

November 10, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

In honor of Veterans Day, which is Saturday, November 11, 2017, Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School held their annual Veterans Program on Friday, November 10, 2017. Each year it is a privilege for our Trojan students, faculty, and staff to recognize those individuals who have served and sacrificed to ensure the freedoms of our great country are sustained. From the bottom of our hearts, to the veterans, those that serve today, and their families, we say Thank You and may God Bless you always with his Grace, Love, and Patience.

I would also like to thank Ms. Poteet, Mr. White, our National Honor Society students, Commander Jeremy Conder, and American Legion Post 256 for their efforts and participation in order to provide an honorable recognition program.

Ms. Hill is currently beginning the annual student four – year planning reviews with members of the sophomore class. Parents interested in taking part in the reviews may schedule a meeting with Ms. Hill by contacting the high school office. The planning reviews are an integral part around ensuring your child's academic program is in alignment for college and career readiness.

Many of you may be aware that coach Johnnie Bartley recently suffered injuries as a result of a biking accident. Coach underwent surgery on Thursday, November 9, 2017 to repair a broken bone in his shoulder. Ms. Gehlhausen, business instructor, also underwent surgery on November 9, in an effort to remove a bone spur in her rotator cuff. Please join me in wishing both individuals a rapid and full recovery.

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.

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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Congratulations to Wood Memorial Junior High School science teacher Brad Altstadt and his new bride Biannca on their recent marriage. WM wishes you nothing but happiness.

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.

- 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

“Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace.”

- Amelia Earhart

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, November 10, 2017**

Staff PLC – Operational Planning	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
Explore IU Day 9am – 3pm Whittenberger Auditorium – Indiana Memorial Union	

### **Monday, November 13, 2017**

Girls JHS BB at St. James (8 <sup>th</sup> Only)	5:00pm
Boys JHS BB at St. James	6:00pm

### **Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

Principal Open Office Hours	5:00pm
Boys JHS BB at Holy Family – Jasper	5:30pm
Girls BB vs. Tecumseh	5:30pm

### **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade High Ability Testing	
Environmental Science Field Trip	8:00am
HS Student Council Meeting	Noon

### **Thursday, November 16, 2017**

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade High Ability Testing	
JHS Boys BB vs. North Posey	5:30pm
JHS Girls BB at North Posey	5:30pm
Boys BB Scrimmage at Heritage Hills	5:30pm

### **Friday, November 17, 2017**

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade High Ability Testing	
Women In Manufacturing Field Trip	8:00am
Girls BB vs. Pike Central	5:30pm

### **Saturday, November 18, 2017**

Wrestling vs. Pike Central	9:00am
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### **Additional Dates of Note**

Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
WMJHS Spelling Bee	November 21, 2017
Thanksgiving Break	November 22, 23, 24, 2017
Bass Fishing Team Meeting	November 30, 2017

3:30pm Geography Bee Final Competition ISTEP Retest	December 1, 2017 December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Grade 10 ECA – Winter	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Rings/Senior Graduation Items RY Graduation ISTAR	December 7, 2017 December 11, 2017 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
Red Cross Blood Drive ISTEP Part 1	February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Academic Banquet ISTAR	April 6, 2018 April 16, 2018 – May 18, 2018
ISTEP Part 2 ECA – Spring	April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018 April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018
Physics AP Assessment English 12 AP Assessment US History AP Assessment Calculus AP Assessment High School Chemistry Lab Day At Vincennes University	May 8, 2018 May 9, 2018 May 11, 2018 May 15, 2018 May 16, 2018
English 11 AP Assessment Senior Honors Night 6:00pm	May 16, 2018 May 10, 2018
2018 Graduation ECA – Summer 1	TBD 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 (11-6-17)** **"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"**

The Houston Astros won their first World Series this past week, and as usual, there are many human interest stories about the players and the organization. As I watched the series, one player, Jose Altuve, continued to stand out.

Here's the reason: Altuve stands all of 5'6" and will be in serious contention for the MVP award this year. He doesn't have to be the biggest and strongest in order to have a positive impact on his team.

Stories like Altuve's should encourage every student-athlete in every sport that is undersized and sometimes overpowered. You don't have to be the biggest, fastest, or strongest to reach a level of success.

So if you happen to be one of those athletes lacking the "perfect body" for the sport you love, remember the story about this little man. Dynamite comes in small packages!

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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 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:



<b>College/University</b>	<b>Admissions Director</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
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.

