

September 15, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. This represents our semi-annual staff professional development day, which begins at 1:45pm. For WMHS and WMJHS training will be provided in the areas of formative assessment through technology, student-centered lesson strategies, and rigorous curriculum design.

A number of our sophomore students traveled to Indiana University on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 for a tour of the campus. Despite the rain, students were positive about the opportunity to visit IU, taking part in a number of discussions focused on providing information on what college life is all about.

Toyota is providing an opportunity for female students, in high school, to learn about opportunities available to them in a STEM field. A “Parents STEM Night” will be held on October 3, 2017, at the TMMI Visitors Center. The evening is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm and run until 8:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to understand the careers in STEM available in the future. For more information on the evening you may contact Mr. Barry Roberts at barry.roberts@toyota.com.

In keeping with our commitment on ensuring a positive and collaborative environment a plan has been identified which will allow every student in grades 7 – 12 to set up an educational focused email account for use during their educational career. Mr. Bartley is leading this initiative, with a focus on ensuring our students have access to communicate around any number of areas related to their educational development, including lesson assignments, instructional inquiries, and peer collaboration to name just a few.

Further, a plan has been put into motion which will also modify the staff email accounts in an effort to enhance effectiveness with our collaboration and communication. In the near future the staff will be moving to Gmail accounts. I appreciate the leadership and continuous improvement focus of Mr. Bartley.

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](https://twitter.com/WMTrojans1).

For the 2017 – 2018 school year Wood Memorial will be providing opportunities for our students in grades 8 – 10 to experience a college campus. This is a part of our focus to enhance opportunities around college and career readiness. The dates for the visits are as follows:

- 9th Graders – September 26, 2017 (Vincennes University)
- 8th Graders – October 3, 2017 (University of Southern Indiana)

Ms. Elizabeth Hill has done a great job of coordinating and scheduling the events.

I would like to thank Deaconess CrossPointe for providing the Wood Memorial and East Gibson staff members with training on Suicide Awareness and Prevention. The training took place on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, with more than 30 staff members participating. Kent Leslie and Cory Bowling represented CrossPointe and did a terrific job.

Beginning July 1, 2018 the state of Indiana will require all school personnel to be trained in this area.

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
- The attendance (automated) calls scheduled to start after labor day for the high school and junior high school have launched. 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.
- A Community TailGate is planned for Friday, September 29, 2017. Food, Games, Music, and Fun! Fun! Fun!. Come out to the football complex prior to the Trojan game with Rock Creek Academy.
- 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.

- Look for your opportunity to obtain a “Trojan” check card from German American Bank. Details can be reviewed at the high school website.
- The WM football game, on September 15, at Eastern Greene will kickoff at 7:00pm, instead of the posted 6:30pm time.
- The WM boys soccer match with Evansville Day has been moved to September 16, at 4:00pm. This move was requested by Evansville Day due to availability of players.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“You do what you can for as long as you can, and when you finally can’t, you do the next best thing. You back up, but you don’t give up.”

-Chuck Yeager

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, September 15, 2017

2017 ADM Count

Student Advisory Council Meeting

11:30am

Football at Eastern Greene

7:00pm

Saturday, September 16, 2017

WMHS VB Invitational

9:00am

Boys Soccer at Evansville Day

4:00pm

Monday, September 18, 2017

Tennis at South Spencer

4:30pm

VB at Eastern Greene

5:00pm

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

HS Boys BB Meeting

11:31am

JHS Spell Bowl Practice

12:00pm

Tennis vs. Evansville Bosse

4:30pm

Boys Soccer at Tell City

5:00pm

Girls Soccer vs. Evansville Day

5:00pm

JHS VB at Barr Reeve

5:30pm

VB at South Spencer

6:00pm

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Student Council Meeting

12:30pm

School Dismissed

1:00pm

Staff Professional Development

1:45pm

Formative Assessment and Technology

Student Centered Lesson Strategies

Rigorous Curriculum Design

Boys Basketball Parents Meeting

5:00pm

HS Lecture Room

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Josten's Class Ring Ordering

7:30am

HS Spell Bowl Practice

11:31am

EGSC CTA Meeting

3:30pm

Tennis vs. Heritage Hills

4:30pm

Girls Soccer at Vincennes Rivet

5:00pm

JHS VB at Heritage Hills

5:30pm

VB vs. Princeton

5:30pm

Friday, September 22, 2017

Fall Homecoming Court Pictures

11:31am

Boys Soccer at Vincennes Rivet

5:00pm

Saturday, September 23, 2017

JHS VB at North Knox	9:00am
Girls Soccer vs. Princeton	10:00am
Boys Soccer vs. Princeton	11:45am

Additional Dates of Note

Blue Chip Spell Bowl Rosters Due	September 25, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 26, 2017
Choral Field Trip – Southwest Choral Festival	September 26, 2017
9 th Grade College Visit – Vincennes University	September 26, 2017
Annual Bullying Training	September 27, 2017
IHSAA Fall Meeting	September 27, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Ring Order	September 28, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 28, 2017
Annual Bullying Training	September 28, 2017
PLC – Gold Schedule	September 29, 2017
Community Tailgate – 5PM	September 29, 2017
Fall Homecoming Voting	September 29, 2017
Fall Homecoming Court Practice	September 29, 2017
Fall Homecoming	September 29, 2017
Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
8 th Grade College Visit – USI	October 3, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 3, 2017
Blue Chip Spell Bowl North Knox	October 3, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 5, 2017
College Night 6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria	October 5, 2017
Red Cross Blood Drive	October 10, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 10, 2017
Student Picture Re-Takes	October 10, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 12, 2017
7 th Grade Science Sensation at Princeton	October 12, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 17, 2017
WMHS Athletic Council Meeting 6:00pm JHS Conference Room Varsity Coaches	October 17, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 19, 2017
2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction 6:00pm	October 23, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 24, 2017
Jostens – Senior Graduation Order	October 30, 2017
Senior Area Spell Bowl	October 30, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 31, 2017

JHS Area Spell Bowl	November 1, 2017
Boys BB Inter-squad Games	November 4, 2017
2pm	
Alumni BB Game	November 4, 2017
6pm	
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
Red Cross Blood Drive	February 23, 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	May 10, 2018
6:00pm	
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.

From Johnnie Bartley, Technology Instructional Coordinator

With the launch of our enhanced 1:1 technology strategy around the corner, parents and students are reminded that the technology use agreement must be signed and turned in, prior to the issuance of a device. Damage fees from last year must be due and must be cleared before the student can receive an iPad.

In regards to insurance coverage for the device, parents are reminded that the provided insurance option only covers the device itself, and not the case or charger. All damages must be taken care of upon occurrence.

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

From Ms. Beth Hill, Student Services

Yearbooks are now on sale for both the junior high school and high school. Order forms for each book are in the respective offices. Please make checks payable to Wood Memorial. Online orders can be placed at jostensyearbooks.com until September 11, 2017. When you purchase a yearbook, and personalization, you will receive four free icons.

Information is available in Student Services for students interested in taking the ACT and SAT assessments this year. Information is also available for seniors interested in attending USI and Ball State (Architecture, Landscape Design, and Urban Development), and senior girls interested in exploring engineering at Purdue. The Purdue Women in Engineering Program is hosting a free program on Monday, October 16, at Purdue. Flyers are available.

From Ms. Kelly Carlton, Student Services

Congressman Larry Buschon will be hosting his 2017 Fall U.S. Service Academy Day on Saturday, September 16 in Fort Branch, Indiana. It will be held at the Vincennes University – Gibson County Center, 8100 South US Highway 41, in Fort Branch. Registration begins at 8:30am, with the program running from 9:00am – 11:00am.

The annual event provides information to interested individuals on the United States Service Academies, including the application process and congressional nominations. The application process for a congressional nomination is open until October 6, 2017.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://bucshon.house.gov/serving-you/military-academy-nominations>.

The Indiana University Office of Admissions will be hosting a Preview event in your area for seniors and juniors who are interested in applying to IU. In our area an event will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm, at the Sweetwater Event Center, in Evansville.

To register please go to admissions.indiana.edu/previews.

Scholarship Information

PAX Academic Exchange is looking for families to host students during the school year. There are 50 students looking for a host family through the PAX program. If interested you may contact Erin McAlister at 812.585.0765.

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 Chris Tanner, Trojan Academy Coordinator

For students enrolled in our on-line courses through Plato, a modification has been made to allow for visibility to the current pacing and course grade. The information is available on the respective student's home screen during login. The pacing is based off of the course end date...ie..December 20, 2017.

As a reference, the current grade defines the coursework completed and scored to date, while the course grade represents the overall grade based on all activities within the course (complete and incomplete).

Students will see pacing status on the learner home page. This view provides students with more information on their course performance, empowering them to be proactive decision makers when working in Courseware.

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