

December 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 very pleased to congratulate Dr. Brewster, Ms. Elizabeth Hill, Mr. Matt Malin, and Dr. Pete Humbaugh for the recent Title IV grant award by the Indiana Department of Education. Their work and efforts to identify strategies and enhancements to better serve our children provided the foundation for a successful Title IV proposal. With the award, all of our schools will be able to take steps to expand technology and curriculum offerings to the students of East Gibson School Corporation.

During the next two years, the Title IV funding will be utilized for the following:

1. To expand the Biomedical curriculum at the high school, which will include the launch of the second course – Human Body Systems;
2. To grow interest in STEM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Mathematics) related fields by launching an after – school STEM Club, with a focus on students in grades 5 – 8;
3. To enhance the infrastructure (wireless access) in our elementary schools, in order to reduce the roadblocks that currently exist around the efficient and effective use of technology for instruction;
4. To increase the utilization of technology in our elementary schools through the purchase of additional iPads;
5. To provide training to our instructors in the area of expanding technology utilization, with a focus on rigor and relevant educational opportunities; and
6. To establish a scholarship program for high school students interested in earning college credits by enrolling in college courses during their junior and senior years.

The Title IV proposal, and award, allows for approximately \$97,000 to be utilized towards the implementation of the above listed enhancement items. On behalf of the East Gibson School Corporation, as well as Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School, I want to thank the IDOE for the award, which our children and staff members are most deserving.

The Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) announced their annual Rising Stars of Indiana class for 2019 during the week. Wood Memorial High School was represented by three outstanding junior students: Ryan Memmer, Adison Stone, and Hannah Thacker. Congratulations to these well deserving individuals.

Rising Stars of Indiana was launched in 2018 by the IASP with a focus on complementing their Indiana Academic All – Stars recognition program for high school seniors. Rising Starts of Indiana recognizes Indiana’s juniors.

On Tuesday evening, November 21, 2017, Wood Memorial High School’s students were recognized for earning designation as a Unified Champion School for 2016 – 2017. Being designated as a Unified Champion School is recognition for the work done by our student advisory council, in particular around the Champions Together initiative. Champions Together is a partnership with the IHSAA and Indiana Special Olympics, focused on engaging Indiana’s students in a servant leadership focus to give back to school and community. I congratulate all of the students involved in the SAC mission, as well as the support provided by coach Kilian around this effort.

Thank you to Mr. Lee Lonzo, the Champions Together director and a first class individual, for his support and encouragement throughout the launch of our initiative. I would also like to thank Ms. Francie Smith, Gibson County Special Olympics, for her dedication and commitment to provide opportunities through Special Olympics.

This is indeed a tremendous honor for not only our students, but the entire Wood Memorial and East Gibson school – community.

For advanced awareness and planning, here is the semester one final exam schedule:

Period 7 Final Exam administered – Monday, December 18, 2017

Period 1 Final Exam administered – Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Period 3 Final Exam administered – Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Period 5 Final Exam administered – Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Period 2 Final Exam administered – Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Period 4 Final Exam administered – Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Period 6 Final Exam administered – Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Final exams will be administered to students enrolled in a high school course, one that earns a credit to be applied towards graduation. Junior high school students will be administered lesson plans through the end of the semester.

The policy for earning a final exam exemption may be find in the 2017 – 2018 Wood Memorial High School student handbook, which is located on the Eventlink tool.

First semester grades are to be posted by no later than noon on Friday, January 5, 2018, with report cards being issued on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, during period 7. Individuals with questions may contact the respective instructor.

The junior high school honor society is currently raising funds in order to support the costs for sustaining the organization as a member of the national organization, as well as to provide items for underprivileged families in the East Gibson School Community. The group is selling pop socket's as their fund raiser.

Invoices for open textbook and student fees were distributed on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. If you are unable to pay the fees currently, please contact me at the high school office and we will work out a plan for you. Fees must be paid in full in order to be able to attend the upcoming Christmas dance, as well as prom. Please contact the high school or junior high school office regarding any questions you may have.

Ms. Hill is currently conducting 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. Reviews with this year's freshman will be held in January 2018.

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 are to be held on Friday, December 1, 2017, at 2pm. .

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:

- WMJHS student Everett Attaway was the winner of this year's spelling bee. Congratulations Everett.
- The GE – Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program information may be found in the student services office area. The program awards scholarships annually to an estimated 20 college-bound students who excel in leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Scholarships are renewable at \$10,000, with a total opportunity of up to \$40,000 per recipient. I would encourage our seniors to take a look at this opportunity and to apply prior to the January 4, 2018 deadline.
- Junior High School Class Officers and Student Council members were announced on November 15 and are identified below:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers
    - President – Owen Day
    - Vice President – Aubree Speicher
    - Secretary – Kiersten Bottoms
    - Student Council – Kara Ingle, Ava Bartley, Bree Rowe, Everett Attaway, Karis Blacklock, and Lucy Hunter
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers
    - President – Gabriela Rodriguez
    - Vice President – Amy Bise
    - Secretary – Kameron Griswold
    - Student Council – Allison Riley, Kylee Morgan, Alivia Coleman, Peyton Davis, Kennedy Shoultz, and Audrey Strickland
- 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

“As we express our gratitude, we must utter never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

- John F. Kennedy

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### **Friday, December 1, 2017**

Staff PLC Session	8:00am
Geography Bee Finals	2:00pm
Boys BB at Loogootee	5:30pm

### **Saturday, December 2, 2017**

Wrestling at North Knox	7:30am
JHS Boys BB at South Knox	10:00am
JHS Girls BB vs. South Knox	10:00am
Boys BB vs. Tecumseh	5:30pm

### **Monday, December 4, 2017**

Jostens Class Ring Delivery/Senior Graduation Products	7:30am
JHS Boys BB at North Knox	5:30pm
Frosh Boys BB vs. North Posey	6:00pm

### **Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

ISTEP Winter Testing – Math	8:00am
Science Academic Bowl Call Out Meeting	11:30am
Principal Open Office Hours	4:00 – 6:00pm
JHS Girls BB vs. Pike Central	5:30pm
Girls BB vs. Barr Reeve	6:00pm
Varsity Only	

### **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

ISTEP Winter Testing – Math	8:00am
HS Student Council Meeting	12:13pm
JHS Girls BB at Tecumseh	5:30pm

### **Thursday, December 7, 2017**

Prom Committee Meeting	7:30am
ISTEP Winter Testing – English	8:00am
Frosh Boys BB vs. Barr Reeve	5:00pm
Girls BB at South Spencer	6:00pm
JHS Boys BB vs. Heritage Hills	6:15pm

### **Friday, December 8, 2017**

ISTEP Winter Testing – English	8:00am
Boys BB at Perry Central	5:30pm

### **Saturday, December 9, 2017**

Wrestling team at Evansville Memorial	9:00am
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## Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017 December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
ISTEP Retest	
Grade 10	
ECA – Winter	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Rings/Senior Graduation Items	December 7, 2017
RY Graduation	December 11, 2017
Winter Music Concert	December 14, 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
Senior Honors Night	May 10, 2018
6:00pm	
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
2018 Graduation	May 25, 2018
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 (11-27-17)**

#### **"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"**

How was your Thanksgiving break? Did you have an opportunity to give your mind and body some rest? If you are playing a winter sport, a free day or two is very useful during this time of year.

However, now is the time to buckle down again. Don't slack in the classroom. Make it a point to pay close attention to your grades, you only have a few weeks until winter break.

Is your team off to a good start in November? Don't slack on the court, in the pool, or the wrestling room. Strive to improve daily. The season flies by so quickly and you don't want to look back when it's over with any regrets.

Preparation today provides positive results tomorrow. Make sure that you are doing your part every day to improve yourself and your teammates. Those that don't may find themselves falling behind with little or no time to catch up!

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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.

Information for the 2018 Tri – Kappa Scholarship is now available for Wood Memorial senior students. If interested, you may stop by the student services offices for details. The deadline to submit an application is January 31, 2018.

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**

For a listing of scholarship opportunities, students may check out the Wood Memorial High School web site. A new listing of available scholarships has been created and posted on the site.

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 Ms. Teresa Mercer, Youth First Social Worker

The University of Evansville will be hosting an engineering and computer science summer camp in June 2018. The camp is for middle school boys and girls and high school girls in the tri-state region around Evansville. The camp for the high school girls will be a 10 – day program in London, England and nearby Harlaxton College.

For more information you may use the following links:

Middle School Girls...June 10 – 13

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

Middle School Boys – June 18 – 22

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

High School Girls – June 28 – July 7

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