

August 18, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

I am excited for the opportunity our school-community has to be a part of Sunrise School Spirit this fall. WFIE, Channel 14, will be on our campus Friday, September 8, 2017, to feature our students and staff. The program is planned for the high school football field, barring severe/inclement weather, beginning at 6:00am.

Everyone in our school-community is invited to take part in this program. Please join us as this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our wonderful children and the special communities of East Gibson.

In order to assist those in need of transportation, Dr. Brewster has graciously developed a plan for the utilization of East Gibson school buses. For those needing a ride to Wood Memorial the following pick up locations have been established:

Francisco Elementary School

Barton Township Elementary School

The Oakland City Fire Station

Oakland City First Church of the Nazarene

City Hall, in Oakland City

The Nursing Home

Buses will pick up passengers at 5:15am on Friday, September 8, 2017.

A food drive has been launched in conjunction with Sunrise School Spirit. Non – perishable food donations may be made at Hometown IGA and/or Wood Memorial High School.

On Monday, August 21, 2017, Wood Memorial High School and Junior High School students will have the opportunity to take some time to observe the solar eclipse scheduled to occur. This opportunity may center on viewing live webstream coverage, or moving to an outdoor location on our campus. The instructors will be providing a lesson over the eclipse, as well as safety instructions prior to taking part in the respective activity.

For a student to view the eclipse from an outdoor location, if the instructor so chooses, a parent/guardian permission form must be signed and returned to the school. The forms were handed out on Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

Students and staff members taking part in an outdoors manner will be provided with viewing glasses that have been donated by Toyota Motor Company. The glasses have been certified as safe for use during the activity. I appreciate the work Toyota has done on behalf of our children, staff, and school-community.

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.

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.

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

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
- 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.
- There have been concerns expressed around student drivers carelessly driving at a fast speed down Roosevelt Street (which runs west past the football field) at the end of school. We care about your safety, as well as the safety of others. Please be smart and drive with the safety and well-being of all in mind. Student drivers are reminded they are not to use the North parking lot as a cut through when leaving school premises at the end of the day.
- 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 our attendance management process.

- For students enrolling in online college courses, through Ivy Tech, these will be opened for enrollment and launch on Monday, August 21, 2017.

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

“You wouldn’t worry about what others thought of you, if you knew how seldom they do.”

- Greg Matte

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

No activities

### **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 Cafeteria	6:00pm

### **Monday, August 21, 2017**

Tennis at Tecumseh	4:30pm
VB at Washington Catholic	5:30pm

### **Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

JHS Spell Bowl Team Meeting	11:31am
Tennis vs. Gibson Southern	4:30pm
Girls Soccer at Evansville Harrison	5:00pm
Boys Soccer vs. South Knox	5:00pm
VB at South Knox	5:30pm
JH VB vs. North Knox	5:30pm

### **Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

### **Thursday, August 24, 2017**

HS Spell Bowl Team Meeting	11:31am
Tennis vs NE Dubois	4:30pm
Boys Soccer vs. Gibson Southern	5:00pm
VB vs. Tecumseh	5:00pm
Girls Soccer at Mt. Vernon	5:30pm
JH VB at Loogootee	5:00pm

### **Friday, August 25, 2017**

IHSAA/Indianapolis Colts Sportsmanship Meeting	8:30am
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### **Saturday, August 26, 2017**

### Additional Dates of Note

Indiana ECA – Summer	August 21 – September 1, 2017
School Pictures	August 29, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	August 31, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 5, 2017
1:1 Devices Issued	September 5 – 8, 2017

Blue Chip Conference Fall Meeting	September 6, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 7, 2017
Sunrise Friday – WFIE – 14	September 8, 2017
Indiana University Representative	September 11, 2017
Fall Sports Pictures	September 13, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 14, 2017
State ADM	September 15, 2017
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
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 26, 2017
Jostens – Freshman Class Ring Oder	September 28, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	September 28, 2017
Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 3, 2017
Blue Chip Spell Bowl	October 4, 2017
NE Dubois	
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
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 12, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 17, 2017
HS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 19, 2017
2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction	October 23, 2017
6:00pm	
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 –

Grades 4 and 8 Digital Based Math, Reading, Writing, US History, Civics, and Geography	March 9, 2018
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 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.

### **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.

School picture day is August 29, 2017 during the morning periods. If a student travels during the morning, please plan on being at school to have your picture taken for the yearbook and identification cards. Order forms will be handed out soon.

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). The yearbook staff is selling short-sleeved, green t-shirts with white and gold glittery designs for \$10. They are on sale until August 31, 2017. Payment is due at the time of the order. To order, see any junior high school or high school yearbook staff member, Ms. Hill, or one of the offices.

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://buschon.house.gov/serving-you/military-academy-nominations>.