

April 28, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans! The home of the State Champion Lady Trojans!

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

Seniors will be administered finals as follows:

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Period 7 Final Exam

Friday, May 19, 2017

Periods 1, 3, and 5 Final Exams

Monday, May 22, 2017

Periods 2, 4, and 6 Final Exams

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

Monday, May 22, 2017

Period 7 Final Exam

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Periods 1, 3, and 5 Final Exams

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Periods 2, 4, and 6 Final Exams

A reminder that students may opt out to 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.

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.

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 2017.

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. If a student is absent from the scheduled graduation practice, additional practice may be planned for Thursday, May 25, and/or Friday, May 26, 2017.

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.

Wood Memorial High School is working with Ivy Tech University in order to establish an “Early College” partnership, allowing students to have the opportunity to earn college credit, while in high school. Representatives of Ivy Tech met with the WMHS leadership team on Thursday, April 20, 2017, to discuss the plan for program implementation.

The Early College program will provide opportunities for students to earn between 30 and 60 college credits by the time they graduate high school. Further, students would receive a cost effective rate, per credit hour from Ivy Tech.

With the above stated, I would encourage parents of students currently in the sophomore and junior classes, interested in college opportunities, to attend an informational meeting scheduled for Monday, May 1, at 6:00pm to learn more about the opportunity. Ms. Elizabeth Hill, Ms. Kelly Hill, and I will be providing information on this opportunity. An Ivy Tech representative will be on site as well to address any questions you may have. The meeting will be held in the Lecture Room.

Informational letters regarding summer school enrollment will be sent home to parents who have expressed an interest in their child taking advantage of this four week opportunity. 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 30 – June 23, 2017
- 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

The Wood Memorial student services team will be making contact with students and parents in the very near future.

ISTEP Part 2 continues for high school students during the week of May 1, 2017. Students will complete Biology testing on Monday, May 1. Make up exams are ongoing through May 5 for students in the junior high school and high school.

I appreciate the focus and commitment to ensure an effective environment for student testing by our students, as well as staff members.

The senior honors night program has been scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 10, 2017. The event will recognize the accomplishments of the 2017 graduating class, including scholarship awards, national honor society members, as well as much more. In conjunction, the newest members of the National Honor Society will be inducted during the evening's ceremony. There will be cookies and drinks available between the induction and the recognition of our seniors.

The evening launches at 6:00pm with the induction of the National Honor Society class of 2017.

A high school honors program, for students in grades 9 – 11 will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

There has been an issue with students arriving after the start of school (8:00am) for quite some time. In order to help my staff and I identify an opportunity to reduce the late arrivals we will be monitoring the reasons for the situation over the remaining days of school. With this a student

arriving to school after 8:00am must come to my office for a pass. Data around the reason will be captured, accumulated, and analysis in a continuous improvement effort for next school year.

Information of interest:

- Senior class cap and gown pictures will be taken on May 2, 2017, at 8:00am.
- The high school gymnasium will be closed to all activities beginning Monday, May 22 through graduation. This is to allow for preparations for the 2017 graduation ceremony to be conducted effectively.
- Due to timing conflicts senior pride day has been moved to Friday, May 12, 2017.
- Senior students are being asked to provide pictures for use in the graduation ceremony in May. Each senior should bring one senior picture and one baby shot to Ms. Nossett as soon as possible. Student names should be provided on the back of the respective picture.
- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Wood Memorial's softball game with Tecumseh has been moved to Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 12:00pm.
- Wood Memorial's tennis match with Evansville Bosse, at WMHS, has been moved to Friday, April 28, 2017.
- Through a grant from Alcoa, Ivy Tech is offering an opportunity for high school students who are juniors and seniors to earn up to 6 college credits during the summer at no cost. To learn more about this opportunity visit this link:
<https://www.ivytech.edu/southwest/17903.html>

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

“You can avoid reality, but you cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality.”

- Ayn Rand

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Academy Day	8:30am – 11:00am
Hosted by Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. Vincennes University – Gibson County Center	
BA vs. Vincennes Rivet	11:00am
SB vs. Tecumseh	Noon
WM JHS/HS Band Performance	7:00pm
Lions Club 100 th State Conference Dinner Evansville, Indiana	

Monday, May 1, 2017

ISTEP – Part 2 – Biology	
Golf vs. Pike Central	4:30pm
JH Tennis vs. Southridge	4:30pm
JH Track vs. Pike Central	5:00pm
BA vs. Forest Park	5:00pm
Early College Parent Meeting	6:00pm
Lecture Room Current Sophomore and Junior Parents	

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

ISTEP – Make Up	
Color Guard Clinic	3:30pm – 5:00pm
Tennis vs. Gibson Southern	4:30pm
Coed Track at Princeton	5:00pm
County Meet	
SB vs. Gibson Southern	5:00pm
BA vs. North Posey	6:00pm

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

ISTEP – Make Up	
AP English – Literature Exam (English 12)	
Environmental Science Field Trip	8:00am
Blackfoot Landfill Francisco Mine	
Tennis vs. Pike Central	4:30pm
SB vs. South Knox	5:00pm

Thursday, May 4, 2017

ISTEP Make Up	
Jostens Meeting	2:48pm
2018 Seniors	
2017-2018 Athletic Physicals	
Golf vs. Washington Catholic	4:30pm
SB vs. Southridge	5:00pm

BA at North Knox	5:00pm
JH Track at NE Dubois	5:00pm
Blue Chip Meet	
Coed Track vs. Gibson Southern, Mt. Vernon	5:30pm

Friday, May 5, 2017

ISTEP – Make Up	
Riley Field Trip	8:00am
Ms. Morton’s Class	
Spring Band Concert	7:00pm

Saturday, May 6, 2017

2017 Prom	6:00pm
Grand March – 6:30pm	

Additional Dates of Note

Indiana ISTAR – Part 3	April 10 – May 19, 2017
Indiana ISTEP – Part 2	April 17 – May 5, 2017
Online	
Multiple Choice	
Technology Enhanced Items	
Indiana ECA – Spring	April 24 – May 26, 2017
AP Biology	May 8, 2017
AP Calculus	May 9, 2017
AP English Language (English 11) Exam	May 10, 2017
Senior Honors Night	May 10, 2017
6:00pm	
ECA	May 10 – 19, 2017
Algebra I	
English	
For Retesters	
Chemistry II Field Trip	May 11, 2017
Vincennes University	
7:00am – 2:30pm	
Senior Pride Day	May 12, 2017
Riley Dance Marathon	May 13, 2017
2:00pm – 9:00pm	
High School Honors Program	May 17, 2017
2:20pm	
Senior Week	May 18 – May 24, 2017
7 th Grade Orientation	May 19, 2017
8:30am – 11:00am	
FCA Field Trip	May 20, 2017
Senior Baccalaureate	May 21, 2017
Community Sponsored	
5:00pm	

Snow Day 5	May 25, 2017
Snow Day 6	May 26, 2017
Graduation	May 27, 2017
Girls Basketball Camp	May 30 – June 2, 2017
Wood Memorial Youth Volleyball Camp	June 5 – 7, 2017
Grades 3 – 8	
12 – 3pm Daily	
Preliminary ISTEP Data Available	June 16, 2017
ISTEP Re-score Window	June 19, 2017 – July 7, 2017
Wood Memorial Volleyball Team Camp	June 26 – 28, 2017
High School	
Indiana Volleyball Team Challenge	July 22, 2017
Indiana University	
7 th Grade Orientation	August 3, 2017
2017 – 2018 Staff Opening Day	August 8, 2017
First Day of School	August 9, 2017
Open House	August 9, 2017
ISTEP Final Results Available	August 16, 2017
WMHS and WMJHS Open House	To Be Determined
Indiana ECA – Summer	August 21 – September 1, 2017
Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
College Night	October 5, 2017
6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria	
2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction	October 23, 2017
6:00pm	
ISTEP Retest	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Grade 10	
ECA – Winter	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
ISTAR	January 15, 2018 – February 16, 2018
Grades 3 – 8, 10	
ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies	
National Assessment of Educational Progress	January 29, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Grades 4 and 8	
Digital Based	
Math, Reading, Writing, US History, Civics, and Geography	
Accuplacer – Part 2	February 12, 2018 – March 30, 2018
ISTEP Part 1	February 26, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Academic Banquet	April 6, 2018
ISTAR	April 16, 2018 – May 18, 2018

ISTEP Part 2
ECA – Spring

Senior Honors Night
6:00pm

2018 Graduation
ECA – Summer 1

ECA – Summer 2

April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018
April 23, 2018 – May 25,
2018

May 10, 2018

TBD

June 21, 2018 – June 27,
2018

August 23, 2018 – August
29, 2018

NOTES from STAFF and/or THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

From Mr. Steve Kilian, Athletic Director

Promoting Education Based Athletics in Indiana.

Zak Keefer of the Indy Star wrote about NFL legend Peyton Manning and he spent part of his off season every summer working on basic fundamentals with his brother Eli, under his former college quarterback coach.

Peyton was quoted as saying “Don’t think you ever got it all figured out, because the little things matter. And if you ever think the little things don’t matter, and you can brush those aside, I promise you in whatever you are doing, your game’s going to slip.”

So the next time you spend a big part of your practice working on fundamentals, or your coach encourages you to do so in the off season, recognize the importance. Manning did so for his entire career!

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

The coed track meet scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017 will begin at 5:30pm.

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

All students who are attending prom will have to pay all of their class dues and fees, textbook rental fees, lunch charges, and library fines, before they will receive a ticket. This includes all money owed for fundraisers. See your class sponsors for how much you may owe.

Class of 2017: The yearbook staff needs a senior photo of your choice to appear in the yearbook next to your Straub picture. Pictures must be taken by a professional photographer and be school appropriate. Please email high resolution images to ehill@egsc.k12.in.us, or bring me a printed picture, no smaller than 4 x 6 inches to scan. Please participate, even if you do not order a yearbook!

Faculty and Staff: The high school yearbook staff would like to include a picture of you from your high school days alongside your staff picture. Please participate by emailing a picture to ehill@egsc.k12.in.us.

Tips for ISTEP Assessments

- Watch for words like Not and Except...They tell you to look for the choice that is false or different from the other choices.
- Utilize the testing time effectively by taking all of the time presented for the assessment.
- Pay close attention to the questions by reading the directions carefully and refer back to them a second time before diving into the work being asked for.
- Be Confident and use breathing exercises to relax as often as you need.
- Look at the choices carefully before selecting an answer.
- Eliminate answers that are obviously incorrect.

- Take the time to think before answering a question. You have the knowledge and are prepared to succeed.
- Verify your work carefully.
- Believe in yourself and you will always do the very best you can.

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>

Ms. Ginger Schenks, Post Prom Coordinator

2017 Post Prom will be held on Saturday, May 6 in the WM Cafeteria from 12:00am to 2:30am. Doors open at midnight and doors will be locked at 12:30am with no one admitted after that time. The Post Prom theme is Neon. The Post Prom committee is purchasing neon t-shirts for all attendees.

From Ms. Sally Morton, School Nurse

The Indiana State Department of Health has updated the school immunization requirements. For the 2017 – 2018 school year, it is recommended that incoming seniors have a Meningococcal Serogroup B (MenB) vaccine in addition to the already required Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (MCV4). For the 2018 – 2019 school year, the MenB vaccine will be required for incoming seniors.

Two doses of Hepatitis A is required for Kindergarten through 3rd grades and recommended for grades 4 through 12 during the 2017 – 2018 school year. For the 2018 – 2019 school year, two doses of Hepatitis A are required for Kindergarten through 4th grades, 6th grade, and 12th grades. Two doses of Hepatitis A are recommended for 5th grade and grades 7 – 11.

Please call the nurses office at 812.749.4222 with any questions.

Attention parents of East Gibson School Corporation students in grades 4-11: If your child plans to participate in school related sports during the 2017-2018 school year they MUST have an IHSA sports physical form on file in the school office. Sports physicals will be offered at the Oakland City campus by the Deaconess Oakland City providers at a cost of \$10 per student

beginning May 4, 2017. IHSAA sports physical forms are available for pick up in the school offices. There is a portion of the form that must be filled out and signed by the parent or guardian, and returned to your child's school office by Tuesday, April 18th.

From Ms. Melissa Parker, English Instructor

The WMHS Color Guard will be having a clinic in the old gym for next year's high school students interested in joining, on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The clinic will run from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Please pick up a waiver from Mrs. Parker in room 108, Mr. Meyer in the band room, or from the main high school office. Please Mrs. Parker if you have any questions.

From Linda Miller, Librarian

In order to get books back before end of school, the last day to check books was April 24, 2017.

From Ms. Kimberly Higgins, Assistant to the Dean/OPTIONS Coordinator

The College of Engineering and Computer Science will host its annual UE Engineering OPTIONS Summer Camps this June. We are inviting middle school boys and girls and high school girls in the tristate to participate. More detailed information for each of the camps can be found at the links below. Online registration is available.

Middle School Boys (June 5 – 9)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/msBoys.cfm>

Middle School Girls (June 11 – 14)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/msGirls.cfm>

High School Girls (June 18 – 23)

<https://www.evansville.edu/options/hsGirls.cfm>

From Mr. Nicholas Hunter-Shields, Recreation Therapy Administrative Assistant

Camp Riley is hosted by Bradford Woods and is made possible through the generous support of Riley's Children's Foundation. Bradford Woods, IU's Outdoor Center operated by the School of Public Health-Bloomington, is located 20 miles southwest of Indianapolis, in Martinsville, Indiana. Camp Riley has offered unique programs for youth with disabilities and chronic illnesses since 1955.

Children can attend one of eight Camp Riley sessions offered during a nine-week span with each session offering a staff-to-camper ratio appropriate to the campers' needs.

More information on this opportunity may be obtained by calling 765.349.5135, extension 5218.

From Erin Lucas, Office of Congressman Larry Bucshon

The 2017 Academy Day will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Vincennes University Gibson County Center, in Fort Branch, Indiana. Registration begins at 8:30am, with the program running from 9:00am – 11:00am (CDT).

Individuals considering a career in one of the United States Service Academies will be able to learn about the opportunities, the application process, congressional nominations, and the every day life of a Service Academy Cadet.

The application process for a congressional nomination from Congressman Buschon’s office, for the class of 2022, will be from March 1, 2017 until October 6, 2017.

From Jamie Nunnely, Communications Director, National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) announced that its board of directors has approved the affiliation of a new state chapter: the Indiana Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (INCEP). Indiana is the ninth state to launch a chapter.

The Indiana Commission on Higher Education indicates that 52% of Indiana high school graduates, in 2014, completed at least one college course through dual credit; an increase from 39% in 2012. The Commission’s data shows that students who complete dual credit courses are more likely to enroll in postsecondary education within a year following high school graduation, as compared with those who do not earn pre-college credit.

Independent research published by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance found that Hoosier college students who had completed dual credit are more likely to place out of remedial courses, pass all their first-year courses, and persist to sophomore year than colleges students who had not taken dual credit courses.

From Ms. Cassie Scrapper, 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/scholarships#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 from Departmental	http://www.iecc.edu/page.php?page=WVCH&nest=WSCH_HOME
Western Kentucky University	January 15	https://www.wku.edu/scholarship/