

December 9, 2016

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

The first student broadcast of news and events in and around Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School was launched on Monday, December 5, 2016. Seniors Brenna Maikranz and Cameron Houchins did a marvelous job in hosting our first segment. The show may be seen at our “Trojan TV” site on YouTube.

Going forward the plan is to provide a number of students the opportunity to participate by hosting similar segments on a weekly basis. The goal is to provide our school-community stakeholders with information on Trojan happenings. Further, it is a great opportunity to showcase the vast array of talents our students have.

I would like to invite everyone to come out for the winter music concert being held on Saturday, December 10, in the junior high school cafetorium. The Wood Memorial Band, under the direction of Mr. Chris Meyer, and the Wood Memorial Choir, under the direction of Mr. Michael White, will perform, beginning at 2:00pm.

The WM Choir took part in the “Gift of the Magi” performance, conducted in Princeton, Friday, December 2, 2016 and they did a terrific job. I am proud of our young men and women and look forward to an outstanding afternoon of music on Saturday.

For your advanced planning here is the class/bell schedule for our final exam (high school) week, December 19, 2016:

2016 - 2017 Semester 1 Final Exam Schedule

HS/JHS	Day 1 (Dec 19)		HS	Day 2 (Dec 20)	JHS	HS	Day 3 (Dec 21)	JHS
Period 1	8:00 - 8:41am		Period 1 (Final Prep)	8:00 - 8:35am		Period 2 (Final Prep)	8:00 - 8:35am	
	8:41 - 8:45am			8:35 - 8:40am			8:35 - 8:40am	
Period 2	8:45 - 9:26am		Period 1 (Final Exam)	8:40 - 10:10am		Period 2 (Final Exam)	8:40 - 10:10am	
	9:26 - 9:30am			10:10 - 10:20am			10:10 - 10:20am	
Period 3	9:30 - 10:11am		Period 3 (Final Prep)	10:20 - 10:55am		Period 4 (Final Prep)	10:20 - 10:55am	
	10:11 - 10:15am			10:55 - 11:00am			10:55 - 11:00am	
Period 4	10:15 - 10:56am		Period 3 (Final Exam)	11:00 - 12:30pm		Period 4 (Final Exam)	11:00 - 12:30pm	
	10:56 - 11:00am		Lunch	12:30 - 1:00pm	11:39 - 12:09pm	Lunch	12:30 - 1:00pm	11:39 - 12:09pm
Period 6	11:00 - 11:41am		P5 (Final Prep)	1:05 - 1:35pm		P6 (Final Prep)	1:05 - 1:35pm	
	11:41 - 11:45am			1:35 - 1:40pm			1:35 - 1:40pm	
Period 5	A - 11:45 - 12:30pm	Lunch A (JHS) - 11:41 - 12:11pm	P5 (Final Exam)	1:40 - 3:10pm		P6 (Final Exam)	1:40 - 3:10pm	
	B - 12:15 - 1:00pm	Lunch B (HS) - 12:30 - 1:00pm						
Period 7 (Final Prep)	1:05 - 1:35pm							
	1:35 - 1:40pm							
Period 7 (Final Exam)	1:40 - 3:10pm							

Additional information regarding preparation for the administration of final exams:

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.

Additional information regarding student attendance (arrival and departure times) will be provided during the week of December 12, 2016. Watch for this information on our Twitter account, the weekly bulletin, school announcements, as well as our weekly update on Trojan TV.

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.

Ms. Kelly Hill, Student Services, reports that the winter ECA testing was completed as scheduled during the week. There were no system glitches reported.

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, has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, December 13. There will be a varsity only contest, beginning at 6:30pm. An 8th grade girls game will take place at 5:00pm.
- The WM wrestling match with Heritage Hills has been moved to Francisco Elementary School on December 13. Weigh-ins begin at 5:30pm, with the match starting at 6:00pm.
- 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 wrestling match scheduled for December 7, at North Posey, has been re-scheduled to Thursday, December 15, 2016. It will be held in the North Posey Junior High School gymnasium.
- Our boys junior varsity basketball team will take part in a holiday event at Jasper on December 28. Reference information found later in the bulletin for more detail.
- 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

“If you don’t have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?”

- John Wooden

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10, 2016

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

Monday, December 12, 2016

Girls BB at Evansville Bosse	5:30pm
Swimming at Boonville	5:30pm
JH Boys BB vs St. James (OCE)	5:30pm
Boys "C" Team BB vs Perry Central	5:30pm
Patoka Valley Refuge Meeting Library	5:30pm

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

IDOE JHS Classroom Audits	
Wrestling vs Heritage Hills	6:00pm
8 th Grade Girls vs Washington Catholic	5:00pm
Girls BB vs Washington Catholic Varsity Only	6:30pm

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Jostens Jewelry Delivery	7:25am
Final Chance for Seniors to Order Graduation Items Students with Balances may Pay with Cash, Money Order, or Debit/Credit Card	
Staff Breakfast	7:30am
FCA Meeting During Trojan Pride	2:48pm
NHS Meeting During Trojan Pride	2:48pm
Boys BB at Washington	5:30pm
JH Boys BB vs Vincennes Rivet	5:30pm

Thursday, December 15, 2016

Principal Open Office	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Girls BB vs North Knox	5:30pm
Swimming at Jasper	5:30pm
Wrestling at North Posey	6:00pm

Friday, December 16, 2016

Boys BB at North Daviess	5:30pm
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Saturday, December 17, 2016

WMJH 8 th Grade Boys BB Invitational	9:30am
Wood Memorial HS Winter Dance	7:00 – 11:00pm
Wood Memorial JHS Winter Dance	7:00 – 10:30pm
*Pictures for Winter Dance	6:00pm

Additional Dates of Note

Post Prom Committee Fund Raiser

November 4, 2016 –
February 18, 2017

Chicken & Dumpling Sales – BB Games

Toyota Classic

WM High School

Quarter 2/Semester 1 Ends

Christmas Break

December 19, 20, 22
(5:30pm)

December 21, 2016

December 22, 2016 – January
3, 2017

December 23, 2016

Toyota Classic

Gibson Southern HS

JV Holiday Basketball– Jasper High School

Jasper vs. Evansville Reitz (Main Court) – 9am

Barr Reeve vs. Wood Memorial (Aux Gym) – 9am

Jasper vs. Wood Memorial (Main Court) – 11am

Barr Reeve vs. Evansville Reitz (Aux Gym) – 11am

December 28, 2016

Admission - \$5.00

Semester 2 Begins

Semester 1 Gradebooks Finalized

WIDA Access Annual Assessment

January 4, 2017

January 6, 2017

January 9 – February 24,
2017

English Language Learners

Indiana ISTAR – Part 2

Semester 1 Report Cards Issued

Professional Development

Students Dismissed at 1:00pm

Jostens Graduation Commitment

2:30pm

Martin Luther King Day/Snow Day 1

Post Prom Committee Meeting – Library

Acuity

January 9 – February 3, 2017

January 10, 2017

January 11, 2017

January 12, 2017

January 16, 2017

January 18, 2017 – 6:00pm.

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

Science and Health

Huntingburg Event Center (9am – 3pm)

February 1, 2017

Q3 Midterm

Accuplacer – Part 2

February 3, 2017

February 13 – March 31,
2017

Snow Day 2

Great Americans Day – No School

February 17, 2017

February 20, 2017

Student Council Blood Drive	February 24, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 1	February 27 – March 10, 2017
Paper and Pencil and Online	
Applied Skills	
End of Third Quarter	March 10, 2017
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)	
Snow Day 3	March 24, 2017
Spring Break	March 27 – 31, 2017
WM Archery Tournament	April 1, 2016
HS Gymnasium – 7am – 9pm	
Indiana ISTAR – Part 3	April 10 – May 19, 2017
Good Friday – No School	April 14, 2017
Snow Day 4	April 17, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 2	April 17 – May 5, 2017
Online	
Multiple Choice	
Technology Enhanced Items	
Q4 Midterm	April 21, 2017
Indiana ECA – Spring	April 24 – May 26, 2017
Snow Day 5	May 25, 2017
Snow Day 6	May 26, 2017
Graduation	May 27, 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 Thursday.

Yearbooks are again on sale for both the Junior High and High School. Order forms are available in each school's office. The starting price for the High School book is \$40. The starting price for the Junior High book is \$24.

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 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 fro Departmental	http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&nest=WSCH_HOME
Western Kentucky University	January 15	https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/