

August 25, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Mr. Bartley and his student tech services team have been diligently working in preparation of the rollout of our new 1:1 Technology initiative, including the distribution of our devices. During the first two plus weeks of school their time has been spent preparing the iPads for instructional use. Along with this, Mr. Bartley has launched training and development sessions with our instructional staff. This training is aligned with our strategy to launch the device utilization through the engagement of Schoology and Formative Assessment tools.

Device distribution is scheduled for the immediate period following Labor Day.

I am confident you are going to share my excitement around the strategic use of technology in the classrooms being rolled out this fall. Our program is in the best of hands, with Mr. Bartley and his team of students.

As you may, or may not be aware, there have been a number of instructional staff transitions take place since May 2017. While we have been successful in filling most all of these positions, a search is continuing for our first semester Spanish opening. We have reached out to a number of our universities and colleges, with no success in finding a certified instructor.

During the past 3 – 5 years the number of licensed instructors, in all curriculum areas, have dropped significantly through the state. We have experienced the impact of the teacher shortage with nearly every opening experienced during the past 1 – 2 years.

With this in mind, and in keeping with our commitment to ensure our students have the opportunities to grow and develop their skillsets they deserve, we are utilizing an on-line program for the Spanish courses, while continuing to search for an instructor. There are certainly some growing pains being experienced with the new program, but I want to assure you that we will remain diligent in listening to and working with our children to meet their needs.

If you know of an individual with a Spanish language background, who might be interested in serving as a long-term substitute instructor, please encourage them to contact me at the high school office.

I am excited to have the launch of the Eventlink Community website behind us. Eventlink will host our master calendar of events, including athletic, academic, and extra-curricular schedules. Our high school and junior high school student handbook may also be referenced through this digital tool. Students, parents, and school-community members may create an account, at no

cost, through Eventlink. An information packet was sent home with your student earlier in the week.

A reminder of the September 8, WFIE, Channel 14, Sunrise School Spirit Day at Wood Memorial. In conjunction, a food drive is being conducted, with donations made to the Tri-State Food Bank. Donations may be dropped off at Hometown IGA and/or Wood Memorial High School anytime between now and September 8. Non-perishable food items are being sought. Please do not provide bottled water.

The program is planned for the high school football field, barring severe/inclement weather, beginning at 6:00am. Everyone in our school-community is invited to take part in this program. Please join us as this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our wonderful children and the special communities of East Gibson.

In order to assist those in need of transportation, Dr. Brewster has graciously developed a plan for the utilization of East Gibson school buses. For those needing a ride to Wood Memorial the following pick up locations have been established:

Francisco Elementary School

Barton Township Elementary School

The Oakland City Fire Station

Oakland City First Church of the Nazarene

City Hall, in Oakland City

The Nursing Home

Buses will pick up passengers at 5:15am on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Once again this year I will be utilizing a collaborative opportunity for all members – students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members – of the Wood Memorial School Community. With this said, I believe to be most effective with the development and growth of our students it is imperative that every stakeholder of Wood Memorial have an opportunity to collaborate and provide input in any area/aspect of interest involving our school (s) they may have. Thus, I will conduct monthly “Open Office” sessions, focused on providing time for such collaboration to occur.

I encourage you to come meet anytime to review items of interest you may have. You may schedule a meeting by calling 812.749.4757 and requesting a time.

The September “Open Office” session will be conducted on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

In keeping with the theme of collaboration and communication I want to invite Wood Memorial stakeholders to follow the happenings at the junior high and high school by joining us on twitter at WMTrojans1.

The student handbook for 2017 – 2018 will be issued in a digital format. Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School will be utilizing the Pinwheel/Eventlink resource for this purpose. Through this approach students, parents, staff, and school – community members will be able to receive real-time notifications, including our calendar of events (academic focused/athletic focused). Further, the use of this tool has allowed us to avoid an additional \$4.00 in costs.

Our office hours will be from 7:30am – 4pm daily throughout the school year.

For the 2017 – 2018 school year Wood Memorial will be providing opportunities for our students in grades 8 – 10 to experience a college campus. This is a part of our focus to enhance opportunities around college and career readiness. The dates for the visits are as follows:

- 10th Graders – September 13, 2017 (Indiana University)
- 9th Graders – September 26, 2017 (Vincennes University)
- 8th Graders – October 3, 2017 (University of Southern Indiana)

Ms. Elizabeth Hill has done a great job of coordinating and scheduling the events.

Information of interest:

- The “Trojan Pride” period has been established to allow for students to have the opportunity to participate in a number of opportunities during the school day. These will include, but not be limited to:
 - Peer Mentoring
 - Peer Tutoring
 - Faculty Mentoring
 - Faculty Tutoring
 - Extra – Curricular Club Participation
 - Assignment Make – Up
 - Conflict Mediation
 - Additional Remediation
 - Character Development
 - Work Force Development
 - Staff Development
 - Response – To – Intervention
 - Continuous Improvement

- Student drivers are reminded they must purchase a parking tag in order to drive and maintain their vehicle on campus. The tags may be obtained from the high school office. The parking tag cost is \$2.00.
- Student drivers are reminded they may utilize the east parking lot when driving a vehicle to school. Please note that all drivers must adhere to guidelines for the safe operation of their vehicle while on, or near our campuses. These guidelines may be found in the 2017 – 2018 Student Handbook.
- There have been concerns expressed around student drivers carelessly driving at a fast speed down Roosevelt Street (which runs west past the football field) at the end of school. We care about your safety, as well as the safety of others. Please be smart and drive with the safety and well-being of all in mind. Student drivers are reminded they are not to use the North parking lot as a cut through when leaving school premises at the end of the day.
- For awareness, beginning after labor day the high school and junior high school will be utilizing an automated call option for students who are absent during first period. This is a tool that has been available for use through the School Messenger program for some time. The calls will be placed at 9:00a.m. and are being put into place in an effort to enhance out attendance management process.
- Mr. White is launching a new singing group, the “Wood Memorial Singers” this school year. Auditions are set for August 30, from 3:30pm – 4:30pm, in the Choir Room. If interested, you may see Mr. White for an audition packet.
- A Community TailGate is planned for Friday, September 1, 2017. Food, Games, Music, and Fun! Fun! Fun!. Come out to the football complex prior to the Trojan game with Rock Creek Academy.
- The August 29, 2017 boys soccer match has been moved to September 14. Shoals was unable to contract officials for the August date.

Good luck to our fall sports teams, coaches, and athletes.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“We are looking for a lot of people who have an infinite capacity to not know what can’t be done.”

- Henry Ford

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, August 25, 2017

No activities

Saturday, August 26, 2017

No activities

Monday, August 28, 2017

VB vs. Shoals

5:30pm

Tennis vs. Evansville Reitz

4:30pm

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

School Pictures

8:00am

Tennis vs. Princeton

4:30pm

VB at White River Valley

5:00pm

JHS VB vs. South Knox

5:30pm

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Auditions for Wood Memorial Singers

3:30pm

Choir Room

Athletic Coaches Meeting

5:30pm

Library

Thursday, August 31, 2017

Tennis at Pike Central

4:30pm

Boys Soccer at North Posey

5:00pm

Girls Soccer vs. North Posey

5:00pm

JHS VB at South Spencer

5:30pm

VB vs. Vincennes Lincoln

5:30pm

WMHS Wrestling Sign Up Meeting

6:45pm

Library

Friday, September 1, 2017

Spirit Day Black Out

Community TailGate

5:00pm

FB vs. Rock Creek Academy

6:30pm

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, September 2, 2017

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Additional Dates of Note

Indiana ECA – Summer

August 21 – September 1,
2017

HS Spell Bowl Team Practice

August 31, 2017

Labor Day

September 4, 2017

JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 5, 2017
1:1 Devices Issued	September 5 – 8, 2017
Blue Chip Conference Fall Meeting	September 6, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 7, 2017
Sunrise Friday – WFIE – 14	September 8, 2017
Indiana University Representative	September 11, 2017
Fall Sports Pictures	September 13, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 14, 2017
State ADM	September 15, 2017
IHSAA Fall Meetings	September 18 2017
North Daviess HS – 9:30am	
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 19, 2017
Professional Development Day	September 20, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 21, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Ring Order	September 21, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 26, 2017
Annual Bullying Training	September 28, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Ring Oder	September 28, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 28, 2017
Annual Bullying Training	September 29, 2017
Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 3, 2017
Blue Chip Spell Bowl	October 4, 2017
NE Dubois	
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 5, 2017
College Night	October 5, 2017
6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria	
Red Cross Blood Drive	October 10, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 10, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 12, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 17, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 19, 2017
2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction	October 23, 2017
6:00pm	
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 24, 2017
Jostens – Senior Graduation Order	October 30, 2017
Senior Area Spell Bowl	October 30, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 31, 2017
JHS Area Spell Bowl	November 1, 2017
ISTEP Retest	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Grade 10	
ECA – Winter	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Rings/Senior Graduation Items	December 7, 2017

ISTAR Grades 3 – 8, 10 ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies	January 15, 2018 – February 16, 2018
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
Red Cross Blood Drive	February 23, 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, Administrative Assistant/Athletic Director

The Wood Memorial Athletic Department will be selling football, volleyball, boys soccer, and girls soccer season tickets and passes in the athletic office; and they may be purchased at athletic events.

Prices for Fall Sports Passes:

Varsity Football	
Adults	\$16.00
Students	\$12.00
Varsity Volleyball	
Adults	\$44.00
Students	\$33.00
Varsity Girls Soccer	
Adults	\$28.00
Students	\$21.00
Varsity Boys Soccer	
Adults	\$40.00
Students	\$30.00

Family passes may be purchased at a price of \$150.00, which covers a 4 member family. Additional children may be added at a cost of \$20.00 per member.

Adult All – Season Passes	\$70.00
Student All – Season Passes	\$50.00

Other pass options available to Trojan fans include:

Adult 10 Event Pass	\$40.00
Student 10 Event Pass	\$30.00
Adult 20 Event Pass	\$80.00
Student 20 Event Pass	\$60.00

If you have any questions, please call the Wood Memorial Athletic Office at 812.749.4750.

Student – athletes should have received a 2017 - 2018 Student – Athlete Handbook. If not, please contact the respective coach and/or the athletic office.

For the advanced planning of our student – athletes and parents, a required parent meeting will be conducted by the respective coach prior to the first contest being held. A parent and / or guardian must be in attendance. If a conflict arises the parent/guardian should contact the coach

in order to schedule a make-up time. A student – athlete will not be allowed to participate in a contest until such time that the parent/guardian has met with the coach; and signed the acknowledgement form.

From Ms. Beth Hill, Student Services

A representative from Indiana University will visit Wood Memorial High School on September 11 to speak with interested juniors and seniors. Those interested may sign up in the high school office to receive a pass.

School picture day is August 29, 2017 during the morning periods. If a student travels during the morning, please plan on being at school to have your picture taken for the yearbook and identification cards. Order forms will be handed out soon.

Fall sports pictures will be taken on September 13, at the end of the day. Coaches will have order forms the week prior to pictures.

Yearbooks are now on sale for both the junior high school and high school. Order forms for each book are in the respective offices. Please make checks payable to Wood Memorial. Online orders can be placed at jostensyearbooks.com. The yearbook staff is selling short-sleeved, green t-shirts with white and gold glittery designs for \$10. They are on sale until August 31, 2017. Payment is due at the time of the order. To order, see any junior high school or high school yearbook staff member, Ms. Hill, or one of the offices.

Information is available in Student Services for students interested in taking the ACT and SAT assessments this year. Information is also available for seniors interested in attending USI and Ball State (Architecture, Landscape Design, and Urban Development), and senior girls interested in exploring engineering at Purdue. The Purdue Women in Engineering Program is hosting a free program on Monday, October 16, at Purdue. Flyers are available.

From Ms. Kelly Carlton, Student Services

Congressman Larry Buschon will be hosting his 2017 Fall U.S. Service Academy Day on Saturday, September 16 in Fort Branch, Indiana. It will be held at the Vincennes University – Gibson County Center, 8100 South US Highway 41, in Fort Branch. Registration begins at 8:30am, with the program running from 9:00am – 11:00am.

The annual event provides information to interested individuals on the United States Service Academies, including the application process and congressional nominations. The application process for a congressional nomination is open until October 6, 2017.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://buschon.house.gov/serving-you/military-academy-nominations>.

The Indiana University Office of Admissions will be hosting a Preview event in your area for seniors and juniors who are interested in applying to IU. In our area an event will take place on

Sunday, September 10, 2017, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm, at the Sweetwater Event Center, in Evansville.

To register please go to admissions.indiana.edu/previews.

Scholarship Information

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is due by September 6, 2017. For requirements and applications go to the following website:

<https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/2018-lilly-endowment-community-scholarship-program-opens-2/>

Students who meet the Lilly GPA and SAT/ACT requirements must complete an online application.