



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MESSAGE

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From the PTO . . .

The year is off to a great start thanks to many, many generous volunteers—most of it happened even before the first day of school!

The school put on another successful PantherQuest with a record number of incoming students attending, as well as record numbers of parents who came to our ParentQuest. A heartfelt "YOU ROCK!" to the parents who helped with check-in and snack set up each day; and, of course, to Mr. Vermillion, Mr. Hodson, Mrs. Rodgers and all of the Student Leaders—PantherQuest KEEPS ON ROCKING!

Thank you to all of the many enthusiastic volunteers that gave their time to help with registration this year. We cannot thank Carrie Schuler enough for her awesome and tireless organization of the day. Also, a big thank you goes out to our group of volunteers who set a speed record organizing and labeling almost 3500 student planners that are distributed to all North Central students. That ROCKS!

The dynamic team of Leigh Purcell and Karen Hamilton came back again this year to chair our Back-to-School faculty and staff breakfast. The breakfast was fabulous thanks to Leigh and Karen and the many wonderful volunteers who donated fresh-baked food items and set up the buffet very early in the morning! We had rock-themed raffle prizes to show our appreciation for our teachers and staff because...THEY KEEP ON ROCKING!

Melissa Keesling and her committee were organized and efficient making sure ID photos were taken for every teacher and student during the first few days of school.

We would also like to thank Cathi Wineland, our Volunteer Coordinator, for entering all of the information from your Count-on-Me forms and Christine Brown, our PTO Treasurer, for collecting and recording all of your generous donations to the PTO. We have over 300 parents who have signed up to help the PTO throughout the year... are you on the list? If not, it is not too late. Simply fill out the online **Count on Me** form at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054da4aa2da20-nchs1> and we will look forward to seeing you at NC!

On Friday, October 17, at 7:30 am, all parents are invited to "Bagels with Branigan". Start your day at North Central with a cup of coffee and an informal chat with our principal, Mr. Evans Branigan. This is a great opportunity to ask questions or just listen to the latest NCHS happenings.

Thanks for all you do to support North Central. KEEP ON ROCKING!

Stacy Lozer and Christie Call, PTO Presidents
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From the Principal . . .

Time is short!

While in China a few years ago, I ran across a sign in a park that read in both Chinese and in English "Time is short". Although it's been a while, that simple message has been with me in my professional and personal life ever since. The hustle and bustle of daily interactions seem to assist in fast-forwarding through life. It wasn't that long ago that I was sharing my thoughts on how to start the school year and lamenting the end of summer. In the blink of an eye, we're already on the verge of Fall Break. Time is short. To start the school year, I utilized four days and hosted four class convocations to share my mission with our students. During the convocations I shared a simple message with our students: the time is now. I challenged students to identify their daily mission and purpose. I asked, "Why are you here and what do you want to accomplish?" I shared that "time is short" and we do not have the luxury of procrastinating until tomorrow because the time for success is now. Time is short. As you reflect on your child's progress thus far, are you sure that they are staying the course and putting into action their personal mission? Have they taken the necessary steps to ensure they accomplish their mission?

As a faculty, we want to do our part in ensuring our students accomplish their mission. If your child hasn't done so already, be sure to talk with them about taking advantage of teacher support hours. Teachers are readily available beginning at 6:45 am on Tuesdays and again from 2:50 to 3:50 pm on Thursdays. Teacher support time provides the perfect opportunity for reinforcing, tutoring, making up assignments and providing additional time to communicate with staff. If your child hasn't taken advantage of this opportunity, I remind you, time is short.

When I hosted the class convocations I shared with the student body that although we have high academic standards and expectations, school is not only about A, B, C's and 1, 2 3's. School is about the experiences and the opportunity to explore. The opportunity to explore isn't in the hallways, but in the community we share. Time is short. Join me in encouraging our students to get involved. Not everyone can be on stage or the field of athletic competition, but there is something for everyone at North Central. Perhaps that opportunity for involvement is by being an audience member, a participant in a club, a fan, a volunteer in our community, a role model, or awakening our school consciousness to social issues. Time is short.

Enjoy your Fall Break. Upon our return the mission continues. As I've challenged both adults and students alike to focus on a personal mission, the time to accomplish our mission at North Central grows shorter by the day. Never should we allow an opportunity to be wasted or allow excuses to keep us from meeting our goals. Time is short.

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III
Principal

NORTH CENTRAL
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 2

2 - 5 pm



Skyward – Did You Know?

"Missing Assignments" may not be missing after all. Skyward auto-marks assignments "missing" once the due date lapses. This in many cases means that the teacher has simply not yet entered a grade for the assignment and does not mean your student did not turn it in. Please look to see if the grade is marked "NHI" (Not Handed In) for truly missing assignments. Assignments marked missing by the Skyward system do not affect your student's grade.

NOTABLE NEWS ITEMS . . .

From the World Language Department....

For some of us, summer seems a distant memory.....not so much for North Central students who traveled to China, Germany, Costa Rica, France, Spain, Mexico and Chile!

Twelve students from NCHS spent 3 weeks based in Hamburg, Germany with homestay families from the Max Brauer Schule (MBS). Students attended German schools at all three levels (elementary, middle and high school) on the same MBS campus. Day trips were made to the island of Sylt near Denmark and to the medieval town of Lueneburg. Three days were spent in the capital city of Berlin. While in Berlin and on top of the rooftop of the German Parliament building, a highlight was seeing the city at night with hundreds of thousands below celebrating the most recent German soccer victory (with the team soon to become the World Soccer Champions). (A visit to a secret East German prison for ideological prisoners and viewing the remaining Berlin Wall sites, including the Museum at Checkpoint Charlie, rounded out the Berlin trip.) The MBS provided a field trip to a former concentration camp on the outskirts of Hamburg. The students had a wonderful time with the students from MBS. Those students will be sure to have a similarly great experience at NCHS staying with over 20 families here from Sept. 23 through Oct. 9.

Teachers Timothy Yarling and Habib Diatta accompanied the following students on this wonderful trip: Jessica Applegate, Toyosi Begbaaji, JB Bookwalter, Celeste Coppedge, Anna Culp, Sean Egloff, Owen Kraft, Andrew McNutt, Grace Mulcahy, Brian O'Farrell, Jamie Rodriguez and George Schatzlein.

Mr. Haber traveled with several Panthers - NC Panthers that is - to Costa Rica where time was spent with Costa Rican families completing a service project in their community.

Finally, several NC students spent five weeks in either China, France, Spain, Mexico or Chile on the IU Honors program. While living with host families, these students attended classes and traveled wide and far in their respective countries. Here is what the director of the IU program had to say about our fine North Central students, "The Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages (IUHPFL) has successfully ended its summer programs in Chile, China, France, Germany, Spain and Mexico. We are happy to report that your school was well represented by Evan Brown, Emory Brunner, Yassmin Fashir, Rebecca Hailperin-Lausch, Aaron Johnson, Aaron Lasbury, Jeremy Pomerantz and Shannon Yound, whose performances reflected the standards of the language program at your school."

Performing Arts announces upcoming events.... **October 16th**, NC Band Parent Organization (BPO) Meeting. The meeting will be at 7 pm in room E168. **October 17th**, Marching Band Concert - The North Central Marching Panthers will present a pregame concert at the stadium entrance at 6 pm, featuring the North Central Dance Team. This is a free concert. **October 20th**, North Central Fall Jazz Concert - 7pm in the Performing Arts Classroom. The Jazz Lab Band and Jazz Ensemble will be featured at this concert, along with guest soloist Sean Imboden. Sean is a NCHS Alum and has toured internationally for several years with various Broadway productions and has performed on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and with the Radio City Music Hall Orchestra. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$3 for adults and students, \$1 for children 12 and under. **October 27th**, Fall Choir Concert, the Accents and the Rondos will present a program at 7pm in the Performing Arts Classroom. This is a free concert. **October 28th**, Fall Choir Concert, the Varsity Singers and Descendants will perform at 7 pm in the Performing Arts Classroom. This is a free concert. **October 30th**, The Ambassadors and Allegros will present their Fall programs during their class periods in the Performing Arts Classroom.

Senior Grad Ad and Yearbook Deadlines

Parents! Don't forget to order a Grad Ad for your senior student by Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Also, make sure you order a yearbook before the winter deadline of Jan. 15. You can order a yearbook at www.yearbookordercenter.com (job number 3808)

Questions??

Contact Tom Gayda, tgayda@msdwt.k12.in.us

Help our School Earn Free Equipment & You Could Win Free Groceries!

The more you shop at Marsh, O'Malia's or MainStreet Market, the more chances you have to win free groceries.* Register your card with your email address by November 15, 2014, to be entered to win one of (10) \$25 Marsh, O'Malia's CouponPlus card or MainStreet Market Gift Cards.

Log on to www.marsh.net to register the 12-digit card number on the back of your Marsh Fresh IDEA card, O'Malia's CouponPlus card, or MainStreet Market Reward\$ card for our school code **28834**. This automatically earns credit for our school. IMPORTANT: All Marsh Fresh IDEA, O'Malia's Coupon Plus & Main Street Market Rewards\$ Cards must be re-enrolled into the program for the 2014-15 program year. If you registered your card in the past, you must re-enroll it to continue supporting a school through the Fresh Ideas for Education Program.

*See official rules at www.freshideasforeducation.com/rules.



WT JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

Have you considered Substitute Teaching? Or how about being an Instructional Assistant? Washington Township is seeking qualified applicants for both of these positions! Both substitute & instructional assistants in our district come from all walks of life and career paths. Substitute teaching provides students with critical opportunities for continuing their learning and success. Instructional assistants provide a very valuable service by assisting teachers in the classroom with the instructional needs of our students. If one of these options is a good fit for you, please contact the district office at 205-3332 x77244 or via email at mmarin@msdwt.k12.in.us.

SUB INFO: MSDWT requires a substitute to have completed at least 60 hrs. of education at an accredited college or university, pass a national background check, and be eligible to work in the US:

http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us/?page_id=2279

IA INFO: MSDWT requires instructional assistants to have a minimum of two yrs. of college, an Associate Degree from an accredited college or university, or a passing score on the paraprofessional exam:

<http://www.applitrack.com/msdwt/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?internaltransferform.Url=&category=Instructional+Assistants>

A full list of WT Schools job opportunities can be found at:

<http://www.applitrack.com/msdwt/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?internaltransferform.Url=>

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (MYP) INFORMATION

Celebrations, television news coverage and state-wide accolades. These responses were the result of MSDWT becoming one of only six districts nationwide to be IB authorized grades K-12. However, authorization does not mean the work of IB is done. Teachers continue to refine their classroom practice to ensure that students are engaged in thoughtful and meaningful inquiry. IB requires that this inquiry have a real-world focus; students should now have a sense of what they learn in the classroom can be applied to the world that lies beyond the four walls of NCHS. As the year continues, I look forward to keeping parents informed of the changes that are the result of full MYP implementation. Topics that will be addressed in the future are the Personal Project, MYP Assessment and the Inquiry Cycle.

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(Events are subject to change.)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Nine Week Tests	2 Nine Week Tests	3 Nine Week Tests End of 1st Nine Week Period Hearing Screening During English Classes	4 8am, King's Court - Fishers Renaissance Faire Yom Kippur
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 7:30am, SAT Test (H Hall)
<i>Fall Break: No School</i>						
12	13 Columbus Day 5 - 9pm, Journalism Silent Auction (H193)	14	15 PSAT Gr. 10 & 11, Career Assessment Gr. 9, during periods 1-3	16 7pm, NC Band Parent Org. Mtg. (E168)	17 1st Nine Week Grades Distributed - Period 3 7:30am, PTO Bagels with Branigan, (H193) 9:00pm Senior Bonfire	18 9am, Zaps ACT Prep Seminar, (L249)
19	20 7 - 8:30pm, Fall Jazz Band Concert (PAC)	21 Homeroom - Grade 12, receive order info for cap/gown/announcements	22	23	24	25 7:30am, ACT Test, Upper H Hall
26 1:30pm, King's Court Performance (Hooverwood)	27 7pm, Fall Choir Rondos/Accents (PAC)	28 7pm, Fall Choir Concert, Descants/Varsity Singers (PAC)	29	30	31 Halloween  2014-15 Book Rental & Lab Fees Due	Looking ahead—Nov. 8 - MSDWT Bash at the Indiana State Museum.

www.wtsfoundation.org

October 28 and 29 - Senior orders for cap/gown/announcements due during lunch periods in the Student Center.

FIRST 9 WEEK GRADES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Your student(s) should bring home grades for the first nine week grading period on **Friday, October 17.**

SKYWARD

Parents, can't wait until October 17 for grades? Access your student's grades, assignments, and tests by setting up a Skyward account. To do so, email wilson@msdwt.k12.in.us for an activation code. Allow 48 to 72 hours for verification, then go to <https://skyward.msdwt.k12.in.us>.

***Must be parent or legal guardian of the student to be allowed access to this service.**

COLLEGE VISITATION

Date	Time	College/University	Date	Time	College/University (Subject to change)
10/1	7:25 am	Cleveland State University	10/1	8:21 am	Northwestern University.
10/1	10:19 am	Denison University	10/1	12:54 pm	University of Dayton
10/1	1:50 pm	Bethel College - IN	10/2	7:25 am	University of Cincinnati
10/2	8:21 am	Manchester University	10/2	6:00 pm	HBCU College Fair (Crispus Attucks Sch)
10/14	1:55 pm	Northern Kentucky University	10/17	8:21 am	Miami University - OH
10/22	12:54 pm	Indiana University - Bloomington #2	10/23	8:21 am	University of Southern California
10/26	1:00 pm	Emory University (HILTON)	10/28	1:04 pm	University of Colorado - Boulder
10/29	7:25 am	University of Rochester	10/30	9:17 am	Oberlin College

 *Mark your calendar!*

Artistically Talented—The Art of China

The art teachers of Washington Township have designed a township-wide program for artistically talented students to study world-changing artists & artworks of different period & cultures. The program for the 2014-2015 school year will be an art experience from September through March including field trips, an artists' studio workshop and studio sessions with the art teachers. This year's theme is "The Art of China".

The elementary school program consists of a full year session with a total of 16 students per school. The middle school and high school program consists of one session running September through March with 14 to 24 students all year depending on the school.

Student artwork will be exhibited during the culminating activity from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on March 1, 2015, in the North Central High School Student Center, 1801 East 86th Street, 46240. Application forms are available from art teachers.

GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .



Preparing North Central Students

On **October 15**, North Central embarks on another adventure in test preparation and college entrance testing. All grade levels will be involved:

Grade 9 students will take a career assessment helping them identify strengths and weaknesses and point them to potential college majors and post high school jobs.

Grade 10 students will take the Preliminary SAT (or PSAT) as practice for the SAT, the college entrance test based on problem-solving skills in critical reading, mathematics and writing.

Grade 11 students will take the PSAT as their qualifying exam for scholarship awards from the National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Hispanic Recognition Program, and the National Achievement Program (African American).

The activity planned for Grade 12 students will be addressed in a letter mailed to senior parents.

The CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE form is required by many private colleges and out-of-state universities for financial aid consideration. Students and parents may register online at: www.collegeboard.org

ACT Scores Top National Norms — Again!

One of Washington Township's most exciting stories is our extraordinary record of achievement, year after year after year.

In the most recent round of SAT and ACT tests, taken by many juniors and some sophomores, North Central High School once again scored well above the state and national averages for 2014.

Here's another example of our students surpassing state averages, and we can all be proud of their hard work.

ACT Scores 351 Students	Average Composite	Mathematics	English	Science	Reading
North Central	23.3	23.0	22.9	22.6	24
State	21.9	21.9	21.1	21.6	22.3

November 1 is an Early Action (non-binding) admission deadline at many colleges and universities. Students planning to meet this deadline must have their college materials submitted to their counselors by **October 15**.

NAVIANCE Family Connection - <http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral>

NAVIANCE Family Connection is a comprehensive web-based college management product that will assist you with all things related to the college search and application process. This online system will help you identify possible colleges, keep track of the colleges you are considering, stay current on which colleges are visiting North Central and sign up to meet with their representatives, create a resume, find scholarships, and more. We need your student's email address to create an account.

Seniors & Juniors - Do all of your college research through NAVIANCE. Track colleges you are considering and applying to and search for scholarships. **See what colleges are visiting North Central and sign up to meet with them.** Contact Guidance if you need your registration code to get started.

Colleges Visiting North Central

Seniors, Juniors and parents: The Guidance Office brings in admission representatives from more than 100 colleges across the country during the fall semester. Colleges scheduled so far for October are listed on the calendar page in this edition. The list is updated regularly and is posted on NAVIANCE (click 'College', then click "view all upcoming college visits") and in the Guidance Office. Students can **ONLY** sign up on NAVIANCE and must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to participate. Passes must be picked up in Guidance before first period the day of the college visit. Students must go to class first to get their passes signed by their teacher before attending the college meeting. Parents are welcome to attend the college sessions.

Send Electronic Transcripts through Parchment - www.parchment.com

This is a safe, efficient, paperless way to send secured official transcripts for college and scholarship applications and to the NCAA Clearinghouse. Register with the site and add transcript requests as you determine where you are applying. (NOTE: You will be prompted for a code, but it is not required and you can continue to register without one.)

NC's Forms for College Applications

Our college application processing forms are stocked on the wall inside the Guidance Office near the Student Center entrance. These forms are used by your guidance counselor in processing your college applications. Students must hand in these forms to their counselors **in person**.

1. The **REQUIRED** Pink Application Cover Sheet & Blank Release Form (permission to release your records) - **turn in one for each college.**
2. The Yellow Counselor Recommendation Worksheet (OPTIONAL)
3. The WHITE Student Information Sheet (OPTIONAL)
4. The GREEN Teacher Recommendation Form (if your college requires teacher recommendations)

College Entrance Exams Test Registration Information

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	October 11	September 12	September 13-26
SAT	November 8	October 9	October 10-24
SAT	December 6	November 6	November 7-21
ACT	October 25	September 19	September 20 - October 3
ACT	December 13	November 7	November 8-21

Testing is available on Sundays after the national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy

Testing Locations are first come, first served.