

September 29, 2017

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

Greetings from the home of the Trojans!

The 2017 Fall Homecoming is scheduled to take place, Friday, September 29, 2017. Festivities begin at 6:00pm, prior to the kickoff of our football game with North Daviess.

Homecoming and queen court participants are:

Juniors

Lily Froemming, daughter of Justin and Laura Froemming, and escort Jake Price, son of Troy and Theresa Price.

Chloe Mowery, daughter of Kevin and Tracy Mowery, and escort Trent Holder, son of Keith Holder and Chasity Beasley.

Elizabeth Schnepf, daughter of Chad Schnepf, and escort Lathan Falls, son of Chris and Jill Falls.

Ashton Stone, daughter of Kelly Carlton and Kevin Stone, and escort Wyatt Hunt, son of Gary Hunt and Kristi Hunt.

Seniors

Cori Pflug, daughter of Mike and Kristi Pflug, and escort Walker Nurrenbern, son of Ken and Wendi Nurrenbern.

Emma Reel, daughter of Fred and Angie Reel, and escort Ethan Phillips, son of Nathan and Shay Phillips.

Emily Smith, daughter of Steve Smith and Julie Smith, and escort Mason Williams, son of Chad Williams and Jamie Robinson.

Kenzie Tooley, daughter of Brian and Dawn Tooley, and escort Eli Schenks, son of Steve and Ginger Schenks.

Wood Memorial's student council will be represented by Jenna McGowan, daughter of Valerie and Adam Fetcher, and Chuck McGowan. Leah Hill, daughter of Kyle and Beth Hill, will serve as the crown bearer, with Owen Nossett, son of Brooke and Kaleb Nossett serving as the ball carrier.

Congratulations to all of these wonderful students for their selection to be a part of the 2017 Homecoming Court. Good luck.

I want to recognize the work put forth by the Principal's Student Advisory Council during the most recent week. This group did an outstanding job of creating, preparing, and executing the annual bullying training program for students and staff. Members of this year's SAC are Lexi Lashbrook, Jenna McGowan, Kieonna Crowe – Burkhart, Emma Reel, Cori Pflug, Aleah Moore, Kennedy Wilkerson, Ethan Phillips, Walker Nurrenbern, and Bailey Booker. Well done.

The program was conducted for students in grades 7 – 12 and allowed time in the agenda for audience participation. There were a number of positive take-away's for students and the Wood Memorial High School and Wood Memorial Junior High School staff.

A reminder that the first grading period ends on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Students should work to ensure that any missing assignments are completed and turned in to the respective instructor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Toyota Motor North America for their gracious gift of \$15,000 presented to Wood Memorial High School on September 20. The presentation was held in conjunction with the company's recognition of the 5 million vehicles manufactured. The funds have been provided towards the expansion of an outdoor classroom. Ms. Lauren Norvell, science instructor, is the project manager for the EGSC/WMHS program.

Toyota's gift recognizes the opportunities for our students to grow through real-world experiences.

Ms. Cassie Scrapper confirms that 11 colleges have committed to attend the college fair scheduled for October 5, 2017. The list includes representatives from Ball State University, Ivy Tech Community College, the University of Southern Indiana, Vincennes University, Franklin College, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marian University, Oakland City University, Wabash Valley College, the University of Evansville, and Hanover College.

The agenda for the evening is as follows:

College Fair – 5pm – 6pm

College Search Presentation – 6pm

Financial Aid Presentation – 6:30pm

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.

Mr. White and the Wood Memorial High School/Wood Memorial Junior High School choir took part in the Southwest Indiana Choral Festival on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. The event, held at Eastern Greene High School, in Cincinnati, Indiana, involved a total of nine (9) high school choirs. Our students did a wonderful job and gained a positive experience from the participation. Reference Mr. White's comments later in the bulletin for more information.

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.

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:

- 8th 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:

- During the week of October 2, 2017, WMHS will recognize College Go Week with a number of activities focused on promoting opportunities provided by post – secondary education. Ms. Hill provides more information later in this edition of the bulletin.
- 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 North Daviess.
- 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.

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

Most Sincerely,

Kevin Smith

“Others can stop you temporarily, but only you can do it permanently.”

- Bob Moawad

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, September 29, 2017

Fall Homecoming Practice	7:50am
PLC – Gold Schedule	8:00am
Fall Homecoming Voting	8:30am
Community Tailgate	5:00pm
Fall Homecoming	6:00pm
FB vs. North Daviess	6:30pm

Saturday, September 30, 2017

JHS VB at Princeton Tournament	9:00am
VB at North Daviess Tournament	9:00am

Monday, October 2, 2017

JHS VB vs Haubstadt	5:30pm
VB at Loogootee	5:30pm
Boys Soccer Sectional At Northeast Dubois WM vs. South Spencer	5:30pm

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

8 th Grade Visit to University of Southern Indiana	8:00am
JHS Spell Bowl Practice	12:00pm
Blue Chip Spell Bowl at North Knox	4:30pm
Principal Open Office Hours	5:00pm – 7:00pm
VB vs. Washington	5:30pm
Bass Fishing Team Meeting Library	6:00pm

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Dress For Success Day	
PLC – Gold Schedule	8:00am
Boys Soccer at Northeast Dubois	TBD

Thursday, October 5, 2017

College Day – Dress for Favorite College	
HS Spell Bowl Practice	11:30am
Girls Soccer Sectional At North Posey WM vs. North Posey	5:00pm
College Fair WMHS Cafeteria	6:00pm – 8:00pm
JHS VB at Pike Central	5:30pm

Friday, October 6, 2017

Commitment to Graduate – Green and Gold Day	
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PLC – Gold Schedule 8:00am
FB vs. North Central 7:00pm

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Boys Soccer Sectional Championship 1:00pm
Girls Soccer Sectional Championship 7:00pm

Additional Dates of Note

Accuplacer – Part 1	October 2, 2017 – November 22, 2017
Red Cross Blood Drive	October 10, 2017
JHS Spell Bowl Team Practice	October 10, 2017
Student Picture Re-Takes	October 10, 2017
PSAT Assessment	October 11, 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	October 17, 2017
6:00pm	
JHS Conference Room	
Varsity Coaches	
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
WMHS Lip Sync Night	October 24, 2017
Blue Chip Conference All Conference Selection Meeting	October 25, 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 ISTEP Part 1	February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 – March 9, 2018
Academic Banquet ISTAR	April 6, 2018 April 16, 2018 – May 18, 2018
ISTEP Part 2 ECA – Spring	April 16, 2018 – May 4, 2018 April 23, 2018 – May 25, 2018
Senior Honors Night 6:00pm	May 10, 2018
2018 Graduation ECA – Summer 1	TBD 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

“Promoting education based athletics in Indiana”

How do you respond as an athlete when things aren't going well for you? How do you act when you are demoted or you aren't playing as much as you wish? Are you still happy to be a part of the team, or do you put yourself first and continue to think that you deserve more than your coach is giving you?

Do you quit or stick it out? While I know that it is very difficult to practice hard and give it your all, you can still be important to your team in a supporting role.

In life, you will be challenged with these same decisions when things aren't going well. Will you quit, or will you stick it out? Those who stay involved for the long haul won't win every battle, but having the right attitude and never quit persona will serve you much better than quitting!

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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

Wednesday, October 4-Friday, October 6, Wood Memorial JH & HS will be celebrating College GO Week with the following spirit days. Remember, there are post-secondary education options other than a 4-year degree, but it all starts with graduating from high school with the goal of a Core 40 Diploma or above!

Wednesday, Oct 4-Dress for Success Day-Dress for the career you want to have after high school.

- Indiana ranks **41st** in the nation in the average of personal income of its residents (earning **\$5,400** less annually than national average).
- Nearly **two-thirds** of all new jobs require at least some postsecondary education.
- Rigorous academic preparation now wanted by employers, colleges, apprenticeship programs, and the military
- Indiana must produce at least **6,000** more degrees and credentials each year through 2025 to keep pace with the world.

Thursday, Oct 5-Favorite College Day-wear gear from your favorite college-Juniors and Seniors-be sure to attend the College Fair with your parents at 6 PM that evening!

- The U.S. ranks **10th** among industrialized nations in college completion ranks—down from first.
- Indiana ranks **41st** in the nation in the proportion of adults with a college credential (and 45th with a bachelor's degree or higher).
- A **quarter** of all recent Indiana high school graduates need remediation when they enter a public college and more than **two-thirds** of Indiana's community college students require remediation.
- Less than **10 percent** of Hoosier college students who are placed in remedial courses graduate on time.

Friday, Oct 6-Commit to graduating high school-Wear your Wood Memorial green & gold and commit to graduating from High School.

- A rigorous high school academic curriculum is the single-most significant factor determining a student's success in college
- Careers for students without rigorous preparation are becoming fewer
- The more education a student receives after high school, the better chance for increasing earnings and job security
- Remember, there are post-secondary education options other than a 4-year degree, but it all starts with graduating from high school with the goal of a Core 40 Diploma or above!

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

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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Mr. Michael White, Music Director

Congratulations Choir on a Job well done at Choral Festival !!

On Tuesday September 26, The Wood Memorial High School Choir attended the Southwest Indiana Choral Festival. The Festival was held at Eastern Greene High School in Bloomfield, Indiana. Our students joined students from eight other Southern Indiana Schools for this event. Students rehearsed the music together during the day and then performed for the public in a performance the same evening.

Schools involved in this year's Choral Festival, included:

Barr Reeve High School

Bloomfield High School

Eastern Greene High School

North Central High School

North Daviess High School

North Knox High School

Shakamak High School

White River Valley High School

Wood Memorial High School

You can hear a sample of the music that was performed at the Choral Festival by liking the Wood Memorial Choirs page on Facebook. We were fortunate enough to be able to record two of our favorite selections, “The Awakening” and Ring Them Bells”.