

September 1, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

I am sure many of you, like myself, have been closely following the impact of last weeks hurricane and tropical storm in Texas. The video reports of the suffering and devastation caused by Harvey have been heart wrenching. Despite the loss of life, property, and uncertainty created by the hurricane and subsequent flooding, the American spirit has stood tall.

Throughout the history of our great country, Americans have faced disaster and challenges with a strong pride and positive attitude to build success, upon success, upon success. What is happening in response to last week's storm should be inspiring to us all. Individuals setting aside their own losses to go to the aid of others, people helping people.

There are a number of Hoosiers, including people in our own area, with family and friends living in the areas impacted by Harvey. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone suffering because of the hurricane. They inspire us all by living the belief that through each challenge, comes great joy.

Anyone interested in donating to the relief and recovery effort may do so through any number of means. Options include the Red Cross (1-800-Red-Cross), as well as local churches in the region impacted last week.

The launch of our new and enhanced 1:1 technology for instruction initiative is here. During the week of September 4 – 8 students will receive their devices from Mr. Bartley and the student tech services team.

The distribution schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 5 – Seniors

Wednesday, September 6 – Juniors

Thursday, September 7 – Sophomores and 8th graders

Friday, September 8 – Freshmen and 7th graders

With the rollout of the iPads instructors will begin to incorporate the resource tool into daily lesson activities. Initially, the focus for use of technology in our classrooms will be placed on Schoology, Formative Assessment, and collaboration through Planbook. Additional opportunities for technology use will be identified and deployed throughout the school year.

I am excited for our students and staff members to begin to expand educational success through the 1:1 strategy. Technology provides an endless opportunity for growth and development for our children.

Thank you school community for the help provided around the identification of individuals interested in assisting with our Spanish classes this semester. With your assistance, I received a number of phone calls offering to help us identify a strategy that would enhance the learning opportunity for students during the first semester. Wood Memorial graduate Emily Rudolph has agreed to help our students on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Emily will be an excellent resource for the students and I appreciate her gracious willingness to assist.

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 an excellent 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.

Thank you to Ms. Sally Morton, school nurse and health sciences instructor, for her efforts in coordinating a suicide awareness and prevention event at Wood Memorial High School. Representatives of Deaconess Cross Pointe will be at WM on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 to provide training to instructors in our school corporation. This will be conducted from 3:45 –

5:15pm. An informational session for the public, including parents, students, and anyone with interest, will be held beginning at 6:00pm. The location for both times will be the cafeteria.

Our children face many stress points in their lives, with too many of these occurring outside of their control. It is important that those of us who serve as role models and resources for them understand how we might provide the best possible assistance. I would encourage everyone to consider attending this most important event.

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.

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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Information on how to join your respective class Remind and Schoology accounts has been posted to the Wood Memorial High School website. The accounts have been established as a communication and collaboration tool by the student services organization. By joining you will be able to receive pertinent information such as, scholarship opportunities, college admission dates, and much, much more. Please contact Ms. Hill or Ms. Carlton for assistance.
 - There will be a meeting for those students and parents interested in being a part of the Bass Fishing team on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 6:00pm. Coach Condiff will conduct the session in the high school lecture room.

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

“There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter.”

- Mother Teresa

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

Labor Day Weekend

Monday, September 4, 2017

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

HS English Formative Assessment
iPad Distribution – Seniors 11:31am
JHS Spell Bowl Practice 12:00pm
Tennis vs. Evansville Central 5:00pm
Girls Soccer at Evansville Central 5:00pm
Principal Open Office Hours 5:00pm – 7:00pm
VB vs. Pike Central 5:30pm
JHS VB at Tecumseh 5:30pm

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Blue Chip Conference Fall Meeting 9:00am
Montgomery
iPad Distribution – Juniors 11:31am
Tennis at Vincennes Rivet 4:30pm

Thursday, September 7, 2017

HS English Formative Assessment
iPad Distribution – Sophomores 11:31am
HS Spell Bowl Practice 11:31am
iPad Distribution – 8th Graders 2:25pm
Boys Soccer vs. South Spencer 5:00pm
Girls Soccer at South Spencer 5:00pm
VB at Barr Reeve 5:30pm
JHS VB vs. Holy Family 5:30pm

Friday, September 8, 2017

Sunrise Spirit Friday – WFIE 6:00am
Spirit Theme – Pajamas
iPad Distribution – 7th Graders 8:00am
iPad Distribution – Freshmen 11:31am
Football vs. North Knox 6:30pm

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Girls Soccer vs. Evansville Bosse
Boys Soccer vs. Evansville Bosse

10:00am
11:45am

Additional Dates of Note

Indiana University Representative	September 11, 2017
IDOE Embargoed Release of A-F Grades	September 11, 2017
Fall Sports Pictures	September 13, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 14, 2017
Bass Fishing Team Meeting	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 –

Jostens – Freshman Class Rings/Senior Graduation Items	December 15, 2017
ISTAR	December 7, 2017
Grades 3 – 8, 10	January 15, 2018 –
ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies	February 16, 2018
National Assessment of Educational Progress	January 29, 2018 –
Grades 4 and 8	March 9, 2018
Digital Based	
Math, Reading, Writing, US History, Civics, and Geography	
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	May 10, 2018
6:00pm	
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.

From Johnnie Bartley, Technology Instructional Coordinator

With the launch of our enhance 1:1 technology strategy around the corner, parents and students are reminded that the technology use agreement must be signed and turned in, prior to the issuance of a device. Damage fees from last year must be due and must be cleared before the student can receive an iPad.

In regards to insurance coverage for the device, parents are reminded that the provided insurance option only covers the device itself, and not the case or charger. All damages must be taken care of upon occurrence.

Students are reminded that they must bring their iPad to school, charged and ready for use daily.

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.

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 until September 11, 2017. When you purchase a yearbook, and personalization, you will receive four free icons.

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://bucshon.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.

PAX Academic Exchange is looking for families to host students during the school year. There are 50 students looking for a host family through the PAX program. If interested you may contact Erin McAlister at 812.585.0765.