

March 2, 2018

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

The Indiana Department of Education recognized Wood Memorial High School as a Performance Qualified High School for the 2018 – 2019 school year. The department provided their congratulations on March 1, 2018.

In order to be eligible for the performance qualified program, a high school must receive an ‘A’ for the previous school year. The high school holds the designation until such a time it either receives a “C” or lower for one school year, or receives a “B” or lower for two consecutive years.

Further, according to Indiana Code 20-24.2-2-2 (Designation Criteria), Sec. 2 (b) to be designated as a qualified high school, a high school must be placed in the highest performance and improvement category or designation by the department under IC 20-31-8 for the 2011-2012 school year or any school year thereafter.

Indiana Code 20-30-2-2 requires that the instructional day for grades 7-12 consist of at least 6 hours of instructional time. A school eligible for the performance qualified program may exercise some flexibility around this requirement. Further, Indiana Code 20-24.2-4-2 allows for a performance qualified school to adjust their instructional days, around the 180 day requirement, as long as their total number of instructional minutes provided during a school year meets the required timeframe. There are 64,800 minutes required instructional time for a school year, taking 180 days and multiplying by 6 hours per day, then multiplying by 60 minutes per hour.

This is certainly positive recognition of the efforts being put forth by our students, staff, parents, and the school-community to move Wood Memorial to a category of “Best – of – the Best” educational facility. Well done and congratulations to all.

The first week of ISTEP was completed for the high school and junior high school during the past five (5) days. With the exception of make-up exams, our high school students are complete with the first round of testing. The schedule for the week of March 5 will focus on junior high school math and English testing. While a number of minor issues were experienced, we have not seen major disruptions for our students.

I encourage students to continue 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.

Thank you to students, parents, and staff for all you are doing to ensure the child's success with the ISTEP.

Students who will be in the junior class during the 2018 – 2019 school year will be working their schedules during the week of March 5, 2018. Ms. Hill and Mr. Bartley are coordinating the student efforts through the new resource system, Harmony.

During the March school board meeting I will be presenting a proposal regarding the launch of an Agriculture curriculum and program for Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School. Student feedback, to a recent survey indicated approximately 40% of our high school students have an interested in enrolling in an agriculture course. In order to serve the needs of these students, the proposal asks for approval to launch the program for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

In keeping with our commitment to serve the needs of every child, a new Spanish program has been identified for student consideration. The Rosetta Stone educational program was tested and supported for utilization by students representing Spanish I, II, and III. With this, students have been given an opportunity to move to the Rosetta Stone program, or to remain with the current Plato on – line course. Approximately 50% of the students enrolled in a Spanish course have elected to move to the new program.

Mr. Bartley is in the process of setting up accounts and launching student work, which should occur early the week of March 5, 2018.

Wood Memorial eighth grade student Everett Attaway has qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee this spring. This is the second consecutive year Everett has earned the honor. Congratulations Everett. WM is proud of you.

The Indiana State Bee will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018.

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.

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).

Here is the remaining make-up days for this semester:

Monday, April 2, 2018

Saturday, April 14, 2018 (Virtual Learning)

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Friday, May 25, 2018

Note: Regarding the April 14, 2018 Virtual Learning school day, there are still details for how this will work 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.

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.

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 week of March 5 is free school breakfast week. Students may enjoy a free breakfast each morning.
- 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

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing”.

- Walt Disney

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 5, 2018

National Free Breakfast Week

ISTEP Testing

JHS Math

Patoka Valley Wildlife Refuge Meeting 5:15pm
WMHS Library

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

National Free Breakfast Week

ISTEP Testing

JHS English

Programs Committee Meeting 4:00pm

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

National Free Breakfast Week

ISTEP Testing

7th Grade English

Blue Chip Conference Board Meeting 9:00am

HS Student Council Meeting 12:15pm

WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting 3:30pm

WMHS Softball Club Meeting 5:30pm

Blue Chip Conference Boys Basketball 6:00pm
Selection Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2018

National Free Breakfast Week

Prom Committee Meeting 7:30am

ISTEP Testing

Make-Up Testing

Environmental Science Field Trip 8:00am

Blue Chip Academic Bowl 4:00pm

Friday, March 9, 2018

National Free Breakfast Week

March 10, 2018

IHSAA Boys Basketball Regional

Additional Dates of Note

National Assessment of Educational Progress

Grades 4 and 8

Digital Based

Math, Reading, Writing, US History, Civics, and Geography

Accuplacer – Part 2

January 29, 2018 –

March 9, 2018

February 12, 2018 –

ISTEP Part 1	March 30, 2018
2018 – 19 Freshman Orientation	February 26, 2018 – March 9,
6pm	March 13, 2018
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
Community Easter Egg Hunt	March 21, 2018
4:00 – 5:00pm	
Lafayette Park, Princeton	
JHS Renaissance Day	March 23, 2018
2018 Student Leadership Summit	April 3, 2018
Vincennes University	
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	April 22, 2018
Patoka Lake	
ECA – Spring	April 23, 2018 – May 25,
	2018
Music Department Awards Banquet	April 27, 2018
Indiana Bass Nation High School Event	May 6, 2018
Brookville	
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	May 16, 2018
At Vincennes University	
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	June 10, 2018
Wawasee	
ECA – Summer 1	June 21, 2018 – June 27,
	2018
Indiana Bass Nation High School Event	June 24, 2018

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Administrative Assistant/Athletic Director
IHSAA Student-Athlete Tip of the Week (2-26-18)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Indiana Pacers (NBA) president Kevin Pritchard was quoted in the Indianapolis Star as saying "We take pictures (film) of our bench all the time." Do you know why?

They use those pictures and film to monitor how players react when they are taken out of the game and most importantly how they are representing the Indiana Pacers while not on the court.

This shows the importance of staying engaged in a positive way. It also shows the importance of team over individual performance and having a good attitude on and off the court/field. I'm sure Pritchard is always looking for the bench to be a positive influence, not one of negativity.

What would a picture of your bench look like? Whether it's basketball, football, softball or any other team sport, the bench tells the underlying story about the team itself. Whether you start or come off of the bench, know that spectators are watching the bench as well as those on the court and field!

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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

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.

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.

Students may go to 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 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.

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/

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>