

January 26, 2018

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

The pairings for the 2018 Indiana High School Girls Basketball State Tournament have been set. Locally, Wood Memorial will host a five (5) team sectional beginning on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

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.

The 2018 Wood Memorial High School Homecoming Court has been selected. Individuals participating during the January 31, 2018 ceremonies will be:

Juniors – Gretchen Reel, Maria Skorobogatova, Adison Stone, and Hannah Thacker

Seniors – Kylie Batey, Alexis Lashbrook, Aleah Moore, Abigail Passwaiter

I would like to wish each the very best of luck.

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.

Thank you to Ms. Angie Hunt for all she has done on behalf of our WM and EGSC students as a school nurse. Ms. Hunt has resigned her position in order to pursue her dream of returning to school. We wish her the very best.

Ms. Mindy Schoonover will be filling in on the WM and OCE campus, until a permanent replacement is located.

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 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.
- 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

“Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.”

- Will Rogers

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, January 26, 2018

Homecoming Spirit Theme – Class Colors

Seniors – Black

Juniors – Blue

Sophomores – Pink

Freshmen – Red

8th Grade – Green

7th Grade - Purple

Boys BB at Tell City 5:30pm

Saturday, January 27, 2018

ISSMA Vocal Solo and Ensemble 8:30am
Evansville

Cheer Camp 9:00am – 2:00pm

Boys BB vs. Northeast Dubois 5:30pm

Introduction of 5th/6th Grade Girls BB Players – Following JV game.

Monday, January 29, 2018

Homecoming Spirit Theme – Jersey Day

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Homecoming Spirit Theme – Crazy Sock Day

Winter Sports Pictures 2:30pm

Programs Committee Meeting 4:00pm

Girls Basketball Sectional 6:30pm

Game One

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Homecoming Spirit Day – Green and Gold

HS Student Council Meeting 12:13pm

WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting 3:15pm

First Semester Honor Roll Release 3:30pm

2018 WMHS Winter Homecoming 6:00pm

Boys BB vs. Washington Catholic 6:45pm

Varsity Only

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Prom Committee Meeting 7:30am

Winter ADM Count Day

Environmental Science/Biology Field Trip 8:00am

Student Advisory Council Meeting 11:31am

Boys BB at Vincennes Rivet 5:30pm

Friday, February 2, 2018

Staff PLC Session 8:00am

Girls Basketball Sectional
Semi Final Contests 5:30pm/7:00pm

Saturday, February 3, 2018

ISSMA Instrumental/Solo Ensemble Contest 8:30am
Evansville
JHS Girls Blue Chip Conference Tournament 9:00am
Boys BB at Evansville Day 12:00pm
Girls Basketball Sectional 6:30pm
Championship

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 January 29, 2018 –
Grades 4 and 8 March 9, 2018
Digital Based
Math, Reading, Writing, US History, Civics, and Geography
Accuplacer – Part 2 February 12, 2018 –
March 30, 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
WMHS Softball Club 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
WMHS Softball Club Meeting March 7, 2018
WMHS Softball Club Meeting March 14, 2018
Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting March 14, 2018
WMHS Softball Club Meeting March 21, 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 April 22, 2018

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| Patoka Lake ECA – Spring | April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018 |
| Music Department Awards Banquet | April 27, 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 |
| End of 2018 School Year | May 25, 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 (1-22-18)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Winning in team sports requires constant practice to make sure that every player is in tune with what is best for the entire team. This is very important, but believing this will transpire into victories is just as important.

Big Ten basketball leader Ohio State started the conference with eight straight wins, none more important than beating #1 Michigan State on the road. OSU player Jae'Sean Tate spoke for his team after that big win.

"We all knew we could do it. And that's where it all started. You can't go into a game against a team like Michigan State not believing that it's possible to win. I think that's the biggest factor of us winning tonight, just the belief that we could do it."

Preparation will help insure that you have a chance to win any game on any given night. However, truly believing that you can win is what separates big wins from tough losses!

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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 Gibson County Economic Development Corporation is once again planning a student/educator exchange trip to Japan for 2018! The dates for the trip are June 3 – June 12, 2018. As in the past they are looking for one educator from each county high school and three students from each county high school to participate in the experience.

Applications and information about the trip can be found in the WMHS Guidance Office. Students applying need to be current freshmen and sophomores.

The yearbook is in need of pictures from students' Snow Day activities, high school wrestling meets and girls soccer games. If you have any you are willing to share, please send to ehill@egsc.k12.in.us.

Seniors, please make sure you are checking the scholarship folders in the Guidance Office often for new scholarships. Gibson County Community Foundation will be here on January 30, 2018, during Trojan Pride to meet with you about their open scholarships.

Regarding the 21st Century Scholars program, for 7th and 8th grade parents – your child may be eligible for a college scholarship. Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program offers income-eligible Hoosier students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university after they graduate from high school. In middle school and high school, scholars are connected to programs and resources to help them plan, prepare and pay for college. Once in college, scholars receive support to complete their college degrees and connect to career opportunities. Students in the 7th and 8th grades, whose families meet income eligibility guidelines can apply to become a 21st Century Scholar. Applications must be received by June 30 of the students' 8th grade year. Scholars must complete the Scholars Pledge and meet expectations of the Scholar Success Program throughout high school and college. For more information call 1.888.528.4719 or send an email to Scholars@che.in.gov.

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.

Best Mattress Reviews is offering a \$1,000 scholarship in an effort to give back to the community while also promoting sleep awareness. The scholarship is available for high school seniors, current college students, and graduate students. Details may be found at <https://www.bestmattressreviews.com/sleep-scholarship/>

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>