

September 8, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Wow! What a wonderful response to the Sunrise School Spirit program. I appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped make the Friday event a huge success. Further, thank you to all who donated to the Tri-State Food Bank food drive. In particular, the team at Hometown IGA is to be commended for their efforts coordinating the collection of items. The WM and East Gibson School-Communities came through in a terrific way.

Thank you to WFIE and Ms. Lauren Artino for the opportunity to showcase our children.

Mr. Bartley and his student tech services team have completed the distribution of the 1:1 devices. With this said, there are a few students yet to return the technology user agreement in order to receive an iPad. I would encourage those individuals to take care of this task as soon as possible.

With the rollout of the iPads instructors will begin to incorporate the resource tool into daily lesson activities. Initially, the focus for use of technology in our classrooms will be placed on Schoology, Formative Assessment, and collaboration through Planbook. Additional opportunities for technology use will be identified and deployed throughout the school year.

I am excited for our students and staff members to begin to expand educational success through the 1:1 strategy. Technology provides an endless opportunity for growth and development for our children.

Thank you to Ms. Sally Morton, school nurse and health sciences instructor, for her efforts in coordinating a suicide awareness and prevention event at Wood Memorial High School. Representatives of Deaconess Cross Pointe will be at WM on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 to provide training to instructors in our school corporation. This will be conducted from 3:45 – 5:15pm. An informational session for the public, including parents, students, and anyone with interest, will be held beginning at 6:00pm. The location for both times will be the cafeteria.

Our children face many stress points in their lives, with too many of these occurring outside of their control. It is important that those of us who serve as role models and resources for them understand how we might provide the best possible assistance. I would encourage everyone to consider attending this most important event.

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.

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:

- 10<sup>th</sup> Graders – September 13, 2017 (Indiana University)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Graders – September 26, 2017 (Vincennes University)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Graders – October 3, 2017 (University of Southern Indiana)

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

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.
- There will be a meeting for those students and parents interested in being a part of the Bass Fishing team on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 6:00pm. Coach Condiff will conduct the session in the high school lecture room.
- 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

“We all have many gifts that we’ve never opened. It’s time to open some of yours. Find your wings.”

- Dan Zadra

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, September 8, 2017**

Spirit Day – Pajamas  
Sunrise School Spirit – WFIE 6:00am  
FB vs. North Knox 6:30pm

### **Saturday, September 9, 2017**

Girls Soccer vs. Evansville Bosse 10:00am  
Boys Soccer vs. Evansville Bosse 11:45am

### **Monday, September 11, 2017**

Indiana University Representative at WMHS  
IDOE Embargoed Release of A – F School Grades  
Tennis vs. Barr Reeve 4:30pm  
VB at North Knox 5:30pm

### **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

HS Math Formative Assessment  
Indiana State Safety Specialist Work Session 8:00am  
    Jasper High School  
CTE Advisory Council Meeting 11:30am  
Girls Soccer vs. Washington Catholic 4:30pm  
Tennis at Southridge 4:30pm  
Boys Soccer at Boonville 5:00pm  
JHS VB vs. Owensville 5:30pm  
VB at Gibson Southern 5:30pm  
East Gibson Archery Meeting 6:00pm  
    WMHS Lecture Room

### **Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

HS Student Council Meeting 12:15pm  
Fall Sports Pictures 3:10pm  
Suicide Prevention Training and Awareness 3:45pm  
    East Gibson Staff Members  
    WMHS/JHS Cafeteria  
Suicide Prevention Training and Awareness 6:00pm  
    Parents and Community Members  
    WMHS/JHS Cafeteria

### **Thursday, September 14, 2017**

HS Math Formative Assessment  
HS Spell Bowl Practice 11:31am  
Peers Meeting 12:13pm  
Boys Soccer at Shoals 5:00pm  
Girls Soccer vs. North Knox 5:00pm

JHS VB at Vincennes Rivet	5:30pm
VB at Evansville North	5:30pm
Bass Fishing Team Meeting	6:00pm
WMHS Lecture Room	

**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

**Additional Dates of Note**

IHSAA Fall Meetings	September 18 2017
North Daviess HS – 9:30am	
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 19, 2017
Professional Development Day	September 20, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 21, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Ring Order	September 21, 2017
Blue Chip Spell Bowl Rosters Due	September 25, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 26, 2017
Annual Bullying Training	September 27, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Ring Oder	September 28, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 28, 2017
Annual Bullying Training	September 28, 2017
Community Tailgate – 5PM	September 29, 2017
Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 3, 2017
Blue Chip Spell Bowl	October 3, 2017
North Knox	
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 5, 2017
College Night	October 5, 2017
6:00pm – H.S. Cafeteria	
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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Sensation at Princeton	October 12, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 17, 2017
WMHS Athletic Council Meeting	October 17, 2017
6:00pm	
JHS Conference Room	
Varsity Coaches	

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
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**

A representative from Indiana University will visit Wood Memorial High School on September 11 to speak with interested juniors and seniors. Those interested may sign up in the high school office to receive a pass.

Fall sports pictures will be taken on September 13, at the end of the day. Coaches will have order forms the week prior to pictures.

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](http://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](http://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:

<b>College/University</b>	<b>Admissions Director</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
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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