



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MESSAGE

November 2014

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**From the PTO . . .**

North Central families... **You keep rocking!!!** A big thank you to everyone who made a financial contribution to the PTO this year! Thanks to your donations we will be able to grant a little over \$10,000 to our teachers for classroom needs and special projects. If you haven't had a chance to make a contribution to the PTO, there is still time. Please drop off a check at the front desk or mail it to NCHS, c/o PTO Treasurer, 1801 E 86 St., Indianapolis, IN 46240. Your name will be included on our Donor List which will be posted on the "Parent Resource" bulletin board (outside the PTO Office), the rounder by the front desk and on the PTO web page. Special thanks to Christine Brown, our PTO Treasurer, for all the hours she has spent compiling the list of donors and depositing the checks. Christine Rocks!

The Panther Particulars Directory is in the final stages of production. If you purchased a bound copy, it will be sent home with your eldest North Central student in Mid-November. Watch for an email with directions on how to access the free online version soon. Take a moment of your time and go through the directory. Please support the businesses that advertised; and when you do - be sure to tell them thanks! A big **YOU ROCK** goes out to **Cynthia Weiner** who headed up our Panther Particulars Ad campaign this year!

Mark your calendars and spread the word for the North Central Open House on Sunday, November 2, from 2-5 pm. **We need as many volunteers as possible to help show off our school.** To volunteer, please contact Stacy Rayson Mitchell, [smraysor@gmail.com](mailto:smraysor@gmail.com) or Sarah Combs, [sarah.combs@att.net](mailto:sarah.combs@att.net). This is a great way to display our amazing school, so invite your neighbors and friends to tour the school and hear about all of the wonderful and interesting things going on at North Central.

**Keep On Rocking NC!**  
Christie Call and Stacy Lozer  
PTO Presidents  
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**From the Principal...**

Congratulations and bravo to you, North Central students and families. Our supportive community, students and staff have much to celebrate in the month of November. Where else in the state can students battle it out in the Student Council sponsored Canned Food Drive? This annual event truly reflects the nature of our school and the values of our community. How about the Penny Wars sponsored by Senior Class Council? All proceeds generated by this week-long fundraiser go to support needy families in our community. The month of November also provides an opportunity for North Central's award-winning Performing Arts department to showcase this year's Fall Musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Bring the entire family and watch the best performance in town. It's a great time to be a Panther.

The Washington Township Schools Foundation has done so much to support North Central over the years. The Foundation's support goes beyond the classroom in ensuring that our teachers and students are provided materials and experiences that go beyond a traditional learning environment. I would be remiss if I didn't encourage you to come out and support this year's bash. The 2014 Bash will be hosted at the Indiana State Museum on November 8. If last year's event is any indication as to how this year's Bash will turn out, then I can say with confidence that a good time will be had by all.

On behalf of a proud school, I extend heart-felt congratulations to the coaches and members of the Boy's Tennis Team for winning the Indiana State Tennis Championship for the second year in a row. Your principal and the community that supports you appreciate your efforts. Your athletic success is only complemented by your collective academic dominance in the classroom.

In advance, I wish each and every one of you a fantastic Thanksgiving Break. Beyond the time away from school, I hope that you and yours can take the time to reflect on all that you have to be thankful for this year. As faculty and staff, we are thankful that you've chosen North Central to meet your educational needs. I challenge those of you who read this newsletter to say "thank you" to that person or persons who've meant so much to you. I leave you with a verse from Stevie Wonder's, "These Three Words".

*When was the last time  
That they heard you say  
Mother or father, I love you  
And when was the last time  
That they heard you say  
Daughter or son, I love you*

Yours in education,

Evans Branigan III  
Principal

**NORTH CENTRAL  
OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
2 - 5 pm**

*Come and experience all  
the great things at ...*

**NORTH CENTRAL HIGH**

**DISTRICT School Calendars Approved for 2015-16 and 2016-17**

Recently the MSDWT Board of Education approved the school calendars for school years 2015-16, and 2016-17. The calendars can be accessed on the district web site at this link: <http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us/calendar/>.

The DISTRICT School Calendar is the calendar which counts the number of instructional days, fluctuates with snow days, and includes board approved vacation days and holidays. ALL CALENDARS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON STATE REQUIRED STANDARDIZED TESTING DATES. ANY CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.



## NOTABLE NEWS ITEMS . . . .



### UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS....

**Nov. 4** - Symphony Orchestra Concert - The NC Symphony Orchestra will present their annual Side-by-Side Concert Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 pm in the NCHS Performing Arts Classroom. The Symphony Orchestra will be performing works by Mendelssohn, Grieg, Copland, and Dvorak. The finale of the concert will be a Side-by-Side performance with the finest 8th grade string players in Washington Township. Because of limited seating, please contact Craig Ghormley at [cghormley@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:cghormley@msdwt.k12.in.us) if you would like to attend.

**Nov. 7** - Autumn Winds Concert - The NC Wind Ensemble will present their annual Autumn Winds Concert Friday, Nov. 7 in the Northview Middle School Auditorium. This event will feature the award winning group performing a wide variety of selections. Highlights will include the world premiere performance of *Deep Field* composed by senior Wind Ensemble member Alex Williams, and a performance of Holst's *First Suite in Eb*. In addition, the group will perform classics such as *The Big Cage*, Shostakovich's *Dance I*, *Lollapalooza*, and will also feature township 8th grade band students in a special Side-by-Side performance of *Russian Folk Dances*. Tickets can be purchased at the door - \$5 per ticket, \$3 for those 12 and under.

**Nov. 14, 15** - November Fall Musical - *THE DROWSY CHAPERONE*: A MUSICAL WITHIN COMEDY with special guest appearance by North Central Principal, EVANS BRANIGAN! The North Central High School Performing Arts Department will present five-time Tony Award-winning musical comedy *THE DROWSY CHAPERONE* on **November 14 & 15**. *THE DROWSY CHAPERONE* is a "Musical Delight" for the entire Family! When a vaguely dispirited Broadway fanatic gives his favorite record a spin, the audience is transported into the decadent world of the 1920's and the fictional musical - *THE DROWSY CHAPERONE* - where show-stopping dance routines, over-the-top zany characters are thrown into the mix creating one of the funniest musicals of all time.

"It does what a musical should do. It takes you to another world." - Man in Chair

*THE DROWSY CHAPERONE* will be performed in the North Central Auditorium located at 1801 E 86 Street in Indianapolis. Tickets are \$10, children under 12 - \$8. We are excited to offer an easy-to-use online website where you choose your seats and pay for tickets at [www.NorthCentralTheatre.us](http://www.NorthCentralTheatre.us). Avoid the lines - purchase your tickets online!

**Nov. 17** - Sounds of Autumn with the Symphonic Winds - The NC Symphonic Winds fall Sounds of Autumn concert will be Monday, Nov. 17 in the NCHS Performing Arts Classroom at 7:00 pm. Selections will include Erickson's *Toccata for Band*, Ticheli's *Fortress*, *Hocus Pocus*, and a wide variety of other wind band classics. We will also welcome Assistant Principal, MIKE AKERS back to the stage as he guest conducts *The Wearing of the Green*. Mr. Akers served as NC Director of Bands from 1996-2005. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$3 per ticket and \$1 for those 12 and under.

**Dec. 5, 6** - King's Court Singers Madrigal Dinner and Luncheon - Tickets are now on sale for the King's Court Singers Madrigal Dinner, Dec. 5 at 6:00 pm and Dec. 6 at noon. The dinners will be held at the Knights of Columbus at 71st and Keystone. Please contact King's Court Director, Joyce Click, for more information at [jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us), or call North Central High School. Please order early. The dinners always sell out.

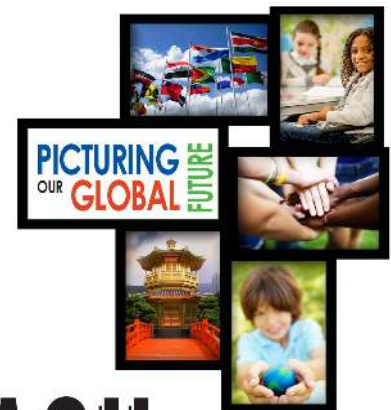
### Recycling Club Computer/E-Waste Collection

Did you know it is illegal in Indiana to put electronic items in the trash? In January of 2012, it became illegal to dispose of anything with a cord in the trash or a landfill. **The North Central Recycling Club**, in conjunction with **Recycleforce, Inc.** and **Wings for West Africa**, is sponsoring a computer and electronic (e-waste) collection drive. Usable computer equipment will be refurbished and shipped to schools in Senegal, West Africa. (Hard drives will be professionally wiped.) Unusable items will be disassembled and recycled. Tax receipts will be available. **Bring your donations to Door #4 on the east side of North Central on Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.** For a complete list of materials that can be dropped off, see [recycleforce.org](http://recycleforce.org).

### MYP Information From Ms. Sisson.....

Student-directed *inquiry* is at the heart of the MYP classroom. Based on the work of Kathy G. Short, professor at the University of Arizona, inquiry is understood as a process in which students are moved from their current level of understanding to a new and deeper level of understanding. At first, the teacher can initiate this process; however, the expectation is that students will ultimately take responsibility for and guide their own inquiries.

Inquiry is difficult to define as it is a stance and a concept rather than a practice and a skill. Inquiry informs how teachers approach their teaching and their curriculum. In an inquiry classroom, curricular understanding does not become an end in itself. Instead, understanding piques curiosity and raises more questions. Further, inquiry emphasizes the big ideas- the concepts- to which the curriculum points. Concepts have interdisciplinary and real world application. The result: students see how what they do in a particular class not only relates to other classes but to the world outside of the classroom as well. The ultimate goal of inquiry is for students to be problem-solvers as well as problem-positors. Thus, armed with the knowledge students gain from their academic studies and the skills they learn as a result of participating in classes in which inquiry occurs, NCHS students will be well equipped to manage the complex world at large.



**INDIANA STATE MUSEUM**  
NOVEMBER 8, 2014

Save the date and help support our amazing Washington Township Schools. Invitation to follow. Questions please email: [ekaiser@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:ekaiser@msdwt.k12.in.us)  
[www.wtsfoundation.org](http://www.wtsfoundation.org)



# November 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> 9 am, SAT/ACT Practice Test (Cafeteria)  Turn your clocks back one hour before bedtime!
<b>2</b> <i>Open House</i> 2 - 5 pm	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 7 pm, NC Symphony Orchestra Concert (PAC)	<b>5</b> 7 pm, University of Alabama Reception (Lucas Oil Stadium)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> End of 2nd Interim Report Period  7 pm, Autumn Winds Concert, (Northview Auditorium)	<b>8</b> 7:30 am, SAT Test (Upper H)  9 am - 1 pm, E-Waste Collection Event (Door 4)  7 pm, MSDWT Bash - Indiana State Museum
<b>PENNY WARS: Collection November 3-11</b>						
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7 am, PTO's Brownies with Branigan (H193)  	<b>11</b>  <i>Veteran's Day</i>	<b>12</b> 7 - 8:30 pm, Princeton Review Scores Back/ Strategy Session (L249)	<b>13</b> 8:21 am, Cleveland Institute of Art (H188)  11:52 am, Cleveland Institute of Art (H183)	<b>14</b> 7 pm, Fall Musical <i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>  2nd Appraisal Reports Distributed	<b>15</b> 2:30 pm & 7 pm, Fall Musical, <i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>
<b>CANNED FOOD DRIVE: Collection November 11-December 5</b>						
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7 pm, Sounds of Autumn Concert (PAC)	<b>18</b> 7 pm, Athletic Parent Meeting (PAC)  7 pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 4 - 6:30 pm, Jr. Spec Cuts (Auditorium)  7 pm, Financial Aid Night (L249)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 
<b>23</b> 6:30 am - 9 pm, King's Court Singers - Medieval Times Trip to Chicago	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Break: No School - November 24-28</b>						
<b>30</b> 	<b>LOOKING AHEAD...</b>  <b>FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS, DECEMBER 15-18</b> <b>END OF FIRST SEMESTER, DECEMBER 18</b> <b>WINTER BREAK, DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 2</b> <b>SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS, JANUARY 5: STUDENTS REPORT TO HOMEROOM AT 7:25 A.M. TO RECEIVE SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULES</b>					



# GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .



## Sophomore College Meeting for Students and Parents Wednesday, December 10 7:00 p.m. North Central Auditorium

Parents & students, do you wonder...

- What are college admission decisions based upon?
- Are strong SAT scores more important than classroom achievement?
- If a "C" student will have college options?
- What can sophomore students do now to enhance their college options?
- What can sophomores & their parents be doing now to stay on track?
- What types of college search resources are available to North Central students?
- How we use Naviance?

Our program will address these questions and more!

### Seniors: An Important "Early Decision" Deadline

Seniors who apply for college admission through **Early Decision** (binding commitment) programs are required to submit "back up" applications to their counselor by **December 2**. Early Decision applicants who are deferred into the regular candidate pool or denied admission are released from the Early Decision binding agreement. Avoid the additional stress of being without a "Plan B". Submit your back-up college applications now! Any student who submits a completed application **on or prior to December 1** is assured that his/her application will be processed and mailed prior to winter break. **Applications received after December 1 will be processed and mailed after winter break.** For further clarification, refer to *The College Handbook*.

### College Visits for November



- Nov. 5 @ 7 pm - University of Alabama Reception (Lucas Oil)
- Nov. 13 @ 8:21 am - Cleveland Institute of Art (H188)
- Nov. 13 @ 11:52 am - Cleveland Institute of Art (H183)

### College Resource Room

College-bound students and their parents are invited to take advantage of the college resources available in the Guidance Department. Flip through helpful college guides, access college search site programs from the computers, and help yourself to college information in the file cabinets. The College Resource Room (L258B) is accessible throughout the school day and after school until 4:00 p.m.

### College Scholarships Available

The Guidance Office receives scholarship materials throughout the year. Stop by Mrs. Stroke's office and help yourself to information on scholarship opportunities offered by institutions, corporations, and community groups. Seniors may also visit NAVIANCE for a complete up-to-date listing of scholarships. Feel free to contact the Guidance Office with questions.



### Applying to Colleges

College application processing forms are available on the south wall of the Guidance Office near the Student Center entrance.

**REQUIRED** - The process has been simplified this year and the only **REQUIRED** form is the **PINK SHEET**. Seniors must submit one of these Application Cover Sheets for **each** college application. A parent or guardian must sign the back on just one **PINK SHEET** giving us permission to release their student's records. There is a \$1 processing fee for each Pink Sheet.

**OPTIONAL** - These forms may be requested by a student's counselor and/or teachers to aid in writing letters of recommendation.

1. The **WHITE SHEET** - Student Information Sheet w/details on honors, activities, work, etc.
2. The **YELLOW SHEET** - Counselor Recommendation Worksheet
3. The **GREEN SHEET** - Teacher Recommendation Worksheet

Students must hand these forms to their counselor **IN PERSON** for processing. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for your counselor to process these materials.

### Important Reminders When Applying Online

- ⇒ North Central Guidance Counselors **require** the Pink Application Cover Sheet for **every** online application.
- ⇒ Seniors who need letters of recommendation must submit the proper North Central paper recommendation forms to their counselors and teachers for recommendations to be written and mailed. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- ⇒ Request your electronic transcript at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) (no code is needed). This process should be free.

Ask your counselor if you need clarification.

### College Cost Estimator Program & Workshop: *For parents of all grades!*

Concerned about college costs? Don't miss this opportunity to receive **FREE** personalized financial aid consulting through the **National Center for College Costs (NCCC)**. Complete the estimator online at [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com), then attend the **NCCC Estimator Workshop on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in room L249**. You are welcome to attend whether you complete the form or not. Questions? Contact Susie Bremen, Coordinator for College Counseling. **Take advantage of this tremendous college planning resource!**



*Thinking about life after graduation? College?*



### College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT reasoning & subject tests	December 6	November 6	November 24
SAT reasoning & subject tests	January 24	December 29	January 13
ACT	December 13	November 7	November 21
ACT	February 7	January 9	January 16

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

