



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MESSAGE

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From the PTO . . .

Hello North Central Families:

An enormous "YOU ROCK" to our many committee chairs and volunteers who work throughout the year! Take a look at what is happening behind the scenes.

You may or may not realize that all NCHS 16 year-olds receive a birthday card personally signed by the administration. This card not only wishes them a happy milestone birthday but also asks them not to text while they drive – a very important message that was emphasized during Safe Decisions Week. **Amy Johnson** labels and mails those 800 birthday cards so that students receive it during his or her birthday month.

Ticket Sales chair, Kathy Null, and her trusty volunteers have braved high school lunch periods to sell tickets to events such Junior Spec, Prom and Homecoming.

Becky Richardson coordinates our monthly **Parent Council** delegation. This year Parent Council has been quiet but next year will ramp again as the School Board elections approach. Let us know if you want to be included in this influential group.

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. YOU ROCK, Carol! We will miss your never-ending help.

Another special YOU ROCK goes to **Ruthie Cumming** for hosting the **Top 100 Night Reception**. Ruthie doesn't have a current high school student but volunteered again to help make the evening special for the students and their families.

Thank you to our "**General Volunteer Pool**," who has stepped up for many things this year. These "I'll help when I can" volunteers show what it means to care about NCHS. We are grateful for all of you. And we can't forget to thank **Cathi Wine-land** who puts together that list! She types in all of those names and emails from the **Count-on-Me** forms and sends the lists to the chairs.

Thank you to all families who registered for the **Great North Run** this year. Who knew if the snow would ever melt in time for this beautiful and fun morning celebrating fitness and friends? We reached our goal of 200 participants and received \$1000 from the Washington Township Schools Foundation to benefit the Junior Prom. GNR ROCKS!

We hope you will make it to our last Bagels with Branigan on Friday, April 18th at 7:30 am in Room H-193.

As always, thanks for your continued support. And ROCK ON, NCHS!
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From the Principal . . .

Welcome back North Central! I hope you had a relaxing and revitalizing Spring Break. Now that we've had time to recharge our batteries, it's time to get back to work and make our way through the home stretch. Before we know it, we'll be talking about Summer Break and how much we enjoyed the 2013-2014 school year. However, before families begin talking about summer plans, let's be sure to take care of unfinished business. Although I'm proud of what we've accomplished as a learning community thus far, we still have much to do before we call it a year.

April means Spring for most, but for our juniors, April means prom. Junior parents, soon you'll be receiving a letter from the Junior Class Council that will provide details related to North Central's 2014 Junior Class Prom. The letter will provide specifics related to ticket sales, photo opportunities and the many particulars related to prom. The Junior Class Council has been meticulous in its efforts to provide a night to remember. Although the Junior Prom will take place on April 19, the memories experienced and shared will last forever.

Parents, I'm requesting your assistance in ensuring that our students either keep up the good work or establish new educational patterns to be successful. It is our collective responsibilities to motivate, encourage and support our students through the entirety of the school year. Although the end of the school year is near, it isn't here. There is still time and ample opportunities to demonstrate academic growth. In April, let's establish or reestablish positive study habits. State or restate academic expectations and the positive outcomes associated with growth and improvement.

Yours in education,

Evans Branigan III
Principal

The Summer Challenge Art Program 2014

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 students entering grades 9,10, 11, and 12. Graduating seniors with a serious interest in art can also 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, and are not permitted to leave campus for lunch unless prior permission has been given by parent or guardian.

Dates for this summer are July 14-18, 2014.
Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Registration: See an art teacher for information about this program for the summer of 2014 or call 259-5355, x45347. Brochures will be available from middle school art teachers, and in the atrium at North Central High School the first week of April.

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

Are YOU up to the Challenge?

APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	31 7:25 am, School Reconvenes	1	2	3	4 8am, PTO Executive Board Meeting, H193	5
Summer School Registration for current North Central students in the Guidance Office during all lunch periods, March 31—April 11.						
6	7 PantherQuest Facilitator Applications Due in Mrs. Payne's Office (N706) by 3pm	8	9	10	11 ISSMA Organizational Band & Orchestra 6pm, Net Night, Main & South Gyms College Boot Camp Applications available, Guidance Office	12 ACT Test Site
Summer School Registration for current North Central students in the Guidance Office during all lunch periods, March 31—April 11.						
13	14 Prom Ticket Sales	15 Prom Ticket Sales Last day for Seniors to pay any bills with a check. Please use cash, debit or credit card or money orders after this date.	16 Prom Ticket Sales 7pm, Choral Concert, PAC	17 Prom Ticket Sales	18 Prom Ticket Sales End of 4th Appraisal 7:30am, Bagels with Branigan, H193 Seniors pick up Graduation Announcements during lunch periods in the Auditorium	19 7am - 6pm, Eric Gordon Shootout (Main & South Gyms) 9pm, Junior Prom
20 <i>Easter</i> 	21 <i>7pm, Recognition Night, (Auditorium)</i>	Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon Ticket Sales April 22-26			25 4th Appraisal Reports Distributed, Pd.3 5:30pm, Rocking' For Riley (Main Gym)	26 ISSMA Choir Contest 9am, ZAPS SAT Prep Test Seminar, L249
27 1-5pm, Princeton Review ACT Practice, Cafeteria	28	29	30 6pm, IHSAA Physical Night 7pm, Choral Concert (PAC)	Seniors: Last day for all disputed arrears to be cleared is 4/30/14.	MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The new adjusted last day of school for students is Friday, May 30.	

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

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. Laurie Stroke, College 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 26 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

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, scheduling requests 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 to get started.

Rockin' for Riley

- Friday, April 25
- 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Main Gym
- Proceeds go to the Riley Hospital for Children.

Come support our student bands and the children at Riley!

College Boot Camp June 4, 5 & 6 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$100

Students who will be seniors in the fall of 2014 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 11.** Space is limited to the first 30 who return their completed applications with the fee.

Dates subject to change due to make-up days.



National Merit Finalists & Achievement Finalists

Congratulations to North Central's 2014 National Merit and National Achievement Finalists:

Merit Finalists

Neil Cassada Bassett
Katherine Ceglie
Erika Chelales
Anna Strigari Garrison
Noah E Gordon
Regan Quilling
Caitlyn Walter
Rebecca Weber

Achievement Finalist

Maya L. Jenkins



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 2014
REGISTRATION: Mar. 31-Apr. 11
Out-of-District Registration: June 4
9am - Noon
SESSION ONE JUNE 5-23
SESSION TWO JUNE 24-JULY 15
(No School July 4)

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

SUMMER SCHOOL starts daily at 7:30 a.m. and dismisses at 1:30 p.m. for **Session 1** and 12:30 p.m. for **Session 2**.

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 27**. 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:

April 29: Senior surveys in Homeroom reporting on your college application decisions and scholarship offers.

May 14: 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 27: 2 - 3:30 pm, Caps, gowns, commencement seating instructions and commencement ticket distribution in Student Center

May 27: 7 pm, BACCALAUREATE, North Central AUDITORIUM

May 28: 8:00 am, Commencement practice, ATTENDANCE REQUIRED, at the Indiana Convention Center

May 28: 7 pm, COMMENCEMENT, INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER

May 29: 10:30 am, Parent Luncheon, Ritz Charles

May 30: 7-11 pm, Grad Dance, Ritz Charles

May 31: 12 am-3 am, "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 3	April 4	April 18
SAT	June 7	May 9	May 23
ACT	June 14	May 9	May 23

*Testing is available on the Sundays after these national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy. First come, first served seating.

OTHER NOTABLE NEWS . . .



NCHS Choral News

Counterpoints, Descants, Accents, & Kings Court all participated at the Avon Vocal Invitational on March 1, where choirs received the follow awards:

Descants: Grand Champions, Best Visuals, Outstanding Performer: Hannah Thomas

Counterpoints: Best Crew, Outstanding Performer: Matt Serf, Outstanding Solo in an Ensemble: Hannah Naddy, Grand Champion in the Solo Competition: Hope Fennig

Accents: Outstanding Performer: Michelle Moe



NC Bands and Orchestras are currently working hard on their ISSMA Contest repertoire for 2014. Performance dates are Fri., April 11 for Concert Winds, Symphonic Band, Concert Orchestra, and Philharmonic Orchestra in the Performing Arts Classroom.



UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

May 1 or 2 - Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble & Symphony Orchestra at Pike Performing Arts Center. Date TBD.

May 1, 2, 3 - NC Theatre presents **MOON OVER BUFFALO**

May 15 - King's Court Side by Side Concert - NC Auditorium

May 16 - Jazz Café - South Gym

May 17 - An Evening With The Counterpoints - NC Auditorium

JUNIOR PROM Saturday, April 19 9 p.m. - 12 midnight The Willows on Westfield

Location: 6729 Westfield Blvd.

Tickets: April 14 - April 18 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/

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

Blast Off & Senior Parents

Hello Senior Parents! **Blast Off** is a supervised lock-in event that 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 (dschmahl@gmail.com or 691-0721) & Becky Volk (beckyvolk65@yahoo.com or 490-6001)



Performing Arts Department Shines

Congratulations to the following Choirs that competed at the **Mooresville Spotlighter Invitational**

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

Descants 1st Runner-Up, Best Visuals,

Jazz Café

Friday, May 16, 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 piano soloist Steve Allee 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.

MOON OVER BUFFALO

NC Theatre will present the hilarious comedy **MOON OVER BUFFALO** by Ken Ludwig. Called "Wildly funny!" by ABC News, USA Today said this show "packs more comic genius onto the stage than anything in recent memory!"

Performances are May 1-3 at 7 PM in the auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and children.

IHSAA Physical Night /Heart Scan

Provided by

Methodist Sports Medicine, The Orthopedic Specialists

2014-15 School Year

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

6:00 pm

Enter through door 28

Cost is \$20.00 for Physical in addition to \$20 for Heart Scan



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 after April 1, 2014.

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

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