



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MESSAGE

August/September 2014

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Dear North Central Families:

Welcome to a great year at North Central High School! In fact, let us officially welcome you to the North Central PTO because, as a parent of a student of North Central High School, you are now a member. Every parent/guardian, teacher and staff member is a part of our PTO with or without the payment of "dues." We are all an important part of the North Central Community and your contributions of time, talents and/or donations are important and necessary throughout the year. Welcome!

And now, the good news...PTO at North Central does not host fundraisers throughout the year. That means NO wrapping paper, cookie dough, trinkets or trash bag sales from us! Instead, our PTO at North Central asks its members to contribute to our annual membership drive. Your monetary contribution is our main source of income and a big part of our future as it allows us to finance our great student programs and give teacher grants to our hard-working and well-deserving teachers. A little from you goes a long way! We have created Donation Support Levels to help you decide what amount you are able to give. The suggested amounts are: Panther Level \$15, Red Level \$25, Black Level \$50 and Silver Level \$100+.

Again this year, our North Central Parent/Student Directory known as the Panther Particulars, will be online for free! The online directory will be ready in early fall and we will tell you how to access it at that time. If you would like a printed and bound version, copies may be purchased from the bookstore or online during the registration process for \$10.

Please remember to complete your Count on Me volunteer form and return it by mail or drop it off at the front desk. The form was in the registration packet or you can access it online at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054da4aa2da20-nchs1. Volunteer opportunities exist for all times of day and evening activities, as well as food donations throughout the year. Consider checking the "General Volunteer" box and we will keep you on a list and let you know of all the volunteer opportunities at the school — feel free to come when you can to help out!

Our theme this year is...Keep on Rocking! We would like to send a big "THANK YOU" to the over 30 parent volunteers who helped with the summer mailing, PantherQuest and Student Planner Assembly...you truly ROCK!

We look forward to a great year. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or would like more information about PTO!

Stacy Lozer & Christie Call, PTO Presidents
Stacy: stacylozer@mac.com or (317) 439-1889
Christie: ccall60@hotmail.com or (317) 371-2988

Dear North Central Families:

To new families, I extend a heartfelt welcome, and to returning families, I say thank you for letting North Central High School work with the best and brightest students in the state. We concluded the past school year with academic, athletic and personal successes. I'm proud to have been able to play a small role in assisting your family on its educational journey. My staff and I anticipate and expect nothing but the best for your student in the upcoming school year.

Over the summer, I was able to share with my staff that Washington Township had been certified as an IB district. This is an outstanding accomplishment as we are only 1 of 6 school districts in the world to obtain this status. The hard work we've put in over the last five years has been rewarded with this prestigious recognition. Congratulations to all North Central staff members, students and families on this endeavor.

I hope your summer break was relaxing and filled with family adventure and memories which will last a lifetime. At school, we made many upgrades over the summer. Specifically for families, as a district we've upgraded our student information system. Once fully implemented, the new Skyward student information system will provide families with real time grade updates; it is a much more efficient tool by which to communicate with teachers, and it provides greater accessibility to student information. As we gradually add functions and features to the system over the upcoming weeks, I ask that you familiarize yourself with Skyward as we work together to support our students.

In this newsletter, you will find the mission statement of Washington Township Schools. I ask you, as a parent, guardian, or student, what is your educational mission? Do you have an educational mission? I challenged my staff at our beginning of the year meeting to focus on themselves as professionals and answer silently, "What is my professional mission?" I ask the same question to you as a member of our community. If when you ask yourself that question and you can't answer quickly, I challenge you to take a bit of time and sit down as a family and talk about your mission. Academic success does not happen by luck or happenstance; it takes vision, goal setting and a clear mission. Maybe that mission is established through daily or weekly goals. Regardless, every student, family and educator at North Central should be able to identify his or her mission. Our goal is for every student to accomplish his or her mission.

As your principal, my daily mission is to provide a safe learning environment that fosters and supports academic, social and emotional growth.

Evans Branigan III (Handwritten signature)

Evans Branigan III
Principal

Daily Schedule of Classes

Table with 4 columns: Period, Time, Period, Time. Rows 1-5 showing class periods and times.



August 18, 2014
7:00 pm
North Central High School

# August & September 2014

SAT/SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
<b>August 2/3</b>  <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                     Performing Arts Department Trash Bag Sale                      Aug. 4 - 22                 </div>	<b>4</b> 7:25am-2:40pm, <b>First Student Day: Students report to homeroom upon arrival to receive 1st semester schedule</b>	<b>5</b>  <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Student ID &amp; Pictures, Upper Atrium                          August 4, 5 &amp; 6 - 7 am - 3 pm</b> </div>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9/10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30pm, NCHS Alumni Assoc. Mtg. (PCR)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 - 8pm, BPO Meeting (E168)	<b>15</b> Final day to drop/add a class without grade penalty by 3 pm <b>Last day to Pay 2013-2014 Book Rental/Lab Fees and Other Arrears</b>
<b>16/17</b> Saturday 9am -1:00pm, Princeton Review SAT Practice Test (Cafeteria)	<b>18</b> 7pm, Back-to-School Night	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Football Ticket Prices - Are Now \$6!!	<b>22</b> College Applications Materials Accepted (Guidance Office)
<b>23/24</b> Saturday 9am - 1:00pm, Princeton Review Practice ACT (Cafeteria)	<b>25</b> 7pm, OPO Meeting, (E165)	<b>26</b> 7 - 8pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

<b>Aug. 30/31</b>	<b>September 1</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b>  7pm, Princeton Review Scores Back, Strategy Session, (L249)	<b>4</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b>  End of 1st Interim Report Period  5-7 pm, NC Alumni Tailgate Party (Practice Field)
<b>6/7</b> Saturday Homecoming Dance (TBA)	<b>8</b> 3:00-5:30pm, ZAPS, PSAT/SAT Seminar, (L249)	<b>9</b> 3:00-5:30PM, ZAPS, PSAT/ SAT Seminar, Part 2, (L249)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1st Appraisal Reports Distributed, Period 3  7pm, Fall Play (PAC)
<b>13/14</b> Saturday ACT Test (Upper H Hall)  Saturday 2:30pm, Fall Play (PAC) 7pm, Fall Play (PAC)	<b>15</b> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;"> <b>September 15 is the last day to purchase AP/ACP English textbooks at a discounted price.</b> </div>	<b>16</b> 6 - 8pm, National College Fair, Convention Center	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20/21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> First Day of Autumn	<b>24</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7am, Picture Re-Take Day (Upper Atrium)  2:50pm: Trash Bag Pick-up, (PAC)
<b>27/28</b>	<b>29</b> 7pm, Fall Orchestra Concert (Auditorium)	<b>30</b> 7pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241)	<b>More detailed and up-to-date calendar information can be found on our school website: <a href="http://www.nchs.cc">http://www.nchs.cc</a>.                      MSD of Washington Township 2014-15 School Calendar can be found on the district website: <a href="http://www.msdt.k12.in.us">http://www.msdt.k12.in.us</a>.</b>		

# GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

## Class Schedules

All students received copies of their semester one schedules during homeroom on **Monday, August 4**. No changes in class schedules were allowed during the days prior to the opening of school.

Requests for teacher changes, early dismissal, or elective changes were not honored. Only one study hall, student helper, or early dismissal period is allowed per semester.

## Guidance Quick Reference

To access the online Guidance Department Directory, go to [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc), scroll over "Families" and click *Guidance Department*. You will find each counselor and their coordinating alpha list of students by last name.

Guidance Receptionist: (317) 259-5346  
Guidance Fax: (317) 259-5323

## Register with NAVIANCE

North Central College Counseling Office encourages all students to register with NAVIANCE Family Connection, an internet-based college search, comparison and application program. Juniors and seniors will find it the most helpful, but freshmen and sophomores can use it to begin their college planning and career exploration and to begin building resumes.

Using NAVIANCE requires:

**A current e-mail address** (please notify the Guidance Office of new e-mail addresses)

**A registration code, which will be e-mailed to students** (also available in the Guidance Office).

Once you have your registration code, enter the address:

<http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral> and register as a new user on the upper right side of the screen.

Juniors and seniors will use the program to sign up for meetings with college representatives visiting North Central in the fall. Just log in, click on the 'College' tab, and then click on 'view all upcoming college visits' on the left. As the visits are scheduled, they will appear under 'College Visits.'

Contact the Guidance Department with any questions!



## Class of 2014

**Congratulations to our graduating class of 2014, 650, or 88% of the class, achieved a Core 40 diploma. Earning a Core 40 diploma means being solidly prepared for college by going beyond basic graduation requirements to take a second year of Algebra and a year of Chemistry or Physics. The state average for graduates earning a Core 40 is 65%. The class of 2014 had 39% of its seniors earning the Indiana Academic Honors diploma by adding one additional year of advanced Mathematics, 3 years of a World Language, a year of Fine Arts, and maintaining a 3.0 or above grade point average. In addition, 29% of the class earned North Central Honors which required them to take the equivalent of 20 semesters of advanced placement classes while satisfying the above requirements for an Indiana Academic Honors diploma and maintaining a 3.0 or above grade point average. The rigorous International Baccalaureate program was completed by 30 students. We are thrilled that North Central's Class of 2014 stepped up to the challenge and successfully completed rigorous academics that are above and beyond the basic requirements.**

## College Counseling Programs/Events

- **8/16** - Princeton Review Practice SAT Test, Saturday, 9AM-1:00PM
- **8/23** - Princeton Review Practice ACT, Sat. 9AM - 1:00PM
- **9/03** - Princeton Review "Scores Back & Strategy Night," Wednesday, 7:00 PM
- **9/8 & 9/9** - ZAPS SAT Prep Seminar in two parts (\$79), Monday & Tuesday, 3:00PM - 5:30PM both days
- **9/16** - National College Fair @ Convention Center, 9AM - 12PM and 6 - 8PM

Be sure to visit the Guidance Department web-page at [nchs.cc](http://nchs.cc), under Quick Links, and click Guidance Department for updated information.

## ALL GRADE LEVELS: Concerned About College Costs?

NC families are eligible to receive FREE personalized advice on making college affordable through the **National Center for College Costs (NCCC)**. An NCCC representative will be available at **Back-to-School Night on Monday, August 18**, to answer questions about paying for college and to explain their college cost estimator. A **follow-up workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 4**, at which time individualized reports will be returned to families explaining the awarding of all types of aid as it relates to personal financial profiles. There is a financial planning charge of \$5 to all freshmen to become client families of the NCCC (included in general fees). Learn more about this service offered to NC families, and file an early estimator at [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com).

## SENIORS

### Application Processing

Yes, it's time to complete those college applications! You can begin submitting your online applications now! Your counselor will begin accepting your college application forms for processing on **Friday, August 22**. Answers to many of your college application questions can be found in **The College Handbook** that you received in the spring of your junior year.

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### The College Handbook

If you missed the Junior meeting in March and didn't get your book in homeroom, pick up your copy from your counselor. If you received it, but can't locate it, duplicate copies are available for \$20.

### Visit The College & Scholarship Corner

Stop by the Guidance Office for college and financial aid information. Also, check out the College Resource Room for printed materials, and the College Hall near Mrs. Bremen's office where college visit information will be posted.

Test dates	Registration Dates	Late Registration Dates (online)
<b>SAT</b>		
October 11, 2014	September 12	September 30
November 8, 2014	October 9	October 28
<b>ACT</b>		
September 13, 2014	August 8	August 22
October 25, 2014	September 19	October 3

Testing available on Sundays at the Hasten Hebrew Academy for those who cannot test on Saturday for religious reasons. Seating is limited at all testing locations and is first come, first served.

#### Parents: Three Important Opt-outs

- 1) Internet usage forms signed by parents are no longer required. Use of the internet will be allowed for all students unless parents state in writing to the principal that they DO NOT wish their student to have internet access.
- 2) Seniors' names and social security numbers will be included in a report to the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana in April 2015 verifying that they have earned a Core 40 and/or Indiana Academic Honors diploma, allowing them to receive state financial aid for college. Parents who DO NOT want their senior's name or social security number released to SSACI for financial aid eligibility must put that request in writing to the student's counselor.
- 3) A provision in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires schools to provide the military with student names and contact information. If you do not want your child's name released, please contact North Central High School's Registrar, Jane White, 259-5355 ext. 45336 or [jewwhite@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jewwhite@msdwt.k12.in.us).

*"The mission of Washington Township Schools is to develop life-long learners and globally minded citizens by fostering the academic, creative, and social skills needed to achieve excellence in a multi-cultural environment."*

#### Performing Arts Annual Fundraiser

To purchase trash bags, contact any Performing Arts student or Rick Granlund - Performing Arts Department Chairman @ 259-5301 ext. 45383 or [rgranlund@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:rgranlund@msdwt.k12.in.us)

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**August 4** - Sales Begin (Take Orders)

**August 22** - Order Forms are Due

**September 26** - Product Pick-Up

**PAYMENT DUE ON DELIVERY**

For those that would like to order but do not have students directly involved in Performing Arts, please order by visiting <http://msdwtmusic.info/>.

Lastly, throughout the years some of our patrons have preferred to give a donation in lieu of purchasing a product. This is certainly acceptable. Checks should be made payable to: North Central High School. Checks can be mailed to NCHS Performing Arts, ATTN: Rick Granlund, 1801 East 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240

#### Yearbook

Yearbooks can only be ordered online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or by calling their toll free number, 866-282-1516. Jostens will handle all of your ordering issues. Yearbooks will only be available for purchase at school **AFTER** they are distributed in May, 2015.

#### Senior Grad Ad Information

Attention senior parents! Would you like to purchase an ad for your graduating senior? This is the time to do so. To place an order, go online, click Registration 2014-15, follow link, go to #4 Download forms and select Grad Ad Contract. Print and fill out order form, then return it to North Central by mail, or drop it off at the front desk with your payment. Please note: There are deadlines to submit the order form with picture(s).



**The cost to enter Varsity football games this year will be \$6!!**



Visit the website at [www.indymusicfest.com](http://www.indymusicfest.com) for links to EVENTBRITE in order to purchase your tickets!! **DOORS WILL OPEN AT 8:00 PM TO ENJOY MUSIC BY Lindsey Blair Jazz Trio!! Must be 21 years of age or older to attend.**

Crossroads of America Music Festival is an annual historic gathering of the finest musicians Indianapolis has to offer. This year we will feature former members of Roadmaster (Toby Meyer and Rick Benick), Sal Barbera, John Dinwiddie from Alan Kaye and the Toons, Mark Moran from 8 Mile and the Late Show, Lindsey Blair from Gloria Estefan, Mark Cutsinger from the Zero Boys and Machine Guns & Motorcycles and Kyle Henderson from The Producers and Blue Eyed Soul.

All proceeds from the event benefit the **Steven Drybread Scholarship for the Arts**. This scholarship was created in the memory of Stephen Drybread, a North Central High School graduate, to help support a graduating senior from NCHS who plans to pursue his or her passion in either visual arts or performing arts at the college level. Stephen was an original member of the band, The Boys Next Door, a local band from Indianapolis.

#### Homecoming Tailgate Party!!

Make plans to join us at the Homecoming Tailgate Party on Friday, September 5, 2014, from 5-7pm on the Football Practice Field (just north of the stadium) at North Central! This annual event is underwritten and organized by the NCHS Alumni Association and is one of the events we produce to give back to our alma mater. The purpose of the event is to build school spirit and pride for North Central and help enhance building of community for the students, families and fans of North Central and Washington Township Schools. But, besides all of that, it is just plain fun and free for everyone to attend. A full meal deal with your choice of a burger or a dog, chips, cookie and drink will be served by Alumni and grilled by the students of the JEL Culinary program for just \$5. Live music, fun and games, including a bounce house and face painting, will help get everyone in the school spirit for the game.

We are currently in need of volunteers to help set-up, work and tear-down the event, so if you can spare a few hours for your beloved school, please email us at [ncalumni@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:ncalumni@msdwt.k12.in.us) or call Susie Hale at 317-259-NCHS.

**Who:** *Everyone is welcome!*

**What:** *Homecoming Tailgate Party*

**When:** *Friday, September 5  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*

**Where:** *North Central Practice Football Field, just north of the Stadium*

**Cost:** *Free Admission  
\$5 for Dinner*



#### Delivering items to students

If your student needs you to bring them a forgotten item, lunch money, textbook, etc., the **student** will be expected to **check** the reception desk for the item during a passing period or during their lunch time. A note **WILL NOT** be delivered to the student to let them know the item has arrived. **Please discuss this policy with your student to be sure they understand.**