

March 9, 2018

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Freshman Orientation for the 2018 – 2019 school year will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, beginning at 6:00pm. The orientation session will be conducted in the Wood Memorial High School lecture room. Students, as well as their parents/guardians, entering the freshman class next fall, are invited to attend.

During the evening Ms. Beth Hill will present information on the curriculum available to the student during their 4 years of high school. Scheduling expectations for next school year will also be reviewed. Further, Mr. Bartley will be providing information on Wood Memorial's use of technology for instruction during the evening.

I look forward to seeing you there.

On Tuesday evening, March 20, 2018, Wood Memorial High School will be hosting "Early College Night" at 6:00pm, in the lecture room. The intent of this evening is to provide information to the student and parent/guardian, on opportunities to earn college credits during high school. Information will also be provided focused on our 2018 – 2019 course offerings for scheduling consideration.

Students, and their parents, who will be in high school next fall, as well as anyone with interest in learning about the "Early College" program are invited to attend.

In keeping with our commitment to utilize technology as a resource for the growth and development of our children, Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School will be conducting a "Virtual Learning Day" on Friday, March 16, 2018. During the day lessons will be administered through electronic and digital means. This is a great opportunity to enhance the overall effectiveness of the use of technology in the classroom.

Congratulations to our Math and Fine Arts Academic teams for their strong showing at the Blue Chip Conference Academic Bowl on Thursday, March 8, 2018. The math team of Emma Reel, Ethan Phillips, and Walker Nurrenbern placed second; and the fine arts team of Larissa Ford, Reise Gray, Sydney Jones, and Cole Mason came in third. Mr. Kenneth Reising coached our math group, while Ms. Melissa Parker led the fine arts segment. Well done.

Thank you to all of the participants and academic coaches for their great work in preparing for this year's event.

Wood Memorial senior Lathan Falls has been selected to take part in the 2018 Hoosier Basketball Coaches Association All Star Classic on Sunday, April 8, 2018. Lathan is one of 12

players who will represent the West team in the annual event, to be played at Bloomington North High School. Congratulations Lathan.

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 round of ISTEP has been completed. I appreciate the efforts of our counseling and instructional teams, as well as of our wonderful students to ensure the proper focus was provided to the assessments.

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.

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 are 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.

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.

- 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

“Leave this world better than it was when you got here”.

- Dr. Stephen Covey

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 12, 2018

Principal Open Office Hours 4:00pm

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

2018 – 2019 Freshman Orientation 6:00pm
WMHS Lecture Room

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

National Honor Society Field Trip 9:30am
Ronald McDonald House

HS Student Council Meeting 12:15pm

WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting 3:30pm

WMHS Softball Club Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Prom Committee Meeting 7:30am

Friday, March 16, 2018

Virtual Learning Day 8:00am

Staff PLC Session 8:00am

End Quarter 3

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer – Part 2

February 12, 2018 –
March 30, 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

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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 (3-5-18)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

This past week a college basketball player, Jordan Bohannon of Iowa, was on track to break the school's all-time consecutive free throw streak of 34 straight makes. What followed was a story for the ages.

It's what Bohannon did on his 35th attempt that sets him apart from most record-setters. He missed on purpose. The young man he was about to surpass (Chris Street) didn't have the opportunity to extend his streak past the 34, because he was tragically killed in an automobile crash during the 1993 season.

With Street's family in attendance at this most recent game, Bohannon chose not to surpass Street on the all-time list, instead choosing to miss #35 on purpose. While Iowa fans still remember Street and his accomplishments, they will never forget Bohannon because he honored Street by letting his record stand!

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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 April 4, 2018. The 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>