

May 12, 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!

Senior Honors Night was a very special evening, with a number of students honored with academic awards, as well as scholarships for the continuation of their educational careers. With the Dollars For Scholars organization awarding over \$40,000 of scholarship monies and taking into account the scholarships awarded by colleges and universities (Murray State, Indiana State, Vincennes, Ivy Tech, Oakland City, and more) it is estimated that Wood Memorial students earned more than \$210,000 in scholarships this year. Wow! This is outstanding and is truly representative of the wonderful work our senior students have put forth throughout their high school career. Well done.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Dollars For Scholars organization, as well as all of the local businesses and individuals who donate to ensure our students are provided a future for continuing their education. Further, I appreciate the work Ms. Kelly Carlton, Ms. Beth Hill, Ms. Allison Brewster, and Ms. Lori Nossett put forth for the Senior Honors Night. Thank you.

Congratulations to the newest members of the National Honor Society, inducted during Wednesday night's Senior Honors Night ceremony. This year there were eight (8) very deserving individuals selected to join the NHS.

The newest members are:

Bailey Booker
Kieonna Crowe-Burkhart
Alexis Lashbrook
Walker Nurrenbern
Cori Pflug
Ethan Phillips
Jake Price
Emma Reel.

Thank you to Ms. Poteet for sponsoring the organization and for the work in organizing the induction portion of Senior Night.

More than 50 members of the senior class took part in our May 12 Senior Pride Day, focusing on sprucing up the Wood Memorial High School campus in preparation of the May 27 graduation ceremony. These individuals did a great job in accomplishing a number of tasks, which included painting walls, railings, and preparing hallways for enhancements next fall. Students enjoyed burgers and hot dogs at the conclusion of the work day. I appreciate everyone's willingness to give back to the school and those students returning in 2017 – 2018. Thank you and job well done.

The 2017 Prom was a huge success on Saturday, May 6. Those in attendance had a terrific time, enjoying great music. Thank you to Ms. Beth Hill and all of those involved in ensuring a successful prom. I would also like to thank Ms. Ginger Schenks and everyone participating with the post prom activities.

Final exam schedules have been identified for our high school students.

Seniors will be administered finals as follows:

Thursday, May 18, 2017
Period 7 Final Exam

Friday, May 19, 2017
Periods 1, 3, and 5 Final Exams

Monday, May 22, 2017
Periods 2, 4, and 6 Final Exams

High School students in grades 9 – 11 will be administered final exams as follows:

Monday, May 22, 2017
Period 7 Final Exam

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Periods 1, 3, and 5 Final Exams

Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Periods 2, 4, and 6 Final Exams

A reminder that students may opt out to up to two of their final exams provided they meet the opt out guidelines. Modified guidelines were approved at the beginning of the second semester and published for student and parent awareness.

Guidelines include:

1. Student may not have more than three (3) excused absences.
2. Student may not have an unexcused absence, or truancy.
3. Student may not have more than three excused tardies to a class.
4. Student may not have an unexcused tardy to any class.
5. Student may not have a suspension from school.
6. Student must have a minimum of a B- in the class (es) identified for opt out.
7. All student fees must be current.

With graduation rapidly approaching I am sure our seniors and their families are excited. This is indeed a wonderful time of year, with the anticipation of a high school career coming to a close, and a new chapter in a life nearby. While I share in the anticipation I do want to remind

everyone that much work remains and it is important that we do not lose sight of course requirements in order to ensure all graduation requirements are attained.

With this, I would like to point everyone to some information I believe will be helpful as we near graduation. This information was shared in a letter to parents during March 2017.

Students are reminded the dress for graduation is to be shirts and ties for the gentlemen; dresses, or slacks for the ladies. Jeans, shorts, flip flops, tennis shoes, work shoes, and/or similar attire items are not allowed for this most solemn event.

Note: Any student not following the dress guideline will not be allowed to walk during the graduation ceremony. Students should see me for any assistance in meeting these requirements. Students absent from graduation practice, without obtaining prior approval from myself, will not be allowed to walk during graduation. If a student is absent from the scheduled graduation practice, additional practice may be planned for Thursday, May 25, and/or Friday, May 26, 2017.

Students not having met all Indiana state guidelines for a diploma will not be allowed to walk during the graduation ceremony.

Further, senior students are required to submit a baby picture, as well as senior picture, for use in the graduation ceremony. This should be done as soon as possible. Pictures may be turned in to the junior – senior high school office, or to Mr. Smith.

While graduation is rapidly approaching, it is imperative that each senior student maintain a diligent focus on ensuring academic assignments are completed timely. Further, students are reminded they are expected to adhere to all East Gibson School Corporation and Wood Memorial High School guidelines at all times. Subject to the severity and repetitiveness of any potential violation, a student found to have violated guidelines may be held out of the graduation ceremony.

Students and parents interested in enrolling in an Ivy Tech Dual Credit course should contact the high school for more information. There are a number of courses available, including Psychology, Advanced Speech/Communications, American History, and many more to students who will be a junior or senior next year.

Informational letters regarding summer school enrollment will be sent home to parents who have expressed an interest in their child taking advantage of this four week opportunity. Students and/or parents interested in attending summer school may contact the high school office at 812.749.4757.

Summer school will run as follows:

- May 30 – June 23, 2017
- Monday – Thursday
- Week 1 (8:30am – Noon)
- Weeks 2 – 4 (8:00am – Noon)

We will offer the following classes:

- Junior High School Math
- Junior High School English
- Physical Education I
 - For Incoming Freshman
- Credit Recovery Classes
- High School Courses
 - Must be approved

Information has been emailed to parents of students interested in taking a summer school course.

The second round of ISTEP has come and gone for the school year. Thank you to everyone for their patient and diligent focus to this year's assessment process.

A high school honors program, for students in grades 9 – 11 will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Junior high school students will be recognized on the afternoon of May 24.

Ms. Lauren Norvell coordinated the participation of our sophomore class with this spring's United Way Day of Caring. Students worked to launch an outdoor classroom by building picnic tables and putting up birdhouses, while also helping to clean at Hopkins Park and the local refuge. This took place on Tuesday, May 9. Our students did a great job.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome coach Bret Kramer to the Trojan family, as he was named varsity football coach during Monday, May 8's board meeting. Coach Kramer has a number of years of experience assisting with Wood Memorial football and is excited to get started. Coach is planning a parents meeting, to occur in the coming days.

There has been an issue with students arriving after the start of school (8:00am) for quite some time. In order to help my staff and I identify an opportunity to reduce the late arrivals we will be monitoring the reasons for the situation over the remaining days of school. With this a student arriving to school after 8:00am must come to my office for a pass. Data around the reason will be captured, accumulated, and analysis in a continuous improvement effort for next school year.

Information of interest:

- The high school gymnasium will be closed to all activities beginning Monday, May 22 through graduation. This is to allow for preparations for the 2017 graduation ceremony to be conducted effectively.
- 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.

- The Riley Dance Marathon has been cancelled for this year due to scheduling conflicts with other events.
- Wood Memorial High School is planning on launching a Bass Fishing Team in the fall. A coach has been identified and we would like to now gain input on those students who may be interested in taking part in the program. If you are interested please stop by the high school office and give us your name. An organizational meeting will be held after the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

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](https://twitter.com/WMTrojans1).

Thank you for all you do to support our students and the school – community.

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”

- Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13, 2017

BA vs. Pike Central	11:00am
Golf – BCC Tournament at Country Oaks	7:30am
SB vs. Southridge	10:00am

Monday, May 15, 2017

Indiana State Safety Specialist Training	
Tennis at NE Dubois	4:30pm
SB vs. Cannelton	5:30pm
Golf at South Spencer	4:30pm
Baseball at Cannelton	5:30pm

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Senior Honor Walk	8:00am
Francisco	
Barton	
Girls Track Sectional	TBD
SB at Boonville	5:00pm
Baseball vs. Princeton	6:00pm
Golf vs. Vincennes Lincoln	4:30pm

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

High School Honors Program	2:15pm*
*Subject to Change	
Baseball vs. South Knox	5:00pm
SB at Vincennes Lincoln	5:00pm

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Senior Week Begins	
Senior Walk of Honor	8:00am
Oakland City Elementary	
Boys Track Sectional	TBD
Senior – Period 7 Final Exam	1:40pm
SB vs. North Knox	5:00pm
Baseball vs. Barr Reeve	5:30pm
Golf vs. Southridge	4:30pm

Friday, May 19, 2017

7 th Grade Orientation	8:30am – 11:00am
Senior – Period 1 Final Exam	8:00am
Senior – Period 3 Final Exam	11:00am
Senior – Period 5 Final Exam	1:10pm
SB at South Spencer	5:00pm

Saturday, May 20, 2017

FCA Field Trip

Additional Dates of Note

Indiana ECA – Spring	April 24 – May 26, 2017
ECA	May 10 – 19, 2017
Algebra I	
English	
For Retesters	
Senior Baccalaureate	May 21, 2017
Community Sponsored	
5:00pm	
Snow Day 5	May 25, 2017
Snow Day 6	May 26, 2017
Graduation	May 27, 2017
Girls Basketball Camp	May 30 – June 2, 2017
Wood Memorial Youth Volleyball Camp	June 5 – 7, 2017
Grades 3 – 8	
12 – 3pm Daily	
Preliminary ISTEP Data Available	June 16, 2017
ISTEP Re-score Window	June 19, 2017 – July 7, 2017
Wood Memorial Volleyball Team Camp	June 26 – 28, 2017
High School	
Indiana Volleyball Team Challenge	July 22, 2017
Indiana University	
7 th Grade Orientation	August 3, 2017
2017 – 2018 Staff Opening Day	August 8, 2017
First Day of School	August 9, 2017
Open House	August 9, 2017
ISTEP Final Results Available	August 16, 2017
WMHS and WMJHS Open House	To Be Determined
Indiana ECA – Summer	August 21 – September 1, 2017
Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
College Night	October 5, 2017
6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria	
2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction	October 23, 2017
6:00pm	
ISTEP Retest	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Grade 10	
ECA – Winter	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
ISTAR	January 15, 2018 – February 16, 2018
Grades 3 – 8, 10	

ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies National Assessment of Educational Progress Grades 4 and 8 Digital Based Math, Reading, Writing, US History, Civics, and Geography	January 29, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Accuplacer – Part 2	February 12, 2018 – March 30, 2018
ISTEP Part 1	February 26, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Academic Banquet	April 6, 2018
ISTAR	April 16, 2018 – May 18, 2018
ISTEP Part 2	April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018
ECA – Spring	April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018
Senior Honors Night 6:00pm	May 10, 2018
2018 Graduation	TBD
ECA – Summer 1	June 21, 2018 – June 27, 2018
ECA – Summer 2	August 23, 2018 – August 29, 2018

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Athletic Director

Promoting Education Based Athletics in Indiana.

Pairings and game schedules for the 2017 Softball Sectional are:

Monday, May 22	NE Dubois vs. Wood Memorial	5:30pm
Tuesday, May 23	Springs Valley vs. Cannelton	5:30pm
	Tecumseh vs. Winner Game 1	30 Minutes After first game of night
Thursday, May 25	Championship Game	6:00pm

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

Attention parents: The deadline to order a yearbook is Friday, May 19. You should have received information in the mail this week. If you have already purchased a book, Thank you. If you are uncertain about your order status please call 1.877.767.5217 to check status and/or order. To place an order online you may go to Jostens.com. Students may also pick up an order form from the high school office and return it to Mrs. Elizabeth Hill at the school. Payment should be made out to Wood Memorial High School, if paying at school.

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. 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.

Attention parents of East Gibson School Corporation students in grades 4-11: If your child plans to participate in school related sports during the 2017-2018 school year they MUST have an IHSAA sports physical form on file in the school office. Sports physicals will be offered at the Oakland City campus by the Deaconess Oakland City providers at a cost of \$10 per student beginning May 4, 2017. IHSAA sports physical forms are available for pick up in the school offices. There is a portion of the form that must be filled out and signed by the parent or guardian, and returned to your child's school office by Tuesday, April 18th.

From Ms. Kimberly Higgins, Assistant to the Dean/OPTIONS Coordinator

The College of Engineering and Computer Science will host its annual UE Engineering OPTIONS Summer Camps this June. We are inviting middle school boys and girls and high school girls in the tristate to participate. More detailed information for each of the camps can be found at the links below. Online registration is available.

Middle School Boys (June 5 – 9)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/msBoys.cfm>

Middle School Girls (June 11 – 14)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/msGirls.cfm>

High School Girls (June 18 – 23)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/hsGirls.cfm>

From Mr. Nicholas Hunter-Shields, Recreation Therapy Administrative Assistant

Camp Riley is hosted by Bradford Woods and is made possible through the generous support of Riley's Children's Foundation. Bradford Woods, IU's Outdoor Center operated by the School of Public Health-Bloomington, is located 20 miles southwest of Indianapolis, in Martinsville, Indiana. Camp Riley has offered unique programs for youth with disabilities and chronic illnesses since 1955.

Children can attend one of eight Camp Riley sessions offered during a nine-week span with each session offering a staff-to-camper ratio appropriate to the campers' needs.

More information on this opportunity may be obtained by calling 765.349.5135, extension 5218.

From Jamie Nunnally, 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.