

March 16, 2018

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

I want to thank the East Gibson School Board, as well as Dr. Brewster, for their commitment towards ensuring a rigorous and relevant curriculum, focused on college and career readiness. During the March school board meeting the board voted to approve the inclusion of agriculture to the 2018 – 19 master schedule and course guide. With this approval, several agriculture based courses will be placed into the scheduling process for next year. These include: AGPOW (Power Structure), Horticulture/Landscape, Introduction to Agriculture, Agri-Business Management, and Animal Science.

The next step in our project to launch the agriculture program is to hire a classroom instructor. We have received interest from two candidates, with the interview process launching the week of March 19.

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 conducted a “Virtual Learning Day” on Friday, March 16, 2018. During the day lessons were administered through electronic and digital means. This was a great opportunity to enhance the overall effectiveness of the use of technology in the classroom. Lessons learned from the approach will be utilized for our April 14 e-learning day.

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.

I appreciate the turnout for our 2018 – 2019 Freshman Orientation. The lecture room was packed with interested parents and students. Ms. Hill and Mr. Bartley did a great job in communicating the educational opportunities out in front of our 2022 graduating class.

Wood Memorial has four individuals selected to take part in the Gibson County Foundation’s summer trip to Japan. Ms. Pat Douglas, instructor, freshman students Griffin Parke, and Luke Schenks were notified of their selections during the week. The fourth individual has yet to be advised. This is a great opportunity for these individuals and I am excited for each. It will be a great experience.

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.

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. 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

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:

[?] A reminder that the FAFSA filing deadline, for this year, is rapidly approaching. If you plan on attending college, after high school graduation, you have until April 15, 2018 to file FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You may contact the guidance office for assistance.

[?] 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

“Develop an Attitude of Gratitude. Say thank you to everyone you meet for everything they do for you”.

- Brian Tracy.com

UPCOMING SCHEDULE Monday, March 19, 2018

Start of Quarter 4

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Early College Program WMHS Lecture Room

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

WMHS Softball Club Meeting Community Easter Egg Hunt

Lafayette Park, Princeton

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Friday, March 23, 2018

JHS Renaissance Day Start of Spring Break

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer – Part 2

Antique Tractor Restoration Spark Club 10:00am – 2:00pm

Gibson County Fairgrounds – Kirk Building 2018 Student Leadership Summit

Vincennes University Congressman Larry Bucshon

ISTEP Part 2

Ivy Tech High School Night

6:00 – 8:00pm Go Ivy Day

Indiana Bass Nation High School Event Patoka Lake

ECA – Spring

Music Department Awards Banquet Indiana Bass Nation High School Event

Brookville Physics AP Assessment

English 12 AP Assessment Senior Honors Night

6:00pm

US History AP Assessment

6:00pm

4:00 – 5:00pm

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16, 2018 – May 18,

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1:00pm 3:10pm

February 12, 2018 – March 30, 2018 March 24, 2018

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May 6, 2018

23, 2018 – May 25, 27, 2018

May 8, 2018 May 9, 2018 May 10, 2018

May 11, 2018

Calculus AP Assessment

High School Chemistry Lab Day

At Vincennes University English 11 AP Assessment

End of 2018 School Year

2018 Graduation

Indiana Bass Nation High School Event

Wawasee ECA – Summer 1

Indiana Bass Nation High School Event Monroe Lake – State
Championship

ECA – Summer 2

May 15, 2018 May 16, 2018

May 16, 2018 May 25, 2018 May 25, 2018 June 10, 2018

June 21, 2018 – June 27, 2018

June 24, 2018

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 (3-12-18)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Troy Lewis, a former Indiana Mr. Basketball, was quoted in the Indianapolis Star this past week talking about the importance of never taking any game for granted or blaming a coach for a loss during the NCAA basketball tournament.

"No lead is ever safe. At the end of the day, it's all about execution. That's why I never, ever, blame the coaches for anything because I know as a player, I had the control." (Lewis has been an assistant high school coach the last six years)

I encourage all high school student-athletes to take the same approach. Too many times, regardless of the sport, players, parents, and the general fan base would rather blame the coach for a tough loss during the tournament run instead of holding the athletes accountable, as well. While great coaches may have some influence in those tough games, it's really the players that determine the outcome. Don't be afraid to hold yourself accountable, win or lose. It'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.

Ms. Mariah Poteet, NHS Sponsor

The National Honor Society has launched a “TV Raffle” fund raiser, with a focus on raising money to assist with the costs of operating as a member of the national organization. The fund raiser will run from March 14 – April 6, 2018, with the raffle winner receiving a 60 inch television. Tickets may be purchased, for \$5 each, from a member of the National Honor Society.

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 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

Seniors planning on attending Ivy Tech should register for GO IVY DAY. Students will receive identifications, meet with advisors, receive scholarship information and register for classes during this event. Lunch will be provided. Please see your college Connection Coach, Ms. Helen Peck, to register.

GO IVY DAY is slated for April 20, 2018.

Ivy Tech will also be hosting High School Night on April, 19, 2018, from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Contact Ms. Helen Peck for details.

Ms. Helen Peck is available to assist senior families with the filing of their 2018 FASFA. The deadline to file is April 15, 2018. Ms. Peck is available in the Wood Memorial High School guidance office on Friday's.

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 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

University of Southern Indiana

Rashad Smith

800- 467-1965

August 15st (fall)

Indiana University - Bloomington

Marni 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.1Early 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>

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