



# THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE

## April 2013

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### From the PTO . . .

Hello North Central Families:

A tremendous "thanks" to our many committee chairs and volunteers who work throughout the year! For example, all North Central High School 16 year olds receive a birthday card personally signed by the Administration wishing them well. A PTO committee labels and mails those cards each month so that the student receives it during his/her birthday month. Thanks goes out to Amy Johnson and her terrific committee for their efforts, and for sending out these nearly 800 annual greetings. Ticket Sales Chair, Kathy Null, and her volunteers have braved the lunch periods to sell tickets to events such as Junior Spec, Prom and Homecoming.

Thank you to all families who registered for the Great North Run this year. It was a beautiful morning filled with fitness and friends. We reached our goal of 200 participants and received \$1000 from the Washington Township Schools Foundation.

Our Middle School liaison, Carol Paik, also works all year long making sure the public and private middle school students feel welcome and have the information they need to be a part of North Central. Thank you!

Thanks to Ruthie Cumming and her committee for hosting the Top 100 Night reception. We value these ladies who gave of their evening time to make the event special. I would also like to extend an extra special thank you to Jennifer Tiplick who did an amazing job organizing the PTO volunteer list. It took a great amount of time to type all the names and emails from the Count-on-Me forms and send the lists to the chairs.

As always, thank you to our "General Volunteer Pool," who have stepped up for many things this year. These "I'll help when I can" volunteers show what it means to care about North Central High School. We are grateful for all of you!

Finally, thank you to Val Boots who keeps our PTO website up-to-date and Becky Richardson who coordinates our Parent Council delegation. These parents' responsibilities run year long, and are much appreciated.

We hope you will make it to our last Bagels with Branigan on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 am.

As always, thanks for your continued support!

Becky Volk, PTO President  
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or 490-6001

### From the Principal . . .

Dear Parents:

Mother Nature reminded us as we departed for Spring Break, it isn't over until it's over. A late winter blast and we found ourselves back in a winter wonderland in Central Indiana. Hopefully your time spent over break was in a warm place. Either warmth in the air or warmth in your heart, I hope you enjoyed your time away from school. As Spring Break fades into a distant memory, it's time to refocus and push into the last nine-weeks of the school year.

As most of you are well aware, as a result of the school cancellation related to inclement weather in February, we had to extend the school year by one day. At the high school, this has forced an adjustment to the final exam schedule. In an effort to provide the least intrusive testing schedule, final exams will be moved back one day to correspond with the day added to the school calendar. We feel that our unique testing schedule lends itself to student success and thus we will continue to support our adjusted daily testing schedule. As we get closer to the end of the school year, we will provide additional information related to testing to ensure that everyone is prepared to test on the appropriate days.

The end of Spring Break truly means spring is upon us, and more importantly to the junior class, the end of Spring Break means prom is right around the corner. This year, North Central's Junior Prom will be hosted at the Riverwalk Banquet Center and Lodge. The junior class officers are feverishly working to ensure that April 20 is a night to remember. As an administrator, I'm fortunate to be able to observe and provide support as over 700 juniors and their guests dress to the nines and dance the night away at prom. We share in your pride as our junior class puts their best collective foot forward. Soon you'll be receiving a letter from the Junior Class Sponsor, Dan McGill, outlining the specifics related to prom. Let's all do our part to make April 20 a special night.

As families embarked toward parts unknown for break, we provided students with a snapshot into their academic performance. The report cards provided prior to break should serve as either a reminder to stay the course or as a motivator to change direction and choose a new academic path in the time we have left. Two months is all that separates us from the conclusion of another great school year. We must make the most of every day, and as adults, make sure that our students take advantage of the last nine-weeks. Parents, communicate with school as we will be communicating with you to ensure improvement and success. April is a busy month at North Central. Enjoy the time we have left by making the most of who we are as a school and as a community.

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III  
Principal

### The Summer Challenge Art Program 2013

Art classes taught by experienced North Central art teachers will offer high school students with a serious interest in art a chance to work in a conceptual approach.

The program will focus on drawing, painting, design, and computer generated art. Art assignments will be developed to help the student work in techniques and fundamentals as well as allow the student to use their creative license in making art.

The Summer Challenge Art Program is open to (Grades 9-12) entering 9, 10, 11, and 12 grade students. Graduating seniors with a serious interest in art can apply.

The Summer Challenge Art Program is not a summer school class. Students will not receive credit for attending the program. The Summer Challenge Art Program students will meet in the Art Department at North Central High School, daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with an hour for

lunch. Students receive approximately 25 hours of instruction. The cost of the program is \$145. This includes the cost of materials and supplies. The class will be limited to 20 students. Students are responsible for providing their own lunch. Students are not permitted to leave campus for lunch unless prior permission has been given by parent or guardian.

Dates for this summer are July 15-19, 2013.  
Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Registration:** See an art teacher for information about this program for the Summer of 2013 or call 259-5355 x45347. Brochures will be available from middle school art teachers, and in the atrium at North Central High School after spring break.

Director: Basil Smotherman, Art Department  
Chairman North Central High School. For questions: Contact Mr. Smotherman at [bsmotherman@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:bsmotherman@msdwt.k12.in.us)

**Are YOU up to the Challenge?**

# APRIL 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 7:25 am, School Reconvenes	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8am, PTO Executive Board Meeting, H193  5:30pm, Rockin' for Riley, Main gym	<b>6</b>
	Summer School Registration for current North Central students in the Guidance Office during all lunch periods, April 1-12.					
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PantherQuest Facilitator Application Due in Mrs. Payne's Office	<b>9</b> 6:30pm-Greater Indpls. Northside College Fair, Ritz Charles	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7pm, Band Parent Meeting, E168	<b>12</b> ISSMA Organizational Band & Orchestra  6pm, Net Night, Main & South Gyms  College Boot Camp Applications available, Guidance Office	<b>13</b> ACT Test Site  ISSMA Organizational Band & Orchestra
	Summer School Registration for current North Central students in the Guidance Office during all lunch periods, April 1-12.					
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Prom Ticket Sales  <b>Last day for Seniors to pay any bills with a check. Please use cash, debit or credit card or money orders after this date.</b>	<b>16</b> Prom Ticket Sales	<b>17</b> Prom Ticket Sales 7pm, Choral Concert, PAC	<b>18</b> Prom Ticket Sales	<b>19</b> Prom Ticket Sales End of 4th Appraisal 7:30am, Bagels with Branigan, H193  <b>Seniors pick up Graduation Announcements during lunch periods in the Auditorium</b>	<b>20</b> ISSMA Organizational Choir, TBA  9am-1 pm, Princeton Review Practice SAT, Cafeteria  9pm, Junior Prom, Riverwalk in Broad Ripple
<b>21</b> 1-5pm, Princeton Review ACT Practice, Cafeteria	<b>22</b> <i>7pm, Recognition Night, Auditorium</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> ISSMA State Contest  4th Appraisal Reports Distributed, Pd.3	<b>27</b> ISSMA State Qualification  9am, Zaps SAT Prep Test Seminar, L249
	Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon Ticket Sales April 22-26 During all lunch periods at the Bookstore Annex					
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7pm, Princeton Review SAT & ACT Scores Back Strategy Session, L249			<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR!</b>  The new adjusted <b>last day of school</b> for students is <b>Tuesday, May 28.</b>	

More detailed and up-to-date calendar information can be found on our school website: <http://www.nchs.cc>.

# GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

## Juniors: College Consultation

Juniors and their parents may schedule appointments with Mrs. Susie Bremen, Coordinator for College Counseling, during periods 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 to discuss "all things college." Pick up the "My College Search" form in Guidance and return it **in person** to Mrs. Tracy Gilbert, College Admission Assistant, to schedule your appointment. Students are always welcome to stop by Mrs. Bremen's office with quick questions throughout the day and after school.

## ZAPS SAT Prep Seminar Saturday, April 27 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Room L249

The ZAPS Learning Company is returning to North Central for an ACT test prep workshop. This seminar offers hands-on practice to identify students' strengths and weaknesses while providing motivational instruction on the tactics and strategies needed for answering specific types of questions. The fee includes a detailed study guide with test questions and answer explanations and practice tests.

**Cost: \$79, register online, [www.zaps.com](http://www.zaps.com)**

## Course Selection

Counselors are meeting with all students to plan for the next school year. Schedule adjustments can be made until May. After that time, schedules will be final and changes will **not** be allowed.

## Student Athletes

Student athletes who plan on participating at the Division I or II level in college must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Athletes are encouraged to register at the end of their Sophomore year.

Go to [NCAAeligibilitycenter.org](http://NCAAeligibilitycenter.org) to get started.

## Superintendent's Notebook

Would you like to be better informed about what's happening in your school district? Dr. Woodson, the Superintendent of Washington Township Schools, shares her thoughts periodically in the Superintendent's Notebook. To subscribe to this interesting and informative newsletter, go to the township website: <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us>, click the link on the right side: "E-mail Subscribe" - then follow the directions to subscribe.

## Greater Indianapolis North Side College Fair Tuesday, April 9, 2013 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ritz Charles 12156 N. Meridian Street Carmel

Students in grades 9-11 and their parents are encouraged to attend this important fair. North Central is one of 30 north side high schools invited to participate. Nearly 100 colleges and universities will be represented. This is your best opportunity to receive valuable college information in an easy one-stop location.

## College Boot Camp June 5, 6 & 7 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$100

Students who will be seniors in the fall are eligible to register for this 15-hour workshop. Learn how to maximize the college search process, research college resources online, define personal criteria for a good college fit and create a resume for admission and scholarship applications. English teachers will work with students on developing their college admission essays and the dean of a selected college will coach students on what competitive schools are looking for from their applicants. **Applications for the workshop will be available in the Guidance Office beginning Friday, April 12.** Space is limited to the first 30 who return their completed applications with the fee.

## National Merit Finalists & Achievement Scholarships

Congratulations to North Central's 2013 National Merit and National Achievement Finalists:

### Merit Finalists

Alyssa Cox  
Evan Greene  
Krista Johnson  
Aidan Mullins-Pearson  
Samuel Roach  
Caroline Skulski  
Nicholas Staehler  
David Wintermeyer

### Achievement Scholarships

Lydia Burke  
Krista Johnson  
Brandon Newson  
Mai Smith

## Proper Attire to be Worn with Cap/Gown at Graduation

**Ladies:** Black shoes, natural hose, and a dress  
**Men:** Black shoes, black socks, white shirt, tie and dark trousers

**No athletic shoes will be allowed.**

## SUMMER SCHOOL 2013 REGISTRATION: APRIL 1-12

Out-of-District Registration: May 31  
9am - Noon

**SESSION ONE JUNE 4-24**  
**SESSION TWO JUNE 25-JULY 16**  
(No School July 4)

SUMMER SCHOOL 2013 course selections and course fees can be found on the school's website at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc).

SUMMER SCHOOL starts daily at 7:30 a.m. and dismisses at 12:30 p.m.

## Senior Commencement Tickets

Each graduating senior will receive 6 tickets to Commencement in their graduation packet the day they pick up their cap and gown, **May 22**. No extra tickets will be issued.

## Seniors & Senior Parents Take Note:

As your final days at North Central draw closer, here are some important dates and information to keep in mind:

**May 15: All arrears must be cleared to receive your cap and gown** (*Please no checks, only cash, debit or credit card or money orders will be accepted.*)

**May 22: 10:30 am**, Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon, Ritz Charles

**May 22: 12 pm**, Caps, gowns, commencement seating instructions and commencement ticket distribution in Student Center

**May 22: 7 pm, BACCALAUREATE, North Central AUDITORIUM**

**May 23: 8:00 am**, Commencement practice, **ATTENDANCE REQUIRED**, at the Indiana Convention Center

**May 23: 7 pm, COMMENCEMENT, INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER**

**May 24: 7-11 pm**, Grad Dance, Caribbean Cove, Michigan Road, 3850 Depauw Blvd.

**May 24: 11:59 pm-3 am, May 25**, Blast-Off, North Central main gym following the Grad Dance

## Spring College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines for Juniors:

Test	Test Date*	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	May 4	April 5	April 19
SAT	June 1	May 2	May 17
ACT	June 8	May 3	May 17

\*Testing is available on the Sundays after these national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy.

## OTHER NOTABLE NEWS . . .

### Parent Link (ARKNet)

#### Access to:

- Interim, nine-week, semester, and final grades
- Current schedule
- Discipline record
- Attendance
- Fee summary
- Update data verification and emergency contact information

#### How to Set-up Account:

- Go to [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc)
- Click on Quick Links
- Click on Parent Link/ArkNet
- Click on Sign Me Up
- Allow 48 to 72 hours for verification\*
- Parent will receive an email confirmation

\*Must be parent or legal guardian of student to be allowed access to this service. One parent email per household. Email address must match what is on school file.



### Rockin' for Riley

- Friday, April 5
- 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- In the Main Gym
- Proceeds go to the Riley Hospital for Children.

*Come support our student bands and the children at Riley!*

### All for Children & Key Club 4th Annual North Central Net Night 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament & Carnival

Friday, April 12, 2013  
6 - 9:30 p.m.

In the Main & South gyms

All proceeds this year go toward the purchase of anti-malaria bed nets to be distributed through the new Against Malaria Foundation Project. Teacher and community teams are welcome to participate. Team registration is open to the public and the dates will be announced soon. Come join the fun and bring the whole family!

### Performing Arts Department Shines

Congratulations to the following Choirs that competed at the **Mooreville Spotlights Invitational**

**Counterpoints** Grand Champions, Best Vocals, Best Visuals, Best Band. Best Performer: Maddie Tipton

**Descants** Grand Champion, Best Vocal, Best Visual, Best Band. Best Performer: Mai Smith

**Descants** Outstanding Performer: Brianna Holt

**King's Court Singers** Grand Champion Concert Choir

**Premiered Show Choir Sets of Accents & Varsity Singers**

**Varsity Singers** Best Performer: Thailand Burris

**Accents** Best Performer: Molly Fogle

### IHSAA Physical Night

Provided by  
Methodist Sports Medicine, The Orthopedic Specialists  
**2013-14 School Year**  
Monday, May 13, 2013  
6:00 pm  
Enter through door 28  
Cost is \$20.00



*There will be new procedures in place this year. Please note that you must enter door 28 and make sure that you bring a pen with you to fill out the participation packet.*

Student athletes must have a completed participation packet in order to take part in summer conditioning or summer programs regardless of sport.

The entire Participation Packet, including the IHSAA Physical Form, will be available online at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc) as of April 1, 2013.

This is a great night to complete the IHSAA Physical Form and also complete the Participation Packet all at the same time.

Please contact the Athletic Department with any questions at 259-5359.

### JUNIOR PROM

Saturday, April 20

9 p.m. - 12 midnight

Riverwalk Banquet Center & Lodge

**Location:** 6729 Westfield Blvd.

**Tickets:** April 15 - April 19 at the Bookstore annex during all lunch periods

**Cost:** \$35 per person

**Required:** You must show student ID to purchase tickets

Picture package information can be found on the following link,  
[www.prestigeindiana.com/promflyer/](http://www.prestigeindiana.com/promflyer/)

Guest forms can be picked up at Mrs. Payne's Office, N706. Forms need to be turned in a timely matter for your quest to attend Prom.

### Blast Off & Senior Parents

Hello Senior Parents! **Blast Off** is a supervised lock-in event that culminates a week of graduation activities and features great food, entertainment, music, games, and prizes. It is totally planned, funded, and executed by parents of the senior class. This 3-hour event starts late Friday evening, **May 24, 2013** from 11:59 pm until 3 am (May 25) in the North Central gymnasium (immediately following the Grad Dance).

We want to make **Blast Off 2013** the best one ever and we need your help!

~ **DONATIONS:** Online at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc) or make checks payable to NCHS Blast Off and mail to **Blast Off** treasurer: Becky Daehler, 6271 N. Olney St, Indianapolis, IN 46220

Many Prizes and Volunteers are needed!

~ **VOLUNTEERS:** Contact Stacy Lozer ([stacylozer@mac.com](mailto:stacylozer@mac.com) or 439-1889)

~ **PRIZES:** Contact Sarah Combs ([sarah.combs@att.net](mailto:sarah.combs@att.net) or 250-2012) or Leisa Merrell ([lmerrell@comcast.net](mailto:lmerrell@comcast.net) or 436-8050)

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Co-Chairs: Pam Freese ([mhfreese@aol.com](mailto:mhfreese@aol.com) or 251-1328) & Leigh Lazon ([lazon@comcast.net](mailto:lazon@comcast.net) or 570-1653)

### Jazz Café

**Friday, May 17**, in the South Gym. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students. Jazz Combo starts at 6:15 pm, the doors to the gym open at 6:30 pm. Featured performers include trumpet soloist Joey Tartell with the North Central Jazz Ensemble, the North Central Jazz Lab Band, and the Middle School All-Star Jazz Band. For advance tickets contact 259-5301 ext.45383.

### MSD of Washington Township Transportation Department

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We will:  
Train you to drive!

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