

February 10, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Congratulations to coach Bartley and our girl's basketball team for earning the 2017 sectional championship last Saturday. The ladies and coaching staff have worked hard throughout the year and played well in their two games at Tecumseh. Attention now turns to Saturday's regional, where our Lady Trojans will face first time sectional champion Crothersville. Wood Memorial plays in the second game, at 11:30am (CDT), in the Springs Valley Regional. Good luck and Go Trojans!

Over the next few weeks we will be highlighting information related to the 2017 – 2018 curriculum opportunities being offered at Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School. Within this, meetings will be held with students and parents of our incoming freshman on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 6:00pm, and next year's sophomore – senior classes on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 6:00pm.

During these meetings information will be provided around the following:

- Student 4 – Year Planning
- New Course Offerings
- Extra- Curricular Opportunities
- Much, Much More

Mark the above dates in your calendar.

An area WM is adding to their curriculum for next school year focuses on Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics. These programs are being offered through the Conexus organization and will be free of charge to students during the first two years of enrollment. The program offers students an opportunity to earn up to 12 – 15 college credits, while also having an industry certification component built into it. This is a wonderful and exciting college and career pathway for our students.

Mr. Blemker will be our instructor for the program in 2017-2018 and he is planning a field trip for 10-12 students to visit the Tell City High School program on February 21, 2017.

Preparations for the annual ISTEP assessment have been put into place. ISTEP Part 1 testing will occur for our junior high students, as well as the sophomores, during late February and March.

The junior high students will be testing in Math on February 28, 2017, with the seventh grade students taking their English assessment on March 1 and 3. Students in the eighth grade will be administered their English assessment on March 1 and 2. In conjunction, the ISTEP social studies portion is scheduled to be administered to the seventh grade students on March 6, 2017.

In order to provide an opportunity for the junior high school students to prepare for ISTEP testing, Wood Memorial instructors launched a tutoring session, on Tuesday, January 31. There were a number of students in attendance and the staff thanks parents and students for taking part in the tutoring program. The opportunity will be available every Tuesday and Wednesday, until the date of testing. Parents and students interested in taking advantage of this opportunity should do so by having the student report to the high school library after school. Students attending will be provided instruction, as well as practice opportunities, in the areas of Math and English. As an incentive, students attending six of the eight scheduled tutoring sessions will be treated to pizza for lunch on February 23.

The Wood Memorial Junior High School instructional team has put together some tips that may help your child prepare for the ISTEP Assessment. I would encourage parents to review the video with their student. The link to the video may be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNT0piStjNI>

Students in the 10th grade will also be taking the ISTEP assessment this year, with English being administered during the period of February 27 – March 1, and Math on March 6. For this years sophomore students, the ISTEP will serve as their graduation exam.

Biology students will take the 2017 ISTEP Assessment on March 1.

The Indiana Association of School Principals recognizes rising academic stars across the state each year with their “Rising Stars of Indiana” program. This is the first year for the program and is in conjunction with the Indiana Academic All-Stars program, which is in its 31st year and is also sponsored by the IASP.

With the above stated, Wood Memorial High School has four students recognized as “2017 Rising Stars of Indiana”, Walker Nurrenbern, Cori Pflug, Ethan Phillips, and Emma Reel. Congratulations to these students.

Trojan TV weblinks for your viewing pleasure are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRA3OFJt7Vo&spfreload=10>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNyeD8CBToE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQeLI1UMyf4&t=1s>

Representatives of the Principals Student Advisory Council and the instructional staff met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to finalize a proposal modifying the Wood Memorial High School

Final Exam Exemption Policy. I appreciate the focus and collaboration put forth by those representing the teachers, as well as those who brought the voice of the student to our discussions.

With this, following is the modified exemption policy, which is effective immediately, for semester two:

Final Exam Exemption Policy

Students in grades 9-12 may be exempt from taking up to two final exams as identified below:

- The student has missed no more than three excused days.
- The student has no unexcused absences or truancy.
- The student has no more than three tardies for that class.
- The student has no suspensions from school.
- The student has at least a B- average their respective classes.
- The student has no delinquent library books or outstanding school fees at the end of the second semester.

Absences are defined in full day totals

Students will collaborate with their respective instructors to determine the opportunities for final exam exemption.

The following absences count against the final exam exemption and the 10-day limit:

1. Unexcused personal absence
2. Truancy (Unexcused)
3. Prearranged absences
4. Job Shadowing
5. Other excused absences not covered below

The following absences count against the final exam exemption:

1. Out-of-School Suspension
2. In-School Suspension
3. Absences verified by Medical Doctor's/Parent Documentation

The following absences do not count against the final exam exemption:

1. Funerals/Visitations that involve the immediate family (mother, father, sibling, grandparent)
2. Field Trips
3. School Related
4. College Visitation – Arranged and Documented
5. Service as a Page – Indiana General Assembly
6. Precinct election worker/Working as a helper for political candidate
7. – Arranged and Documented
8. Indiana National Guard Service
9. Court Ordered
10. Religious Holiday/Activity

11. Other as Determined by the Principal/Designee

Note: There will be no temporary withdrawal process in an effort to avoid an impact to one's final exam exemption status. This has been a practice in the past, at Wood Memorial High School, that is not approved by the state of Indiana.

Information of interest:

- The listing of First Semester Honor Roll students may be found on the high school website.
- Senior students are being asked to provide pictures for use in the graduation ceremony in May. Each senior should bring one senior picture and one baby shot to Ms. Nossett by February 24, 2017. Student names should be provided on the back of the respective picture.
- Through a grant from Alcoa, Ivy Tech is offering an opportunity for high school students who are juniors and seniors to earn up to 6 college credits during the summer at no cost. To learn more about this opportunity visit this link:
<https://www.ivytech.edu/southwest/17903.html>
- Ms. Gentry and Ms. Gehlhausen will host a guest speaker from the University of Southern Indiana on Friday, February 10, 2017. Students involved in the Chemistry I and College and Careers programs will be invited to attend.
- With the snow day on Friday, January 13, 2017 we will now be in session on Friday, February 17, 2017.
- The boys basketball sectional meeting has been scheduled for February 22, 2017, at 11:00am. Coaches, athletic directors, and principals representing schools in our sectional field will be invited to review planning information for the boys basketball sectional. Further, they will enjoy a meal created and served by our talented Trojan students. This is an opportunity to showcase the skills of our wonderful students, as well as their instructors.

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

“We have to do the best we can. This is our sacred human responsibility.”

- Albert Einstein

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Girls Basketball Regional at Springs Valley	
Vincennes Rivet vs. South Central	9:30am
Wood Memorial vs. Crothersville	11:30am
Championship Game	7:00pm

Monday, February 13, 2017

Boys and Girls Track Practice Begins	
Behind The Wheel Sign Up	12:31pm

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Behind The Wheel Class	After School
Subject to Numbers	

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

NROTC Scholarship Meeting	2:45pm
Lecture Room	
Junior Students	

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Student Advisory Council Meeting	2:48pm
2017 – 2018 Freshman Night	6:00pm
WM Cafeteria	
Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
WMHS Library	

Friday, February 17, 2017

School In Session – Snow Day Make Up # 2	
Gold Schedule - PLC	
Boys BB vs. Gibson Southern	5:30pm

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Girls Basketball Semi State	TBD
Boys BB vs. North Knox	5:30pm
Subject To Change	
Boys BB Senior Night	

Additional Dates of Note

Post Prom Committee Fund Raiser	November 4, 2016 – February 18, 2017
Chicken & Dumpling Sales – BB Games	
WIDA Access Annual Assessment	January 9 – February 24, 2017
English Language Learners	
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	
Accuplacer – Part 2	February 13 – March 31, 2017
Great Americans Day – No School	February 20, 2017
Conexus Field Trip	February 21, 2017
Visit Tell City High School Program	
Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics	
Boys BB Sectional Meeting	February 22, 2017
11:00am	
2017 – 2018 High School Night	February 23, 2017
A&P and Health Occupations Class Student Field Trip	February 24, 2017
Wabash Valley College – Cadaver Lab Tour	
8:15am – 3:10pm	
Student Council Blood Drive	February 24, 2017
Valentines Dance	February 24, 2017
Sponsored by Music Department	
Indiana ISTEP – Part 1	February 27 – March 10, 2017
Paper and Pencil and Online	
Applied Skills	
Wrestling Team Field Trip	March 4/5, 2017
Softball Practice Begins	March 6, 2017
Blue Chip Conference Academic Bowl	March 9, 2017
At Northeast Dubois	
Registration – 3:30pm	
Coaches Meeting – 4:00pm	
Bowl Competition – 4:30pm	
End of Third Quarter	March 10, 2017
Baseball Practice Begins	March 13, 2017
Behind The Wheel Sign Up	March 13, 2017
Lunch	
Behind The Wheel Class	March 14, 2017
Subject to Numbers	
Spring Drama/Play	March 17, 2017
High School	
Junior High School	
7:00pm	
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High School	
Junior High School	
7:00pm	

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
Junior High School Renaissance Day 1:45pm – 3:10pm	March 23, 2017
Snow Day 3	March 24, 2017
Spring Break	March 27 – 31, 2017
WM Archery Tournament HS Gymnasium – 7am – 9pm	April 1, 2017
Health Occupations Class Field Trip USI	April 7, 2017
Indiana ISTAR – Part 3	April 10 – May 19, 2017
Senior Pride Day	April 13, 2017
Junior High School Science Fair	April 13, 2017
Good Friday – No School	April 14, 2017
Snow Day 4	April 17, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 2 Online Multiple Choice Technology Enhanced Items	April 17 – May 5, 2017
Q4 Midterm	April 21, 2017
United Way Community Service Event Seniors	April 21, 2017
Flute Fair	April 22, 2017
Indiana ECA – Spring	April 24 – May 26, 2017
WM JHS/HS Band Performance Lions Club 100 th State Conference Dinner Evansville, Indiana 7:00pm	April 29, 2017
AP Physics Exam	May 2, 2017
AP English – Literature Exam (English 12)	May 3, 2017
AP Biology	May 8, 2017
AP Calculus	May 9, 2017
AP English Language (English 11) Exam	May 10
ECA Algebra I English For Retesters	May 10 – 19, 2017
Senior Week	May 18 – May 24, 2017
Snow Day 5	May 25, 2017
Snow Day 6	May 26, 2017
Graduation	May 27, 2017

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Athletic Director

College basketball is getting close to tournament time, and one of the best mid-majors in the country, Illinois State, has relied on good defense while standing atop the Missouri Valley Conference, according to their coach Dan Muller.

Defense is important in all team sports. It's often been said that defense wins championships. Muller has been quoted as saying that "the key has been on defense. We aren't afraid to call each other out if one of us gets beat."

Defensive accountability is an important part of team success. When a teammate fails to do their part, there's a right way to point out a weakness or slip up. If you must call out a teammate, do so in a positive way. It's how you deliver the message that will either inspire your teammate or have a negative effect on the entire team!

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Tournament Pairing and Competition dates:

Boys Basketball – Sunday, February 19, 2017 (Pairings Announced)

Boys Basketball Sectional Tournaments – February 28 – March 4, 2017

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

The junior class will be running the concession stand at all girls and boy's 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

For students requiring assistance with math and science there is a free hotline available to you. The Rose Hulman Institute sponsored "Homework Hotline" has tutors ready to assist students with their assignments. Rose Hulman students man the Hotline from 7:00pm – 10:00pm (EST) – 6:00pm – 9:00pm (CDT) Sunday – Thursday.

The Hotline phone number is 877.ASK.ROSE.

Rose Hulman also offers resources you may find helpful at www.AskRose.org.

Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants have announced their 2017 scholarship program, which is their 10th year of doing so. The winners will receive up to \$1000 in scholarship money each year. The deadline for applying is June 12, 2017.

To apply, and learn more, for this opportunity you may go to <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

For junior students, there will be an informational meeting held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, during Trojan Pride, to introduce to you a scholarship opportunity. Sgt. Rocky Guthrie will be on campus during this time to introduce you to the NROTC scholarship. The meeting will be held in the lecture room.

From Ms. Laramy Parke, HEROES Wellness Coordinator

Staff members of Wood Memorial Junior High School and High School are taking part in a health and wellness challenge this winter. The challenge has been broken into five (5) two week segments, with progress begin scored among the participants. The overall winner will receive an award.

The challenge segments have been identified as:

- Segment 1 January 9 – 22
- Segment 2 January 23 – February 5
- Segment 3 February 6 – February 19
- Segment 4 February 20 – March 5
- Segment 5 March 6 – March 19

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 Mr. Christopher Meyer, WMHS/WMJHS Band Director

The Wood Memorial Band has launched a Facebook page to keep our school-community up to date with what is occurring. The page will provide those visiting with information on upcoming performances, current news, photos, and videos from the band. It will also offer resources for students and parents.

The page can be found @woodmemorialband, on Facebook.

From Ms. Sally Morton, School Nurse

The Indiana State Department of Health has updated the school immunization requirements. For the 2017 – 2018 school year, it is recommended that incoming seniors have a Meningococcal Serogroup B (MenB) vaccine in addition to the already required Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (MCV4). For the 2018 – 2019 school year, the MenB vaccine will be required for incoming seniors.

Two doses of Hepatitis A is required for Kindergarten through 3rd grades and recommended for grades 4 through 12 during the 2017 – 2018 school year. For the 2018 – 2019 school year, two doses of Hepatitis A are required for Kindergarten through 4th grades, 6th grade, and 12th grades. Two doses of Hepatitis A are recommended for 5th grade and grades 7 – 11.

Please call the nurses office at 812.749.4222 with any questions.

From Ms. Cassie Scrapper, 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/scholarships#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	<a href="http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&nest=WSCH_HO
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Western Kentucky University	January 15	https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/