

November 3 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

On Friday, November 3, 2017, our senior students were provided an opportunity to gain training and education in three important areas – CPR, Personal Finance, and Personal Safety. The fall Senior Pride Day was made possible through the support of our school – community partners, including Gibson County General Hospital, Regions Bank, and Eric Walker. Further, Ms. Sally Morton did an excellent job in coordinating the agenda for the day.

I want to thank each individual helping to bring this important training and education to our students. The knowledge gained by our men and women will serve them well moving forward.

Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School will conduct a Veterans Day program on Friday, November 10, 2017. The program will be held in the high school gymnasium and will begin at 10:00am. Veterans, family members, school – community members, and parents are invited to join us as we honor those who have and continue to protect our freedoms.

The high school and junior high school will operate off of a modified schedule on November 10.

The ten finalists for the 2017 – 18 Geography Bee have been identified. Wood Memorial Junior High School students qualifying for the final round are:

Jon Walker

Faith Smithhart

Everett Attaway

Karis Blacklock

Andrew Alvey

Simon Elmore

Alton Falls

Kylee Maikranz

Carter Miller

Austin McElhiney

The Geography Bee finals will be held on Friday, December 1, 2017, at 1pm. .

Congratulations to the junior high school spell bowl team for their second place finish in the Area Spell Bowl Competition. WMJHS (26 points) finished behind NE Dubois, who tallied 39 points. The event was held at Jasper Middle School on Wednesday, November 1.

Overall, Wood Memorial Junior High School was 14th, out of 48 schools competing in Class 4 across the state of Indiana. Congratulations Ms. Shuler and team members.

Team members included:

Everett Attaway

Trinity Holder

Sydney Kelly

Jeffery Lameron

Kaden Newton

Gabby Rodriguez

Evie Silva

Jacob Stamper

Wood Memorial was well represented in the Blue Chip All – Conference recognition this fall. Senior Jake Price earned all – conference in boys soccer, while classmates Bailey Booker and Jon Reising received honorable mention; WMHS senior Walker Nurrenbern was named honorable mention in boys tennis; and the girls soccer team had three players earn conference honorable mention, Khloye Strickland, Avery Tepe, and Jenna McGowan. Congratulations to these outstanding student – athletes.

During the past four weeks I have been meeting with senior students and/or parents in order to conduct a survey around finalizing a date for the 2018 graduation. Individuals were asked to select from conducting a Friday evening, or Saturday morning commencement ceremony. The results of the survey overwhelmingly indicated a preference to hold next spring’s graduation program on Friday, May 25, 2018.

The results of the voting were:

- Those who preferred a Friday graduation date.... 37
- Those who preferred a Saturday graduation date... 4
- Those with no preference..... 3
- Those who did not respond to the survey..... 4

Based on the feedback provided by those individuals representing the 2018 senior class, a recommendation will be made to the East Gibson School Board to approve the spring graduation date as Friday, May 25, 2018, at 7:00pm.

I appreciate the input of all participating.

For individuals visiting our high school and/or our junior high school, you must report directly to the respective office in order to be authorized to enter the facility. Visitors are required to sign in and be given an authorization card for access to the high school and/or the junior high school. All individuals must be escorted through the facility. Anyone entering our facility must do so through the main high school and main junior high school entrance, the breezeway entrance may not be used.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Information of interest:

- There will be a career and technical education open house on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. The event will be held from 6 – 8pm (EST), at Pike Central High School.
- A reminder, as outlined in the East Gibson School Corporation Policies and Procedures, the Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School adhere to the Closed Campus philosophy identified in the above referenced policies and procedures. Upon arrival to school, a student may not leave without approval of the building principal and being signed out by the respective parent.
- The Elks National Hoop Shoot is just around the corner, with Wood Memorial Junior High School once again taking part. The event, for students ages 8 – 13, will be a part of the JHS physical education classes in the near future. More to come from coach Messmer.
- 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.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, November 3, 2017

Senior Pride Day
Girls BB at Perry Central 5:30pm

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Boys BB Inter-Squad Pre – Season Games 2:00pm
6th Man Club Alumni BB Game 6:00pm
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Monday, November 6, 2017

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Jostens – Freshman Class Ring Ordering 7:30am
JHS Boys BB vs. Owensville 5:30pm

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

HS Student Council Meeting Noon

Thursday, November 9, 2017

SAC Meeting 11:31am
JHS Boys BB vs. Barr Reeve 5:30pm
JHS Girls BB vs. Barr Reeve 5:30pm

Friday, November 10, 2017

Staff PLC 8:00am
Veterans Day Program 10:00am
Girls BB at Gibson Southern 5:30pm

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Girls BB at Vincennes Rivet 5:30pm

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer – Part 1 October 2, 2017 –
November 22, 2017
Explore IU Day November 11, 2017
9am – 3pm
Whittenberger Auditorium – Indiana Memorial Union
Principal Open Office Hours November 14, 2017
7th Grade High Ability Assessment November 15, 2017
Periods 1 - 4
HS Student Council Meeting November 15, 2017
7th Grade High Ability Assessment November 16, 2017
Periods 1 - 3
7th Grade High Ability Assessment November 17, 2017
Trojan Pride – Period 7

WMJHS Spelling Bee	November 21, 2017
Thanksgiving Break	November 22, 23, 24, 2017
Bass Fishing Team Meeting 3:30pm	November 30, 2017
Geography Bee Final Competition	December 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	January 15, 2018 – February 16, 2018
Grades 3 – 8, 10	
ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies	
National Assessment of Educational Progress	January 29, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Grades 4 and 8	
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
Physics AP Assessment	May 8, 2018
English 12 AP Assessment	May 9, 2018
US History AP Assessment	May 11, 2018
Calculus AP Assessment	May 15, 2018
High School Chemistry Lab Day	May 16, 2018
At Vincennes University	
English 11 AP Assessment	May 16, 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 **IHSAA Student-Athlete Tip of the Week (10-30-17)** **"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"**

While reading the sports page the last few weeks, I couldn't help but notice how close the scores were during the volleyball state tournament run. But in reality, that's true in all sports. The farther you advance during the tournament, the tougher the games become.

Which brings me to this conclusion. The points scored at the beginning of each game are just as important as those scored late in the contest. In other words, don't beat yourself up if you happen to be the one that makes a crucial mistake at the end of the game.

Every play is important. Every mistake is important. Every point is important. The truth is, however, that most players, fans, and friends remember the last few plays, and not those that happen throughout the entire game.

When you have a teammate that happens to make a crucial mistake at the wrong time or late in the game, please remind them it was just one play. The final score is always determined by Every Play during the entire match, meet, or game!

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From Johnnie Bartley, Technology Instructional Coordinator

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

From Ms. Beth Hill, Student Services

Student Four – Year Planning meetings are now underway with sophomore students and/or parents. If you would like to schedule a time to discuss your child's plan, please connect the high school for an appointment.

The College Board will discontinue the use of student social security numbers for the official Advanced Placement assessment score reporting. This is effective for the 2018 – 2019 school year, beginning with reports issues in July 2018.

From Helen Peck, Ivy Tech College Connection Coach

Here some information you may find helpful for the upcoming College Goal Sunday, scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017, 2 p.m. (local time)

What is College Goal Sunday?

College Goal Sunday is an event held at 39 sites across Indiana that provides FREE FAFSA filing assistance to Hoosier families. At College Goal Sunday, now in its 29th year, financial aid professionals from Indiana colleges and universities help students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students seeking federal and state grants, loans and scholarships, MUST complete the form. The FAFSA is the most important financial aid form

and MUST be received by the federal processor on or before April 15, 2017 for Indiana residents to be eligible for state aid.

Why is College Goal Sunday important?

Completing the FAFSA form is sometimes perceived to be complex and confusing. College Goal Sunday makes the process easier by delivering FREE, expert assistance to families in their own communities and helps ensure that students get the help they need to qualify for financial aid.

When and where is College Goal Sunday?

College Goal Sunday 2017 will take place at 2 p.m. (local time) Sunday, November 5, at 39 sites throughout the state. To find the site(s) nearest you, refer to the locations tab on CollegeGoalSunday.org.

Who should attend College Goal Sunday?

College Goal Sunday is geared toward all who will qualify for admission to a college or technical school in 2018 such as Indiana high school seniors, current college students and adult learners. Basically anyone who would like help completing the FAFSA!

What should students bring to College Goal Sunday?

Below are the items a student needs to bring to complete their FAFSA. Information should be for the student and if applicable the parent(s).

- ✓ FSA ID username and password. Create your FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov. Student and a parent (if applicable) need a FSA ID to sign the FAFSA form!
- ✓ 2016 tax returns
- ✓ 2016 W-2 Forms
- ✓ Current investment and bank records

How can 21st Century Scholars benefit from College Goal Sunday?

21st Century Scholars are income-eligible students who sign a contract in the seventh or eighth grade promising they will graduate from high school, meet grade point requirements, fulfill a pledge of good citizenship, and apply for college financial aid. Upon high school graduation, Scholars who have fulfilled the commitment and demonstrate financial need (based off FAFSA) receive state funds to help cover their college tuition and regularly assessed fees for eight semesters at eligible Indiana colleges. To fulfill their pledge, scholars MUST submit a completed FAFSA form on time. College Goal Sunday can help.

How does the College Goal Sunday scholarship prize drawing work?

At College Goal Sunday, in addition to help filing the FAFSA, students may also win a \$1,000 scholarship! Five scholarships are available and students who attend any of the College Goal Sunday sites and submit a completed evaluation form will automatically be entered in a drawing for one of the \$1,000 scholarships. The winners will be notified in December and prizes will be sent directly to the higher education institution selected by the winning students.

Who sponsors College Goal Sunday?

College Goal Sunday is a cooperative, charitable effort of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA). The program is provided in cooperation with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, and is funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. and INvestEd.

How is College Goal Sunday inspiring other programs around the country?

College Goal Sunday originated right here in Indiana, and is now a national model. Following Indiana's example, College Goal Sunday events organized by 34 states have opened doors to higher education for hundreds of thousands of students all over the country.

From Ms. Kelly Carlton, Student Services

Indiana University's Office of Admissions is hosting an "Explore IU" event on Saturday, November 11, 2017. The on-campus event is designed for minority male juniors and seniors who want to learn more about Indiana University. The event will be held from 9:00am to 3:00pm (EST) at the Whittenberger Auditorium in the Indiana Memorial Union.

Wabash Valley College will be hosting an Open House on three dates, November 8, 2017; March 7, 2018; and April 4, 2018. Each event will be held in the Brubeck Arts Center, from 9:00am to 11:00am for anyone interested in continuing their education at Wabash Valley College.

For more information, or to register, contact student services at 618.262.8641.

The following college admissions information is provided for the awareness of our students:

College/University	Admissions Director	Phone #	DEADLINE
University of Southern Indiana	Rashad Smith	800-467-1965	August 15st (fall)
Indiana University - Bloomington	Mami Blair	812 -855-0661	Nov 1 Priority
Indiana University - Southeast	Chris Crews	800- 852-8835	Rolling
Vincennes University	Heidi Whitehead	800- 742-9198	Open
Vincennes University -Jasper Campus	Karen Mundy	800- 809-8852	Open
Oakland City University	Harrison Campbell	812- 749-1222	Open
Purdue University	Mitch Warren	765- 494-1776	Oct 15 1st Notif. March 1 - Priority
Ivy Tech, Evansville	Denise Johnson-Kincaid	888- 489-5463	Rolling
University of Evansville	Kenton Hargis	833- 232-6223	Dec. 1 Early August Aug fall sem
Indiana State University	Richard Toomey	800- 468-6478	June 1st
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis	Mike Donahue	317- 274-4591	May 1st
Western Kentucky University	Jace Lux	800- 495-8463	August 1st
Owensboro Community College	Judy Coomes	877- 734-0694	August 15th
Brescia University	Chris Houk	877- 273-7242	Rolling
Kentucky Wesleyan	Matthew Ruark	800- 999-0592	Rolling
Harrison College	Heather Walls, Pres.	888- 500-1026	Fast Track - same year as graduate
Olivet Nazarene University	Erinn Proehl	800- 648-1463	Rolling
Ball State University	Christopher Munchel	800- 382-8540	Nov 15 Priority Dec 1 full schol.

The Indiana Trial Lawyers Association's College of Fellows and The Indiana Historical Society are sponsoring the 2017 Scholarship Essay Contest for members of the 2018 graduating classes. Entries are due by Sunday, December 17, 2017, with the winner being announced on Monday, February 19, 2018. The scholarship award will be for \$4,000.

The essay topic is, "Why is the right to trial by jury (the Seventh Amendment) critical to ensuring justice and democracy?"

For more information see Ms. Carlton, or Ms. Hill, in guidance.

From Chris Tanner, Trojan Academy Coordinator

In posting first quarter grades, for on-line coursework, a 40% threshold was used. This means that if a student had completed less than 40% of the semester coursework they received an incomplete on their grade card. If a student had completed over 40% of the semester coursework the current grade from their on-line course was posted on their grade card. The idea was that students should have completed at least 40% of the semester 1 coursework by the first quarter break or they were considered behind pace. If a student is below this 40% threshold they have until October 31, 2017, or two weeks, to get above this point so that a grade may be posted on their grade card in order to replace the incomplete.

Grading for on-line coursework is based on the following weighting system:

- 60% - Activities (Classwork)
- 20% - End of Unit Post Tests
- 20% - Final Exam

For classes that are not part of the Trojan Academy, such as Introduction to Agriculture and Spanish, supplemental work has been issued in addition to the on-line courseware. These supplemental activities are factored into the final grade along with the student's on-line work.

For students enrolled in our on-line courses through Plato, a modification has been made to allow for visibility to the current pacing and course grade. The information is available on the respective student's home screen during login. The pacing is based off of the course end date...ie..December 20, 2017.

As a reference, the current grade defines the coursework completed and scored to date, while the course grade represents the overall grade based on all activities within the course (complete and incomplete).

Students will see pacing status on the learner home page. This view provides students with more information on their course performance, empowering them to be proactive decision makers when working in Courseware.

