

February 23, 2018

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

I would like to take a moment and recognize the work performed by representatives of the Indiana State Police, Gibson County Sherriff's Department, and the Oakland City Police Department, during our lockdown/lockout events Tuesday. We are fortunate to have dedicated and caring individuals such as these protecting our children. Thank you to all who assisted.

While our focus was spent on ensuring the safety of students, staff, and everyone on our school campus, the lockdown/lockout events have provided us with an unplanned opportunity to evaluate safety and security procedures. A number of steps were implemented this year, which were learned from a similar event one year earlier. Instructors and students have been asked to provide input as to what went well and what could we do better during such a situation in the future. This information will be analyzed, with improvement strategies implemented accordingly.

ISTEP testing kicks off Monday, February 26, 2018, with high school math assessments. Students in grades 7, 8, and 10 will be administered the first round of ISTEP from February 26 and through March 8, 2018. Instructors have engaged state provided practice assessments to assist with student preparation.

I encourage students to focus on doing the absolute best they possibly can during the ISTEP assessment. While taking a test may not be fun, ISTEP should be looked at as simply a challenge for us all to shine. It is a tool that will help us identify effective lesson plans to grow and develop our children. Please give the test the respect it deserves and pay close attention to all directions. Good luck students.

Further, parents may assist by ensuring their student receives the rest required during the testing schedule.

A new school resource and operational system will be launched for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Harmony will replace our current tool, PowerSchool, and bring with it new and improved processes. I am excited about what Harmony will offer us all and am confident that efficiencies in a number of areas will be improved.

With the above in mind, Ms. Hill and Mr. Bartley have worked closely with the Harmony integration team in order to create student and course data for utilization with our scheduling process. During this past week a student focus group, consisting of junior students, launched the 2018 – 2019 scheduling window by selecting their courses for next school year through Harmony. The process of scheduling students for next year will continue, with our current junior

class working through their needs during the week of February 19, 2018, followed by sophomores, freshmen, and then the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The goal is to have all schedules submitted to Harmony by the start of spring break.

Information on the new system will be provided as we progress through the integration process and leading up to the August 9, 2018 school year start date.

With the number of school days missed, due to winter weather, our Quarter 3 schedule has been adjusted. The quarter will end on Friday, March 16, 2018, with Quarter 4 launching on Monday, March 19, 2018.

I am pleased to inform you that Wood Memorial High School and East Gibson School Corporation has received a grant to allow us to launch a PLTW (Project Lead The Way) Computer Science curriculum. The grant total is \$20,000, with funds to be utilized for training, equipment, and program registration costs. Ms. Nossett and Ms. Hill will be reviewing how we may best invest the grant monies to ensure the greatest opportunity for students to benefit.

Many of you may, or may not, be aware that Ms. Hallie Kolb, Biology and Biomedical instructor has been assigned to bed rest as she awaits the birth of her child. With this, adjustments are being made to the delivery of educational instruction for these curriculum segments. Ms. Lauren Norvell, Biology and Environmental Science instructor, has stepped up to assume responsibility for the planning and delivery of Ms. Kolb's Biology sections. This will begin on Monday, February 12, 2018. Ms. Norvell will continue to be responsible for the planning and coordination of instruction with her previously assigned courses. Ms. Norvell embodies true servant leadership, with a constant focus on giving of herself to ensure our children have the best opportunity to learn. I appreciate having her as a member of our Trojan Family.

In conjunction with the above, Ms. Tricia Goodman has joined our instructional team for the remainder of the spring semester, as a long-term substitute teacher. She will be teaching, along with Ms. Norvell, Biology and Principles of Biomedical courses. Ms. Goodman is a licensed instructor and is currently working to add life sciences to her credentialing. Welcome to Wood Memorial Ms. Goodman.

Students in the sophomore and junior classes interested in registering for a Patoka Valley Cooperative course for the 2018 – 2019 school year should see Ms. Hill, in guidance, to sign up. Please note the requirements that the respective students must meet in order to schedule an off campus class, which may be found in the student handbook (Section 3).

In order to make up four (45) days of missed school, due to the recent winter weather, our schools will be in session on the following dates:

Monday, April 2, 2018  
Wednesday, May 23, 2018  
Thursday, May 24, 2018

Friday, May 25, 2018

Note: The plan for a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) missed school day to be made up is focused on the execution of a Virtual Learning Lesson Assignment. Details for how this will work are being identified at each of the district schools. For the high school and junior high school, instructors will create a digital lesson, which will be launched on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Students will have one week to complete and submit the assignment work. Assignments will be due by midnight, Friday, April 20, 2018.

Please note that final approval has yet to be provided for the above plan, however our team is beginning to identify plans to execute the virtual learning strategy in order to be prepared for effective execution.

Note 1: Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School will conduct a Virtual Learning practice day on Friday, March 16, 2018. The focus of this day will be for students and instructors to conduct lesson instruction and assignment activities via digital methods, through our instructional technology.

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

Mr. Messmer's breakfast club launched on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, with 19 participants. This program, focused on building healthy habits for life, is held before school, each Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It is a great opportunity for our children.

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.

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:

- An information sheet, providing a detailed walk through on how to log on to student course information for on-line courses has been placed on the Wood Memorial High

School website. Parents and students are encouraged to check out the information and if more detail is required please contact the high school office.

- The 2018 Winter Gibson County Job Fair, sponsored by WorkOne, of Southwest Indiana, Gibson County Chamber of Commerce, and Ivy Tech Community College, will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, from 2:00 – 5:00pm. The job fair will take place at the Ivy Tech Princeton Career and Technology Center, located at 2431 S. Crabtree Drive, Princeton, Indiana 47670. Expectations are for more than 30 local companies to be represented at the job fair.
- 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

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

- Francis of Assisi

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, February 23, 2018**

Snow Make Up Day – School In Session  
Staff Development Session 8:00am  
Boys BB at Gibson Southern 5:30pm

### **Saturday, February 24, 2018**

Boys BB at North Knox 5:30pm

### **Monday, February 26, 2018**

ISTEP Testing  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Math  
ISTEP Spirit Theme - Sunglasses Day  
You'll be blinded by our exemplary work

### **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

ISTEP Testing  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade – English  
ISTEP Spirit Theme - Mismatch Day  
No one can match our high scores  
Boys Basketball Sectional 6:30pm  
Wood Memorial vs. Northeast Dubois  
At Springs Valley

### **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

Anatomy and Physiology Field Trip 8:00am  
ISTEP Testing  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade – English  
ISTEP Spirit Theme - Western Day  
Round up good skills for success on the ISTEP  
HS Student Council Meeting 12:15pm  
WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting 3:30pm  
Gibson County Job Fair  
Ivy Tech Technology Center – Princeton  
2:00 – 5:00pm

### **Thursday, March 1, 2018**

Prom Committee Meeting 7:30am  
ISTEP Testing  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Biology  
Neon Day  
Our progress will shine bright  
Health Occupations Field Trip 8:00am  
Student Advisory Council Meeting 11:31am  
English Field Trip 2:00pm  
Butler University Drama Presentation

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

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| ISTEP Testing                          |        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Social Studies |        |
| Staff PLC Session                      | 8:00am |
| Boys Basketball Sectional              | 5:30pm |
| Semi Finals                            |        |

**March 3, 2018**

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| Boys Basketball Sectional Championship | 6:30pm |
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**Additional Dates of Note**

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| 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 |                                  |
| Bass Fishing Fund Raiser                                  | February 1, 2018 – March 1, 2018 |
| Dewig Meat Sales  |                                  |
| Accuplacer – Part 2                                       | February 12, 2018 –              |
|   | March 30, 2018                   |
| ISTEP Part 1  | February 26, 2018 – March 9,     |
| WMJHS ISTEP Schedule                                      | March 2, 2018                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies                      |                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math            | March 5, 2018                    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade English                             | March 6, 2018                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade English                             |                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade English                             | March 7, 2018                    |
| Make Up Exams   | March 7, 2018                    |
| National School Breakfast Week                            | March 5 – March 9, 2018          |
| Free Breakfast in EGSC Schools                            |                                  |
| WMHS Softball Club Meeting                                | March 7, 2018                    |
| 2018 – 19 Freshman Orientation                            | March 13, 2018                   |
| 6pm   |                                  |
| WMHS Softball Club Meeting                                | March 14, 2018                   |
| Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting                        | March 14, 2018                   |
| End Quarter 3   | March 16, 2018                   |
| Start Quarter 4   | March 19, 2018                   |
| Early College Night                                       | March 20, 2018                   |
| 6:00pm  |                                  |
| WMHS Softball Club Meeting                                | March 21, 2018                   |
| Science Academic Bowl Team Meeting                        | March 21, 2018                   |
| JHS Renaissance Day                                       | March 23, 2018                   |
| 2018 Student Leadership Summit                            | April 3, 2018                    |
| Vincennes University                                      |                                  |

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| Congressman Larry Bucshon   |                                   |
| 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<br>Patoka Lake                      | April 22, 2018                    |
| ECA – Spring  | April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018     |
| Music Department Awards Banquet   | April 27, 2018                    |
| Indiana Bass Nation High School Event<br>Brookville                       | May 6, 2018                       |
| Physics AP Assessment   | May 8, 2018                       |
| English 12 AP Assessment  | May 9, 2018                       |
| Senior Honors Night<br>6:00pm   | May 10, 2018                      |
| US History AP Assessment  | May 11, 2018                      |
| Calculus AP Assessment  | May 15, 2018                      |
| High School Chemistry Lab Day<br>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<br>Wawasee                          | June 10, 2018                     |
| ECA – Summer 1  | June 21, 2018 – June 27, 2018     |
| Indiana Bass Nation High School Event<br>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 (2-19-18)**

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

With the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea coming to a close this week, it was easy to notice the good sportsmanship shown throughout all the events.

While every individual competitor was trying to win, they were also willing to show respect and gratitude to those who beat them. Are you a person that can be happy for someone else's success, even if you lose to that person or team?

How do you show and express good sportsmanship? Let's be honest, it should be much more than a handshake at the end of an event or game. Sportsmanship can and should be shown throughout the entire event.

So the next time a situation calls for showing good sportsmanship, win or lose, how will you react? Think about how you like to be treated in difficult or losing times, and return that favor to your competitor. That's the right thing to do!

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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 Lauren Norvell, Science Instructor**

For advanced planning the freshman class will be conducting two fund raisers later this spring. Fund raisers will be – Local Honey and Flower sales. The honey project will be held March 12 – 23, 2018, with the flower sale occurring April 18 – May 2. Money raised is utilized to assist with prom costs during the cohort's junior year. More information will be provided to the students very soon.

**From Ms. Beth Hill, Student Services**

Junior High Yearbooks are on sale for the final time this year, until February 23, 2018. Order forms are available in the junior high school office, or you can order at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com).

All eighth grade students need to submit a baby/toddler picture to Mrs. Hill for use in the yearbook. Pictures can be brought to school and scanned or emailed to [ehill@egsc.k12.in.us](mailto:ehill@egsc.k12.in.us).

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](mailto:ehill@egsc.k12.in.us).

Students may go to [vinu.edu/startvu](http://vinu.edu/startvu) and sign up for new registration at Vincennes University. VU will also be mailing invites to students planning on enrolling at the college next fall.

Regarding the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program, for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents – your child may be eligible for a college scholarship. Indiana's 21<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, whose families meet income eligibility guidelines can apply to become a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar. Applications must be received by June 30 of the students' 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

The Gibson General Hospital Auxiliary Health Career Scholarship is now posted. They will accept only paper applications, which may be obtained from the Wood Memorial High School guidance office. Applications are due by March 9, 2018.

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/](http://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](mailto:krhule@communityfoundationalliance.org).

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.<br>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<br>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>