



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MESSAGE

March 2014

North Central High School
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From the Principal . . .

Dear Parents:

Periodically it's a good idea to review with students and parents the various practices and procedures employed at North Central High School. Basically, the school "turns over" its student population every 4 years. Since our school population (students and parents) is dynamic and changing, I need to remind myself not to assume that you know how things are done just because some of us are dinosaurs and know that is how it's always been. This issue will deal with attendance and make-up work.

Attendance is the most critical factor in school success for a student! Students need to be in every class, every day. Every school study ever done substantiates the positive correlation between school attendance and school success. No question! Be here!

Having said that, I also know some absences cannot be avoided. When those absences occur, they can be classified as either excused or unexcused. Listed below are the procedures and practices for make-up work:

MAKE-UP WORK

When a student is absent from a class there are definite procedures to follow relative to make-up work depending upon the nature of the absence, i.e., excused, unexcused or prearranged.

ABSENCES

For state reporting, absences from school are counted as periods missed:

- 1 - 3 class periods missed counts as 1/2 day absence.
 - 4 - 7 class periods missed counts as a full day of absence from school.
- Students who are absent for any reason are expected to obtain assignments from North Central's Homework Hotline. The number to call is 259-5355, then your teacher's extension. You may obtain your teacher's telephone extension on the Internet by entering www.NCHS.cc, go to Contact Us and click School Directory.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance of students is essential and expected at all times. When it is necessary to be absent from school all day, the parent/guardian is to call the school--259-5355 extension 4555--and notify the attendance secretary the reason for the absence. These calls are to be made every day of absence, preferably between 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. Voice-mail messages are encouraged prior to 7:00 a.m. Calls received after 3:00 p.m. or the following day may result in an unexcused absence.

A student is not counted as absent when the student:

1. participates in school-sponsored field trips.
2. observes a major religious holiday.
3. has to appear in court.
4. is scheduled to take the driver's road test for the first time.
5. is incarcerated.
6. is suspended from class or school.
7. serves as a page in the state legislative body.
8. is working at any general, city, township, special, or primary election.

Excused absences are granted for all reasons stated by Indiana Attendance Statutes and School Board policies--they are as follows: the student's illness, serious illness of an immediate member of the family, or death of an immediate member of the family. Credit for work missed during an excused absence will be recorded at full credit. Students receive two days to make up work for each day of excused absences. Credit for work missed during an unexcused absence will be recorded at a rate of 75% of the earned grade. Credit for work missed by a student who has been marked truant will be recorded as 0. Students who have completed a pre-arranged absence form or a student who is incarcerated may receive full credit for work completed during those absences.

Prearranged absences are discouraged and will not be granted during nine weeks tests or semester exams. Prearranged absences may not be granted to extend a holiday or vacation break.

PREARRANGED ABSENCES

If a student needs to be out of town for a wedding, religious conference, family vacation, or absent for any reason which does not constitute an excused absence, a Prearranged Absence Form (pink) is required. The form may be picked up from attendance personnel prior to the dates absent. There will be no provision for prearranged absences during the final week of any grading period or for any class during summer school. There are also no prearranged absences during the week of, prior to, or following a school vacation period.

The form requires signatures of a parent/guardian, an assistant principal, and any teacher whose class will be missed. Homework assignments may be given prior to the absence, or upon the student's return, at the individual teacher's discretion. The homework/assignment section of the form will be returned to the student upon receipt of the signed form. Make-up work for full credit is granted in the prearranged category. A student must have the prearranged absence form completed **three (3)** days prior to his/her absence in order for make-up work to be granted for credit.

It is the decision of the school administrator to determine if a prearranged absence will be granted. This is a privilege. It is not a right. Students who have poor grades (do not meet the standards of participation) or have poor attendance may be refused a prearranged absence. Long term prearranged absences are generally not approved.

TARDINESS

Students arriving to school after 7:25 a.m. should report to the attendance office. Students late to school due to an excused reason will be sent immediately to class from the attendance office. Students late to school for an unexcused reason will be detained in the Tardy Room until the end of the period. Tardiness due to a student's bus arriving late is excused. Tardiness due to oversleeping, car trouble, etc. is not excused. Students who drive may lose their driving privileges for tardies to school. Students with four (4) tardies to school will be suspended pending a parent/guardian conference.

Students who are tardy to class after having attended one or more classes are to report directly to the Tardy Room (B118). Students are allowed three (3) tardies to class per semester. Students will be suspended pending a parent/guardian conference on their fourth (4) tardy. The building is large and there are many students passing to classes. Students neither have time to socialize between class periods nor the time to return to their locker after each class. With a little planning and a conscientious effort, every student can be on time.

Please review the above procedures and practices with your child. Thank you.

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The new adjusted
last day of school
for students is
Friday, May 30.


Thank you for your
attention to this
calendar change.



March 2014

Events are subject to change.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 7:30am, Saturday Science (NC) 8am - 4pm, Band & Orchestra ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Contest (NC & NV Campus)
2 10:30am - 3pm, Artistically Talented Culminating Event (Student Center)	3 AP Test Registration 7pm, Brownies with Branigan (H193)	4 AP Test Registration	5 AP Test Registration 3pm - 5:30pm, ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar, Part 1 (L249)	6 AP Test Registration 3pm - 5:30pm, ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar, Part 2 (L249)	7 AP Test Registration 5pm - 9pm, MIC Choir Competition & Set-Up	8 SAT Test Date (NC) 7:30am, Saturday Science (NC) 7:30am - 11pm, MIC Choir Competition
9 <i>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</i>	10 7pm, Top 100 Night (PAC) National Latin Exam, Period 3 (PAC)	11 Nine Week Tests	12 Nine Week Tests 6:30 - 8pm, Greater Indianapolis Northside College Fair (Ritz Charles)	13 Nine Week Tests	14 Nine Week Tests 5:30pm - 8pm, Best Buddies (Cafeteria)	15 7:30am, Saturday Science (NC) 9am - The Great North Run 6:30pm, Music, Mocha & More
16	17 <i>Safe Decisions Week</i> IB French & Oral Assessment (A515 & B540, All Day) <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 <i>Safe Decisions Week</i> IB French & Oral Assessment (A515 & B540, All Day)	19 <i>Safe Decisions Week</i> IB French & Oral Assessment (A515 & B540, All Day) 7pm, Junior Night: Inside the College Admission Office (L249, Auditorium)	20 <i>Safe Decisions Week</i> First Day of Spring!	21 <i>Safe Decisions Week</i> <i>Spring Break begins at close of school</i>	22 8am - 11pm, ISSMA State Show Choir Finals (NC Campus)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	SPRING BREAK - MARCH 24—28 BE SAFE					
30	31 7:25am, Return to School Summer School Registration (Guidance Office)					

GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

2014 AP EXAM REGISTRATION

Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to sit for AP exams in May. Students should register and pay fees for AP tests online between **MARCH 3-7**. Should students need to register late for **ANY** reason, they may do so the week of March 10-14 for an additional \$50.00 PER TEST IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD TEST FEE. Scholarships will be forfeited if the registration is late. All tests are \$89 or \$15 depending on the subject matter. **There are two ways to register and pay fees for AP exams:**

- 1) Students paying full price for AP exams and those students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will register and pay fees for AP tests online at mypaymentsplus.com before midnight, **March 7**.
- OR -
- 2) Students who apply for and receive a scholarship to defray the cost of AP exams must obtain an AP registration form from the Guidance Office, then register and pay fees for AP tests in the Guidance Office during lunch periods only, **March 3-7**, paying with check, money order or cash.

****Credit card payments are accepted only online.**

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 7 WITHOUT A \$50 ADDITIONAL FEE PER TEST. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Please call Mrs. Kristi Meinert at 259-5301 ext. 45312 with questions.

AP Exam Schedule May 5-15, 2014

Date	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Mon 5/5	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
Tues 5/6	Computer Science A Spanish Language	Art History
Wed 5/7	Calculus AB, BC	N/A
Thurs 5/8	English Literature and Composition	Japanese Lang/Cul Latin
Fri 5/9	English Language	Statistics Studio Art
Mon 5/12	Biology Music Theory	Physics B Physics C
Tues 5/13	US Gov't & Politics	French Language Human Geography
Wed 5/14	German Language US History	European History
Thurs 5/15	Macroeconomics World History	Microeconomics

Students wishing to take exams that are scheduled for the same time slot should see Mrs. Meinert

ZAPS' ACT Preparation Seminar Wednesday, March 5 & Thursday, March 6 3:00-5:30 p.m., L249



The ZAPS Learning Company will be back in March with a five-hour ACT prep seminar split over two days. We have received excellent feedback from students in previous ZAPS seminars. Register online at www.zaps.com or by calling 1-877-927-8378. **The cost of the seminar is \$79.** (An SAT seminar will be offered on Saturday, April 26.)

Greater Indianapolis North Side College Fair Wednesday, March 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Ritz Charles

This is an outstanding opportunity to gather information and ask questions about admission and financial aid from nearly 100 colleges/universities. This is the next best thing to a college visit. North Central students are highly encouraged to attend.

Calling all Juniors!

Junior Meeting: Inside The College Admission Office Wednesday, March 19, 7 p.m., Auditorium

Class of 2015!

Juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend the Junior Meeting to learn about the college search and application process. You will have a chance to hear from college admission officers from Indiana University, Purdue University and Washington University in St. Louis. In addition, you will be the first to receive **The College Handbook**, North Central's exclusive college resource guide from the College Office, and you'll have a chance to win a Princeton Review SAT prep course.

Congratulations to our National Merit & National Achievement Students

Commended Students - National Merit Program

Abbie Auster	Laura Brett
Madeline Danforth	Hannah Dennis
Samantha Dunn	Colten Elkin
Peter Flockhart	Daniel Jones
Adrian F. Helmling-Cornel	
Cooper L Pell	Madeline Price
Spencer Price	Kimberly Shirrell
John Stimac	Eliot W Toumey
Sarah Volk	

National Merit Finalists

Neil Preston Cassada Bassett
Katherine E Ceglio
Erika Marie Chelales
Anna C Strigari Garrison
Noah E Gordon
Regan Celeste Quilling
Caitlyn M Walter
Rebecca N Weber

National Achievement Outstanding Participants

Robert T Blickenstaff
Aaron X Brown
Kirsten Q Holston
Brandi L Metzger
Danielle Rivers

National Achievement Finalists Scholarships Maya L Jenkins

Scholarship Opportunities

For our complete list of scholarship opportunities, please see Mrs. Laurie Stroke in the Guidance Office or check the scholarship list on Naviance at <http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral>.

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation Scholarship - Postmarked by March 8, 2014: \$1,000 for four years; need based; two letters of recommendation; autobiography; community involvement. Visit their website at us.tzuchi.org.

Greenbriar Elementary School Alumni Scholarship - Deadline March 15, 2014: \$500; Must have attended Greenbriar for no less than 4 consecutive years, 3.0 minimum GPA.

Prom Genie - Deadline March 21, 2014: Current senior; female; minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA; free/reduced lunch; applying to 4 year college/university; two academic letters of recommendation; one letter of recommendation from a community leader.

Fred & Lena Meijer Scholarship - Deadline April 1, 2014: Two \$10,000 and 100 \$2,500 scholarships; eligible applicants must be employed full or part-time at Meijer or must be the children of full or part-time employees. (Apply online at <https://meijerscholarship.egrant.net>)

Joe Baxter Spirit of Kiwanis Scholarship - Deadline March 21, 2014: \$1,000; To recognize a student for leadership, community service and successful educational efforts in the furtherance of education. Must be a graduating senior who has been accepted to at least one accredited public or private college or university; 500 word community service essay; transcript; college acceptance letter(s); two recommendation letters; proof of improvement in grades, attendance or behavior should be highlighted indicating character and maturity.

OTHER NOTABLE NEWS ITEMS . . .

**Washington Township
Schools Foundation
The Great North Run
and Fitness Fair
Saturday, March 15
Race starts at 9 am
North Central Campus
Register online
www.wtsfoundation.org**

Living History Series – Share your story with our students

Thanks to a grant from the Washington Township Foundation, North Central High School will again offer the Living History Series on **Thursday, March 20, 2014**. The program is designed to provide high school students access to those who have so bravely paved the paths for their futures in our country.

We are once again opening our program to not only our veterans, but also to those who are willing to share their personal stories, life lessons and memories. History will come alive for our students. Students presently enrolled in US History will have the opportunity to speak with the veterans and learn about their experiences. The program includes a performance by North Central's own Jazz Ensemble.

Anyone who would like to participate in either program should contact Leslie Wilson at 259-5222 to be added to the guest list.

Performing Arts Events

North Central to Host MIC Choral Event

**Saturday, March 8
7:30 am - 11:00 pm**

Over forty choirs from Indiana will be competing for awards in Mixed Show Choir, Women's Show Choir, Festival Class Show Choir, and Concert Choir. Four North Central Choirs will compete as exhibition groups:

- Accents at 8am (PAC)
- Decants at 5pm (Auditorium)
- King's Court Singers at 7pm (PAC)
- Counterpoints at 10:35pm (Auditorium)

The cost for all day admission is \$15.00 or \$10.00 per session. The event is open to the public.

Come hear the best in the Mid-West!



Music, Mocha, & More

**Saturday, March 15, 2014
6:30 - 9:30 pm**

H. Dean Evans Community Education Ctr

Join the NC Orchestras for an evening of chamber music provided by some of the fine young people of the NC Performing Arts Department. \$5.00 will gain you entry as well as a coffee, drink and dessert. There will also be a silent auction with some great items from Washington Township businesses.



Symphony Orchestra Travels Abroad!!

March 24 - 31, 2014

Members of the NC Symphony Orchestra will be traveling to Munich, Germany and Salzburg, Austria. While abroad, the orchestra will give two performances, as well as see a performance by the acclaimed Munich Philharmonic Orchestra. Excursions are planned to Dachau, Mozart's Birth House, Neuschwanstein Castle and more.

Recent NC Band Honors

**Congratulations to the following
NCHS Band Students on selection to
the 2014 Indiana Bandmasters All
State Band.**

Honor Band

Skyler Boll
Christine Hustmyer
Ben Stueve
Matt Szolek-Van Valkenburg
Thomas Shilling
Eliot Toumey



All State Band

Ellen Green
Alexis Wood
Allie Wineland
Ruth Krueskamp
Hannah Myers
Owen Kraft
Jackson Wiley
Ethan Hodes
George Clark
Kai Sandstrom

Alternates

Madeleine Meadows-McDonnell
Sean Szolek-Van Valkenburg
Sydney Roach
Nick Snider
Neil Bassett

BLAST OFF 2014

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 30, 2014** from 11:59 pm until 3 am (May 31) in the North Central gymnasium (immediately following Grad Dance).

We want to make **Blast Off 2014** the best one ever and we need your help!

~ **DONATIONS:** Online at www.nchs.cc or make checks payable to NCHS Blast Off and mail to **Blast Off** treasurer: Jennifer Tiplick, 5372 Shorewood Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46220

Many Prizes and Volunteers are needed!

~**VOLUNTEERS:** Contact Jody Hess (jodyhess@att.net or 403-3867)

~**PRIZES:** Contact Laurie Freeman (lauriefreeman@comcast.net or 506-5988)

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Co-Chairs: Donna Schmahl (dlschmahl@gmail.com or 691-0721)

Becky Volk (beckyvolk65@yahoo.com or 490-6001)

College Entrance Exam Registration Deadlines:

Test	Date	Deadline	Late Registration
SAT Reasoning	May 3	April 4	April 18
ACT	April 12	March 7	April 4

SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

SESSION ONE JUNE 3-23
SESSION TWO JUNE 24-JULY 15
(No School July 4)

Registration: Mar. 31 - April 11
Out-of-district: May 30 (9 a.m.-Noon)

SUMMER SCHOOL 2014 course selections and course fees can be found on the school's website at www.nchs.cc.

SUMMER SCHOOL class time starts daily at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. **Dates & times are subject to change!!**

Junior Prom

2014 Junior Prom
Saturday, April 19

Class of 2015!

Junior Prom has a rich tradition at North Central and the class of 2015 is preparing for what will be a most memorable evening.

- **Time:** 9 pm to 12 midnight.
- **Place:** Riverwalk Banquet Center and Lodge, 6729 Westfield Boulevard Indianapolis.
- **Tickets:** On sale April 14 - 18, during all lunch periods at the bookstore annex.
- **Price:** \$35 per person

Tickets will not be sold the evening of Prom. As a reminder, dinner will not be served at this event but the ticket price does include an assortment of desserts and snacks offered at the dance.