

December 2, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the local, county, and state authorities for their support and leadership during our lockdown situation at the Wood Memorial campuses on Thursday, December 1, 2016. I also appreciate the focus of our students and staff members during the day.

In keeping with our commitment to ensure the Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School campus provides a safe and positive environment for your child's opportunity to learn we have expanded our security camera capabilities. During the week of November 28, 2016, four (4) cameras were installed in the cafeteria, increasing our ability to monitor activities occurring on our campus.

With the end of the first semester now in sight it is time to begin the planning process for final exams. On Tuesday, November 22, I met with representatives of the Student Advisory Council and our instructional staff to establish parameters for finals. With this said, the following plan has been identified for our final exams (high school only):

1. Final Exams will be administered on December 19, 20, and 21.
2. The Day One Final Exam will be focused on 7th period.
3. The Day Two Final Exams will be focused on 1st, 3rd, and 5th periods.
4. The Day Three Final Exams will be focused on 2nd, 4th, and 6th periods.
5. Final exam periods will be 90 minutes in length.
6. Students eligible to opt out of two (2) finals must do so by the end of school on Thursday, December 15, 2016.
7. Students eligible to opt out of two (2) finals must complete a form, to be signed by each instructor. Forms will be made available beginning on Monday, December 12, 2016 and may be picked up from first period instructors.
8. Forms must be turned in to the respective last period instructor on Thursday, December 15, 2016. Students missing this deadline will not be able to opt out of a final exam.
9. Information on those students approved to opt out of two (2) finals will be finalized on Friday, December 16, 2016.
10. An approval process, for student attendance adjustments, during final exams, will be available. Parental sign-off will be required in each instance.

The bell schedule for the final exam days will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

For reference and awareness I have provided a copy of our final exam policy, as found in the 2016 – 2017 Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School Student Handbook:

Final Exam Policy

Wood Memorial Junior High School and Wood Memorial High School will administer final exams during the last three regular school days of each semester. High school students (grades 9-12) will be required to take a final exam for each class enrolled. Final exams will account for 20% of a respective student's final semester grade in each class. Final exams will not be administered for junior high students (grades 7 and 8).

Note: Courses offered to junior high students, earning high school credit, towards graduation, will have final exams administered.

Students in grades 9-12 may be exempt from taking a final exam as identified below:

- Students with three (3) or less total absences may opt out of two (2) of their final exams.
 - Absences are defined in full day totals
 - Students will collaborate with their respective instructors to determine the opportunities for final exam exemption.

Acuity B testing was completed for our junior high students during the week. Thank you to Ms. Beth Hill for her efforts in coordinating the administration of this assessment.

Congratulations to our Geography Bee winner Everett Attaway. Jesse Smithhart placed second, with Grant Strickland third in the December 2 contest. Thank you to everyone participating and to Mr. Bartley for coordinating the junior high event.

Students riding a school bus are reminded that drinks and food are not allowed while riding to / or from school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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:

- The Indiana Department of Education has released preliminary school accountability information for the 2015 – 2016 school year. The information is currently in an embargoed state, while administration reviews the accuracy of the data used in the process. Schools have until December 5, 2016 to identify corrective responses to any errors noted in the DOE's process.
- The WM wrestling match scheduled for January 25, 2017 has been moved to January 11, 2017. The event will be hosted at Wood Memorial.

- The girls varsity basketball game with Washington Catholic, postponed on December 1, 2016, will be re-scheduled. Information on the new game date will be provided when determined.
- 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; 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

“I say if it's going to be done, let's do it. Let's not put it in the hands of fate. Let's not put it in the hands of someone who doesn't know me. I know me best. Then take a breath and go ahead.”

- Anita Baker

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Wrestling at North Knox Invitational	8:30am
Swimming at Tecumseh Invitational	9:00am
Girls JHS BB at South Knox	10:00am
Boys JHS BB at South Knox	10:00am
Boys BB at Tecumseh	5:30pm
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

Monday, December 5, 2016

Winter ECA Re-takes	
“C” Team BB at North Posey	6:00pm
JH Boys BB vs North Knox	5:30pm

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Winter ECA Re-takes	
High School Student Council Meeting	2:48pm
Swimming at Evansville Bosse	5:00pm
Girls BB at Barr Reeve	5:30pm
Girls JH BB at Pike Central	5:30ppm

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Wrestling at North Posey	6:00pm
JH Girls BB vs Tecumseh	5:30pm

Thursday, December 8, 2016

JHS ISTEP MATH Team Meeting	7:30am
Staff PLC Session	8:00am
Gold Schedule	
Swimming at Southridge	5:00pm
Girls BB vs South Spencer	5:30pm
“C” Team BB at Barr Reeve	5:30pm
JH Boys BB at Heritage Hills	5:30pm

Friday, December 9, 2016

Health Occupation Field Trip	
Ms. Morton’s Classes	
Boys BB vs Perry Central	5:30pm

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Wrestling at Evansville Memorial Invitational	9:00am
HS/JHS Choir Christmas Concert	2:00pm
Cafeteria	

Additional Dates of Note

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	
Freshman Class Fund Raiser	November 16 – December 6, 2016 (Randa Cutlery)
Physical Education Fund Raiser	November 18, 2016 – December 7, 2016
Cheesy Cheeseballs	
Acuity	November 21, 2016 – December 9, 2016
Predictive B (ELA/Math)	
Grades 3 - 8	
IDOE Classroom Audits of WMJHS	December 9, 2016
A Function of the Focus School Process (SAP)	

8:30am	
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting Library	December 12, 2016 (5:30pm – 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 WM High School	December 19, 20, 22 (5:30pm)
Quarter 2/Semester 1 Ends	December 21, 2016
HS/JHS Band Christmas Concert 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	January 9 – February 3, 2017
Jostens Graduation Commitment 2:30pm	January 12, 2016
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	
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 Predictive C (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	March 20, 2017 – April 7, 2017
WM Archery Tournament HS Gymnasium – 7am – 9pm	April 1, 2016
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

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

Senior students interested in a career in teaching may apply for The Next Generation Teacher Scholarship. The deadline is December 31, 2016. See the high school guidance office for more details.

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

Thank you to everyone who participated with the Indiana University School of Dentistry visit on Wednesday, November 30, 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 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/

