

October 20, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

Student grades for the first grading period are finalized, with report cards being issued on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Parents and students with questions, may contact the guidance office for assistance.

For students enrolled in a course through the Trojan Academy, please reference information provided by Mr. Chris Tanner, later in this week's bulletin.

In keeping with the commitment to ensure our students have every opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills, the Wood Memorial Junior High School instructional staff has identified an enhanced strategy, aimed at providing tutoring and other lesson assistance to students in grades seven and eight. Beginning the week of October 23, 2017, our junior high school instructors will be assigning students for tutoring assistance around the subjects of math, English, Science, social studies, and Health. Further, students who have not turned in assignments, thus accepting a 0 for a score, will be assigned for additional assistance in completing the respective assignment, in order to gain credit.

The above strategy will be executed during Trojan Pride, each Tuesday (math and Science) and Thursday (English and social studies). A parent or student wanting to request tutoring assistance may do so by contacting the respective instructor.

I want to acknowledge the proactive approach of our junior high school instructional staff in recognizing a need, collaborating, and putting together what I believe is a great opportunity for the students.

A similar strategy is being visited for the high school.

Don't forget the annual Lip Sync contest, scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017. I understand this may be the best show ever. The lipping begins at 7:00pm, in the Wood Memorial High School gymnasium.

Fall Break will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, and Friday, October 27, 2017. Our students and staff have been working with a laser focus on the educational goals we have at Wood Memorial, with all deserving of a relaxing and enjoyable vacation.

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.

Information of interest:

- There will be a career and technical education open house on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. The event will be held from 6 – 8pm (EST), at Pike Central High School.
- A reminder, as outlined in the East Gibson School Corporation Policies and Procedures, the Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School adhere to the Closed Campus philosophy identified in the above referenced policies and procedures. Upon arrival to school, a student may not leave without approval of the building principal and being signed out by the respective parent.
- The Elks National Hoop Shoot is just around the corner, with Wood Memorial Junior High School once again taking part. The event, for students ages 8 – 13, will be a part of the JHS physical education classes in the near future. More to come from coach Messmer.
- 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

“They’ll tell you, “Quit now, you’ll never make it.” If you disregard that advice you’ll be halfway there.”

- David Zucker

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, October 20, 2017

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

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Monday, October 23, 2017

Chemistry 2 Mole Day at USI 8:00am
National Honor Society Induction Program 6:00pm
Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Accuplacer Part 1 Testing
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice Noon
Athletic Council Meeting 5:45pm
Lip Sync Contest 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Fall Program 2:25pm
Blue Chip Conference Fall Athletic Selection Meeting 6:00pm

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Fall Break
Gibson County Purdue Extension 4H Program 9:00am – 3:00pm
Cafeteria

Friday, October 27, 2017

Fall Break

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge Appreciation Day 9:00am

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer – Part 1 October 2, 2017 –
November 22, 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
SAC Meeting November 2, 2017
Fall Senior Pride Day November 3, 2017
Staff PLC November 3, 2017
Boys BB Inter-squad Games November 4, 2017
2pm
Alumni BB Game November 4, 2017

6pm	
Veterans Day Program	November 10, 2017
Principal Open Office Hours	November 14, 2017
HS Student Council Meeting	November 15, 2017
Staff PLC	November 17, 2017
WMJHS Spelling Bee	November 21, 2017
Thanksgiving Break	November 22, 23, 24, 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

IHSAA Student-Athlete Tip of the Week (10-16-17)

"Promoting education based athletics in Indiana"

In a recent article in Sports Illustrated, on a story about a high school football program in the 1970's in upstate New York, the former players on this team spoke about what those times meant to them.

One of those players was quoted as saying that "Football was the sport that taught me to be a 'we' person more than an 'I' person. That's been helpful in building teams professionally. I wish I'd stayed with the game in college. I quit too early and missed out on having those friendships like I had in high school."

When things get tough, don't even consider quitting or giving up on yourself. Regardless of your sport, the friendships you develop and hard work you put in will be much more valuable than the wins, losses and present day stress!

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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

Ivy Tech College will be hosting a "Go Ivy Day" on Friday, October 27, 2017.

Here is the agenda for Go Ivy Day:

9:00-9:30 - Admissions presentation

9:30-9:40 - Student Life Presentation

9:45-10:05 - school presentation/tour

10:10-10:30 - school presentation/tour

10:35-10:55 - school presentation/tour

11:00-11:20 - school presentation/tour

11:25-11:55 - school presentation/tour

12:00-1:00 - lunch/resource fair

Student Four – Year Planning meetings are now underway with junior students and/or parents. If you would like to schedule a time to discuss your child's plan, please connect the high school for an appointment.

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.

The Indiana Trial Lawyers Association's College of Fellows and The Indiana Historical Society are sponsoring the 2017 Scholarship Essay Contest for members of the 2018 graduating classes. Entries are due by Sunday, December 17, 2017, with the winner being announced on Monday, February 19, 2018. The scholarship award will be for \$4,000.

The essay topic is, "Why is the right to trial by jury (the Seventh Amendment) critical to ensuring justice and democracy?"

For more information see Ms. Carlton, or Ms. Hill, in guidance.

From Chris Tanner, Trojan Academy Coordinator

In posting first quarter grades, for on-line coursework, a 40% threshold was used. This means that if a student had completed less than 40% of the semester coursework they received an incomplete on their grade card. If a student had completed over 40% of the semester coursework the current grade from their on-line course was posted on their grade card. The idea was that students should have completed at least 40% of the semester 1 coursework by the first quarter break or they were considered behind pace. If a student is below this 40% threshold they have until October 31, 2017, or two weeks, to get above this point so that a grade may be posted on their grade card in order to replace the incomplete.

Grading for on-line coursework is based on the following weighting system:

- 60% - Activities (Classwork)
- 20% - End of Unit Post Tests
- 20% - Final Exam

For classes that are not part of the Trojan Academy, such as Introduction to Agriculture and Spanish, supplemental work has been issued in addition to the on-line courseware. These supplemental activities are factored into the final grade along with the student's on-line work.

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.

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.

Ms. Julie Elmore, Oakland City – Columbia Township Public Library

On Friday, October 27, 2017 students ages 12 and older may take part in our first ever breakout games event. There will be two sessions, the first beginning at noon and the second starting at 2:00pm. Each session is limited to the first 12 individuals in attendance.