

February 3, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the 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.

I am proud of the work I am seeing take place in our classrooms. WM instructors are working diligently to increase the Rigor through student – centered lesson activities. I have seen “Best Practice” strategies being put to use during a number of recent classroom visits, including lessons being administered by Ms. Jordan, Ms. Seitz, Mr. Bartley, Ms. Kolb, and Mr. Altstadt. Much work remains ahead, but I know our team is on the right track.

How ‘Bout that Trojan music program!?! Mr. Meyer and Mr. White continue to progress forward in enhancing this Fine Arts area. The students are doing a great job, and, by the way, don’t they sound terrific playing at our athletic events. A number of strategies to continue raising the bar with our music program include, conducting a flute fair on April 22, 2017, and planning for the development of a color guard/flag corp. Watch for more as Mr. Meyer and Mr. White are committed to building a program that will be known as the “Best of the Best”.

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 year's sophomore students, the ISTEP will serve as their graduation exam.

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

Congratulations to our Lady Trojan basketball team for winning their first Blue Chip Conference Championship Tuesday night. The ladies have done a wonderful job on and off the court this year. Congratulations to the 2017 Homecoming Queen, Chloe Bartley and the Maid – of – Honor Brenna Maikranz. These ladies were selected through voting of the high school students. We had a wonderful group of individuals selected to participate in the homecoming festivities. This included seniors Carsen Robinson and Sydney Day, plus juniors Kaleigh Ferguson, Jenna McGowan, Emily Smith, Kennedy Wilkerson

The Lady Trojan swim team launched 2017 Sectional competition on Thursday, February 2 at Jasper. This year's squad consisting of Kylie Head, Kalyn Ingle, Cassidy Saulmon, Reise Gray, and Kieonna Crowe-Burkhart has done a terrific job in the pool. There are more sectional events to be held on Saturday, include relays. Well done and good luck to all.

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 continues to expand, with our students taking the point. I appreciate the commitment and focus on everything they do to ensure the success of the project. In case you missed the most recent version of Student News and Notes, or the 2017 Homecoming Ceremony,

Here are the web links for your utilization:

<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:

- 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

“There are no such things as limits to growth, because there are no limits on the human capacity for intelligence, imagination and wonder.”

- Ronald Reagan

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 4, 2017

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| Swimming Sectional at Jasper | TBD |
| Elementary Cheerleading Camp | |
| 8 th Boys BB /Blue Chip | 9:00am |
| Elementary Gym | |
| Girls Basketball Sectional Championship at Tecumseh | 6:30pm |

Monday, February 6, 2017

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

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| Boys BB at Forest Park | 5:30pm |
| JH Wrestling vs. North Posey | 5:00pm |

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Friday, February 10, 2017

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| USI Guest Speaker – | 2:00pm |
| Ms. Gentry/Ms. Gehlhausen | |
| Lecture Room | |
| Boys BB vs. Southridge | 5:30pm |
| Elementary Cheerleaders Honored | |

Friday, February 11, 2017

Girls Basketball Regional @ Loogootee

Additional Dates of Note

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| 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 | |
| Indiana ISTAR – Part 2 | January 9 – February 3, 2017 |
| 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 |
| Boys and Girls Track Practice Begins | February 13, 2017 |
| Behind The Wheel Sign Up | February 13, 2017 |
| Lunch | |
| Behind The Wheel Class | February 14, 2017 |
| Subject to Numbers | |
| NROTC Scholarship Meeting | February 15, 2017 |
| 2:45pm – Lecture Room | |
| Junior Students | |
| 2017 – 2018 Freshman Night | February 16, 2017 |
| Boys BB Senior Night | February 18, 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 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 | |

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| 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 | |
| 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) | |
| Junior High School Renaissance Day | March 23, 2017 |
| 1:45pm – 3:10pm | |
| 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 |
| 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 | April 17 – May 5, 2017 |
| Online | |
| Multiple Choice | |
| Technology Enhanced Items | |
| Q4 Midterm | April 21, 2017 |
| Flute Fair | April 22, 2017 |

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| Indiana ECA – Spring | April 24 – May 26, 2017 |
| WM JHS/HS Band Performance | April 29, 2017 |
| Lions Club 100 th State Conference Dinner | |
| Evansville, Indiana | |
| 7:00pm | |
| 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 | May 10 – 19, 2017 |
| Algebra I | |
| English | |
| For Retesters | |
| Senior Week | May 18 – May 24, 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

Super Bowl 51 will feature the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons this Sunday. Will you watch the game? The human interest stories on the coaches, players, and their families are a good reason to tune in.

Of all the big televised sporting events, the Super Bowl commentary provides more insight into the personal life, successes and failures of these talented athletes (both starters and reserves) than any other.

The event should be outstanding, but the stories told on how these players got here and the challenges they faced are the stories you want to hear.

By watching, you will find a story or comment that will inspire you to become a better student-athlete than you are today!

All content copy of Billy Shepherd Sports Inc. as provided by Robby Kimes of the IHSAA.

The 2017 Girls Basketball Sectional Pairings are as follows:

Host School: Tecumseh High School, Lynnville, Indiana

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 Cannelton vs. Tecumseh

6:30pm

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| Friday, February 3, 2017 | Springs Valley vs. Northeast Dubois | 5:30pm |
| | Wood Memorial vs. Game One Winner | 7:00pm |
| Saturday, February 4, 2017 | Sectional Championship Game | 6:30pm |

For your awareness...

With the end of our winter athletic seasons just around the corner here are the IHSAA Tournament Pairing and Competition dates:

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

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

Girls Basketball Sectional tickets are on sale and may be purchased at the high school athletic office. Ticket cost is \$10.

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. 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 |
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| 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 |

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| 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/ |