

May 11, 2018

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Senior Honors Night was a very special evening, with a number of students honored with academic awards, as well as scholarships for the continuation of their educational careers. With the Dollars For Scholars organization awarding over \$45,000 of scholarship monies and taking into account the scholarships awarded by colleges and universities (IUPUI, Vincennes, Ivy Tech, Oakland City, and more) it is estimated that Wood Memorial students earned more than \$228,000 in scholarships this year. Wow! This is outstanding and is truly representative of the wonderful work our senior students have put forth throughout their high school career. Well done.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Dollars For Scholars organization, as well as all of the local businesses and individuals who donate to ensure our students are provided a future for continuing their education. Further, I appreciate the work Ms. Kelly Carlton and Ms. Allison Lee, put forth for the Senior Honors Night. Thank you.

The 2018 Prom was a huge success on Saturday, May 5. Those in attendance had a terrific time, enjoying great music. Thank you to Ms. Beth Hill and all of those involved in ensuring a successful prom. I would also like to thank everyone participating with the post prom activities.

Final exam schedules have been identified for our high school students.

Seniors will be administered finals as follows:

Monday, May 21, 2018
Period 7 Final Exam

Tuesday, May 22, 2018
Periods 1, 3, and 5 Final Exams

Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Periods 2, 4, and 6 Final Exams

High School students in grades 9 – 11 will be administered final exams as follows:

Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Period 7 Final Exam

Thursday, May 24, 2018
Periods 1, 3, and 5 Final Exams

Friday, May 25, 2018

Periods 2, 4, and 6 Final Exams

A reminder that students may opt out of up to two of their final exams provided they meet the opt out guidelines. Modified guidelines were approved at the beginning of the second semester and published for student and parent awareness.

Students wishing to depart the campus, following the completion of their last final of a respective day, must have written permission from the parent. Students will not be allowed to leave and come back during the same school day.

Guidelines include:

1. Student may not have more than three (3) excused absences.
2. Student may not have an unexcused absence, or truancy.
3. Student may not have more than three excused tardies to a class.
4. Student may not have an unexcused tardy to any class.
5. Student may not have a suspension from school.
6. Student must have a minimum of a B- in the class (es) identified for opt out.
7. All student fees must be current.
8. Students will collaborate with their respective instructors to determine the opportunities for final exam exemption.

Additional information as to how absences are aligned to the final exam exemption program may be found in the 2017 – 2018 Wood Memorial High School Student Handbook.

With graduation rapidly approaching I am sure our seniors and their families are excited. This is indeed a wonderful time of year, with the anticipation of a high school career coming to a close, and a new chapter in a life nearby. While I share in the anticipation I do want to remind everyone that much work remains and it is important that we do not lose sight of course requirements in order to ensure all graduation requirements are attained.

With this, I would like to point everyone to some information I believe will be helpful as we near graduation. This information was shared in a letter to parents during March 2018.

Students are reminded the dress for graduation is to be shirts and ties for the gentlemen; dresses, or slacks for the ladies. Jeans, shorts, flip flops, tennis shoes, work shoes, and/or similar attire items are not allowed for this most solemn event.

Note: Any student not following the dress guideline will not be allowed to walk during the graduation ceremony. Students should see me for any assistance in meeting these requirements. Students absent from graduation practice, without obtaining prior approval from myself, will not be allowed to walk during graduation.

Students not having met all Indiana state guidelines for a diploma will not be allowed to walk during the graduation ceremony.

Further, senior students are required to submit a baby picture, as well as senior picture, for use in the graduation ceremony. This should be done as soon as possible. Pictures may be turned in to the junior – senior high school office, or to Mr. Smith.

While graduation is rapidly approaching, it is imperative that each senior student maintain a diligent focus on ensuring academic assignments are completed timely. Further, students are reminded they are expected to adhere to all East Gibson School Corporation and Wood Memorial High School guidelines at all times. Subject to the severity and repetitiveness of any potential violation, a student found to have violated guidelines may be held out of the graduation ceremony.

Students and parents interested in enrolling in an Ivy Tech Dual Credit course should contact the high school for more information. There are a number of courses available, including Psychology, Advanced Speech/Communications, American History, and many more to students who will be a junior or senior next year.

Preparations for the 2018 Summer School are in place, with instructors prepared to provide educational opportunities for junior high school students in the areas of math and English. Our instructors are in the process of contacting parents of those students whom we believe would benefit from attending summer school. We are utilizing data such as ISTEP results, classroom formative and summative assessment results, as well as the respective student's current academic status when determining the value of the summer school opportunity for a student.

Additionally, incoming freshmen may enroll in their high school physical education course, earning a graduation credit, during the summer school period. By doing so, a student will open up additional academic time for their schedule.

High school courses are being offered in a number of curriculum areas this summer, with a focus on providing students with credit recovery opportunities.

For questions regarding summer school, including to enroll, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Hill, in the Wood Memorial Student Services area.

Informational letters regarding summer school enrollment are available for students and parents, in the guidance office. Students and/or parents interested in attending summer school may contact the high school office at 812.749.4757.

Summer school will run as follows:

- May 29 – June 22, 2018
- Monday – Thursday
- Week 1 (8:30am – Noon)
- Weeks 2 – 4 (8:00am – Noon)

We will offer the following classes:

- Junior High School Math
- Junior High School English
- Physical Education I
 - For Incoming Freshman

- Credit Recovery Classes
- High School Courses
 - Must be approved

Teacher Appreciation Week was the week of May 7, 2018. I encourage all students and parents to take a moment to find a way to thank your instructors. We are fortunate to have outstanding teachers here at Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School. I am blessed to see their caring focus on ensuring your child's opportunity to learn is never short changed.

Thank you instructors for all you do to make education better each and every day.

Recommendations to fill open teaching openings will be made during the May 14, 2018 East Gibson School Board meeting. We have verbal commitments from individuals to fill the math/Science position, English opening, and the boys varsity basketball coaching position. There is one current opening, that of agriculture instructor, being worked.

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

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Friday, May 25, 2018

The second semester is 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:

- The Wood Memorial High School gymnasium will be closed beginning at 3:10pm on Friday, May 18, 2018. The period of closing will run from May 18, 2018 through May 25, 2018 and is to allow sufficient time and access for our staff to properly prepare for the 2018 graduation ceremony.
- The baseball sectional contest between Springs Valley and Wood Memorial has been moved from Thursday, May 24, 2018 to Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 5:30pm. This move was done in order to create a fair opportunity for all teams to utilize their pitching in the same manner.
- There have been a number of scheduling changes with our spring sports due to the winter type weather the past week. I encourage you to check out the latest schedules by visiting Eventlink.

- 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

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”

-Unknown

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Baseball at Evansville Bosse	TBD
Golf at Barr Reeve	7:30am

Monday, May 14, 2018

Golf vs. South Spencer	4:30pm
Tennis vs. Northeast Dubois	4:30pm
Baseball vs. Cannelton	5:30pm
Softball vs. Cannelton	5:30pm

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

AP Calculus Exam	
EGSC CTA Meeting	3:30pm
Golf at Vincennes Lincoln	4:30pm
Baseball at Princeton	6:00pm
Girls Track Sectional at Princeton	TBD

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

AP English 11 Exam	
HS Student Council Meeting	12:15pm
WMJHS Spirit Club Meeting	3:30pm
Baseball at South Knox	5:30pm

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Student Advisory Council Meeting	11:30am
Golf at Southridge	4:30pm
Baseball vs. Springs Valley	5:00pm
Softball at North Knox	5:00pm
Boys Track Sectional at Princeton	TBD
Tennis Sectional at Princeton	5:00pm

Friday, May 18, 2018

7 th Grade Orientation	8:30am
Baseball at Shoals	5:30pm
Softball at Shoals	5:30pm

Saturday, May 19, 2018

No activities scheduled

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Senior Baccalaureate
Mackey Nazarene Church

Additional Dates of Note

ISTAR

April 16, 2018 – May 18,

ECA – Spring	2018 April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018
WMHS Gym Closed – Graduation Preparation	May 18, 2018 – May 25, 2018
Senior Final Exam Day 1 – Period 7	May 21, 2018
Senior Walk – of – Honor	May 21, 2018
Softball Sectional at Northeast Dubois	May 21, 2018
Springs Valley vs. Wood Memorial	5:30pm
Cannelton vs. Northeast Dubois	
Softball Sectional Final	May 22, 2018 5:30pm
High School Honors Day	May 22, 2018
Senior Final Exam Day 2 – P1 – 3 – 5	May 22, 2018
Senior Final Exam Day 3 – P2 – 4 – 6	May 23, 2018
High School Final Exam Day 1 – P7	May 23, 2018
Baseball Sectional at Cannelton	May 23, 2018
Springs Valley vs. Wood Memorial	
Senior Trip	May 24, 2018
High School Final Exam Day 2 – P1 – 3 – 5	May 24, 2018
JHS Awards Day	May 24, 2018
High School Final Exam Day 3 – P2 – 4 – 5	May 25, 2018
End of 2018 School Year	May 25, 2018
2018 Graduation Practice – 8:00am	May 25, 2018
2018 Graduation	May 25, 2018
Baseball Sectional	May 28, 2018
Cannelton vs. Northeast Dubois	
Tecumseh vs. Winner Game 1	
Championship	
Summer School Begins	May 29, 2018
Summer Food Service Program Extravaganza	May 29, 2018
Golf – County Meet – at Gibson Southern	May 29, 2018 1:00pm
Summer Feeding – WMHS Cafeteria	May 29 – June 29, 2018
Breakfast – 8:00am – 9:30am)	
Lunch – (11:00am – 12:30pm)	
Golf Sectional	June 1, 2018
2018 Semester 2 Honor Roll Announcement	June 8, 2018
Indiana Bass Nation High School Event	June 10, 2018
Wawasee	
ECA – Summer 1	June 21, 2018 – June 27, 2018
Summer School Ends	June 22, 2018
Indiana Bass Nation High School Event	June 24, 2018
Monroe Lake – State Championship	
21 st Century Scholars Deadline – 8 th Graders	June 30, 2018
WMHS/WMJHS Open House	August 6, 2018

Staff Professional Development Day	August 8, 2018
First Day of 2018 – 19 School Year	August 9, 2018
ECA – Summer 2	August 23, 2018 – August 29, 2018
WMHS Tennis Senior Night	September 17, 2018
Professional Development Day	September 20, 2018
Fall Homecoming	September 21, 2018
WMHS Girls Soccer Senior Night	September 24, 2018
WMHS Boys Soccer Senior Night	September 26, 2018
WMHS VB Senior Night	October 2, 2018
End First Quarter	October 11, 2018
WMHS Football Senior Night	October 12, 2018
National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	October 16, 2018
NHS at Evansville Veteran’s Honor Flight	October 18, 2018
Fall Break	October 19, 2018
Fall Break	October 22, 2018
Thanksgiving Break	November 21 – 23, 2018
Winter Homecoming	December 7, 2018
End First Semester	December 20, 2018
Christmas Break	December 21, 2018 – January 2, 2019
Professional Development Day	January 31, 2019

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Administrative Assistant/Athletic Director

IHSAA Student-Athlete Tip of the Week (5-7-18)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Theodore Roosevelt was once quoted as saying, "Believe you can and you are halfway there." In the world of sports, confidence is a key component. If you believe you can do something, combined with hard work and determination, anything is possible.

However, just believing won't get you across the finish line. There are no shortcuts to success. Practice and repetition is required and a commitment that is unwavering should be expected if you want to reach your highest goals.

What do you believe you can achieve? How committed are you to the work you must do to attain that goal? Are you getting closer to your finish line? It's very rewarding when you get to cross it!

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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. Deaconess 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

iPads will be collected during the final 6 days of school as follows:

May 18 – 7th Grade students – Trojan Pride

May 21 – 8th Grade students – Trojan Pride

May 21 – 23 Senior Students – 8:00am – 3:10pm

May 21 – 24 Freshman – Junior Students – 8:00am – 3:10pm

Students are reminded that they must bring their iPad to school, charged and ready for use daily.

The girls basketball team will conduct their 2018 Summer Camp during the period of May 29 through June 1, for grades 4 – 8. The camp will run from 9am to noon each day. For more information you may contact coach Bartley at the high school.

From Ms. Beth Hill, Student Services

Yearbook: Seniors need to submit a senior picture of choice to Mrs. Hill ASAP

The yearbook is in need of pictures from all Spring sports, senior activities, prom and post prom.

If you have any you are willing to share, please send to

ehill@egsc.k12.in.us.

Yearbooks are on sale for the final time this year for \$50 and can be purchased until May 11 at <http://www.jostens.com/> or order forms are in the High School Office and can be returned to Mrs. Hill.

21st Century Scholars program: 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.

Sign-Ups for all officers for the classes of 2019, 20, & 21 are in the High School office. Anyone interested should sign up in the office before Wednesday. Sign up for the class of 2022 is in the Junior High office.

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.

LendEDU has updated their guide to college scholarships to help students find relevant opportunities specifically for them. To use the tool go to

<https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarships>

Gibson County General Hospital is taking applications for the TEACH program, open to any student who will be 14 years old by August 1, 2018. This free volunteer program features 3-hour long classes, provided one day a week for four weeks.

More information and applications are available in the high school office. Applications are due by May 18, 2018.

Hansen Corporation is looking for Summertime Production Help beginning immediately. These are great positions for high school or college students, teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, or anyone wanting summer work. Hansen will be hosting an Application Fair on Monday, May 7, 2018, from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Those interested are encouraged to stop by and fill out an application during this time. On the spot interviews will be conducted.

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.

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>