



## THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

# MESSAGE

August/September  
2013

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Dear North Central Families:

Welcome to a great year at North Central High School! In fact, let us officially welcome you to the North Central PTO because, as a parent of a student of North Central High School, you are now a member! Every parent/guardian, teacher and staff member is a part of our PTO with or without the payment of "dues." We are all an important part of the North Central Community and your contributions of time, talents or donations are important and necessary throughout the year. **Welcome!**

And now, the good news...the PTO at North Central does not host fundraisers throughout the year. That means NO wrapping paper, cookie dough, trinkets or trash bag sales from us! Instead, the PTO at North Central asks its members to contribute to our annual membership drive. Your monetary contribution is our main source of income and a big part of our future as it allows us to finance our great student programs and give teacher grants to our hard-working and well-deserved teachers. A little from you goes a long way! We have created Donation Support Levels to help you decide what amount you are able to give. The suggested amounts are: Panther Level \$15, Red Level \$25, Black Level \$50 and Silver Level \$100+.

Again this year, our North Central Parent/Student Directory, known as the "Panther Particulars," will be online for **free!** The online directory will be ready in early fall and we will tell you how to access it at that time. If you would like a printed and bound version, copies may be purchased from the bookstore or online during the registration process for \$5.

Please remember to complete your **Count on Me** volunteer form and return it by mail or drop it off at the front desk. The form was mailed to you or you can access it online at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc). Volunteer opportunities exist for all times of day and evening activities as well as food donations throughout the year. Consider checking the "General Volunteer" box and we will keep you on a list and let you know of all the volunteer opportunities at the school — feel free to come when you can to help out!

Our theme this year is...**You Rock!** We would like to send a big "**YOU ROCK!**" out to **Dena Rae Hancock** and **Kathy Brown** for their help with PantherQuest and the **over 30 parent volunteers** who helped with the summer mailing, PantherQuest and Student Planner Assembly...you truly **ROCK!**

We look forward to a great year and please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or would like more information about the PTO!

**Stacy Lozer & Sarah Combs, PTO Presidents**  
Stacy: [stacylozer@mac.com](mailto:stacylozer@mac.com) or (317) 439-1889  
Sarah: [sarah.combs@att.net](mailto:sarah.combs@att.net) or (317) 250-2012

Dear North Central Families:

*On behalf of North Central's faculty and staff, welcome to the 2013-2014 school year. Thank you for choosing North Central to fit your educational needs.*

*We hope that you and your family take full advantage of all that North Central has to offer. The opportunities provided at North Central are only limited by the limitations of your imagination. The opportunities are here and the time is now.*

*As the proud principal of North Central, I ask that we be partners in the educational process. Let's have a great year.*

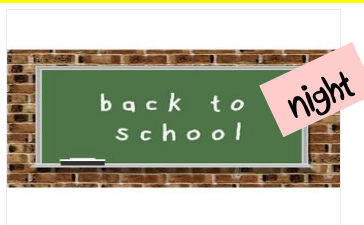
Evans Branigan III  
Principal

### Daily Schedule of Classes

Period	Time	Period	Time
1	7:25 - 8:15	6	11:21 - 11:46
2	8:21 - 9:11	7	11:52 - 12:17
3	9:17 - 10:13	8	12:23 - 12:48
4	10:19 - 10:44	9	12:54 - 1:44
5	10:50 - 11:15	10	1:50 - 2:40

### Getting messages to students

Messages are not delivered to students unless it is considered an emergency. If an emergency exists, the assistant principal for the student's grade level will see that the message is delivered.



August 19, 2013

7 pm

North Central High School

Plan to visit the  
Information Center,  
Art Gallery,  
World Language Resource Center,  
Computer Labs and your  
student's classes.

# August & September 2013

SAT/SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>August 3/4</b> Saturday—11:00—1:00 PM Princeton Review— Scores Back & Strategy Session L249 Performing Arts Department Trash Bag Sale 8/5/ - 8/23/12	<b>5</b> <b>7:25am-2:40pm: First Student Day:</b> <b>Students report to homeroom upon arrival to receive 1st semester schedule</b>	<b>6</b> Student ID & Pictures, Upper Atrium August 5 & 6 - 7 am - 3 pm August 7- 7 am - 12:45 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> NCHS Alumni Assoc. Mtg. 6:30 PM (PCR)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Last day to drop/add a class without grade penalty by 3 pm, Book Rental will not be adjusted Last day for Senior Honor Code Application
<b>17/18</b> Saturday 9AM -1:00PM Princeton Review SAT Practice Test, Cafeteria	<b>19</b> 7PM: Back-to-School Night	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> College Applications Accepted, Guidance Office
<b>24/25</b> Saturday- 9 AM - 1:30 PM - Princeton Review Practice ACT (Cafeteria)	<b>26</b> 7PM: OPO Meeting, E165	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>Aug. 31/Sept. 1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> End of 1st Interim Report Period Student Council Tailgate Party 4 - 6 PM, The "C" Area by the Natatorium
<b>7/8</b> Saturday 8:45 AM— Princeton Review Free PSAT Practice Test— L249	<b>9</b> 3:00-5:30PM: ZAPS, PSAT/SAT Prep Test Seminar, Part 1, L249	<b>10</b> 3:00-5:30PM: ZAPS, PSAT/ SAT Prep Test Seminar, Part 2, L249 7:00 PM Princeton Review Scores Back/ Strategy Session (L249)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 1st Appraisal Distributed, Period 3 Yom Kippur begins at sundown
<b>14/15</b> Yom Kippur 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM PSAT scores back and strategy session—L249	September 16 is the last day to purchase AP/ACP English textbooks at a discounted price.		<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21/22</b> Saturday 7:30 AM ACT Test	<b>23</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b>	<b>27</b> Homecoming Spirit Week 3pm: Trash Bag Pick-up, PAC 5 - 7 PM NCHS Alumni Assoc. Tailgate Party
<b>28/29</b> Saturday 8 PM - Homecoming Dance (TBA)	<b>30</b> Last day to pay 2012/13 Book Rental	More detailed and up-to-date calendar information can be found on our school website: <a href="http://www.nchs.cc">http://www.nchs.cc</a> . MSD of Washington Township 2013-14 School Calendar can be found on the district website: <a href="http://www.msdt.k12.in.us">http://www.msdt.k12.in.us</a> .			

# GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

## Class Schedules

All students received copies of their semester one schedules during homeroom on **Monday, August 5**. No changes in class schedules were allowed during the days prior to the opening of school.

Requests for teacher changes, early dismissal, or elective changes were not honored. Only one study hall, student helper, or early dismissal period is allowed per semester.

## Guidance Quick Reference

To access the online Guidance Department Directory, go to [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc), scroll over "Families" and click *Guidance Department*. You will find each counselor and their coordinating alpha list of students by last name.

Guidance Receptionist: (317) 259-5346

Guidance Fax: (317) 259-5323

## Register with NAVIANCE

North Central College Counseling Office is **REQUIRING** all students to register with NAVIANCE Family Connection, an internet-based college search, comparison and application program. Juniors and seniors will find it the most helpful, but freshmen and sophomores can use it to begin their college planning, career exploration and begin building resumes.

Using NAVIANCE requires:

**A current e-mail address** (please notify the College Counseling Office of new e-mail addresses)

**A registration code, which will be e-mailed to students** (also available in the Guidance Office).

Once you have your registration code, enter the address:

<http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral> and register as a new user on the upper right side of the screen.

Juniors and seniors will use the program to sign up for meetings with college representatives visiting North Central in the fall. Just log in, click on the 'College' tab, and then click on 'view all upcoming college visits' on the left. As the visits are scheduled, they will appear under 'College Visits.'

Contact the Guidance Department with any questions!



## Class of 2013

**Congratulations to our graduating class of 2013! We are proud to announce that of our 650 graduating seniors, 573, or 88% of the class, achieved a Core 40 diploma. Earning a Core 40 diploma means being solidly prepared for college by going beyond basic graduation requirements to take a second year of Algebra and a year of Chemistry or Physics. The state average for graduates earning a Core 40 is 65%. The class of 2013 had 37% of its seniors earning the Indiana Academic Honors diploma by adding one additional year of advanced Mathematics, 3 years of a World Language, a year of Fine Arts, and maintaining a 3.0 or above grade point average. In addition, 26% of the class earned North Central Honors which required them to take the equivalent of 20 semesters of advanced placement classes while satisfying the above requirements for an Indiana Academic Honors diploma and maintaining a 3.0 or above grade point average. The rigorous International Baccalaureate program was completed by 27 students. We are thrilled that North Central's Class of 2013 stepped up to the challenge and successfully completed rigorous academics that are above and beyond the basic requirements.**

## College Counseling Programs/Events

- **8/17** - Princeton Review Practice SAT Test (\$5), Saturday, 9AM-1:00 pm
- **8/24** - Princeton Review Practice Act, Sat. 9AM-1:30 PM
- **9/10** - Princeton Review "Scores Back & Strategy Night," Wednesday, 7:00 pm
- **9/9 & 9/10** - ZAPS SAT Prep Seminar in two parts (\$79), Monday & Tuesday, 2:50 - 5:30 PM both days
- **10/1** - National College Fair @ Convention Center 9 AM - 12PM and 2 - 8PM

Be sure to visit the Guidance Department web-page at [nchs.cc](http://nchs.cc), under Quick Links, and click Guidance Department for updated information.

## ALL GRADE LEVELS: Concerned About College Costs?

NC families are eligible to receive FREE personalized advice on making college affordable through the **National Center for College Costs (NCCC)**. An NCCC representative will be available at **Back-to-School Night on Monday, August 19**, to answer questions about paying for college and to explain their college cost estimator. A **follow-up workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 3**, at which time individualized reports will be returned to families explaining the awarding of all types of aid as it relates to personal financial profiles. There is a financial planning charge of \$5 to all freshmen to become client families of the NCCC (included in book rental). Learn more about this service offered to NC families, and file an early estimator at [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com).

## SENIORS

### Application Processing

Yes, it's time to complete those college applications! You can begin submitting your online applications now! Your counselor will begin accepting your college application forms for processing on **Friday, August 23**. Answers to many of your college application questions may be found in **The College Handbook** that you received in the spring of your junior year.



### The College Handbook

If you missed the Junior meeting in March, and didn't get your book in homeroom, pick up your copy from your counselor. If you received it, but can't locate it, duplicate copies are available for \$20.

### Visit The College & Scholarship Corner

Stop by the Guidance Office for college and financial aid information. Also, check out the College Resource Room for printed materials, and the College Hall near Mrs. Bremen's office where college visit information will be posted.

Test dates	Registration Dates	Late Registration Dates
<b>SAT</b>		
October 5, 2013	September 6	September 7-20
November 2, 2013	October 3	October 4-18
<b>ACT</b>		
September 21, 2013	August 23	August 24 - Sept. 6
October 26, 2013	September 27	September 28-October 11

Testing available on Sundays at the Hasten Hebrew Academy for those who cannot test on Saturday for religious reasons. Seating is limited at all testing locations and is first come, first served.

### **Help us Build School Spirit for Homecoming!**

All Washington Township students and their families, alumni and friends are invited to come to the Homecoming Tailgate Party sponsored by the North Central Alumni Association on **Friday, September 27**, from 5-7pm at the Practice Football field, just north of the stadium. There will be activities for the young and young-at-heart, including face painting, a bounce house and fun & games. A full meal for just \$5 will be grilled by students of the J Everett Light Culinary program and served by North Central's Alumni. Admission is free, so plan to join us to help build school spirit for our Homecoming Football game against Carmel!

**Go Panthers!**

### **Performing Arts Annual Fundraiser**

To purchase trash bags, contact any Performing Arts student or Rick Granlund - Performing Arts Department Chairman @ 259-5301 ext. 45383 or [rgranlund@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:rgranlund@msdwt.k12.in.us)

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**August 5** - Sales Begin (Take Orders)

**August 23** - Order Forms are Due

**September 27** - Product Pick-Up

**PAYMENT DUE ON DELIVERY**

For those that would like to order but do not have students directly involved in Performing Arts, please order by visiting <http://msdwtmusic.info/>.

Lastly, throughout the years some of our patrons have preferred to give a donation in lieu of purchasing a product. This is certainly acceptable. Checks should be made payable to: North Central High School. Checks can be mailed to NCHS Performing Arts, ATTN: Rick Granlund, 1801 East 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240

### **Yearbook**

Yearbooks can only be ordered online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or by calling their toll free number, 866-282-1516. Jostens will handle all of your ordering issues. Yearbooks will only be available for purchase at school **AFTER** they are distributed in May, 2014.

### **Senior Grad Ad Information**

Attention senior parents! Would you like to purchase an ad for your graduating senior? This is the time to do so. To place an order, go online, click Registration 2013-14, follow link, go to #4 Download forms and select Grad Ad Contract. Print and fill out order form, then return it to North Central by mail, or drop it off at the front desk with your payment. Please note: There are deadlines to submit the order form with picture(s).

### **North Central High School Student Parking Agreement 2013-2014**

#### **To obtain a North Central High School Parking Permit:**

1. Obtain a Student Parking Agreement from the Assistant Principal's Office in Room D588 (or access online at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc), click on For Families, then Forms, and then Parking Permit Application information).
2. Parking Agreement must be completed in its entirety (include *all* vehicle information, especially license plate #) before a permit will be issued.
3. Permits are sold either **before or after school**, between 7:00-7:19 a.m. or 2:40-3:10 p.m.
4. Cost is \$30.00 (additional permits cost **\$15.00**).
5. Student must present his/her valid Driver's License and bring the completed Student Parking Agreement to Room D588.
6. Bring form of payment:
  - a. Cash, credit, check, or money order (checks and money orders should be made payable to NCHS, include the word "parking" and the student's name in the memo section).
  - b. You may also pay online by going to the North Central website at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc) (click on Quicklinks, then MyPaymentsPlus and follow the instructions). **Bring a copy of your proof of payment with you.**
7. Senior Honor Code (SHC) parking permits are distributed only after a student has purchased a regular student parking permit, and after student has been approved for and presented proof of Senior Honor Code status. There is no additional cost for the SHC permit, but the SHC icon must appear on student ID.
8. Any permit that is purchased by parties not responsible for the vehicle will be revoked.

#### **The following regulations must be observed:**

Students may be subject to fine, towing or suspension of school driving privileges on **first offense** of failing to conform to the rules. If you have any questions about where to park or the following regulations, please see the Assistant Principal in Room D588, or call 259-5310.

1. Drive safely and obey all traffic laws at all times.
2. All drivers park on the NCHS campus at their own risk.
3. Students must carry adequate insurance information, driver's license, and vehicle registration.
4. The proper North Central permit must be attached to the **back windshield, lower passenger side**. Permits may NOT be taped onto the car window; may be subject to fine or tow if not displayed properly. Only parking permits for current school year should be displayed on vehicle. All permits from prior years should be removed from vehicle.
5. Motorcycles must secure permit to the fork.
6. Students are to park between two **yellow lines** only (must be yellow on both sides). **Note: bus zones are marked with yellow lines; no one is to park there anytime during the school day.**
7. **Student lots are located:**
  - North of Northview, between **yellow** lines only.
  - Senior Honor Code only: North of the tennis courts and north of Northview between the **green** lines.
  - South of (or behind) JELCC (**yellow** lines) (this is considered as overflow parking).
8. Senior Honor Code student parking will be assigned based on eligibility. Students who park in Senior Honor Code parking must park between two **green lines** only (green on both sides); these spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis.
9. Permits are **not** to be moved from one car to another. A second or subsequent vehicle requires the purchase of an additional permit at \$15.00 each. In the case that the permitted car cannot be driven, temporary permits may be purchased for \$5.00. A temporary permit entitles a student to park for five (5) days. Only **two (2)** temporary permits may be purchased by a student during each semester.
10. A lost or stolen permit will NOT be replaced. A student may obtain a replacement permit for \$15.00.
11. Students are **not** allowed to park in faculty/staff parking spaces (white lines) or visitor parking (red lines). If students are found to be parked in either faculty/staff parking or at Door 1, an automatic fine will be issued (or towed if the student has received a prior offense).
12. According to state statutes, MSD Washington Township reserves the right to enter any car when, in our judgment, that car may contain anything which might be dangerous to the welfare of any student or employee of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township.
13. Observe all rules and regulations listed in the Student Handbook. Failure to follow the Code of Conduct, Excessive Absenteeism, Truancy, and/or Excessive Tardiness may result in loss of driving privileges.
14. **Please note: All drivers are subject to state and local traffic regulations and may be issued traffic tickets for any violations occurring on campus. Anyone parked in a handicapped area, fire lane, hash marked areas, or in front of North Central will be immediately towed from the premises!**

### **Delivering items to students**

If your student needs you to bring them a forgotten item, lunch money, textbook, etc., the **student** will be expected to **check** the reception desk for the item during a passing period or during their lunch time. A note **WILL NOT** be delivered to the student to let them know the item has arrived.

### **Parents: Three Important Opt-outs**

- 1) Internet usage forms signed by parents are no longer required. Use of the internet will be allowed for all students unless parents state in writing to the principal that they DO NOT wish their student to have internet access.
- 2) Seniors' names and social security numbers will be included in a report to the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana in April 2013 verifying that they have earned a Core 40 and/or Indiana Academic Honors diploma, allowing them to receive state financial aid for college. Parents who DO NOT want their senior's name or social security number released to SSACI for financial aid eligibility must put that request in writing to the student's counselor.
- 3) A provision in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires schools to provide the military with student names and contact information. If you do not want your child's name released, please contact North Central High School's Registrar, Jane White, 259-5355 ext. 45336 or [jewhite@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jewhite@msdwt.k12.in.us).