

March 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 want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe spring break. This is a great opportunity to enjoy family and friends, while refreshing ourselves for the stretch run. There are many challenges yet to face this school year and I am confident our students, staff, and parents will exceed expectations by turning each into a positive opportunity.

Thank you to Gibson County Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Meade and Gibson County Prosecutor Michael Cochran for taking the time to meet with our students on Friday, March 23. Students in grades 7-12 were provided the opportunity to hear from Judge Meade and Prosecutor Cochran around the rising tide of school violence in our country and county.

Our children have the opportunity to be an “Agent of Change”, making a positive difference in eliminating the concerning trend with increased school violence. Judge Meade and Prosecutor Cochran are to be commended for taking a proactive approach in an attempt to stem this tide.

The virtual learning day, held on Friday, March 16, 2018, proved to be successful. While there were some lessons learned, students have provided positive feedback regarding the elearning process. Instructors also expressed their satisfaction with the learnings and experience.

What we took away on the 16th, will be put into action to ensure a successful elearning day for April 14, one of our remaining snow make-up days. I appreciate the focus everyone put forth to ensure last week’s event was a success. Well done.

For individuals who could not make our Early College night on Tuesday, March 20, but are interested in learning more about the program, please contact Ms. Hill in the high school guidance office. There are a number of opportunities for students to earn college credits during their four years of high school and I would encourage those interested in attending college, following high school, to consider taking advantage of them.

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, Maelyn Dunville and Luke Schenks were notified of their selections during the week. 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

“Strength doesn’t come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn’t”.

-Rikki Rogers

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Engineering Excellence Day
University of Evansville

11:00am – 2:00pm

Monday, March 26, 2018 – Friday, March 30, 2018

Spring Break – No School

Monday, April 2, 2018

Girls Tennis vs. Heritage Hills
Softball vs. Princeton

4:30pm

5:00pm

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

WMHS Dance Team Meeting
B & G Track vs. Washington Catholic
Softball at Tecumseh
Student Leadership Meeting – Larry Buschon
Vincennes University

11:30am

5:00pm

5:30pm

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Jostens Senior Product Delivery
HEROES Questionnaire Administered
Wellness Program Driven
HS Student Council Meeting
WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting

7:30am

12:15pm

3:30pm

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Prom Committee Meeting
Student Advisory Meeting
HEROES BMI – Wellness Screening
Girls Tennis at Evansville Bosse
Softball vs. Evansville Bosse
B & G Track at Perry Central

7:30am

11:30am

4:00pm

4:30pm

5:00pm

Friday, April 6, 2018

PLC – Staff Development
Health Sciences Field Trip
Vincennes University Health Expo
Girls Tennis vs. South Spencer

8:00am

8:00am

4:30pm

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Boys Track at Princeton

9:00am

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer – Part 2

Bass Fishing Registration for Patoka Contest

Principal Open Office

Patoka Valley Wildlife Refuge Meeting

WMJHS Spirt Club Meeting

Prom Committee Meeting

Spring Drama Performance

ISTAR

ISTEP Part 2

Area Academic Bowl

HS Student Council Meeting

WMJHS Spirit Meeting

Prom Committee Meeting

Student Advisory Council Meeting

Ivy Tech High School Night

6:00 – 8:00pm

PLC – Staff Development

NHS Volunteer Day – New Lake

Reconnecting Youth Field Trip

Go Ivy Day

Indiana Bass Nation High School Event

Patoka Lake

ECA – Spring

Jostens – Class of 2019 Announcement Selection

HS Student Council Meeting

WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting

Prom Committee Meeting

Music Department Awards Banquet

First Annual Walk for Child Abuse Prevention

Gibson County Department of Child Services

1:30pm

Princeton Courthouse Square

Indiana Bass Nation High School Event

Brookville

Physics AP Assessment

English 12 AP Assessment

Senior Honors Night

6:00pm

US History AP Assessment

Calculus AP Assessment

High School Chemistry Lab Day

February 12, 2018 –

March 30, 2018

March 22 – April 15, 2018

April 9, 2018

April 9, 2018

April 11, 2018

April 12, 2018

April 13, 2018

April 14, 2018

April 16, 2018 – May 18,
2018

April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018

April 17, 2018

April 18, 2018

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April 23, 2018 – May 25,
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April 27, 2018

April 30 2018

May 6, 2018

May 8, 2018

May 9, 2018

May 10, 2018

May 11, 2018

May 15, 2018

May 16, 2018

At Vincennes University	
English 11 AP Assessment	May 16, 2018
JHS Awards Day	May 24, 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
Monroe Lake – State Championship	
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 (3-19-18)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Have you ever been in a game where your team was the prohibitive underdog and you came out victorious? If you play sports long enough, I'm sure that you will experience both the pleasure of winning in that situation, and the agony of losing when it should never happen.

This past week the number one seed in the men's NCAA Tournament, the Virginia Cavaliers, lost unexpectedly to 20-point underdog UMBC. Virginia coach Tony Bennett offered a humble response when he said "If you play this game and you step into the arena, this stuff can happen. And maybe those who haven't been in the arena or in competition, maybe they don't understand that."

Being able to handle winning and losing with the same humility is a great trait to strive for.

Coach Bennett made no excuses and congratulated his opponent without hesitation.

As a student-athlete, you are in that arena, regardless of your sport. At the end, be humble with the result by showing your opponent that you understand that on any given day, either side can win or lose that particular game or event!

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From Sally Morton, School Nurse

Attention parents of East Gibson School Corporation students, grades 4 – 11:

If your child plans to participate in school related sports during the 2018 – 2019 school year they MUST have an IHSAA sports physical form on file in the school office. Deaconness clinic providers will be at the schools providing sports physicals, at a cost of \$10 per student, beginning April 13, 2018. If you would like your child to have a physical, please stop by the athletic office, or your respective school's office, to pick up the IHSAA sports physical form. The form must be filled out, signed, and returned to your child's school office by Monday, April 9th.

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	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>