

November 18, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

In preparing for the end of the first semester I will be working with student and faculty representatives next week, November 21 and 22, to finalize our plans for final exams. Exams will be administered during the last three days of the first semester, at the high school. Junior High students will continue to receive instruction through our identified curriculum until the end of the semester.

This year students with three (3) or fewer absences may opt out of two (2) final exams. They must work with their instructors to identify the specific exams they will not be taking. Further, absences are counted as full day totals and are not by a respective period. Said another way, a student missing one period has  $1/7^{\text{th}}$  of an absence. A full days absence will be assigned once a student has missed 7 total periods.

More information will be provided on our final exam schedule in the November 25 bulletin.

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.

Congratulations go out to Ms. Carla Gehlhausen, who has been approved as a dual credit instructor, through Vincennes University. Wood Memorial was notified of this certification, which applies to the following courses:

Accounting 100

Computer 110

Management 100

With this, our students will be able to earn college credit for the above listed courses. I appreciate Ms. Gehlhausen's focused effort to attain the Project Excel certification.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 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](http://wmhs.egsc.k12.in.us); for the junior high school at [wmjhs.egsc.k12.in.us](http://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

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

- John F. Kennedy

### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

WM Wrestling Invitational	9:00am
Weigh In – 8:00am	
Wrestling – 9:00am	
WM vs Evansville Bosse	
WM vs North Knox	
WM vs. Indianapolis Washington	
Swimming at Mount Vernon	1:30pm
Boys BB Scrimmage at Heritage Hills	6:00pm

#### **Monday, November 21, 2016**

Accuplacer – Part 1 Testing	
JH Boys BB vs Tecumseh	5:30pm

JH Girls BB at Shoals 5:30pm

**Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

Accuplacer – Part 1 Testing

WM JHS Spelling Bee 1:15pm

Cafeteria

High School Student Council Meeting 2:48pm

Swimming at South Spencer 5:00pm

Boys BB at Princeton Community 5:30pm

**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**

No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

**Thursday, November 24, 2016**

No School – Happy Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 25, 2016**

No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

**Saturday, November 26, 2016**

WM Wrestling at Evansville Central 9:00am

**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 November 11 – 28, 2016

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 –

Cheesy Cheeseballs December 7, 2016

Acuity November 21, 2016 –

December 9, 2016

Predictive B (ELA/Math)

Grades 3 - 8

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	
Choir Field Trip	December 2, 2016
Gibson County Theatre (4:45pm – 9:15pm)	
Reindeer Run/Walk	December 3, 2016
Sponsored by Gibson General Health Foundation and Deaconess	
Register online at <a href="http://www.gibsongeneral.com/pages/reindeerrun">www.gibsongeneral.com/pages/reindeerrun</a>	
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
WMHS (Re – Takes)	December 6, 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)
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	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 –

Predictive B (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	February 10, 2017
Acuity	January 30, 2017 – February 17, 2017
Predictive C (ELA/Math) Grades 3 - 8	
Textbook Fair	February 1, 2017
Science and Health Huntingburg Event Center (9am – 3pm)	
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	April 1, 2016
HS Gymnasium – 7am – 9pm	
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  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – English

Wednesday, November 30, 2016  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – English

Thursday, December 1, 2016  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Algebra

Friday, December 2, 2016  
7<sup>th</sup> 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 Scraper, 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	<a href="http://www.anderson.edu/students/fin-aid/scholarships">http://www.anderson.edu/students/fin-aid/scholarships</a>
Ball State	Varies for Departmental	<a href="http://cms.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarshipsandfinancialaid/howtoapply/datesanddeadlines">http://cms.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarshipsandfinancialaid/howtoapply/datesanddeadlines</a>
Bellarmine University	Varies for Departmental	<a href="http://www.bellarmine.edu/financialaid/institutional/">http://www.bellarmine.edu/financialaid/institutional/</a>
Brescia University	February 15	<a href="https://www.brescia.edu/brescia-university-scholarships">https://www.brescia.edu/brescia-university-scholarships</a>
Butler University	November 1	<a href="https://www.butler.edu/prospective-first-years-financial-aid/first-year-butler-gift-programs">https://www.butler.edu/prospective-first-years-financial-aid/first-year-butler-gift-programs</a>
Hanover College	March 1	<a href="https://www.hanover.edu/admission/financialaid/scholarship#grants">https://www.hanover.edu/admission/financialaid/scholarship#grants</a>
Indiana State University	December 1	<a href="http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships#qt-scholarships_tabset-ui-tabs2">http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships#qt-scholarships_tabset-ui-tabs2</a>
Indiana University	November 1	<a href="https://scholarships.indiana.edu/index.html">https://scholarships.indiana.edu/index.html</a>
Indiana Wesleyan	Varies for Departmental	<a href="https://www.indwes.edu/financial-aid/undergraduate/scholarships">https://www.indwes.edu/financial-aid/undergraduate/scholarships</a>
IUPUI	Varies for Departmental	<a href="http://scholarships.iupui.edu/freshman/inres.html">http://scholarships.iupui.edu/freshman/inres.html</a>
Ivy Tech Community College	March 15	<a href="https://www.ivytech.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.html">https://www.ivytech.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.html</a>
Marian University	October 15	<a href="http://www.marian.edu/admissions/financial-aid">http://www.marian.edu/admissions/financial-aid</a>
Murray State University	January 15	<a href="http://www.murraystate.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.aspx">http://www.murraystate.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.aspx</a>
Oakland City University	October 1 (tentative)	<a href="http://www.oak.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.php">http://www.oak.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.php</a>
Olivet Nazarene	None	<a href="http://www.olivet.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships/">http://www.olivet.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships/</a>
Purdue University	November 1	<a href="https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/types-of-aid/free-money/scholarships.html">https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/types-of-aid/free-money/scholarships.html</a>
Southern Illinois University--Carbondale	November 1	<a href="http://scholarships.siu.edu/types/freshmen/index.php">http://scholarships.siu.edu/types/freshmen/index.php</a>
University of Evansville	December 1	<a href="https://www.evansville.edu/tuitionandaid/scholarships.cfm">https://www.evansville.edu/tuitionandaid/scholarships.cfm</a>
University of Indianapolis	Varies for Departmental	<a href="http://www.uindy.edu/financial-aid-for-new-students/grants-and-scholarships">http://www.uindy.edu/financial-aid-for-new-students/grants-and-scholarships</a>
University of Louisville	December 15	<a href="http://louisville.edu/admissions/aid/scholarships">http://louisville.edu/admissions/aid/scholarships</a>
University of Southern Indiana	December 2 *See website for departmental scholarship deadlines	<a href="http://www.usi.edu/admissions/scholarships/freshman-scholarships">http://www.usi.edu/admissions/scholarships/freshman-scholarships</a>
Vincennes University	January 15	<a href="http://www.vinu.edu/web/financial-services/financial-aid">http://www.vinu.edu/web/financial-services/financial-aid</a>

Wabash Valley	Varies fro Departmental	<a href="http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&amp;nest=WSCH_HOME">http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&amp;nest=WSCH_HOME</a>
Western Kentucky University	January 15	<a href="https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/">https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/</a>