

January 27, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

With the end of January staring at us, preparations for the annual ISTEP assessment have been put into place. ISTEP Part 1 testing will occur for our junior high students, as well as the sophomores, during late February and March.

The junior high students will be testing in Math on February 28, 2017, with the seventh grade students taking their English assessment on March 1 and 3. Students in the eighth grade will be administered their English assessment on March 1 and 2. In conjunction, the ISTEP social studies portion is scheduled to be administered to the seventh grade students on March 6, 2017.

In order to provide an opportunity for the junior high school students to prepare for ISTEP testing, Wood Memorial instructors will be launching a tutoring session, beginning on Tuesday, January 31. The opportunity will be available every Tuesday and Wednesday, until the date of testing. Parents and students interested in taking advantage of this opportunity should do so by having the student report to the high school library after school. Students attending will be provided instruction, as well as practice opportunities, in the areas of Math and English. As an incentive, students attending six of the eight scheduled tutoring sessions will be treated to pizza for lunch on February 23.

Students in the 10th grade will also be taking the ISTEP assessment this year, with English being administered during the period of February 27 – March 1, and Math on March 6. For this years sophomore students, the ISTEP will serve as their graduation exam.

Biology students will take the 2017 ISTEP Assessment on March 1.

Congratulations to our Lady Trojan basketball team for winning their first Blue Chip Conference Championship Tuesday night. The ladies have done a wonderful job on and off the court this year.

We are fortunate to have such a fine individual and leader as coach Johnnie Bartley. Coach puts in tireless hours, and along with his staff, have done a marvelous job with this years ball club. I would like to wish our Lady Trojans the best of luck in the upcoming basketball sectional.

There are other post season tournaments being held over the upcoming week as well. The WM wrestling team will be in action on Saturday, January 28, at Evansville Central. Coach Thompson and his wrestlers have had a successful season and are ready to hit the sectional mat. Further, our swim team dives into the pool on February 2 and February 4, to participate in the

Jasper sectional. The Trojan swimmers have built on successful performances throughout the year.

Good luck to our wrestling and swim teams as they take part in the IHSAA sectional tournaments.

Friday, January 27, 2017, is homecoming. The 2017 Homecoming ceremonies will be held during the boys basketball contest with Tell City.

Students selected as queen candidates were:

Chloe Bartley
Brenna Maikranz
Carsen Robinson
Sydney Day

The juniors chosen to serve in the court were:

Kaleigh Ferguson
Jenna McGowan
Emily Smith
Kennedy Wilkerson

Homecoming ceremonies will occur between the junior varsity and varsity boys basketball game on Friday, January 27, 2017, with Tell City.

The Indiana Association of School Principals recognizes rising academic stars across the state each year with their "Rising Stars of Indiana" program. This is the first year for the program and is in conjunction with the Indiana Academic All-Stars program, which is in its 31st year and is also sponsored by the IASP.

With the above stated, Wood Memorial High School has four students recognized as "2017 Rising Stars of Indiana", Walker Nurrenbern, Cori Pflug, Ethan Phillips, and Emma Reel. Congratulations to these students.

Representatives of the Principals Student Advisory Council and the instructional staff met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to finalize a proposal modifying the Wood Memorial High School Final Exam Exemption Policy. I appreciate the focus and collaboration put forth by those representing the teachers, as well as those who brought the voice of the student to our discussions.

With this, following is the modified exemption policy, which is effective immediately, for semester two:

Final Exam Exemption Policy

Students in grades 9-12 may be exempt from taking up to two final exams as identified below:

- The student has missed no more than three excused days.

- The student has no unexcused absences or truancy.
- The student has no more than three tardies for that class.
- The student has no suspensions from school.
- The student has at least a B- average their respective classes.
- The student has no delinquent library books or outstanding school fees at the end of the second semester.

Absences are defined in full day totals

Students will collaborate with their respective instructors to determine the opportunities for final exam exemption.

The following absences count against the final exam exemption and the 10-day limit:

1. Unexcused personal absence
2. Truancy (Unexcused)
3. Prearranged absences
4. Job Shadowing
5. Other excused absences not covered below

The following absences count against the final exam exemption:

1. Out-of-School Suspension
2. In-School Suspension
3. Absences verified by Medical Doctor's/Parent Documentation

The following absences do not count against the final exam exemption:

1. Funerals/Visitations that involve the immediate family (mother, father, sibling, grandparent)
2. Field Trips
3. School Related
4. College Visitation – Arranged and Documented
5. Service as a Page – Indiana General Assembly
6. Precinct election worker/Working as a helper for political candidate
7. – Arranged and Documented
8. Indiana National Guard Service
9. Court Ordered
10. Religious Holiday/Activity
11. Other as Determined by the Principal/Designee

Note: There will be no temporary withdrawal process in an effort to avoid an impact to one's final exam exemption status. This has been a practice in the past, at Wood Memorial High School, that is not approved by the state of Indiana.

Information of interest:

- The boys basketball game with Washington Catholic has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017.
- The boys "C" basketball game on February 1, 2017 has been cancelled.

- With the snow day on Friday, January 13, 2017 we will now be in session on Friday, February 17, 2017.
- The boys basketball sectional meeting has been scheduled for February 22, 2017, at 11:00am. Coaches, athletic directors, and principals representing schools in our sectional field will be invited to review planning information for the boys basketball sectional. Further, they will enjoy a meal created and served by our talented Trojan students. This is an opportunity to showcase the skills of our wonderful students, as well as their instructors.

Information on the events at Wood Memorial High School may also be found at wmhs.egsc.k12.in.us; for the junior high school at wmjhs.egsc.k12.in.us. For real-time information follow us on Twitter at [@WMTrojans1](https://twitter.com/WMTrojans1).

Thank you for all you do to support our students and the school – community.

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“The height of your accomplishment will equal the depth of your conviction.”

- William F. Scolavino

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Wrestling Sectional	TBD
At Evansville Central	
Boys BB at NE Dubois	5:30pm

Monday, January 30, 2017

JH Girls BB vs Barr Reeve	5:00pm
JH Boys BB vs Barr Reeve	6:30pm
JHS Blue Chip Conference Tournament	

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Girls Basketball Sectional – First Round	6:30pm
Cannelton vs. Tecumseh	

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Textbook Fair	9:00am
Science and Health	
Huntingburg Event Center	
Boys BB at Washington Catholic	5:30pm

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Swimming Sectional at Jasper	TBD
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Boys BB vs Vincennes Rivet 5:30pm

Friday, February 3, 2017

Quarter 3 Midterm

Girls Basketball Sectional Semi Finals at Tecumseh

Springs Valley vs. Northeast Dubois 5:30pm

Wood Memorial vs. Winner Game 1 7:00pm

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Swimming Sectional at Jasper

TBD

8th Boys BB /Blue Chip

9:00am

Elementary Gym

Girls Basketball Sectional Championship at Tecumseh 6:30pm

Additional Dates of Note

Post Prom Committee Fund Raiser

November 4, 2016 –
February 18, 2017

Chicken & Dumpling Sales – BB Games

WIDA Access Annual Assessment

January 9 – February 24,
2017

English Language Learners

Indiana ISTAR – Part 2

January 9 – February 3, 2017

Acuity

January 23, 2017 –
February 10, 2017

Predictive B (Eng – 10/Algebra I)

Acuity

January 30, 2017 –
February 17, 2017

Predictive C (ELA/Math)

Grades 3 - 8

Accuplacer – Part 2

February 13 – March 31,
2017

Behind The Wheel Sign Up

Lunch

February 13, 2017

Behind The Wheel Class

Subject to Numbers

February 14, 2017

Boys BB Senior Night

February 18, 2017

Great Americans Day – No School

February 20, 2017

Boys BB Sectional Meeting

February 22, 2017

11:00am

A&P Student Field Trip

February 24, 2017

Wabash Valley College – Cadaver Lab Tour

8:15am – 3:10pm

Student Council Blood Drive

February 24, 2017

Valentines Dance

February 24, 2017

Sponsored by Music Department

Indiana ISTEP – Part 1

February 27 – March 10,

	2017
Paper and Pencil and Online Applied Skills	
Wrestling Team Field Trip	March 4/5, 2017
End of Third Quarter	March 10, 2017
Behind The Wheel Sign Up Lunch	March 13, 2017
Behind The Wheel Class Subject to Numbers	March 14, 2017
Spring Drama/Play High School Junior High School 7:00pm	March 17, 2017
Spring Drama/Play High School Junior High School 7:00pm	March 18, 2017
Spring Drama/Play High School Junior High School 2:00pm	March 19, 2017
Acuity	March 20, 2017 – April 7, 2017
Predictive C (Eng – 10/Algebra I)	
Snow Day 3	March 24, 2017
Spring Break	March 27 – 31, 2017
WM Archery Tournament HS Gymnasium – 7am – 9pm	April 1, 2016
Indiana ISTAR – Part 3	April 10 – May 19, 2017
Senior Pride Day	April 13, 2017
Junior High School Science Fair	April 13, 2017
Good Friday – No School	April 14, 2017
Snow Day 4	April 17, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 2 Online Multiple Choice Technology Enhanced Items	April 17 – May 5, 2017
Q4 Midterm	April 21, 2017
Indiana ECA – Spring	April 24 – May 26, 2017
Senior Week	May 18 – May 24, 2017
Snow Day 5	May 25, 2017
Snow Day 6	May 26, 2017
Graduation	May 27, 2017
Indiana ECA – Summer	August 21 – September 1, 2017

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Athletic Director

There are many factors that determine how you can become a successful student-athlete. Have you given any thought on how and why certain student-athletes make a positive impact on their school?

I believe the formula can be summed up in three simple words: Grades over Games. The foundation of being successful starts in the classroom. If you dig in academically, it actually makes your involvement in sports an easy transition. The same principles and work habits apply in both.

Sports are short-lived but serve a great purpose. Academics last you a lifetime. While big games are easy to fret over, it's the daily classroom work that prepares you for the future. Grades over Games is the true formula for future success!

All content copy of Billy Shepherd Sports Inc. as provided by Robby Kimes of the IHSAA.

The 2017 Girls Basketball Sectional Pairings are as follows:

Host School: Tecumseh High School, Lynnville, Indiana

Tuesday, January 31, 2017	Cannelton vs. Tecumseh	6:30pm
Friday, February 3, 2017	Springs Valley vs. Northeast Dubois	5:30pm
	Wood Memorial vs. Game One Winner	7:00pm
Saturday, February 4, 2017	Sectional Championship Game	6:30pm

For your awareness...

With the end of our winter athletic seasons just around the corner here are the IHSAA Tournament Pairing and Competition dates:

Boys Basketball – Sunday, February 19, 2017 (Pairings Announced)

Boys Basketball Sectional Tournaments – February 28 – March 4, 2017

Wrestling Sectionals – January 28, 2017

Girls Swimming Sectionals – February 4, 2017

Girls Basketball Sectional tickets are on sale and may be purchased at the high school athletic office. Ticket cost is \$10.

From Ms. Elizabeth Hill, Curriculum Director/Yearbook Sponsor/Art Instructor

The junior class will be running the concession stand at all girls and boy's basketball games this winter. Every junior must work two basketball games in the concession stand, or pay \$10.00 for each game not worked, in order to go to Prom. Sign-ups for concession workers are in the high school office.

Prom Committee meetings will be conducted during Trojan Pride, weekly, on Thursday.

Yearbooks are again on sale for both the Junior High and High School. Order forms are available in each school's office. The starting price for the High School book is \$40. The starting price for the Junior High book is \$24.

From Ms. Kelly Hill, Student Services/Guidance Director

For students requiring assistance with math and science there is a free hotline available to you. The Rose Hulman Institute sponsored "Homework Hotline" has tutors ready to assist students with their assignments. Rose Hulman students man the Hotline from 7:00pm – 10:00pm (EST) – 6:00pm – 9:00pm (CDT) Sunday – Thursday.

The Hotline phone number is 877.ASK.ROSE.

Rose Hulman also offers resources you may find helpful at www.AskRose.org.

Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants have announced their 2017 scholarship program, which is their 10th year of doing so. The winners will receive up to \$1000 in scholarship money each year. The deadline for applying is June 12, 2017.

To apply, and learn more, for this opportunity you may go to <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

From Ms. Laramy Parke, HEROES Wellness Coordinator

Staff members of Wood Memorial Junior High School and High School are taking part in a health and wellness challenge this winter. The challenge has been broken into five (5) two week segments, with progress begin scored among the participants. The overall winner will receive an award.

The challenge segments have been identified as:

- Segment 1 January 9 – 22
- Segment 2 January 23 – February 5
- Segment 3 February 6 – February 19
- Segment 4 February 20 – March 5
- Segment 5 March 6 – March 19

From Ms. Jill Bottoms, Student Council Sponsor

Thank you to everyone who took part in our annual blood drive. The next drive will take place on February 24, 2017, 8:00am – 1:00pm.

From Ms. Elizabeth McClelland, Drama Sponsor

Spring Drama and Play performances are scheduled for March 17, 18, and 19, 2017.

From Mr. Christopher Meyer, WMHS/WMJHS Band Director

The Wood Memorial Band has launched a Facebook page to keep our school-community up to date with what is occurring. The page will provide those visiting with information on upcoming performances, current news, photos, and videos from the band. It will also offer resources for students and parents.

The page can be found @woodmemorialband, on Facebook.

From Ms. Cassie Scaper, College Connection Coach, Ivy Tech University

For the convenience of students and parents I am providing the following information on applying to be considered for a scholarship:

College/University	Scholarship Deadline	More Information
Anderson University	Varies for Departmental	http://www.anderson.edu/students/fin-aid/scholarships
Ball State	Varies for Departmental	http://cms.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarshipsandfinancialaid/howtoapply/datesanddeadlines
Bellarmino University	Varies for Departmental	http://www.bellarmino.edu/financialaid/institutional/
Brescia University	February 15	https://www.brescia.edu/brescia-university-scholarships
Butler University	November 1	https://www.butler.edu/prospective-first-years-financial-aid/first-year-butler-gift-programs
Hanover College	March 1	https://www.hanover.edu/admission/financialaid/scholarship#grants
Indiana State University	December 1	http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships#qt-scholarships_tabset-ui-tabs2
Indiana University	November 1	https://scholarships.indiana.edu/index.html
Indiana Wesleyan	Varies for Departmental	https://www.indwes.edu/financial-aid/undergraduate/scholarships
IUPUI	Varies for Departmental	http://scholarships.iupui.edu/freshman/inres.html
Ivy Tech Community College	March 15	https://www.ivytech.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.html
Marian University	October 15	http://www.marian.edu/admissions/financial-aid
Murray State University	January 15	http://www.murraystate.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.aspx
Oakland City University	October 1 (tentative)	http://www.oak.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.php
Olivet Nazarene	None	http://www.olivet.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships/
Purdue University	November 1	https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/types-of-aid/free-money/scholarships.html
Southern Illinois University--Carbondale	November 1	http://scholarships.siu.edu/types/freshmen/index.php
University of Evansville	December 1	https://www.evansville.edu/tuitionandaid/scholarships.cfm

University of Indianapolis	Varies for Departmental	http://www.uindy.edu/financial-aid-for-new-students/grants-and-scholarships
University of Louisville	December 15	http://louisville.edu/admissions/aid/scholarships
University of Southern Indiana	December 2 *See website for departmental scholarship deadlines	http://www.usi.edu/admissions/scholarships/freshman-scholarships
Vincennes University	January 15	http://www.vinu.edu/web/financial-services/financial-aid
Wabash Valley	Varies fro Departmental	http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&nest=WSCH_HOME
Western Kentucky University	January 15	https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/