



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE

May 2014

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From the PTO . . .

PTO President's Submission May 2014 Message

From the PTO...

This is our last opportunity to publicly thank those who ROCKED OUT with PTO this year. Let us start by mentioning all of the April and May event chairs:

A loud "YOU ROCK!" goes to **Shelley Blythe** and her committee, as they show our appreciation to the terrific NCHS administrative staff. For many years, Shelley has creatively thanked the staff with special themed goodies that we hope the staff enjoys. This is a small token of our gratitude to all of those ladies in the office who graciously help us whenever we ask. We could not have accomplished this job without them! YOU ROCK, NC STAFF!!

Another "YOU ROCK" to the Student Recognition Night Reception Chair, **Theresa Duwe** and her committee, who will host a very nice cap-off to a special evening.

Monica Strigari absolutely ROCKS at coordinating volunteers/contributors as we help Mr. Branigan host a luncheon honoring the teachers and staff on their final day of this longer than normal year. Monica will be collecting donations for raffle prizes – contact us if you are interested in pitching in to thank our fantastic NCHS employees.

And then, there are our seniors and the many events we have to celebrate them:

Tremendous credit goes to **Hope Power** and her committee, who will be selling tickets and organizing seating for the Senior Parent Luncheon; their time helps to make this event special.

Jean Haynes and her committee will host the Baccalaureate Reception, which provides a lovely punctuation point to this poignant evening. And thanks to everyone working on Senior Blast-Off! Chairs **Becky Volk** and **Donna Schmahl**, along with their sub-chairs, spend hours planning this rousing end to our seniors' journey. We are so grateful for all that the senior parents do to send our students off with style – ROCK ON, SENIOR PARENTS!

Thank you to **all of the volunteers** who helped on a committee, in an office/classroom/nurses clinic, brought a dish to share at an event, or did whatever was asked of you. We have a wonderful and supportive PTO (remember, *everyone* is a member of the PTO) and we would not have such a great school without all of you! YOU ROCK!!

Finally, to our fabulous PTO Executive Board: **YOU ROCK** **Mindi Kincade**, **Kim Adino**, **Becky Volk**, **Leigh Lazon**, **Kathy Null**, **Cathi Wineland**, **Christine Brown**, **Becky Ristow**, and **Carol Paik**! Thank you for giving us your extra time and helping to make this year so fun!

ROCK ON, NORTH CENTRAL!
Sarah Combs and Stacy Lozer
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317-250-2012 and 317-439-1889

From the Principal . . .

Dear Parents:

As we make our way toward the end of the academic school year, I provide this simple reminder that our personal and academic obligations have not yet been completed. May is testing month at North Central, and I ask that you pay close attention as a myriad of local, state and national exams are proctored this month. Parents, I encourage you to talk with your student and coordinate weekly schedules to ensure that your student is well rested and mentally prepared to take on the challenges of ECA exams, final exams, AP exams, as well as any other culminating activities that take place this month. Although it may seem overwhelming at a glance, let me remind you that teachers and students alike have been working all semester to prepare for these opportunities to showcase what's been taught and learned.

In preparation for upcoming culminating activities, I suggest that you set aside time to discuss your student's specific examination schedule and coordinate review opportunities being offered at school. Beyond the After School Learning Center, which operates Monday through Thursday, teachers are offering weekly support sessions before and after school. Students are encouraged to communicate with teachers and coordinate when support sessions are being offered in May.

Senior parents, as you already know the last four years have gone by faster than you could have ever imagined. Parents, it may seem that your "high school" work is completed as you finalize graduation celebratory events, I remind you that the end is near but it's not here...yet. Although members of the senior class are already looking to the future, I ask for your assistance in keeping them on task for a few more weeks at North Central. As a class, seniors have been role models both in and out of the classroom. I ask their support yet again in demonstrating how to stay the academic course and finish strong. Let their legacy be that of success.

As this will be my final newsletter this school year, let me say thank you for your support. As a community, you've held and maintained high standards for our school. You've expected, demanded and appreciated the best from **your** school. You've shared in our successes and assisted in our efforts to rebound when we've fallen short of our goals. I'd like to share a special thank you to the North Central PTO for supporting the faculty and staff. Throughout the school year, members of the PTO worked behind the scenes to provide support to the teaching and learning that took place daily. Without your efforts, we wouldn't be a superior school in a supportive community.

If I may, I'd like to borrow the PTO's mantra and say to all of you, who shared your child with us this school year, "YOU ROCK!"

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III
Principal

2014-2015 Registration: July 28, Noon - 7 p.m.

Online Pre-Registration:

July 21-24: Visit www.nchs.cc. This ensures your items will be ready on the day of registration. Payments can be made **after** the deadline, July 24, but the items you purchased will be ready the first day of school, not Registration day.

Registration Day:

July 28: Have ID pictures taken, pick up schedules and student planners, purchase gym clothes, parking permits and athletic sport passes. Pay book rental/lab fees and arrears and return textbooks.

You will receive a letter in mid-July outlining your options for the online pre-registration and registration process.

First Day of School:

Monday, August 4, 2014

May 2014

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Look for the next North Central Message, August/September, on or around July 28 - Registration Day		May 1, 2, 6 & 7 Flip Day: ECA Tests Period 10 then 9		1 7pm, Spring Play <i>Moon Over Buffalo</i> <i>Flip Day</i>	2 7pm, Spring Play <i>Moon Over Buffalo</i> <i>Flip Day</i>	3 SAT Test, Upper H Hall 7pm, Spring Play <i>Moon Over Buffalo</i>
4 12-3pm, Princeton Review, Scores back (Cafeteria) 4pm, Northernaires Show, First Con- gregational United Church of Christ	5 AP/IB Exams	6 AP/IB Exams <i>Flip Day</i>	7 AP/IB Exams <i>Flip Day</i>	8 AP/IB Exams 7pm, JEL Recognition Night, (PAC, Audi- torium, Cafeteria)	9 AP/IB Exams ISSMA State Finals	10 ISSMA State Finals Academic Super Bowl State Competition— Purdue Univ.
Tickets Sales: Senior Grad Dance (\$30) & Blast-off (\$20): May 5-9 During all lunch periods at the Bookstore Annex and Student Center						
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	12 AP/IB Exams	13 AP/IB Exams 7pm, Wind Ensemble Awards Night (PAC)	14 AP/IB Exams 7pm, Spring Choral Concert, (Auditorium) Last day for Seniors to pay arrears (cash, money order, credit or debit card)	15 AP/IB Exams 4-5:30pm, Counter- points Show #1, (Auditorium) 7pm, King's Court Singers Show, (Auditorium) <div> Blast-Off Tickets sold during lunch periods in the Student Center— May 15 & 16 </div>	16 AP/IB Exams 7pm, Jazz Café, (South Gym)	17 7pm, An Evening with the Coun- terpoints, (Auditorium)
18 3pm, Theatre Awards, (PAC) 7pm, Counterpoints Awards Night, (PAC)	19 AP/IB Exams 7pm, Band & Orchestra Spring Concert, (Auditorium) 7pm, Publications Awards Night, (Cafeteria)	20 6:30pm, Orchestra Awards Night (PAC)	21 Second Semester Exams, Grade 12 P. 1 & 3 Late AP Exams	22 Second Semester Exams, Grade 12 P. 6-8 & 9 Late AP Exams	23 Second Semester Exams, Grade 12, P. 4-6 & 10 Late AP Exams	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>No School</i>	27 Second Semester Exams, All grades P. 2 1pm. Final day to pur- chase Blast-Off Tickets, Student Center 2-3:30pm, Senior Cap & Gown Distribution, (Auditorium) 7pm, Baccalaureate & Hall of Fame Induction, (Auditorium)	28 Second Semester Exams, Grades 9, 10 & 11, P. 1 & 3 8am, Required Commencement Practice for Seniors 7pm, Commence- ment, Indiana Con- vention Center, downtown Indy	29 Second Semester Exams, Grades 9, 10 & 11, P. 6-8 & 9 10:30am, Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon, Ritz Charles in Carmel	30 End of Second Semester, Last day of school Second Semester Exams, Grades 9, 10 & 11, Peri- ods 4-6 & 10 7-11p.m., Senior Grad Dance, Ritz Charles <div> 11:59pm-3am, Senior Blast-Off, North Central Main Gym (Doors open at 11:45 pm, following Grad Dance) </div>	31

GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

2014-15 Scheduling

Please keep in mind that course requests are set for the next school year before students leave for summer break, May 30. Students should read the **Course Catalogue** and talk to their parents and teachers to make informed decisions about any course changes to their schedule. Students should also see their counselor for any last minute changes or updates in May. **This will be the last opportunity for changes or updates. Please note: Fees are not adjusted for drop/add in August and in January 2015.**

Summer Challenge Art Program

The Annual Summer Challenge Art Program will be July 14 - 18, 2014. The program is open to any high school students entering grades 9-12. This program is a one-week (non-credited) class. The cost of the class will be \$145.00, which includes art supplies. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room H188 at North Central. The class will consist of instruction in drawing, painting, print-making, computer graphics and portfolio preparation.

Students will provide their own transportation and lunch. Brochures for this program will be available at North Central High School and all middle schools.

Please email Basil Smotherman, Art Department Chairman at North Central High School, if you have questions about the program at bsmotherman@msdwt.k12.in.us

College Boot Camp June 4, 5 & 6, 2014 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$100*

North Central students who will be **seniors** in the fall of 2014 have the option to apply for the summer College Boot Camp.

Workshop space is limited to the first thirty **paid** registrants.

*Students receiving free/reduced lunch and/or textbook assistance should see Mrs. Bremen or Mrs. Stroke to obtain a scholarship application.

During the three-day Boot Camp, students will:

- Determine criteria for a college match
- Practice using Naviance
- Research colleges online
- Develop a first draft of a college application essay
- Create a college application resume
- Learn how to make the most of campus visits and interviews

Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

Juniors: Start Applying to Colleges this Summer!

Colleges usually have their online applications available over the summer for you to complete and submit. Once you do, make sure you update your application information in NAVIANCE. Your guidance counselor will then need some North Central forms from you to complete your application. This is reviewed in detail in **The College Handbook**, pages 19-29. Counselors will begin accepting these forms on **Friday, August 22.**

The College Handbook

Juniors received this handbook at Junior Night or in home-room in March/April. **The College Handbook** fully outlines North Central's college search and application process. Keep it handy and refer to it throughout the process. It's an essential resource for juniors and seniors! See your counselor if you haven't received yours.

PantherQuest 2014 July 21, 22, 23 & 24 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

PantherQuest, led by a dynamic staff of North Central students and teachers, is a **one-day** orientation camp for incoming ninth graders.

This is your student's chance to ...

- get acquainted with the school
- learn their way around
- meet new friends
- *have fun!*

Your student is registered for a specific day according to their last name. The fee for PantherQuest is included with your student's Book Rental and Labs Fees for the school year 2014-15. Students who will participate in fall sports or band camp should check dates to avoid conflicts. Information about PantherQuest is available at your middle school or North Central High School.

Don't miss this great opportunity to help your student get acquainted with North Central!

Questions regarding registration? Please call Cheryle Donovan at 259-5301 ext. 45320 or email her at cdonovan@msdwt.k12.in.us.

Send Final Transcripts Electronically

Seniors ~ Make sure your final high school transcript gets to the college of your choice by sending it electronically. If you are registered at www.parchment.com, just log in and request final transcript when available. If you are not registered, do so at www.parchment.com/join and list the school that will need your final transcript. It's easy, fast and free!

Blast-Off 2014

By now, graduating seniors and their parents/guardians have received information about **Blast-Off 2014**, a supervised party of carnival games, great prizes, food and music.

Important Reminders:

- ⇒ **May 5-9 & 15-16**, Blast-Off ticket sales, \$20 per student, during lunch periods, cash only. **Tickets will not be sold at the door!**
- ⇒ **May 5-9**, Grad Dance ticket sales, \$30 per student, during lunch periods, cash only. **Tickets will not be sold at the door!**
- ⇒ **May 27**, Cap and Gown Distribution, Auditorium
- ⇒ **May 27**, 1-3:30 p.m., Blast-Off tickets, Last time to purchase tickets in the student center.
- ⇒ **May 30**, Grad Dance, 7-11 p.m. at the Ritz Charles, Carmel.
- ⇒ **May 31**, Blast-Off '14 12:00 a.m., Friday night to 3 a.m., early Saturday morning, North Central's main gym (following the Grad Dance). **Doors open at 11:45 p.m., no admission after 12:30 a.m., ID and ticket are required. Breathalyzers will be administered at door #28.**

Parents: To make Blast-Off a success we need donations. Please send your tax deductible donation online to: www.nchs.cc or by check payable to: **NC Blast Off**, c/o Jennifer Tiplick, 5372 Shorewood Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46220. **Volunteer sign-up:** Jody Hess at jodyhess@att.net or 317-403-3867.

Blast-Off 2014 Co-Chairs & Contact Information: Donna Schmahl, dschmahl@gmail.com or 691-0721 & Becky Volk, beckyvolk65@yahoo.com or 490-6001. Thank you for your support!

Spring College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration	Who
SAT	June 7	May 9	May 23	Juniors (applying to selective colleges requiring SAT subject tests)
ACT	June 14	May 9	May 23	Juniors

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

NOTABLE NEWS . . .

Indiana State

Department of Health

Minimum Requirements for School Entry
for 2014-2015

For Grades 6-12:

5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT) (4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the 3rd dose).

4 doses of any combination of IPV or OPV by age 4-6 (3 doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the 3rd dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday).

3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3rd dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age).

2 doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine on or after the first birthday.

2 doses of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday.

1 dose of rubella (German measles) vaccine on or after the first birthday.

2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the first birthday separated by age-appropriate interval or written history of disease.

Parental history of chickenpox disease is acceptable proof of immunity.

A signed written statement from the parent/guardian indicating month and year of disease is sufficient.

1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after 10 years of age.

1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4). 2 doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)

Shot Locations

Call a location for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Martindale, IU Clinic

2855 N. Keystone, 957-2300

Shalom

3400 Lafayette Road, 291-7422

Vivian Pecar Center

7940 N Michigan Road, Suite 130,
221-7500

Raphael Health Center

401 East 34th Street, 860-3964

NC Health Center Reminder

Students who have medications in the Health Center should pick them up **before** the last day of school, May 30, 2014.

Students can stop by the Health Center at the end of the school day to pick up medications.

Medications not picked up by the end of the day on June 2, 2014, will be discarded. Medications are not kept in the Health Center during the summer.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Performing Arts Events

The **King's Court Singers** will present a free program in **North Central's Auditorium** on **May 15, at 7 p.m.** The King's Court Side-by-Side Concert will include students from Washington Township's middle school choirs, elementary students from Allisonville, and North Central's Handbell Ensemble. The concert will include a variety of music including Madrigal, Musical Theater, Vocal Jazz, and Classical. Members from the King's Court Singers will be featured as soloists. The program will last approximately one hour and is geared for families. A reception following the concert will be held in the Cafeteria to honor our seniors and new members. Please join the King's Court Singers for this free evening of entertainment.

The **Accents, Descants, and Varsity Singers** will perform on **May 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **North Central auditorium**. All choirs will present their award winning competition music and seniors will be recognized. Please join us as these talented singers present their spring concert.

Members of the **Ambassadors, Allegros, and Rondos** will present their programs during the school day on **May 16**. Show times are:

Ambassadors: Period 1, 7:25 a.m.

Allegros: Period 2, 8:20 a.m.

Rondos: Period 3, 9:30 a.m.

Counterpoints & Northernaires Shows

The **Northernaires** Spring Show will be **May 4, 4:00 p.m.** at **First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 N. Pennsylvania Ave.** It is free to the public; however, a freewill offering will be taken.

On **May 15, 4:00 p.m.** in **North Central's Auditorium**, is the **Concert & Show Choir Sets**. Tickets are \$3.00 at the door.

Evening with the **Counterpoints** will be **May 17, 7:00 p.m.** in **North Central's Auditorium**.

Friday, May 16, in the south gym - **Jazz Café**. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students. Jazz Combo starts at 6:15 p.m., the doors to the gym open at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 19, please join the Concert Winds, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Concert Orchestra, and Philharmonic for the **Spring Concert** at 7:00 p.m. in NCHS Auditorium.

Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Julie Thompson Steck, Class of 1970 Psychologist & Co-Founder Children's Resource Group. Devoted to the evaluation and treatment of children and adolescents with complex needs, Consultant to parents, medical professionals and educators; Advocate for youth, mental health and those with special needs; Mentor-Mother-Spouse-Friend. Supporting the community that supported her.

Nicholas J. Ehrmann, Class of 1996 Award-winning teacher and social entrepreneur, Teach For America alumnus (Washington D.C. 2000); Founder of youth development nonprofit **Project 312** (2002-10); founder and CEO of nonprofit education accelerator **Blue Engine**, headquartered in NYC, highlighted by Presidents Clinton & Obama as a high-impact nonprofit dedicated to the pursuit of educational equity.

**HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
MAY 27, 2014**

Washington Township Foundation Special Way to Give

Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation through

THANK-A-TEACHER

Visit our website at

www.wtsfoundation.org

or call **317.845.9400** for information.

Parent Volunteers Needed

The North Central Bookstore needs assistance with its annual textbook inventory. Inventory of textbooks will be held on **Monday, June 2** and **Tuesday, June 3**. Many volunteers are needed so textbooks can be ready for summer school distribution on Wednesday, June 4.

If you are unable to help before summer school, many more volunteers will be needed beginning Wednesday, June 4, to complete the textbook inventory by Friday, June 20, in the English, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and World Language Departments. We usually have the whole month of June to complete the inventory, but this year we will be changing Student Information systems and the inventory needs to be completed early.

Please contact Hope Power at hoperenoodle@sbcglobal.net or Jan Ottolini at jottolini@msdwt.k12.in.us to volunteer. Your help and support will be most appreciated!

Summer School Information

Session One: June 5- 23 - 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Session Two: June 24 - July 15 - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(no summer school on July 4)

Out-of-District: Wednesday June 4, 2014

First come, first served. There is an out-of-district fee of \$350 per session, plus course fee. Students must present a letter from sending school (at time of registration) stating what class s/he needs to take.

BUS SERVICE: Please note: **bus service is not door-to-door**. Students are picked up and dropped off at a MSDWT middle and/or elementary school. Please ask for a copy of the bus schedule in the Guidance Department, Summer School Office (once summer school has started), or download the schedule from our website, www.nchs.cc (click on the Summer School icon).

PTO Executive Board Slate for 2014-15

The North Central High School PTO Board is pleased to announce the following slate of officers:

Co-Presidents: Stacy Lozer & Christie Call
Second Vice President: Kathy Null
Past President: Sarah Combs
Treasurer: Christine Brown
Treasurer Elect: Mindi Kincaide
Recording Secretary: Becky Ristow
Corresponding Secretary: Betsy Biederstedt

**At-Large Volunteer
Coordinator**

Cathi Wineland

MSD of Washington Township 2014-2015 School Calendar can be found on the district website:
<http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us>

More detailed and up-to-date calendar information of **North Central** can be found on the school website:
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