

October 7, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Wow! What a great Champions Together program. Our Trojan students were FANTABULOUS. Thank you to Mr. Lee Lonzo, Director of the Champions Together Program, Mr. Craig Tornquist, Emcee and first-class comedian, and Mr. Mitch Bonar, the guest speaker. Mr. Bonar shared his story with our Trojan family during the program, delivering a heart – felt message that I believe was well received.

The program focused on a core message, challenging our Trojans to make a positive difference, one life at a time.

Champions Together was established in 2012 and as mentioned above, serves as a partnership between the Indiana High School Athletic Association and Indiana Special Olympics. The initiative grew from a challenge IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox gave to the associations Student Advisory Committee to engage in “servant leadership” and discover ways to give back to their schools and communities.

Schools throughout the state of Indiana have an opportunity to join in the Champions Together mission and become a “Unified Champion School”. There are four (4) Project Unify goals a school must meet in order to attain this status:

1. All school sponsored activities must be planned, organized and administered by an Inclusive Student Leadership team that strives to do things WITH students with intellectual disabilities NOT FOR them.
2. The school must participate in at least one activity designed around Whole School Engagement that promotes and encourages awareness, respect and inclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities.
3. The school must organize and participate in at least one Unified Sports activity such as IHSAA Unified Track & Field, a Unified practice or clinic, or a Unified competition with students with intellectual disabilities OR local Special Olympics athletes.
4. Fundraising – the school must raise a minimum of \$1500 for the Champions Together project.

The Trojan student leadership team has launched a plan aimed at becoming a Unified Champion School for 2016 – 2017. The assembly on October 7 will meet the requirements of number two above.

I am proud of our students for their commitment to create a culture focused on servant leadership.

I would like to recognize Ms. Brenna Maikranz, senior member of the Lady Trojan soccer team, for being honored with an IHSAA Exemplary Sportsmanship Report recently. Brenna's "poise, leadership, and composure" were noted by a game official during the recent sectional match with Gibson Southern.

The IHSAA established the exemplary sportsmanship report a few years ago as a part of their mission in promoting positive sportsmanship. It is an excellent way for student – athletes, such as Brenna, to receive recognition, while bringing attention to the positive, rather than the negative.

Thank you Brenna for representing our school – community in such a first-class manner.

The end of our first grading period will be next Friday, October 14. Students are encouraged to work with their instructors to ensure assignments are completed in a timely manner.

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:

- Junior High Students have launched a new Extra – Curricular Club, titled "A.B.C." (Anti-Bullying Club). An organizational meeting was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 and will take place during the Trojan Pride period of time. Ms. Jordan has agreed to serve as the club sponsor.
- The Friends of the Patoka River NWR will be holding the annual Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 8, from 9am until 2pm. The event will be held at Wirth Park, with over 25 educational booths focused on the environment, conservation, and nature.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

"The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it."

- *H. Norman Schwarzkopf*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Monday, October 10, 2016

IHSAA VB Tournament Draw	
Swim Team Call Out Meeting	2:48pm
Letter Jacket Ordering	5:00 – 7:00pm
HS Gymnasium Hallway	
Principal Open Office	5:00
– 7:00pm	
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting	5:30 – 7:30pm

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

High School Student Council Meeting	2:48pm
Student Council Sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive	8:00am – 1:00pm
VB at Evansville Bosse	6:00pm

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

JH VB vs Vincennes Rivet	5:30pm
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Thursday, October 13, 2016

JH FB vs Perry Central	5:30pm
VB vs North Knox	5:30pm

Friday, October 14, 2016

IDOE Classroom Audits of WMJHS	8:30am
A Function of the Focus School Process (SAP)	
End First Grading Period	

Additional Dates of Note

Acuity Assessments	September 19 – October 7, 2016
Wood Memorial JHS Dates –	
English 8	September 27, 2016
English 7	September 28, 2016
Math 8	September 30, 2016
Math 7	September 29, 2016
Make Up Dates	October 5, 6, 2016
Wood Works (School Newspaper) Fund Raiser	October 3 – October 20, 2016
Sales of Specialty Coffee, Gourmet Cocoa's, Cookie Mixes, Gourmet Snacks, and Gourmet Mixes	
Indiana ISTAR Part 1	October 3 – November 4, 2016
Accuplacer Assessment – Part 1	October 3 – November 23, 2016
Sophomore Class Fund Raiser	October 6 – October 19, 2016

Sandy's Pizza	
Post Prom Committee Fund Raiser	October 17 – 28, 2016
Wind & Willow Dip Mix Sales	
High School Student Council Meeting	October 18, 2016-2:48pm
Volleyball Sectionals	October 18, 20, 22, 2016
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	October 19, 2016
Behind The Wheel Driving at WM	October 19, 2016
3:10pm	
Fall Break	October 21 and 24, 2016
FAFSA Sunday at OCU	October 23, 2016
4:00pm – 6:00pm	
Kennedy Center	
USI Mole Day Activities	October 25, 2016
8am – 2pm	
High School Student Council Meeting	October 25, 2016-2:48pm
Senior Class Graduation Meeting	October 31, 2016 (1:00pm)
Acuity Assessments	October 31, 2016 – November 18, 2016
Predictive A	
Math	November 1 - 3, 2016
English	November 7 - 9, 2016
Make Up Dates	November 10, 2016
High School Student Council Meeting	November 1, 2016-2:48pm
JH Area Spell Bowl Competition	November 1, 2016
Jasper Middle School	
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	November 2, 2016
HS Area Spell Bowl Competition	November 2, 2016
Mount Vernon High School	
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	
High School Student Council Meeting	November 8, 2016-2:48pm
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
IDOE Initial Audit - WMJHS A Function of the Focus Process 8:30am	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)
High School Student Council Meeting	November 15, 2016-2:48pm
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	November 16, 2016
7 th 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)
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 A Function of the Focus School Process (SAP) 8:30am	November 29, 2016
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	November 30, 2016
Student Achievement Plan Due	December 1, 2016
WM JHS Geography Bee Cafeteria	December 2, 2016 (1:15pm)
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	December 3, 2016
Indiana Winter ECA Window	December 5 – 16, 2016
High School Student Council Meeting	December 6, 2016-2:48pm
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	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 – 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	March 17, 2017
High School	
Junior High School	
7:00pm	
Spring Drama/Play	March 18, 2017
High School	
Junior High School	
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
Indiana ISTEP – Part 2
Online
Multiple Choice
Technology Enhanced Items
Indiana ECA – Spring
Indiana ECA – Summer

April 10 – May 19, 2017
April 17 – May 5, 2017

April 24 – May 26, 2017
August 21 – September 1,
2017

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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

From Ms. Kelly Hill, Student Services/Guidance Director

Oakland City University will hold a FAFSA session on Sunday, October 23, from 4 – 6pm. This will be held in Room 108 of the Kennedy Center. Individuals needing assistance for their 2017 – 2018 FAFSA completion are encouraged to attend.

For more information, you may contact the Financial Aid Office at 812.749.1224.

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.

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. 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/scholarship#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/