

January 12, 2018

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

With the cancellation of school for Friday, January 12, 2018, all East Gibson schools will be in session on Monday, January 15, 2018.

Monday is also Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, created to honor one of the greatest American leaders of any generation in our country's illustrious history. The decade of the 1960's provided a lasting impact on not only American culture, but societies throughout the entire world. While specific events that occurred during this era may be regrettable, there is no question that the impact leaders, such as Dr. King, had on our society created improved opportunities for those who have followed.

First semester report cards were issued Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Individuals with questions may contact the respective instructor.

Congratulations to Wood Memorial High School Athletic Director Steve Kilian for being named District III Athletic Administrator of the Year by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The honor is well deserved. Mr. Kilian will be honored during the IBCA's annual spring clinic on April 20, 2018, in Indianapolis.

In keeping with our commitment to provide support to all students, Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School will launch a "Lend A Hand Store" on Monday, January 15, 2018. The store will be located in the junior high school, room 308 and will operate as follows:

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

11:40am – 12:13pm

12:15pm – 12:43pm

Members of the high school and the junior high school student councils will operate the Lend A Hand Store, which is an expansion of our Gold Room concept, offering items such as clothing, school supplies, food, etc... for students with a need. Just stop by during the above listed operating schedule.

I appreciate the efforts of Ms. Norvell, Ms. Bottoms, Ms. Carlton, and Ms. Mercer in organizing and launching this opportunity.

Mr. Messmer is planning to launch the “Wood Memorial Breakfast Club” in the near future. The club will meet twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 6:30am – 7:30am in the weight barn. The focus will be on providing a structured strength and fitness training club for those who want to better themselves physically. No prior athletic experience is required, as Mr. Messmer will be providing proper form and safety instruction to those participating.

Information is being sent home through the respective student. Parent approvals and signatures are required in order for a student to take part in this healthy opportunity.

Please contact Mr. Messmer with questions and information needs.

Internship opportunities are available for Wood Memorial sophomore and junior students through the Conexus Advanced Manufacturing program launched last fall. Individuals may earn more than \$2,000 during the six (6) week internship. For more information contact the Wood Memorial High School Student Services (Counseling) office.

Through the collaborative efforts of Ms. Leslie Leiberling, Ms. Mariah Poteet, and Ms. Nicole Seitz, a new junior high spirit club is being launched. A total of 40 students have signed up to join the club, with a focus on providing awareness to the successes being experienced at WMJHS. Students will further work to build a positive environment, with Trojan school spirit at the foundation of day – to – day activities.

The Winter ECA Re-test results were received on Thursday, January 4, 2018. A total of seven (7) students participated in the English 10 retest, with four (4) successfully passing. This is a 57% success rate. For the Algebra 1 retest there were three (3) students participating, and while we had no – one pass the math exam, there were two students very close to meeting the minimum score required.

I am pleased with the overall results from the winter end – of – course assessment retest as nearly every student that participated showed improvement from previous results. The ECA exam is nearing its’ phase out period, after being replaced by the ISTEP+ graduation exam.

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.

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 boy's basketball game with Washington Catholic has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2018, beginning at 6:00pm.
- Weather permitting the boys basketball game, Saturday, January 13, 2018, will have a 6:00pm JV start.
- 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.

A reminder that Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School calendars may be followed through Eventlink. I encourage you to join our Eventlink community, the cost is free. For more information contact the high school office.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, January 12, 2018

No School Due to Winter Weather

Boy's basketball game with Washington Catholic has been postponed to January 31, 2018

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Wrestling at Boonville 9:00am

Boys BB at Evansville Day 6:00pm

Monday, January 15, 2018

Snow Day 1 – EGSC and WMHS/JHS will be in session at 8:00am – 3:10pm

JHS Boys BB vs. Pike Central 5:30pm

Boys Freshman BB at Pike Central 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Girls BB vs. Southridge 5:30pm

JHS Girls BB at Haubstadt 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting 11:31am

WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting 3:10pm

Wrestling vs. Evansville Central 6:00pm

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Prom Committee Meeting 7:30am

Fine Arts Academic Team Meeting 11:31am

Student Advisory Council Meeting 11:31am

Bass Fishing Team Meeting 3:30pm

WMHS Library

JHS Boys BB at Boonville 5:30pm

JHS Girls BB vs. Boonville 5:30pm

Girls BB at White River Valley 5:30pm

Friday, January 19, 2018

Staff PLC Session 8:00am

High School First Semester Honor Rolls 3:30pm

Boys BB at Barr Reeve 5:30pm

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Girls BB vs. Shoals 4:45pm

Boys BB vs. Shoals 7:00pm

Additional Dates of Note

ISTAR January 15, 2018 –

Grades 3 – 8, 10 February 16, 2018

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
HS Student Council Meeting	January 24, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team 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
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	February 7, 2018
Prom Committee Meeting	February 8, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	February 14, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	February 21, 2018
Red Cross Blood Drive	February 23, 2018
ISTEP Part 1	February 26, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	February 28, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	March 7, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	March 14, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	March 21, 2018
JHS Renaissance Day	March 23, 2018
Academic Banquet	April 6, 2018
ISTAR	April 16, 2018 – May 18, 2018
ISTEP Part 2	April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018
Indiana Bass Nation High School Event Patoka Lake	April 22, 2018
ECA – Spring	April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018
Indiana Bass Nation High School Event Brookville	May 6, 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 At Vincennes University	May 16, 2018
English 11 AP Assessment	May 16, 2018
2018 Graduation	May 25, 2018
Indiana Bass Nation High School Event Wawasee	June 10, 2018
ECA – Summer 1	June 21, 2018 – June 27, 2018
Indiana Bass Nation High School Event Monroe Lake – State Championship	June 24, 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 (1-8-18)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Indiana University basketball recruit Robert Phinisee, a senior guard at McCutcheon H.S. in Lafayette, is having an outstanding senior season. He still describes his game as a work in progress, and according to the Indy Star he continues to work hard and stay focused.

"I'm still improving every day and trying to get better every day. I'm listening to my coach. We're trying to get better as a team. I'm just trying to work hard in practice and improve my game. When I go, the team goes."

Regardless of the sport, successful athletes and successful teams can't rest on their last game or latest statistics. How is the best way to remain on top?

Phinisee has the right answer. Always strive to improve, listen to those in charge, out work your opponent, and stay focused. Is your team working on that winning formula?

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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. Melissa Parker, Fine Arts Academic Team Coach

There will be a call-out meeting for those who are interested in participating on the Fine Arts Academic Team, on Thursday, January 18, 2018. The meeting will be held in room 108, during Trojan Pride. Please see Ms. Parker with any questions.

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
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>