

January 19, 2018

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

I hope this finds everyone warm and safe following our recent blast of winter. The weather certainly played havoc on our school and extra-curricular events schedule. I want to thank our maintenance staff for all of the work put forth in order to clean away the ice and snow on our sidewalks and lots; and for braving the cold these past several days. Further, I appreciate the efforts of Mr. Kilian in dealing with all of the cancellations and re-scheduling of events impacted by the winter weather.

In order to make up the five (5) days of missed school, due to the recent winter weather, our schools will be in session on the following dates:

Friday, February 16, 2018

Monday, April 2, 2018

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Friday, May 25, 2018

The second semester is now scheduled to end on May 25, 2018.

In order to ensure that time is efficient to allow for the proper planning and execution of our 2018 Homecoming event a decision has been made to postpone and reschedule the festivities. This winter's homecoming has been moved to and will take place at 6:00pm on January 31, 2018, when Wood Memorial plays Washington Catholic in a varsity only contest.

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 22, 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.

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 tournament pairings for the 2018 Girls State Basketball Tournament will be determined by the IHSAA on Sunday, January 21, 2018. The IHSAA will stream the pairings show beginning at 12:00pm CDT at IHSAAtv.org.
- The boys and girls basketball games with Shoals have been rescheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018. The girls game will be at 5:30pm and the boys at 7:15pm. The games will be varsity only.
- The boys basketball game with Washington Catholic has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2018, beginning at 6:45pm.
- Wood Memorial's basketball game with Barr Reeve will now be played on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.
- The Wood Memorial girls basketball games with White River Valley and Southridge have been cancelled. They will not be made up.
- Boys "C" basketball games scheduled for January 22 (Loogootee) and January 23 (Princeton) have been cancelled. This is due to the rescheduling of varsity contests on these dates.
- 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

“Make your life a masterpiece; imagine no limitations on what you can be, have or do.”

- Brian Tracy

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, January 19, 2018

No School Due to Winter Weather
All Events Postponed

Saturday, January 20, 2018

All Events Postponed

Sunday, January 21, 2018

IHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament Series Draw 12:00pm

Monday, January 22, 2018

JHS Boys BB vs. Shoals	5:30pm
Girls BB vs. Shoals	5:30pm
Varsity Only	
Boys BB vs. Shoals	7:15pm
Varsity Only	

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Student Advisory Council Meeting	11:31am
Homecoming Court Nomination and Selection	11:31am
Boys JHS BB at Vincennes Rivet	5:00pm
Girls BB at Mount Vernon	5:30pm
Girls JHS BB at Vincennes Rivet	6:00pm

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	11:31am
HS Student Council Meeting	12:13pm
WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting	3:15pm
Boys "C" BB at Boonville	5:30pm

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Prom Committee Meeting	7:30am
Fine Arts Academic Team Meeting	11:31am
8 th Grade Commitment to Graduate	12:01pm
Bass Fishing Team Meeting	3:30pm
WMHS Library	
Boys JHS BB vs. Washington Catholic	5:30pm
Girls JHS BB at Loogootee	5:30pm
Girls BB at Gibson Southern	5:30pm

Friday, January 26, 2018

Boys BB at Tell City	5:30pm
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Saturday, January 27, 2018

ISSMS Vocal Solo and Ensemble	8:30am
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Evansville
Boys BB vs. Northeast Dubois

5:30pm

Additional Dates of Note

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
First Semester Honor Roll Released	January 31, 2018
Homecoming 6:00pm	January 31, 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
IHSAA Boys Tournament Pairings	February 18, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting	February 21, 2018
Red Cross Blood Drive	February 23, 2018
A&P Health Occupations Field Trip	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 6:00pm	May 10, 2018
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 (1-15-18)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Alabama won the national championship in college football this past week, but the real story is about the two quarterbacks, Jalen Hurts and Tua Tagovailoa, and how they worked together to make it happen.

Hurts, who led Alabama to the final game as a freshman last season, and who has only lost two games as a two-year starter, was replaced at halftime (not because of injury) by the seldom used Tagovailoa.

To see Jalen Hurts on the sideline, still engaged and pulling for his team and his backup quarterback, was the inspirational story of the game. Hurts didn't pout, he didn't sulk, he didn't hang his head. What he did was support his replacement, encouraged his teammates, and stayed engaged in the game.

Years from now Alabama fans will still be talking about the tremendous second half rally led by Tua Tagovailoa. However, I will never forget seeing a star player standing on the sidelines, being replaced in the biggest game of the year, and how he responded with class, grace and humility!

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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 25, 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>