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**From the PTO . . .**

Happy 2015! The PTO is excited to share with you that our Teacher "Wish List" grants were awarded at the end of last semester. Giving out teacher grants is so rewarding. It is a good time to spark conversation with teachers about how we can help them. Teachers dug deep and we had a lot of great requests. The generous donations of parents and teachers alike make this process possible and resulted in over \$10,000 in distributions. That is \$10,000 of donated money straight from your generous pockets!

We granted wishes for a wide variety of items, such as art supplies to a World Language teacher, t-shirts to promote our students as they work in our community during MLK Day of service, e-books for our ENL students, judicial robes and a gavel for Humanities and a wide variety of PE equipment that all of our students will use. We funded some extremely worthwhile programs and provided equipment such as jump drives and a visual presenter for Art Classes. Unfortunately, there is never enough money to fund all teachers' wishes, but we feel like we made a big difference with what we were able to give. Whether by making everyday teaching easier, or by adding something innovative for students, we think you'll feel proud of how much we were able to give back to those who give so much to our students! Please see page four for a complete list.

Thanks to all who donated and helped first semester. Our North Central families and teachers KEEP ON ROCKING! If you would still like to donate, please send in a donation to the NCHS PTO in care of the school and we will continue our efforts to fund our teachers' wishes.

Remember, we are just half way through the school year and there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved. Let us know if you want to be added to the General Volunteer email list. We will add you to the hundreds of volunteers who receive our pleas for help on an as-needed basis.

One more thing, due to data transfers, the directory publication is delayed. We anticipate the online version being available very soon, and the printed copies distributed as soon as they are returned from the printer.

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**From the Principal . . .**

Has the school year half begun or half ended? It's all about perspective. The opportunities ahead of us as learners, leaders and stakeholders are endless. I can only imagine the opportunities in the weeks to come to showcase our talents, demonstrate our spirit, and celebrate our community. There is so much to see and do in a short period of time. What's your perspective as a student? What's your perspective as a parent/guardian? Is this school year half over or has it only just begun? As a staff we will continue our dedication to teaching, learning and personal growth.

As a reminder of our commitment, I share with you a paragraph from the August *NC Message*.

*In this newsletter you will find the mission statement of Washington Township Schools. I ask you, as a parent, guardian, 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 of the timeline, every student, family and educator at North Central should be able to identify their mission. Our goal is for every student to accomplish their mission.*

I ask that as a family, you re-examine your mission. Were you able to accomplish your personal academic goals first semester? If so, congratulations and keep up the good work. If not, then it's time to revisit your plan of action. Sit down as a family and discuss why goals were not met. Identify specific ways by which to modify decision making processes, patterns or behaviors. Proper planning leads to desired results. My hope is that your Winter Break was relaxing and enjoyable. Let's have a great part two of the school year which begins...now.

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III  
Principal

**North Central High School: Achievement through Scholarship,  
Honesty and Respect.**

**Class of 2015  
Baccalaureate  
North Central's Auditorium  
May 26, 2015, 7pm  
Commencement  
Indiana Farmers Coliseum,  
Indiana State Fairgrounds  
May 27, 2015, 7pm**



**Thank-a-Teacher**  
(or any school staff member)

...Is the oldest and most appreciated opportunity for giving a gift to the Washington Township Schools Foundation (WTSF). A teacher, bus driver, secretary, principal or any other special person who touches the lives of children is a perfect recipient for this gift.

Visit the website to make your gift at ...  
[www.wtsfoundation.org/donations/thankateacher.asp](http://www.wtsfoundation.org/donations/thankateacher.asp)



# JANUARY 2015

(Events are subject to change.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 19-JANUARY 2</b>					
4	5 7:25am, Students report to 1st semester homeroom to receive 2nd semester schedules	6	7 First semester grades distributed during period 3	8 	9	10 7am - 9am - MLK Day of Service (Cafeteria)  9am-1:30pm, Princeton Review SAT Practice Test (Cafeteria)
		<b>English ECA TESTING: JANUARY 6 - 15</b>				
11 	12	13 7pm, Grade 8 Curriculum Night (Auditorium) 	14	15	16 All State Orchestra, Jazz & Choir - IMEA Convention  <b>Last day to drop/add a class without grade penalty</b>	17 All State Orchestra, Jazz & Choir - IMEA Convention  9am-1:30pm, Princeton Review Practice ACT Test (L249)
18	19  <b>Possible snow make-up day</b>	20 7pm, Practice SAT Scores Back, Strategy Session (L249)	21 6pm, 21st Century Scholars Affirmation Meeting (L249)	22 4pm, Jr. Spec (Auditorium)	23 7pm, Jr. Spec (Auditorium)	24 7pm, Jr. Spec (Auditorium)
25	26 7pm, Community IB Music Recital (PAC) 	27 7pm, Practice ACT Scores Back, Strategy Session (L249) 	28 7pm, Grade 9 Career & College Night (Auditorium)	29 	30	31 7am, WRAL tournament  8am, Choral & Piano ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest (Westfield)



**COLLEGE PLANNING STARTS NOW!**



# GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

## Upcoming College Planning Programs

**Tuesday, January 13**  
Grade 8 Curriculum Night

**Wednesday, January 28**  
Grade 9 Career & College Night

**Tuesday, February 3**  
FAFSA Day at North Central

**Sunday, February 22**  
College Goal Sunday

**Monday & Tuesday, March 9 & 10**  
ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar

**Tuesday, March 10**  
FAFSA Received-by deadline  
(Indiana deadline for out-of-state applications, check individual state deadlines)

**Tuesday, March 10**  
Greater Indianapolis College Fair

**Wednesday, March 18**  
Junior Night

**Saturday, April 11**  
ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar

**Wednesday - Friday, June 3 - 5**  
College Admission Boot Camp  
(Incoming Seniors)



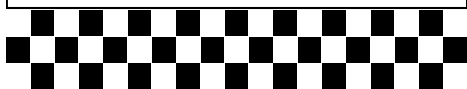
## Grade 8

### Curriculum Night At North Central

*Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
7:00 pm*

## Grade 9 Career & College Night Wednesday, January 28, 7 pm

**Freshmen and Parents:** Please join members of the Guidance Staff along with Susie Bremen for an evening of Academic Planning. This presentation will include diploma information, career information and some early college planning information - just in time to help make course selections for the Sophomore year. This event will take place in the NC Auditorium.



## CSS Profile Form

If you are applying to a college or university that also requires the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile in addition to the FAFSA, you must file online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

## 2015-2016 Course Selection Timeline

### January 20 - January 30

Curriculum information will be presented in English and US History classes.

### Wednesday, January 28

Grade 9 parent and student meeting for career, college, and curriculum information night.

### Friday, February 6

Course selection sheets and any applications (JELCC, Early Release, etc.) due in Period 3 and **signed by parents.**

Beginning in **February**, counselors will meet with students individually to plan courses that meet career and educational goals expressed by the student. Any adjustments in courses previously selected by parents and students will be made at that time. In **May**, students will receive a list of courses they have requested. Students will be allowed to make any changes by returning the course requests at that time. **After that time, requests for changes will not be allowed, except for semester failures and classes taken during summer school.**

Parents and students are asked to give careful attention to the classes requested this spring. Student requests determine the school's master schedule and staffing needs and fees are not adjusted for drop/add. Parents are encouraged to contact the assigned counselor for information or make an appointment to discuss these important decisions.

## SENIORS!

*Just a reminder to Seniors, if you have not turned in your cap and gown, tassel and graduation announcement order, be sure to contact Herff Jones immediately to avoid late fees. You may call them at 244-2412.*

## Finding College Scholarships

The greatest amount of scholarship dollars are awarded by colleges and universities when students apply for admission, but there are thousands of scholarships available through sites like:

[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

[www.collegeboard.org/scholarships](http://www.collegeboard.org/scholarships)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

You will receive ongoing email notifications of scholarships tailored to your interests when you register with these sites.

You will also find scholarship information lists and applications in the Guidance Office, as well as on the Naviance site. Information is updated regularly.

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

FAFSA is used by college and university financial aid offices to determine eligibility for grants, low-interest loans, college work-study programs and sometimes scholarships. **Indiana colleges generally require the form to be filed by March 10 of the senior year, but some out-of-state colleges have earlier deadlines.** Be sure to check the priority date for your schools of interest. Applying after deadlines could mean loss of funds.

### Filing Tips:

- Seniors and parents can request PIN's now ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)).
- Complete your tax forms early, you'll need them to file.
- File online: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Read and follow the instructions.
- Print a copy for your college files.



## NEED HELP COMPLETING THE FAFSA?

### FAFSA DAY @ NCHS, February 3

Thanks to a generous grant from the Washington Township Schools Foundation (WTSF) and additional assistance from the PTO, staff from the National Center for College Costs will be at NC from **8:00 am until 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 3** to help families complete this all-important form. Gather your **Social Security number, driver's license, income tax returns, bank statements, investment records**, and head to **FAFSA Day on Tuesday, February 3.**

## NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY!



## Advanced Placement Tests Dates

March 3-17 AP Test Registration  
May 5-16 AP Test Administration

More information will be in the next Message.

## Driver's Education Information

For information about driver's education, please visit [www.driversafety.com](http://www.driversafety.com).

## College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines

Test	Test Date*	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT Reasoning & Subject Test	January 24	December 29	January 13
SAT Reasoning Test	March 14	February 13	March 3
ACT	February 7	January 9	January 16

\*Testing is available on the Sunday after these national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy for those students who cannot test on the dates listed due to religious reasons.\* Seating is on a first come first served basis.



# Other notable news...

## PTO WISH LIST GRANTS

TEACHER	DEPARTMENT/CLUB	REQUEST	STUDENT IMPACT
All NC Faculty & Staff	One School/Tom Gayda	Spirit shirts for all faculty and staff	200
Ann Guggenheim	Visual Arts	Jewelry supplies/crock pot	84
Larry Willan	Visual Arts	ELMO MO-1 Visual Presenter	125
Carla Sanford	Black History Club	Spring Break College Tour	40
Kimberly Carver	English	Books on recently adapted portable devices	28
Marcia Rigdon	Speech Team	Supplies used for preparation for competition	40
David McGinness	ENL	Flash drives & magnetic wipe boards	20
Tomoe Nakamura	World Language	Funds for Japanese Quiz Competition	25
Gramelspacher, Achgill	Information Center	MLK Day of Service	350
David Robertson	Math	Adobe After Effects Software	90
Joyce Click	Performing Arts	Funds to provide 2 guest performances/speakers	300
Julie Grissom	Physical Ed/Weights	Updating PE equipment	1200
Denise Cotton	Science	Class sets of white boards and expo markers	500
Chris Vermillion	Social Studies	Moot Court Enhancements - Judicial robes and gavels	600
Dave Wheeler	Social Studies	National History Day fees	250
Habib Diatta	World Languages	License for LanguagePlus.com website	850
Scott Haber	World Languages	Art supplies for classroom projects	140

### Student Appointment Procedure

On the morning of an appointment, parents or guardians must place a call to the attendance office stating that an appointment is scheduled for the student. (Notes will not be accepted.) It becomes the *student's responsibility* to pick up the green pass from the attendance office. The student can pick up the green pass during passing periods or during his/her lunch period. It is *not* school policy to interrupt class time. When the student acquires the green pass, s/he may leave the building to meet the parent or guardian for the appointment, usually at door #1. Please, make sure this information is communicated between the student and parent or guardian on the day of the appointment. The student should bring proof of appointment and return to the attendance office. This information can be found on page 101 of the [Student Calendar and Handbook](#). Call the attendance Office phone number: **259-5355, ext. 45556**, and leave a detailed message of absence or scheduled doctor's appointment.

### Looking ahead...

**9th Annual Dick Dennis Memorial Concert**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2015**  
**Auditorium 7 PM**  
**\$3 Adults/ \$1 Children 12 and under**  
**Silent Auction to help support the North Central Orchestras**  
**For more information go to [www.northcentralorchestras.org](http://www.northcentralorchestras.org)**

### Good to Know Info...

Electronic devices are allowed during non-instructional times (before school, passing periods, lunch and after school). Radios/CD players with headsets are permitted on buses. These devices will be confiscated and given to an administrator if used at inappropriate times. If confiscated, they may be retrieved by a parent/guardian in the Dean's Office. The school assumes no responsibility for any of the above referenced items. Students who violate this school expectation may receive disciplinary action.

### \*\*Attention Senior Parents\*\*

You may be asking yourselves, "What exactly is **Blast Off?**" It is a supervised lock-in event that culminates a week of graduation activities and features great food, entertainment, music, games and fantastic prizes. It is **totally** planned, funded and executed by parents of the senior class. This 3-hour event starts immediately following Grad Dance on Friday evening, **May 29, 2015**, from **11:59 p.m. until 3 a.m.** in the North Central gymnasium.

Look for more information in the next North Central Message about:

- Volunteering
- Donations
- Prizes
- Contact information



### January Artist Exhibition



**Chinese artist Cao Zuimeng, will have a show of twenty-four of his paintings on view in the North Central High School art gallery. The show will run from Dec. 8 - January 31. The show is in conjunction with the Washington Township Artistically Talented program 2014-2015 Art theme; "The Art of China". You are welcome to come and see the show during the months of December and January. The gallery is open most days during regularly scheduled lunch periods. The gallery is located across from the student cafeteria.**

### Two-hour delay ...

School begins at **9:25 am** on Two-Hour delay days. Be on the watch for **MJD of Washington Township Schools** with local media outlets.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Students riding to school by private transportation are to be dropped off on the north side of the building at Doors 1 and 2. Students being picked up from school at 2:40 p.m. should be picked up from the north side of the building at Doors 1 and 2. Students are NOT to be dropped off or picked up on the east or west sides of the building due to safety concerns. Students are only to be dropped off and picked up in the front of the building. After 2:50 p.m., only Door 2 should be used for students waiting for rides. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Help our School Earn Free Equipment

Log on to [www.marsh.net](http://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](http://www.freshideasforeducation.com/rules).

