



## THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

# MESSAGE

## February 2014

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From the PTO . . .

From the Principal . . .

### PTO President's Submission February 2014 Message

From the PTO

We've had a ROCKy start to 2014 due to the weather, and unfortunately the Groundhog says we're in for more winter weather, however, PTO is looking forward to a ROCKING semester!

We thank you for your support, whether by contributing your time, talents or monetary donations. If you haven't had a chance to donate to the PTO, it's not too late! Just send your contribution to NCHS, c/o PTO Treasurer, 1801 E. 86<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

The weather played a large part in the delay, but anyone who ordered a school directory should have gotten it during the first week of February. A big "YOU ROCK" thank you to Stacy Lozer, Natalie Pearce (data entry), Amy Isaacs (advertising), and the PTO volunteer team who organized and distributed the Panther Particulars. There are a few extra copies available for purchase at the Bookstore for \$5 each. An email was also sent out with instructions on how to access the FREE online version of the directory through ArkNet.

PTO volunteers serve in many ways at North Central and we are always looking for additional volunteers. Please email Cathi Wineland at [cathiwine-land@comcast.net](mailto:cathiwine-land@comcast.net) if you have a particular interest or would like to be added to the general volunteer list for the rest of this year. Senior parents, there are many ways to get involved with all of the Senior-specific events around Commencement.

Do you realize that every Friday you or any member of our community can take a tour of NCHS? It's free and all you have to do is ask at the front desk. Kathleen Cleary and her tour guide group are trained to give a walking overview, all the while answering questions that are often asked. This is no small task and they handle it beautifully, both for those interested in attending NCHS, and for parents with students already here who just want to learn more. A heartfelt thanks goes to these volunteers who take their time to show what most of us *have* already realized – NCHS is a great place to be!

Please stop by North Central on Friday, February 14, for **Bagels with Branigan** in Room H193 at 7:30 am. This is an incredible opportunity to ask Principal Branigan any question and learn the inside scoop on what is happening at North Central. Mr. Branigan ROCKS!

YOU ROCK, NORTH CENTRAL!!!  
Sarah Combs and Stacy Lozer, PTO Presidents  
[Sarah.combs@att.net](mailto:Sarah.combs@att.net) and [stacylozer@mac.com](mailto:stacylozer@mac.com)  
317-250-2012 and 317-439-1889

North Central Families,

I hope you're enjoying our seemingly never ending Winter Wonderland. As safety concerns cause the need for closings and delays, please be assured that these decisions are not made casually or without forethought. As school officials, we take seriously our responsibility to ensure the safety and security of your children. It is because of this sense of responsibility, based upon road conditions and dangerously cold temperatures, it may be necessary to cancel after school activities and in the most extreme cases, cancel school. Multiple school closings and a barrage of school delays have made it difficult to find a routine this semester. I applaud the faculty and staff of North Central for their ability and willingness to adjust as Mother Nature continues to alter our daily schedule. Additionally, I must commend our students. One would expect their conversations to involve elation about missing school; however, student conversations center on being prepared for local, state and national exams. Even through the distractions caused by the weather, our students keep their focus on academics. For this, I am appreciative and grateful.

Details related to make up days, final exams, ECA testing, commencement and senior activities will be disseminated at a later date. As school days continue to be impacted by inclement weather, the district calendar and school sponsored events are in flux to accommodate make up days. In advance, thank you for your patience and when appropriate, we will use multiple resources to share the new dates of school sponsored events impacted by the weather.

As we forge our way into February, I remind you of our purpose as educators. We strive to produce students who are morally good, intellectually competent, socially sensitive, and committed to living full and satisfying lives. As a community, we have but a short time to positively impact our students. The foundation needed to be future leaders and independent members of our community is being laid now. The learning partnership that exists between home and school must continue to foster communication and high expectations. The uniqueness of our community is in the support the community provides to our schools. Let's make February a special month and our best thus far.

Continuing the Tradition of Excellence,

Evans Branigan III  
Principal

**North Central High School: Achievement through Scholarship, Honesty and Respect.**

### **Save the Date - Great North Run**

Gather your friends, family and neighbors and join in the fun. Run or walk the 1K, 5K, or 10K course and help support the Washington Township Foundation and our schools.

The Great North Run will be **Saturday, March 15**, at North Central High School. Races will start at 9:00 a.m.

**Fitness Fair - 1K Fun Run - 5K and 10K Run/Walk**

For additional details about registration and the day of the race, please visit [www.wtfsoudation.org](http://www.wtfsoudation.org).

# February 2014

(Events are subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Summer School 2014</b> <b>Session One:</b> June 3 - 23 <b>Session Two:</b> June 24 - July 15 (no school on Friday, July 4) <b>Class Times:</b> Mon.-Fri., 7:30 am-12:30 pm		<b>Registration:</b> March 31 - April 11 For NC students during lunch periods, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & Washington Township resident students between 8:00-10:00 a.m. <b>Out-of-District:</b> May 31, 9:00 a.m.-Noon				<i>1</i> 8:00am-4pm, Band & Orchestra ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest (Ben Davis)
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 7pm, Winter Band Concert, Auditorium	<i>4</i> 8am-7pm, FAFSA Day, PC Lab	<i>5</i> 2014-15 Course Selection Sheets Due during Period 3  7pm, Princeton Review Scores Back, Strategy Night (L249)	<i>6</i> 7-8pm, Dick Dennis Concert (Auditorium)	<i>7</i> End of 3rd Interim Report Period 8am, PTO Executive Board Meeting, H193	<i>8</i> 10am & 12pm Tootsie Pops Concert, Auditorium
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 7pm-9pm, Jazz Extravaganza Concert (PAC)	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>  <i>Valentine's Day</i> 3rd Appraisal Report distributed, Pd. 3  Senior Blood Drive  7:30am, PTO Bagels with Mr. Branigan, H193	<i>15</i> 5:30-8pm, Ladies First Club Fashion Show, Cafeteria
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <b>Presidents' Day</b> Snow Make up Day #1 - Regular School Day	<i>18</i> 7pm, Orchestra Parent Organization (OPO) Mtg., E165	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 7:30am-1:30pm, Saturday Science, N Hall  ** AP Planning Sheet & Scholarship Deadline**
<i>23</i> 2pm, College Goal Sunday, Various Indy Locations	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 6:15-9pm, Full Symphony Sectionals (E166)  7:00 pm, One Act Play (PAC)	<i>28</i> 4:00 pm - One Act Play (PAC)  7:00pm - One Act Play (PAC)	

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

# GUIDANCE Department

## College Scholarships

The Guidance Office will be receiving various scholarship materials throughout the year. Stop by the scholarship corner and help yourself to a variety of opportunities offered by institutions, corporations and community groups. Also, seniors may access all scholarship information and any downloadable applications via **Naviance**. The following are representative of scholarships available with fast approaching deadline dates:

- Nancy Jaynes Memorial Breast Cancer Awareness Scholarship**  
www.breastcancerplate.org, Deadline Feb. 7
- Sallie Mae/Brandon Teacher Scholarship**  
Deadline February 15
- Indiana Pacers George Hill Scholarship**  
Deadline February 22
- NC Alumni Assoc. Merit Scholarship**  
Deadline March 1
- NC Alumni Assoc. Laikin Leadership & Diversity Scholarship**  
Deadline March 1
- Steven Drybread Memorial Scholarship**  
Deadline March 1
- Roberta Quandt Memorial Scholarship**  
Deadline March 1
- Greenbriar Elementary School Alumni Scholarship**, Deadline March 15
- Central Indiana Community Foundation**  
www.cicf.org, Deadline April 1

## Upcoming AP Testing

AP Testing Application for Scholarship forms may be picked up in the Guidance Office. Make a note of the following important dates:

- February 22 Planning Sheet & Scholarship Deadline**
- March 5-15 Registration for AP tests**

Keep these dates in mind and watch for more information as the time nears.

Please see Mrs. Meinert in the Guidance Office with any questions.

## College Consultations for Juniors

The Junior year is the optimal time to start the college search process. Juniors are encouraged to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Susie Bremen, Coordinator for College Counseling, to talk about the college search process. The **"My College Search"** form **must be completed before a meeting can be scheduled**. Forms are available in the Guidance Office and may be submitted to Mrs. Bremen who will then schedule an appointment during the school day. Juniors may also drop by Mrs. Bremen's office after school with brief questions. Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and participate in the process.

## JUNIOR NIGHT

**"Inside the College Admission Office"**  
Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m.  
North Central Auditorium

This meeting is for ALL juniors and parents!  
Mark your calendars now!

Those in attendance will be the first to receive The College Handbook, specifically designed for the college and scholarship search process for North Central students.

## ACT Test Strategy

**ZAPS ACT Test Prep** will be back at North Central soon. A two-day seminar will be held on **March 5 & 6** from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$79 for the seminar. Some scholarships are available. Register at [www.zaps.com](http://www.zaps.com).

## Absent from school? Need homework?

### Talk to the Teacher

Students should speak with teachers about where and how to get missed work (some teachers may have a box or file in the room where students can pick up any worksheets).

### Contact the Homework Hotline

Students can verify homework assignments by calling their teacher's voice-mail at 259-5355 plus extension number. The directory is available online at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc).

If a student will be gone for several days, please ask teachers to leave homework in the Homework Collection Box located just outside of the Guidance Office, Door #L258.

## Visiting College Campuses

Seniors and Juniors are allowed two school days annually to make official visits to colleges and universities. The process for scheduling these visits is outlined on page 103 in the North Central 2013-14 Student Calendar Handbook distributed to all students at the beginning of the school year. Students are expected to talk with teachers prior to a college visit to notify them of the upcoming absence and to discuss what is expected in order to make up missed class time and work. The **College Campus Visit Form**, available in the Attendance Office, must be completed and signed by a parent, the student, and an administrator prior to the visit. An official letter from the college admission office verifying the visit is also required. If you are planning a college visit, be sure to refer to the Student Handbook and follow the steps outlined. Failure to follow the procedure may result in an unexcused absence.

## The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- The FAFSA is used by college and university financial aid offices to determine eligibility for grants, low-interest loans, the college work-study program and sometimes scholarships. Indiana colleges generally require the form to be filed by **March 1 of the senior year**, but some out-of-state colleges have earlier deadlines. **Be sure to check the priority date for your schools of interest.** Applying after their deadline could mean missing out on funds.

### Filing Tips:

- Read and follow the instructions.
- File on-line; Seniors and their parents each need PIN numbers.
- Complete the FAFSA based on your 2013 tax forms, or use estimates and make updates once taxes are filed.
- File early.
- Make sure to print a copy for your files.

### Need help completing the FAFSA?

- Thanks to the PTO and a generous grant from the Washington Township Schools Foundation (WTSF), we are again able to offer FAFSA Day.
- Experts from The National Center for College Cost (NCCC) will be on hand to assist all attendees in completing the FAFSA line-by-line.
- Gather your Social Security number, driver's license, income tax returns, bank statements, and investment records, and head to:

**FAFSA DAY**  
at North Central High School  
Tuesday, February 4  
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
in the PC Lab  
**No appointment necessary**

## College Cost Estimator for all Grades

The National Center for College Costs (NCCC) offers **FREE** services to all NC families as they prepare for college. You can complete the College Cost Estimator on their website, [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com), from which they can provide strategies and advice on how to pay for college. Their site also covers college selection ideas, timelines, financial aid, application and admission issues. This service was included in your Freshman Book Rental/Lab fees as Financial Plan (\$5 charge). Take advantage of these services as early as the freshman year.

## Tutoring Available

North Central's Information Center hours are 7 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The upper Information Center becomes the After-School Learning Center at 2:40 p.m. with paid adult tutors in major academic areas and is available free of charge! Students **MUST** show their current ID card to enter the Information Center or the After-School Learning Center. Take advantage of these great opportunities offered here at North Central. A pass is required if arriving after 2:55 PM

## College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines:

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT Reasoning	March 8	February 7	February 21
ACT	April 12	March 7	March 21

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

## Mark your calendar . . .

### Choir and Accompanists Auditions for 2014-15

North Central Choir Auditions for singers and piano accompanists who are **not** currently enrolled in a North Central Choir:

2014 -15 School Year  
Monday, February 3  
2:50 p.m., K213

Auditions are for incoming 9th graders **not** currently enrolled in choir at Westlane, Eastwood, Northview Middle Schools, upper grade level transfer and private school students.

2014-15 School Year  
Tuesday, February 11  
(Weather cancellation date, February 12)  
6:00 p.m., K211  
Enter Door #11

If you have any questions about our choral program, do not hesitate to contact us:  
[www.nchschoirs.com](http://www.nchschoirs.com)

Michael Raunick, Choral Director at North Central High School, [mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us)  
Joyce Click, Choral Director at North Central High School, [jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us)

### Eighth Annual Dick Dennis Memorial Concert

Thursday, February 6, 7 p.m.  
NCHS Auditorium

This program will feature over 200 students representing all three of North Central's fabulous orchestras. Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole* will be performed by the North Central Symphony Orchestra featuring senior violinist Michelle Goloschokin.

The end of the concert will pay tribute to Mr. Dennis with Mancini's *Dream of a Lifetime* and a special encore featuring the bassist for the Mancini Orchestra, Steve Dokkem. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. Questions, please contact Mr. Ghormley at 317-259-5301 ext. 45212 or [cghormley@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:cghormley@msdwt.k12.in.us)

### Frequently Requested Numbers

Attendance	259-5355
Transportation	254-5510
NC FAX	259-5369
JEL	259-5265

### Recent North Central Choir Honors

Indiana All-State Choir: Ryan Cook, Aquarius Durden, Christopher Giden, Grace Haines-Gallagher, Katherine Jones, Ryan Malone, William McKinney, Tommy Nguyen, Jeremy Rogers, Ethan Smith, Benjamin Sparrow and Dylan Williams.

Thank you for representing North Central in this prestigious All-State organization.

### Jazz Extravaganza Concert

Monday, February 10, 7:00 PM  
NCHS Performing Arts Classroom  
\$3 Adults/\$1 Children

Featuring the Farrelly Markiewicz Jazz Quartet, with the NCHS Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Lab Band. The students will work with members of the Farrelly Markiewicz Quartet through the day in workshops, clinics and rehearsals. The quartet will join both bands on stage for the evening concert.

### Two-hour delay

School begins at 9:25 a.m. on two-hour delay days. Be on the watch for *MSD of Washington Township Schools* with local media outlets.

### North Central Band Honors

#### Indiana Bandmaster Jr. All State Band

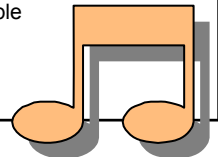
Katie Danforth - Oboe  
Lauren Palladino - Oboe  
Stephanie Selby - Bassoon  
Sophia Madar - Clarinet  
Daniel Patel - Clarinet  
Daniel Kareken - Clarinet  
Kathryn Petersen - Alto Sax



#### 2013 Bloomington Jazz Festival

*Outstanding Soloists & Musicians*

Nathan Bercovitz - Jazz Ensemble  
Brooklyn Glover - Jazz Ensemble  
Ben Stueve - Jazz Ensemble  
Adam Faler - Jazz Lab Band  
Elijah Pollard - Jazz Lab Band



### Tootsie Pops Concert Saturday, February 8 Two shows 9:30 and 11 am North Central Auditorium

This program is designed to introduce pre-school and elementary age children to the sounds and sights of orchestra music. Following the concert, young guests will have the opportunity to visit the musical instrument "petting zoo" where they will be able to try a string, percussion, or wind instrument. Tickets sold at the door for \$5.

Advanced sales: contact Leigh at 570-1653.

### North Central Theatre will present the Annual ONE-ACT Plays

Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, February 28, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
NCHS Performing Arts Classroom

Come out to see the comedic-farce *Just Desserts* directed by Maggie Eickhoff, *Saving the Greeks: One Tragedy at a Time*, a greek parody directed by Cooper Pell and the last comedy, *S.P.A.R.* directed by Austin Kirch. We will also present one drama titled *I Don't Want to Talk About It* directed by Anna Garrison.

### \*\*Senior Dates to Remember .mark your calendar!

- **Ticket Sales for Parent Appreciation Luncheon, April 21-25, CASH ONLY, seniors may purchase a total of THREE tickets - one for him/her + 2 parental guests.**
- **Ticket Sales for Grad Dance & Blast Off, May 5-9, CASH ONLY**
- All arrears must be cleared by **May 15** to receive your cap and gown, **cash or credit card only**, checks will **not** be accepted.
- **Cap and Gown Distribution, May 23**
- **Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon, May 23, 10:30 a.m., Ritz Charles**
- **Baccalaureate, May 27, 7 p.m., NCHS Auditorium**
- **Commencement Required Practice, May 28, 8 - 11:30 a.m., Indiana Convention Center**
- **Commencement, May 28, 7 p.m., Indiana Convention Center**
- **Graduation Dinner Dance, May 30, 7 - 11 p.m., The Ritz in Carmel**
- **Blast Off, May 31, 12:00 a.m. - 3 a.m. (following the Grad Dinner Dance) in the NCHS Main Gym (parent volunteers encouraged!) Becky Volk, bekyvolk65@yahoo.com**

\*\* All dates are subject to change due to snow make-up days. \*\*

**April 15, is the last day for Seniors to write checks for any purchase within North Central. Afterwards, only cash or credit card will be accepted.**