

December 15, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Merry Christmas.

It is my hope that your Christmas season brings great joy for all.

Recently the story of 5 year old Ryland Ward, a survivor of the Sutherland Springs, Texas, church shooting, reached Wood Memorial instructor Pat Douglas. Ryland lost his step – mother and two sisters in this senseless tragedy, while suffering a number of wounds himself. Once Ms. Douglas shared his story with her art students a decision was made to create Christmas cards, with some photographs, to send to Ryland and hopefully brighten his Christmas.

This act of kindness, and selfless commitment to help others hold a smile, is driven by a loving and caring heart. It is exactly the embodiment of the culture I envision, and hope that all share, for Wood Memorial.

We are so fortunate to have Ms. Douglas as a leader and mentor for our children. I am proud of her and all of the students for this act of kindness.

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 found in the 2017 – 2018 Wood Memorial High School student handbook, which is located on the Eventlink tool.

Regarding high school student dismissals, during the final exam period, students are to arrive at school at the regular 8:00am time for Monday, December 18, with the departure schedule also per regular timing of 3:10pm. Students who have earned the opportunity to opt out of two exams are expected to be on campus 15 minutes prior to their first final, on Tuesday, and Wednesday (December 19 and 20). Those individuals opting out of a final may only leave, following their last final of the day, with parental authorization (note and sign out). Beginning with arrival on campus, a student will not be allowed to depart until their last final of the day is completed.

Note: Students must remain in their respective classroom until the period of time scheduled for a final exam has ended.

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.

PSAT results from the fall of 2017 have been received and have been distributed to students. Anyone with questions around the interpretation of the information may contact Ms. Hill or Ms. Carlton, in the student services department.

Wood Memorial's sophomore students taking the exam, had 38% of students attain both benchmarks, for math and English, as compared to 36% of Indiana students statewide.

The Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) announced their annual Rising Stars of Indiana class for 2019 during the week of November 27, 2017. 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.

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.

The student four – year planning reviews have been completed for our sophomore, junior and senior students. I appreciate the involvement and focus of Ms. Hill for her commitment to

ensure our process was executed and completed timely this fall. The next step will be to schedule meetings with freshmen students, and their parents, in January. 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\

Congratulations to Wood Memorial Junior High School student Everett Attaway for earning the 2017 Geography Bee title. We had a number of students who performed well during the contest conducted on Friday, December 1, 2017. Everett will now proceed to phase two of the state contest in an effort to qualify for round three.

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:

- 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.
- The WM boys basketball “C” game with North Knox, scheduled for January 17, 2018, has been cancelled. North Knox does not have enough players for a “C” game.
- 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

“The years teach much that the days never know.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, December 15, 2017

Boys BB vs. North Daviess 5:30pm
FILL THE GYM NIGHT

Saturday, December 16, 2017

WMHS and WMJHS Christmas Dance 7:00pm

Monday, December 18, 2017

Final Exam – Period 7
Bass Team Meeting 3:30pm

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Final Exams 1 – 3 – 5 8:00am
Toyota Classic
Boys – 5:30pm
Girls – 7:15pm

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Final Exams 2 – 4 – 6 8:00am

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Christmas Break – No School

Friday, December 22, 2017

Christmas Break – No School
Toyota Classic
Girls – 5:30pm
Boys – 7:15pm

Saturday, December 23, 2017

WMHS and WMJHS Christmas Dance 7:00pm
Toyota Classic Finals TBD

Additional Dates of Note

Christmas Break – December 20, 2017 – January 3, 2018

ISTAR

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

Accuplacer – Part 2

Girls BB vs. Springs Valley

January 15, 2018 –

February 16, 2018

January 29, 2018 –

March 9, 2018

February 12, 2018 –

March 30, 2018

January 2, 2018

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| Prom Committee Meeting | January 4, 2018 |
| Student Advisory Council Meeting | January 4, 2018 |
| Girls BB at Loogootee | January 4, 2018 |
| Boys Freshman BB vs. South Knox | January 4, 2018 |
| JHS Boys BB at Southridge | January 4, 2018 |
| Boys BB vs. Pike Central | January 5, 2018 |
| Wrestling at Tecumseh | January 6, 2018 |
| Principal Open Office Hours | January 9, 2018 |
| Spring Musical Auditions | January 10, 2018 |
| HS Student Council Meeting | January 10, 2018 |
| EGSC Classroom Teachers Meeting | January 11, 2018 |
| Prom Committee Meeting | January 11, 2018 |
| National Honor Society Volunteer Day Ronald McDonald House | January 12, 2018 |
| HS Student Council Meeting | January 17, 2018 |
| Prom Committee Meeting | January 18, 2018 |
| Student Advisory Council Meeting | January 18, 2018 |
| Staff PLC/PD Session | January 19, 2018 |
| HS First Semester Honor Roll Announced | January 19, 2018 |
| HS Student Council Meeting | January 24, 2018 |
| Prom Committee Meeting | January 25, 2018 |
| 8 th Grade Commitment to Graduate – Jostens | January 25, 2018 |
| Instrumental / Vocal Recital | January 25, 2018 |
| Winter Homecoming | January 27, 2018 |
| A&P Health Occupations Field Trip | February 1, 2018 |
| Winter ADM Count Due | February 1, 2018 |
| Prom Committee Meeting | February 1, 2018 |
| Student Advisory Council Meeting | February 1, 2018 |
| Environmental/Biology Field Trip | February 1, 2018 |
| Staff PLC Session | February 2, 2018 |
| Girls JHS Blue Chip Tournament | February 3, 2018 |
| Principal Open Office Hours | February 6, 2018 |
| HS Student Council Meeting | February 7, 2018 |
| Prom Committee Meeting | February 8, 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
Calculus AP Assessment
High School Chemistry Lab Day
At Vincennes University
English 11 AP Assessment
2018 Graduation
ECA – Summer 1

ECA – Summer 2

May 11, 2018
May 15, 2018
May 16, 2018

May 16, 2018
May 25, 2018
June 21, 2018 – June 27,
2018
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 (12-11-17)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Popular television star Chip Gaines from the show Fixer Upper was quoted in People Magazine as saying, "I'd rather be missed than the idea of someone tiring of me." This has been his philosophy in life.

This quote might be a good way for a student-athlete to have a teacher or coach view his/her time spent in the classroom and on the court or field of play.

In other words, you want to make the type of impact on your classmates and teammates that leaves a long and lasting positive impression – not one where people tire of you and want you to go away.

Think about your actions on and off the field. Make the right choices and leave your school with a legacy you will be proud of.

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The boys basketball game for Friday, December 15, 2017 will be "FILL THE GYM" night for Wood Memorial. All East Gibson School Corporation students will be admitted free of charge. The JV game begins at 5:30pm.

From Johnnie Bartley, Technology Instructional Coordinator

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

From Mr. Nick Berry, Wellness Coordinator

Over the holidays make sure to:

- Fight off germs with proper hand sanitation
- Attempt to eat healthy
- Chill and take time to de-stress
- Get 8 ½ to 9 hours of sleep per night
- Enjoy the holidays and be safe

From Ms. Beth Hill, Student Services

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.

Scholarship opportunities are now available through the Community Scholarship programs of the Community Foundations of Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties, regional partners in the Community Foundation Alliance.

Each county Community Scholarship program is made up of county-specific scholarship funds, each with individual selection criteria and eligibility requirements. These scholarships were created by donors to provide students within the 4 county region with opportunities for advanced education. All awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

Applicants are required to submit their applications online. Reference the following webpage for Gibson County students:

communityfoundationalliance.org/gibson/scholarships/opportunities/

For more information you may contact Kristi Rhule, Regional Scholarship Manager at (304) 541-4811, or at krhule@communityfoundationalliance.org.

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

| College/University | Admissions Director | Phone # | DEADLINE |
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| 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>