

August 11, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

The launch of the 2017 - 2018 school year went very well. I appreciate the preparation and focus put forth by staff and students to ensure a successful launch to what I am sure will be a great year. With the start of the new school year I am pleased to welcome the new faces on our staff. I am confident you will find them all to be an integral part of your success.

Welcome to new staff members: Ms. Sandra Benefiel (Special Education), Mr. Nick Berry (Special Education), Ms. Patsy Creasey (Interim English), Ms. Pat Douglas (Art), Mr. Alec Hensley (Criminal Justice), Mr. Chris Render (Business Student Teacher), Ms. Cassie Scrapper (Social Studies), Ms. Stacey Strickland (Special Education), and Mr. Chris Tanner (Trojan Academy).

In conjunction with the above, a plan has been identified to provide instruction to our Spanish students for the first semester of the school year. Students will be provided access to the Plato Courseware beginning the week of August 14, 2017. This courseware is utilized by a number of high schools around the state and the country. I have received positive recommendations from valued colleagues concerning its effectiveness.

Once again this year I will be utilizing a collaborative opportunity for all members – students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members – of the Wood Memorial School Community. With this said, I believe to be most effective with the development and growth of our students it is imperative that every stakeholder of Wood Memorial have an opportunity to collaborate and provide input in any area/aspect of interest involving our school (s) they may have. Thus, I will conduct monthly “Open Office” sessions, focused on providing time for such collaboration to occur.

I encourage you to come meet anytime to review items of interest you may have. You may schedule a meeting by calling 812.749.4757 and requesting a time.

The September “Open Office” session will be conducted on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

In keeping with the theme of collaboration and communication I want to invite Wood Memorial stakeholders to follow the happenings at the junior high and high school by joining us on twitter at WMTrojans1.

The administrative team conducted class meetings with our students on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. The intent was to welcome everyone to a new school year, while reviewing expectations for a terrific 10 months of learning.

Bell schedule adjustments made for the 2017 – 2018 school year includes the move of our Trojan Pride period. This period will be held following fourth period each day, with student lunches revolving around this time. The purpose of this change is to allow for a more structured agenda to be utilized, allowing for greater attention to be spent on such topics as character development, career preparation, tutoring, mentoring, academic work, and much, much more.

The student handbook for 2017 – 2018 will be issued in a digital format. Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School will be utilizing the Pinwheel/Eventlink resource for this purpose. Through this approach students, parents, staff, and school – community members will be able to receive real-time notifications, including our calendar of events (academic focused/athletic focused). Further, the use of this tool has allowed us to avoid an additional \$4.00 in costs.

Information on how to set up individual accounts will be coming soon. Once this is rolled out parents and students are encouraged to review the student – handbook to ensure alignment of expectations.

I would like to thank staff for all of the work they have done to support the student registration process, as well as preparing for the launch of the new school year. Ms. Toni Pflug, Ms. Kelly Carlton, Ms. Elizabeth Hill, Mr. Gary Horrall, Ms. Shelly Casey, and Ms. Christina Saulmon are to be commended for the time and energy they put forth this summer in preparing and supporting preparation activities. Further, our instructional staff participated in a kickoff session on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. During this event individuals were able to collaborate on points – of – emphasis for an effective school year. I appreciate their focused and committed attention to this detail.

Our office hours will be from 7:30am – 4pm daily throughout the school year.

The Wood Memorial maintenance staff has done a wonderful job of preparing our facility for the start of the new school year. This includes the relocation of our student services department, which is now strategically located to allow for ease of access of students and staff. A great deal of work has been put forth by this group of talented individuals and on behalf of the junior high school and high school staff I would like to thank them for their committed efforts this summer.

Information of interest:

- The “Trojan Pride” period has been established to allow for students to have the opportunity to participate in a number of opportunities during the school day. These will include, but not be limited to:
  - Peer Mentoring
  - Peer Tutoring
  - Faculty Mentoring

- Faculty Tutoring
  - Extra – Curricular Club Participation
  - Assignment Make – Up
  - Conflict Mediation
  - Additional Remediation
  - Character Development
  - Work Force Development
  - Staff Development
  - Response – To – Intervention
  - Continuous Improvement
- Student drivers are reminded they must purchase a parking tag in order to drive and maintain their vehicle on campus. The tags may be obtained from the high school office. The parking tag cost is \$2.00.
  - Student drivers are reminded they may utilize the east parking lot when driving a vehicle to school. Please note that all drivers must adhere to guidelines for the safe operation of their vehicle while on, or near our campuses. These guidelines may be found in the 2017 – 2018 Student Handbook.
  - For awareness, beginning after labor day the high school and junior high school will be utilizing an automated call option for students who are absent during first period. This is a tool that has been available for use through the School Messenger program for some time. The calls will be placed at 9:00a.m. and are being put into place in an effort to enhance out attendance management process.

Good luck to our fall sports teams, coaches, and athletes.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“There are those whose lives affect all others around them. Quietly touching one heart, who in turn, touches another. Reaching out to ends further than they would ever know.”

- William Bradfield

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### **Friday, August 11, 2017**

JHS Volleyball Call Out Meeting Lunch  
Football vs. Pike Central – Scrimmage 6:30pm

### **Monday, August 14, 2017**

VB vs. Northeast Dubois 5:30pm

### **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

Girls Soccer vs. Northeast Dubois 5:00pm  
Boys Soccer at Northeast Dubois 5:00pm  
VB at Mount Vernon 6:00pm  
Tennis at North Daviess 4:45pm

### **Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

Fall 2017 PD Planning Session 11:30am  
Tennis vs. Evansville Day 4:30pm

### **Thursday, August 17, 2017**

VB at Vincennes Rivet 5:30pm  
Girls Soccer at Vincennes Rivet 5:00pm  
Boys Soccer vs. North Knox 5:00pm

### **Friday, August 18, 2017**

Principal's Student Advisory Council Meeting 11:30am

### **Saturday, August 19, 2017**

Girls Soccer at Boonville 10:00am  
Football at Paoli 11:00am  
VB vs. Springs Valley 11:00am  
Football Mom's Spaghetti Dinner 6:00pm  
Cafeteria

## Additional Dates of Note

Indiana ECA – Summer August 21 – September 1, 2017

School Pictures August 29, 2017

1:1 Devices Issued September 5 – 8, 2017

Sunrise Friday – WFIE – 14 September 8, 2017

Fall Sports Pictures September 13, 2017

State ADM September 15, 2017

IHSAA Fall Meetings September 18, 2017

North Daviess HS – 9:30am

Professional Development Day September 20, 2017

Jostens – Freshman Class Ring Order September 21, 2017

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Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
Blue Chip Spell Bowl NE Dubois	October 4, 2017
College Night 6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria	October 5, 2017
2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction 6:00pm	October 23, 2017
Jostens – Senior Graduation Order	October 30, 2017
Senior Area Spell Bowl	October 30, 2017
JHS Area Spell Bowl	November 1, 2017
ISTEP Retest	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Grade 10	
ECA – Winter	December 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Rings/Senior Graduation Items	December 7, 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	April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018
ECA – Spring	April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018
Senior Honors Night 6:00pm	May 10, 2018
2018 Graduation	TBD
ECA – Summer 1	June 21, 2018 – June 27, 2018
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**

The Wood Memorial Athletic Department will be selling football, volleyball, boys soccer, and girls soccer season tickets and passes in the athletic office; and they may be purchased at athletic events.

Prices for Fall Sports Passes:

Varsity Football	
Adults	\$16.00
Students	\$12.00
Varsity Volleyball	
Adults	\$44.00
Students	\$33.00
Varsity Girls Soccer	
Adults	\$28.00
Students	\$21.00
Varsity Boys Soccer	
Adults	\$40.00
Students	\$30.00

Family passes may be purchased at a price of \$150.00, which covers a 4 member family. Additional children may be added at a cost of \$20.00 per member.

Adult All – Season Passes	\$70.00
Student All – Season Passes	\$50.00

Other pass options available to Trojan fans include:

Adult 10 Event Pass	\$40.00
Student 10 Event Pass	\$30.00
Adult 20 Event Pass	\$80.00
Student 20 Event Pass	\$60.00

If you have any questions, please call the Wood Memorial Athletic Office at 812.749.4750.

Student – athletes should have received a 2017 - 2018 Student – Athlete Handbook. If not, please contact the respective coach and/or the athletic office.

For the advanced planning of our student – athletes and parents, a required parent meeting will be conducted by the respective coach prior to the first contest being held. A parent and / or guardian must be in attendance. If a conflict arises the parent/guardian should contact the coach in order to schedule a make-up time. A student – athlete will not be allowed to participate in a contest until such time that the parent/guardian has met with the coach; and signed the acknowledgement form.