

March 3, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans! The home of the State Champion Lady Trojans!

What a wonderful way to finish a fantastic season, as state champions. Congratulations to the Lady Trojans and coach Johnnie Bartley on bringing their dream to a successful reality. The ladies were phenomenal Saturday, dominating Union City to claim the 1A title.

The Lady Trojans will be recognized at an upcoming Indiana Pacers basketball game. This will occur on Thursday, April 6, 2017, when the Pacers play host to the Milwaukee Bucks, at 6:00pm.

Wood Memorial appreciates the support of the Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever of the IHSAA State Basketball Tournaments.

The boys state tournament tipped off on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, with our Trojans advancing to Friday's semi-final round, earning a match up with Evansville Day. The gentlemen are looking to claim another sectional title in 2017. I wish them the very best of luck.

I want to send out thoughts and prayers, on behalf of the Wood Memorial School-Community, to all of those impacted by the severe weather earlier in the week. There were a number of staff members, either directly or with their extended families, impacted by the storms. I ask that everyone keep the school-community of South Gibson in your thoughts and prayers, as a great deal of damage was experienced in their communities as well.

The Wood Memorial Student Services team and I have been meeting with the 2017 – 2018 freshman class, as the student 4-Year Planning process has launched for next school year. It is our goal to meet with each student, and parent, by March 10, 2017. Parents who have not yet scheduled a meeting with our student services office should contact the high school to set up an appointment.

Data from the 4-Year Planning process will be utilized to help us create and finalize the 2017-2018 Master Schedule.

The meeting for parents, guardians, and students, who will be in grades 10 – 12 during the 2017 – 2018 school year has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Originally scheduled for February 23, the session was moved due to activities related to our Lady Trojans taking part in the state basketball tournament. The March 7 meeting begins at 6:00pm, in the cafeteria.

During this session information will be provided around the following:

- Student 4 – Year Planning

- New Course Offerings
- Extra- Curricular Opportunities
- Much, Much More

Mark the above date in your calendar.

The 2017 ISTEP, Part 1, Assessment kicked off this week. The schedule to complete the first round of ISTEP has been modified, due to the Tuesday night and Wednesday morning storms. Adjusting the schedule was an easy decision as we want our children to have the best opportunity possible to succeed.

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>

Members of the high school math department put together a similar video on advice for your students:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrsIJ2922ho>

Students in the 10th grade have also been taking the ISTEP assessment with English being administered during the period of February 27 – March 2, and Math scheduled for March 6. For this years sophomore students, the ISTEP will serve as their graduation exam.

Biology students completed the 2017 ISTEP Assessment on March 2.

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>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fc5VQI-riPo>

Congratulations to Everett Attaway, Wood Memorial Junior High School student, for earning the opportunity to participate in the Indiana State National Geographic Bee. This is quite an honor and everyone at Wood Memorial is extremely proud of Everett.

The state competition will be held on March 31, 2017. Good luck Everett.

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 as soon as possible. Student names should be provided on the back of the respective picture.
- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. There will be a meeting on April 18, 2017, sponsored by the Gibson County Department of Child Services, with community providers who work towards the safety of the community, families and children, for those interested in being an advocate to prevent child abuse. The meeting will be held from 4:00pm – 6:30pm at Lafayette Park in Princeton, Indiana. There will be games, snacks, prizes, and a grand prize giveaway.
- Wood Memorial's softball game at Evansville Bosse has been moved to Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 11:00am.
- Wood Memorial's tennis match with Evansville Bosse, at WMHS, has been moved to Friday, April 28, 2017.
- 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>

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

“People talk about “finding” their lives. In reality, your life is not something you find-it's something you create.”

- David Phillips

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Boys Basketball Sectional Championship 6:30pm
Wrestling Team Field Trip
 Big 10 Wrestling Tournament
JH Wrestling at Gibson Southern Invitational 8:00am

Monday, March 6, 2017

Junior High School ISTEP Assembly 2:48am
First Official Day of Softball Practice
National Breakfast Week

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Lilly Counseling Implementation Grant Meeting 8:00am
2017-2018 High School Night 6:00pm
 For Students Entering Grades 10-12
 WMHS Cafeteria
National Breakfast Week
JH Wrestling at Tecumseh 5:00pm

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

National Breakfast Week
Blue Chip Conference Executive Board Meeting 9:00am
Softball Club Meeting 5:30pm
 Library

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Blue Chip Conference Academic Bowl 3:30pm
 At Northeast Dubois
 Registration – 3:30pm
 Coaches Meeting – 4:00pm
 Bowl Competition – 4:30pm
National Breakfast Week

Friday, March 10, 2017

Ms. Kolb's Class Field Trip
 Good Samaritan Hospital
End of Third Grading Period
Spring Dance
 High School – Cafeteria 7:00 – 10:00pm
 Junior High School – HS Gym Foyer 6:00 – 9:00pm
 *WMHS and WMJHS Students Only
National Breakfast Week

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Boys Basketball Regional
Loogootee High School

Additional Dates of Note

Post Prom Committee Fund Raiser	November 4, 2016 – March 31, 2017
Chicken & Dumpling Sales – BB Games Accuplacer – Part 2	February 13 – March 31, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 1	February 27 – March 10, 2017
Paper and Pencil and Online Applied Skills	
Daylight Savings Time Begins	March 12, 2017
Baseball Practice Begins	March 13, 2017
Behind The Wheel Sign Up Lunch	March 13, 2017
Behind The Wheel Class Subject to Numbers	March 14, 2017
Softball Club Meeting Library – 5:30pm	March 15, 2017
Gibson County Chamber of Commerce Meeting Lecture Room 11:00am – 1:30pm Recognition of State Champion Lady Trojans – 12:30pm	March 16, 2017
School Assembly Ms. Kathy Nimmer 8:30am	March 17, 2017
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
Softball Club Meeting Library – 5:30pm	March 22, 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
WM Lady Trojan State Championship Night Indiana Pacers – 6:00pm	April 6, 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
Academy Day Hosted by Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. Vincennes University – Gibson County Center 8:30am – 11:00am	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
Chemistry II Field Trip Vincennes University 7:00am – 2:30pm	May 12, 2017
Senior Week	May 18 – May 24, 2017
Snow Day 5	May 25, 2017

Snow Day 6
Graduation
Girls Basketball Camp
Indiana ECA – Summer

May 26, 2017
May 27, 2017
May 30 – June 2, 2017
August 21 – September 1,
2017
October 5, 2017

College Night
6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Athletic Director

Promoting Education Based Athletics in Indiana.

This is boys basketball sectional week. Past history says it's a week of surprises. Will we have a snowstorm? What ranked team will be the first out? What school will provide the biggest shock of the week? Is your school a favorite or the underdog to take the sectional crown?

There is nothing more fun than participating in an event that the whole school gets behind. Whether it's a school play, a choral event, or a team advancing along in a state tournament, it's fun to be involved as the excitement grows and the event arrives.

As a member of your student body, make it a point to get involved in the week's festivities. The support shown by the students might make a difference in the outcome of that close game. History could be made and the memories from those exciting games could be something that you remember and talk about fifty years later!

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

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

Prom Committee meetings will be conducted during Trojan Pride, weekly, on Thursday.

Junior High Students: Last Change to order a Junior High Yearbook! The cost of a book itself is \$26.00. Orders must be submitted to Ms. E. Hill, or online at jostensyearbook.com by February 28. Order forms are available in the Junior High School Office, or from Ms. Elizabeth Hill.

Class of 2017: The yearbook staff needs a senior photo of your choice to appear in the yearbook next to your Straub picture. Pictures must be taken by a professional photographer and be school appropriate. Please email high resolution images to ehill@egsc.k12.in.us, or bring Ms. Elizabeth Hill a printed picture no smaller than 4x6 inches to scan. Please participate, even if you do not order a yearbook!

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>

From Ms. Hallie Kolb, Science Instructor

On April 7, 2017, Dr. Gehlhausen will be leading the Anatomy and Physiology class through a pork heart dissection. He has prepared an excellent presentation for the students and I am excited to be able to provide this opportunity to those in the A & P curriculum.

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.

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 Erin Lucas, Office of Congressman Larry Bucshon

The 2017 Academy Day will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Vincennes University Gibson County Center, in Fort Branch, Indiana. Registration begins at 8:30am, with the program running from 9:00am – 11:00am (CDT).

Individuals considering a career in one of the United States Service Academies will be able to learn about the opportunities, the application process, congressional nominations, and the every day life of a Service Academy Cadet.

The application process for a congressional nomination from Congressman Buschon's office, for the class of 2022, will be from March 1, 2017 until October 6, 2017.

From Jamie Nunnely, Communications Director, National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) announced that its board of directors has approved the affiliation of a new state chapter: the Indiana Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (INCEP). Indiana is the ninth state to launch a chapter.

The Indiana Commission on Higher Education indicates that 52% of Indiana high school graduates, in 2014, completed at least one college course through dual credit; an increase from 39% in 2012. The Commission's data shows that students who complete dual credit courses are more likely to enroll in postsecondary education within a year following high school graduation, as compared with those who do not earn pre-college credit.

Independent research published by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance found that Hoosier college students who had completed dual credit are more likely to place out of remedial courses, pass all their first-year courses, and persist to sophomore year than colleges students who had not taken dual credit courses.

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/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

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<https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/>