



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MESSAGE

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From the PTO . . .

A huge "YOU ROCK!" goes out to everyone who made a financial contribution to the PTO this year! Thanks to your donations we will be able to grant almost \$12,000 to our teachers for classroom needs and special projects. Last year's grants went to everything from spiral notebooks to Kindles, exercise mats to photo printers. Anything teachers request is considered and your money is thoughtfully assigned to items that will get the most "bang for your buck." If you haven't had a chance to make a contribution to the PTO, there is still time. Please drop off a check at the front desk or mail it to NCHS, c/o PTO Treasurer, 1801 E 86 St. Indianapolis, IN 46240. Your name will be included on our Donor List which will be posted on the "Parent Resource" bulletin board (outside the PTO Office), the rounder by the front desk and on the PTO webpage. Special thanks to Mindi Kincade, our PTO Treasurer, for all the hours she has spent compiling the list of donors and depositing the checks. Mindi Rocks!

The Panther Particulars Directory will be available to you the beginning of November. If you purchased a bound copy, it will be sent home with your eldest North Central student. Watch for an email with directions on how to access the free online version soon.

Mark your calendars and spread the word for the North Central Open House on Sunday, November 3, from 2-5 pm. We need as many volunteers as possible to help show off our school. To volunteer, please contact Stacy Lozer, stacylozer@mac.com or Sarah Combs, sarah.combs@att.net. This is a great way to display our amazing school, so invite your neighbors and friends to tour the school and hear about all of the interesting things going on at North Central. ROCK ON, NC!

Thanks for all you do to support North Central. YOU ROCK!

Sarah Combs and Stacy Lozer
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From the Principal...

Before we move into November, I want to celebrate one last time a few of the accomplishments that took place in October. I'd like to recognize all of the fall student athletes who completed their season and add a special thank you to those senior athletes who concluded their high school athletic career during the fall season. I'd like to recognize the Boys Tennis Team who won the 2013 State Tennis Championship, the doubles team who won the Indiana State Doubles title and Mr. Steve Perkins who was named the 2013 - 2014 Indiana State Teacher of the Year. October was a great month for North Central, but it is only one month in our school year. We look forward with excitement as the school year continues.

November is an exciting month, and I strongly recommend that you take advantage of at least one of the many events taking place. For example, in Performing Arts, November means it's time for the fall musical. The Performing Arts Department continues its long tradition of successful musicals as this year our students bring to life *Seussical*. Under new leadership, the cast and crew have been working tirelessly to provide a show worthy of a North Central production. With anticipation, I invite you, your family and the community to the fall performance.

The long tradition of demonstrating the IB Learner Profile of caring continues in November as our Key Club extends its tradition of sponsoring the Canned Food Drive. Multiple school sponsored clubs and organizations will come together to collect, bag and distribute household items for needy Washington Township Families. Last year over 200 families were provided with seven bags of groceries, two gallons of milk and a coupon good for a free turkey provided by a local grocer. Let's see if this year we can provide support for even more families in our community.

I'd be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving Break. I encourage you to use Thanksgiving Break as the name of the holiday implies, be thankful and appreciative of all you have to celebrate. The school year is fast paced with curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. At times, we take for granted the little things that make life meaningful. This Thanksgiving Break, take some time and celebrate family.

Yours in education,

Evans Branigan III

(Be sure to follow Principal Branigan on Twitter @ NC_Principal.)

**NORTH CENTRAL
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
2 - 5 pm**

*Come and experience all
the great things at ...*

NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL!

This annual event showcases the best qualities of North Central and what it offers prospective students.

Parent and student volunteers are needed to make the Open House a success. If you can volunteer your time for this very worthwhile event, please contact this year's co-chairs Sarah Combs sarah.combs@att.net or Stacy Lozer, stacylozer@mac.com.



NOTABLE NEWS ITEMS



UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS....

Nov. 5 - Symphony Orchestra Concert - The NC Symphony Orchestra will present their annual Side-by-Side Concert Tue., Nov. 5 at 7:00 pm in the NCHS Performing Arts Classroom. The Symphony Orchestra will be performing works by Stamitz, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Debussy and Dvorak. The finale of the concert will be a Side-by-Side performance with the finest 8th grade string players in Washington Township. Because of limited seating, please contact Craig Ghormley at cghormley@msdwt.k12.in.us if you would like to attend.

Nov. 8 - Autumn Winds Concert - The NC Wind Ensemble will present their annual Autumn Winds Concert Fri., Nov. 8 in the Northview Middle School Auditorium. This event will feature the award winning group performing a wide variety of selections. Highlights will include guest clarinet soloist Patty Hoover, and guest vocal soloist Michael Raunick. In addition, the group will perform classics such as *Marriage of Figaro*, *Molly on the Shore*, and also feature township 8th grade band students in a special Side-by-Side performance of *Mars from the Planets*. Tickets can be purchased at the door - \$5 per ticket, \$3 for those 12 and under.

Nov. 18 - Sounds of Autumn with the Symphonic Winds - The NC Symphonic Winds fall concert "Sounds of Autumn" will be Mon., Nov. 18 in the NCHS Performing Arts Classroom at 7:00 pm. Selections will include Grainger's *Green Bushes*, *Budapest Impression*, highlights from John Williams cinema music, and a wide variety of other wind band classics. Tickets are free of charge and available from the NC Band Office.

November Fall Musical - The Performing Arts Department is proud to present *Seussical* as its Fall Musical. Performances are: Nov. 14, 15 & 16 at 7:00 pm each night in the NC Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and students and \$8 for children under 12. VIP Upgrade is \$5. **VIP Ticket holders receive reserved seats to the best in house and access to the VIP Lounge during intermission where complimentary cuisine will be served.** Tickets can be ordered from any cast, crew, or orchestra member, by mail, or by dropping off an order form at Door #1 at the reception desk. Order forms can be found at northcentraltheatre.us. Tickets are reserved on a first-come, first-seated basis. Reserved seats will be in the center sections of the auditorium and are guaranteed seat assignments. Plan now to attend *Seussical*.

King's Court Singers Madrigal Dinner - Tickets are now on sale for the King's Court Singers Madrigal Dinner, Dec. 6 and 7 at 6:00 pm. Please contact King's Court Director, Joyce Click, for more information at jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us or call North Central High School. Please order early. The dinners always sell out.

Recycling Club Computer/E-Waste Collection Event

Did you know it is illegal in Indiana to put electronic items in the trash? In January of 2012, it became illegal to dispose of anything with a cord in the trash or a landfill. **The North Central Recycling Club**, in conjunction with **Recycleforce, Inc.** and **Wings for West Africa**, is sponsoring a computer and electronic (e-waste) collection drive. Usable computer equipment will be refurbished and shipped to schools in Senegal, West Africa. (Hard drives will be professionally wiped.) Unusable items will be disassembled and recycled. Tax receipts will be available. **Bring your donations to Door #4 on the east side of North Central on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.** For a complete list of materials that can be dropped off, see recycleforce.org.



MYP information from Ms. Sisson.....

In the newsletter for October, I explained why an MYP authorization team will be visiting us sometime during Nov. 18-22. When the authorization team arrives, they will be visiting classrooms and looking for evidence that NCHS has embraced the MYP philosophy.

The aim of all IB programs is "to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world." In order to ensure the realization of this aim, the IB Learner profile was developed and is foundational to the IB philosophy. IB learners are Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced and Reflective.

When the team visits classrooms, they will look for evidence that the learner profile is a part of the classroom climate and curriculum. One example of this would be student work that has a particular learner trait associated with it. Another example might be classroom conversations in which students and teachers discuss how a specific character or historical individual embodies a particular learner profile trait like risk taker or principled. Finally, students looking over their test results might reflect on what they did wrong and how they hope to improve in the future. Thus, the learner profile embodies a variety of traits that can manifest themselves in the classroom in a variety of ways.



MSDWT PARENT COUNCIL

Parent Council is a group of parent advocates of MSDWT students (K-12) who represent a diverse community in Indianapolis and believe that quality public education is an investment in the future.

At most meetings, a School Board member and a MSDWT Administration member (usually the Superintendent) provide an update on important things happening in Washington Township. Parents can use the forum to get informed, to connect and collaborate with other parents on a variety of issues. Parent council also endorses School Board candidates in election years.

MSDWT Parent Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding December) at 7:00 pm at the H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center (the CEC) located at 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

November 20, 2013
January 15, 2014
February 19, 2014
March 19, 2014
April 16, 2014
May 21, 2014

All parents of MSDWT students are welcome! We need parents to represent every school in the district. This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for those who want a smaller monthly time commitment..

For more information please visit www.msdwtparentcouncil.org and join our Facebook group: "MSD Washington Township Parent Council." Or you can email us at parentcouncilemail@yahoo.com.

November 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 7:30-3 pm, Marion County Health Department Hearing Rescreening (A522)	2 7:30 am, SAT Test Upper H Turn your clocks back one hour!
3 <i>Open House</i> 2 - 5 pm	4	5 7 pm, NC Symphony Orchestra Concert (PAC)	6	7	8 End of 2nd Interim Report Period 7 pm, Autumn Winds Concert, Northview Auditorium	9 9 am-1 pm, Princeton Review Combined SAT/ACT Practice Test (Cafeteria)
PENNY WARS: Collection November 4-12						
10 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	11	12 7 pm, Financial Aid Night (L249)	13 9 am, Brain Game Team at WTHR 13	14 7 pm, Fall Musical <i>Seussical</i>	15 7 pm, Fall Musical <i>Seussical</i> 2nd Appraisal Reports Distributed	16 7 pm, Fall Musical <i>Seussical</i>
CANNED FOOD DRIVE: COLLECTION NOVEMBER 12-DECEMBER 6						
17	18 7 pm, Symphonic Winds Concert (PAC)	19 7 - 8:30 pm, Princeton Review Scores Back/ Strategy Session (L249)	20 7 - 9:00 pm, Repertory Theatre Scene & Monologue Night	21 4 - 6:30 pm, Jr. Spec Cuts (Auditorium)	22	23
24 6:30 am - 9 pm, King's Court Singers - Medieval Times Trip to Chicago	25	26	27	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29	30
Thanksgiving Break: No School - November 25-29						

LOOKING AHEAD...

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS, DECEMBER 16-19

END OF FIRST SEMESTER, DECEMBER 19

WINTER BREAK, DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 5

SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS, JANUARY 6: STUDENTS REPORT TO HOMEROOM AT 7:25 A.M. TO RECEIVE SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULES

GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

Sophomore College Meeting for Students and Parents Wednesday, December 11 7:00 p.m. North Central Auditorium

Parents & students, do you wonder...

- What are college admission decisions based upon?
- Are strong SAT scores more important than classroom achievement?
- If a "C" student will have college options?
- What can sophomore students do now to enhance their college options?
- What can sophomores & their parents be doing now to stay on track?
- What types of college search resources are available to North Central students?
- How we use Naviance?

Our program will address these questions and more!

Seniors: An Important "Early Decision" Deadline

Seniors who apply for college admission through **Early Decision** (binding commitment) programs are required to submit "back up" applications to their counselors by **December 2**. Early Decision applicants who are deferred into the regular candidate pool or denied admission are released from the Early Decision binding agreement. *Avoid the additional stress of being without a "Plan B"; submit your back-up college applications!* Students who submit completed application on or **prior** to November 29 are assured that their applications will be processed & mailed prior to winter break. **Applications received after December 2 will be processed & mailed after winter break.** For further clarification, refer to *The College Handbook*.

Thinking about life after graduation? College?



College Scholarships Available

The Guidance Office receives scholarship materials throughout the year. Stop by Mrs. Gilbert's office and help yourself to information on scholarship opportunities offered by institutions, corporations, and community groups. Seniors may also visit NAVIANCE for a complete up-to-date listing of scholarships. Feel free to contact the Guidance Office with questions.

The following are representative of the numerous scholarships available:

Marion County Lilly Endowment Community

Information available in the Guidance Office, October 24 deadline.

Richard G. Lugar Hoosier Excellence Scholarship

Information available in the Guidance Office, November 1 deadline.

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Contest

Information available in the Guidance Office, December 6 deadline.

Applying to Colleges

College application processing forms are available on the south wall of the Guidance Office near the Student Center entrance.

REQUIRED - The process has been simplified this year and the only **REQUIRED** form is the **PINK SHEET**. Seniors must submit one of these Application Cover Sheets for **each** college application. A parent or guardian must sign the back on just one **PINK SHEET**, giving us permission to release their student's records. There is a \$1 processing fee for each Pink Sheet.

OPTIONAL - These forms may be requested by a students' counselor and/or teachers to aid in writing letters of recommendation.

1. The **WHITE SHEET** - Student Information Sheet w/details on honors, activities, work, etc.
2. The **YELLOW SHEET** - Counselor Recommendation Worksheet
3. The **GREEN SHEET** - Teacher Recommendation Worksheet

Students must hand these forms to their counselor **IN PERSON** for processing. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for your counselor to process these materials.

Important Reminders When Applying Online

- ⇒ North Central Guidance Counselors **require** the Pink Application Cover Sheet for every online application.
- ⇒ Seniors who need letters of recommendation must submit the proper North Central paper recommendation forms to their counselors and teachers for recommendations to be written and mailed. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- ⇒ Request your electronic transcript at www.parchment.com (no code is needed). If a fee is listed, cancel the request and talk to your counselor about sending a paper transcript.

Ask your counselor if you need clarification.

College Resource Room

College-bound students and their parents are invited to take advantage of the college resources available in the Guidance Department. Flip through helpful college guides, access college search site programs from the computers, and help yourself to college information in the file cabinets. The College Resource Room (L258B) is accessible throughout the school day and after school until 4:00 p.m.

College Cost Estimator Program & Workshop: For parents of all grades!

Concerned about college costs? Don't miss this opportunity to receive **FREE** personalized financial aid consulting through the **National Center for College Costs (NCCC)**. Complete the estimator online at www.collegecosts.com, then attend the **NCCC Estimator Workshop on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in room L249**. You are welcome to attend whether you complete the form or not. Questions? Contact Susie Bremen, Coordinator for College Counseling. **Take advantage of this tremendous college planning resource!**

College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT reasoning & subject tests	December 7	November 8	November 22
SAT reasoning & subject tests	January 25	December 27	January 10
ACT	December 14	November 8	November 22
ACT	February 8	January 10	January 24

Testing is available on Sundays after these national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy.
Seating is available on a first come, first served basis.