

October 13, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

In the October 6 edition of the bulletin I provided information on Wood Memorial's most recent accountability grades for our high school and junior high school. The high school received an "A" grade, with the junior high school earning a "C" for 2017. I would like to offer some detail on how the state of Indiana grades schools.

Taking the junior high school first, the weighted scoring formula looks at performance rate (passing level) and growth rate from the annual ISTEP assessment administered during the winter and spring. Each of these areas is weighted at 50% of the accountability score.

The performance rate is calculated to understand the percentage of students earning a passing score on the ISTEP test, while the growth domain looks at individual student results in a year – over – year manner. For each student earning an improved ISTEP score, their school is assigned growth points, based on an eight tier scoring grid. This grid provides an opportunity for a school to earn 0, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, or 175 points per student. The total growth points are tallied and then averaged against the total number of students participating in the exam, providing the final growth domain score.

The above calculations are performed for both the math and English testing areas.

For 2017 Wood Memorial Junior High School received 58.8 points for their performance domain and 93.4 points for the growth domain. With the weighting applied this equaled 29.4 performance points and 46.7 growth points, or 76.1 total points, a C.

When looking at the high school calculations there are more segments taken into account to determine the accountability grade. Indiana's high schools are scored on performance of the students on the annual assessment, individual student growth in year – over – year comparison, and around a category titled multiple measures.

The performance and growth domain's, for a high school, are calculated in a similar fashion as that discussed previously. However, their respective weighting is different than that of the junior high school. For the 2017 calculations the performance and growth domains were both weighted at 20% of the final score.

The multiple measures category was weighted at 60% of the high school score. This area looks at college and career readiness, graduation rate at the 4 year cohort level, and the 5th year graduation rate improvement numbers for each high school. The college and career readiness

portion of the score, where Wood Memorial earned 100 points, focuses on students earning dual credits or passing advanced placement exams.

Wood Memorial High School's 2017 scoring broke down this way:

Performance Domain.....9.56 points
Growth Domain.....20.64 points
Multiple Measures.....60.90 points
Total.....91.10 points

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If anyone is interested in learning more about the Wood Memorial accountability data for 2017 I would be more than happy to meet and offer additional detail.

On Friday, November 3, 2017 our fall Senior Pride Day will be held. A program has been identified for the day that will have our senior students certified in CPR, while also receiving personal finance, and personal safety training. More information will be provided as we move closer to November 3.

Student 4 – Year Planning meetings are being held with seniors and juniors during the month. With senior meetings wrapping up, Ms. Hill is beginning the discussions with junior students and parents during the week of October 16, 2017. The reviews are aimed at ensuring a student's academic plans are aligned with expectations and future goals.

If you have not scheduled a meeting, please feel free to call the high school for an appointment.

For individuals visiting our high school and/or our junior high school, you must report directly to the respective office in order to be authorized to enter the facility. Visitors are required to sign in and be given an authorization card for access to the high school and/or the junior high school. All individuals must be escorted through the facility. Anyone entering our facility must do so through the main high school and main junior high school entrance, the breezeway entrance may not be used.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Congratulations to Wood Memorial social studies instructor Ms. Leslie Leiberling (Jordan) on her recent marriage. I wish her and her husband the very best of luck.

Information of interest:

- 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.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“When we stop dreaming, we stop living.”

- Lorrie Morgan

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, October 13, 2017

Reconnecting Youth Field Trip	8:00am
JHS Girls Basketball Callout Meeting	Noon
FB at Crawford County	6:30pm

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Volleyball Sectional Semi – Finals/Championship
At Tecumseh

Monday, October 16, 2017

Youth Basketball Meeting – Room 121	5:30pm
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Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Trojan Allies Meeting	11:31am
Athletic Council Organizational Meeting	6:00pm

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Environmental Science Field Trip	8:00am
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Thursday, October 19, 2017

Student Advisory Council Meeting	11:31am
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Friday, October 20, 2017

FB at Tecumseh – Sectional	7:00pm
Halloween Dance – Music Department	8:00pm – 11:00pm

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
2017 – 2018 National Honor Society Induction 6:00pm	October 23, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 24, 2017
WMHS Lip Sync Night	October 24, 2017
Blue Chip Conference All Conference Selection Meeting	October 25, 2017
Makerspace 4-H Spark Club	October 26, 2017
WM Cafeteria – 9am – 3pm Individuals in grades 3 – 8	
Fall Break	October 26, 27, 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
Fall Senior Pride Day	November 3, 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

IHSAA Student-Athlete Tip of the Week (10-9-17)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

Student-athletes can shine in a variety of ways. It's not always about touchdowns, points scored, or a fast time. In fact, it's much more than that. How do you make a difference in your community?

Houston Texans rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson did just that by contributing his first professional paycheck to the support staff of his team. They had lost all of their belongings during the recent hurricane. So yes, he gave up something he had looked forward to for a lifetime, his first pro paycheck, to help those that help him every day.

For a high school student to make a difference or show an act of kindness, it might be a "good morning" to another student, or a "thank you" to a custodian, a show of respect to those in charge, or a smile when things are going tough. Are your actions showing that you are a caring and giving person?

There's nothing more rewarding than making someone else happy. Make sure you try to do so every day in your actions and words!

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From Johnnie Bartley, Technology Instructional Coordinator

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

From Ms. Beth Hill, Student Services

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

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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From Ms. Nancy Gehlhausen, Patoka River Wildlife Refuge Director

Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge Appreciation Day - A World of Waters and Wildlife

Join the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge as they celebrate "A World of Waters and Wildlife" at their annual Refuge Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 28 from 9 am until 2 pm (CT) at Wirth Park in Oakland City, IN.

View and learn about the different kinds of fish, taken from the Patoka Refuge waters, that will be on display in the ORSANCO 2000 gallon fish tank. See a live birds of prey presentation by Talon Trust, and learn about "Archeology in your Community" presented by Rachel Sarkey from the IDNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology. For the history buffs, Preston Richardt will present a program on the Wabash & Erie Canal that will be followed by a bus tour to the canal location on Refuge property. There will also be a bus tour of the Patoka River NWR guided by a Refuge staff member. Information will be available for those wishing to do a self-guided driving tour of the Refuge.

More than 20 organizations are sponsoring booths this year. Come learn about nature, the environment, and conservation. Try your hand at casting a fly rod with members of the Ohio Valley Fly Rod Club. Bring your artifacts for identification. See an active bee hive, raptors, and box turtles. A variety of craft activities will be available for children. Free native bare-root seedlings will be available while supplies last.

Food by the Backyard Boyz BBQ and fish by the Oakland City Eagles Lodge will be available for purchase. The event and parking are free and open to the public. To learn more about the event visit www.patokarefugefriends.org or via Facebook.

