pm)
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	November 2, 2016
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	
Post Prom Committee Fund Raiser	November 4, 2016 – February 18, 2017
Chicken & Dumpling Sales – BB Games	

Senior Class Graduation Order	November 8, 2016 (8:00am)
Freshman Class Ring Order	November 8, 2016 (8:00am)
Field Trip to Patoka National Wildlife Refuge Ms. Norvell's Period 1 and 5 Classes	November 9, 2016
Veterans Day Program High School Gymnasium	November 11, 2016 (9:00am)
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting Library	November 14, 2016 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	November 16, 2016
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade High Ability Testing	November 16 – 18, 2016
Mid-Term for Quarter 2	November 18, 2016
Physical Education Fund Raiser Cheesy Cheeseballs	November 18, 2016 – December 7, 2016
Acuity  Predictive B (ELA/Math) Grades 3 - 8	November 21, 2016 – December 9, 2016
WM JHS Spelling Bee Cafeteria	November 22, 2016 (1:15pm)
Thanksgiving Break	November 23 – 25, 2016
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	November 30, 2016
WM JHS Geography Bee Cafeteria	December 2, 2016 (1:15pm)
Indiana Winter ECA Window	December 5 – 16, 2016
HS/JHS Choir Christmas Concert 2:00pm Cafeteria	December 10, 2016
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting Library	December 12, 2016 (5:30pm – 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 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 Indiana ISTAR – Part 2 Acuity	January 9 – February 3, 2017 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 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 Acuity	March 19, 2017  March 20, 2017 – April 7, 2017
Predictive C (Eng – 10/Algebra I) Indiana ISTAR – Part 3 Indiana ISTEP – Part 2 Online Multiple Choice Technology Enhanced Items	April 10 – May 19, 2017 April 17 – May 5, 2017
Indiana ECA – Spring Indiana ECA – Summer	April 24 – May 26, 2017 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 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**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students Wood Memorial Junior High School will be hosting two 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Fritzingler 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.

**Reference the following information copied form State Superintendent Glenda Ritz's Weekly Email Message:**

**NEW - ISTEP+ Update**

- MEMO: Pearson has launched a supplemental online site with thousands of learning resources for teachers and families. Read more in the [Perspective: Pearson's Resource Site](#) memo.
  - [Perspective Quick Guide for Parents ISTEP+ Spring 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
  - [Perspective Quick Guide for Educators ISTEP+ Spring 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
- MEMO: The Office of Student Assessment has many updates for ISTEP+ Grades 3-8. Read more in the [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Grades 3-8 results](#) memo.
  - [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Student Data File \(SDF\) Layout.xlsx](#)
  - [ISTEP+ Phase 1b Grades 3-8 Reporting Guide Spring 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
  - [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 OnDemand Reports Undetermined Status Screen Shots.pdf](#)
- MEMO: The Office of Student Assessment has had many updates regarding the ISTEP+ Grade 10 results, including updates about the parent portal and the rescore window. Read more in the [ISTEP+ Grade 10 memo](#).
  - [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Accessing Part 1 Items and Student Responses Gr 3-8 10 8-22-16.pdf](#)
  - [Use of Part 1 \(Applied Skills\) Items and Scoring Notes to Improve Achievement Summer 2016.pdf](#)
  - [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 OnDemand Reports Undetermined Status Screen Shots.pdf](#)
  - [ISTEP+ Parent Portal Guide Grade 10 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
  - [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Gr 10 Rescore Information 8-22-16.pdf](#)

- [ISTEP+ Phase I Grade 10 Reporting Guide Spring 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
- [ISTEP+ Grade 10 Cut Scores 8-22-16.pdf](#)

[ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Student Data File \(SDF\) Layout.xlsx](#)

**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.

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