

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WOOD

September 2023

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

New during the 2023-2024 school year, student absences have three classifications: certified, excused and unexcused. Families will receive communication regarding attendance concerns when students accumulate 5 or more absences in any class period - including homeroom. For more information regarding how absences are classified, please reference page 21 of the handbook (sent via email to all families).



Communication is key. We know life happens, so please communicate with the WMHS office at 812-749-4757. - Mrs. Crews

WORK ETHIC

Self-Discipline

Demonstrate **self-control** and behave in accordance to rules with minimal direction.



Successfully carry out expectations with minimal supervision.



INDEPENDENCE

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS STANDARDS

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has Employability Skills Standards. The expectation for students in grades 6-8 is as follows:

6-8.WE.8 Provide evidence of meeting school expectations which are similar to success in workplaces (i.e., attendance, tardiness, homework completion, following policies, etc.). Helping to reiterate the expectation of completing work in a timely manner is something ALL families can do. And this one effort would make a huge impact on learning.

BULLYING PREVENTION EDUCATION

All students at Wood Memorial Middle School and High School will be completing EverFi's Honor Code: Bullying Prevention over the next few weeks with their Trojan Pride teachers. Families may use this [link](#) to learn more about IN Code regarding bullying.

Please note that conflicts and bullying are NOT the same. If you have concerns that your child is a victim of bullying or they have witnessed bullying and want to report it, please encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult or report to administration at 812-749-4757.

SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

In order to facilitate clear communication in the event of an emergency, students are allowed one earbud at a time. Earbuds should never be worn during instruction. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!

UPCOMING

Sept 22 - Homecoming
Sept 25 - 29 - College Go Week
Sept 27 - College and Career Fair
Oct 3 - Archery Sign-ups
Oct 12 - Q1 Rewards Party
Oct 13 and 16 - Fall Break (No School)



CELL PHONES AND SCHOOL-ISSUED DEVICES

Students should not be on cell phones (or other personal electronic devices) during class time except under rare instances where the teacher has allowed for use of phones.

iPads are provided for all students with a new oversight software in place this school year. Middle school students should not bring devices home unless completing a specific homework assignment. Carts with charging cords are provided at school.

HS students should be prepared with a charged device every day.