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### From the Principal . . .

Dear Parents:

Periodically it's a good idea to review with students and parents the various practices and procedures employed at North Central High School. Basically, the school "turns over" its student population every 4 years. Since our school population (students and parents) is dynamic and changing, I need to remind myself not to assume that you know how things are done just because some of us are dinosaurs and know that is how it's always been. This issue will deal with attendance and make-up work.

Attendance is the most critical factor in school success for a student! Students need to be in every class, every day. Every school study ever done substantiates the positive correlation between school attendance and school success. No question! Be here!

Having said that, I also know some absences cannot be avoided. When those absences occur, they can be classified as either excused or unexcused. Listed below are the procedures and practices for make-up work:

#### MAKE-UP WORK

When a student is absent from a class there are definite procedures to follow relative to make-up work depending upon the nature of the absence, i.e., excused, unexcused or prearranged.

#### ABSENCES

For state reporting, absences from school are counted as periods missed: 1 - 3 class periods missed are counted as 1/2 day absence.

4 - 7 class periods missed are counted as a full day of absence from school.

Students who are absent for any reason are expected to obtain assignments from North Central's Homework Hotline. The number to call is 259-5355, then your teacher's extension. You may obtain your teacher's telephone extension on the Internet by entering [www.NCHS.cc](http://www.NCHS.cc), go to Contact Us and click School Directory.

#### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential and expected at all times. When it is necessary to be absent from school all day, the parent/guardian is to call the school--259-5355 extension 4555--and notify the attendance secretary the reason for the absence. These calls are to be made every day of absence, preferably between 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. Voice-mail messages are encouraged prior to 7:00 a.m. Calls received after 3:00 p.m. or the following day may result in an unexcused absence.

A student is not counted as absent when the student:

1. participates in school-sponsored field trips.
2. observes a major religious holiday.
3. has to appear in court.
4. is scheduled to take the driver's road test for the first time.
5. is incarcerated.
6. is suspended from class or school.
7. serves as a page in the state legislative body.
8. is working at any general, city, township, special, or primary election.

Excused absences are granted for all reasons stated by Indiana Attendance Statutes and School Board policies--they are as follows: the student's illness, serious illness of an immediate member of the family, or death of an immediate member of the family. Credit for work missed during an excused absence will be recorded at full credit. Students receive two days to make up work for each day of excused absence. Credit for work missed during an unexcused absence will be recorded at a rate of 75% of the earned grade. Credit for work missed by a student who has been marked truant will be recorded as 0. Students who have completed a pre-arranged absence form or is incarcerated may receive full credit for work completed during those absences.

Prearranged absences are discouraged and will not be granted during nine weeks tests or semester exams. Prearranged absences may not be

granted to extend a holiday or vacation break.

#### PREARRANGED ABSENCES

If a student must be out of town for a wedding, religious conference, family vacation, or absent for any reason which does not constitute an excused absence, a Prearranged Absence Form (pink) is required. The form may be picked up from attendance personnel prior to the dates absent. There will be no provision for prearranged absences during the final week of any grading period or for any class during summer school. There are no prearranged absences allowed during the week of, prior to, or following a school vacation period.

The form requires signatures of a parent/guardian, an assistant principal, and any teacher whose class will be missed. Homework assignments may be given prior to the absence, or upon the student's return at the individual teacher's discretion. The homework/assignment section of the form will be returned to the student upon receipt of the signed form. Make-up work for full credit is granted in the prearranged category. A student must have the prearranged absence form completed **three (3)** days prior to his/her absence in order for make-up work to be granted for credit.

It is the decision of the school administrator to determine if a prearranged absence will be granted. This is a privilege. It is not a right. Students who have poor grades (do not meet the standards of participation) or have poor attendance may be refused a prearranged absence. Long term prearranged absences are generally not approved.

#### TARDINESS

Students arriving to school after 7:25 a.m. should report to the attendance office. Students late to school due to an excused reason will be sent immediately to class from the attendance office. Students late to school for an unexcused reason will be detained in the Tardy Room until the end of the period. Tardiness due to a student's bus arriving late is excused. Tardiness due to oversleeping, car trouble, etc. is not excused. Students who drive may lose their driving privileges for tardies to school. Students with four (4) tardies to school will be suspended pending a parent/guardian conference.

Students who are tardy to class after having attended one or more classes are to report directly to the Tardy Room (B118). Students are allowed three (3) tardies to class per semester. Students will be suspended pending a parent/guardian conference on their fourth (4) tardy. The building is large and there are many students passing to classes. Students neither have time to socialize between class periods nor the time to return to their locker after each class. With a little planning and a conscientious effort, every student can be on time.

Please review the above procedures and practices with your child. Thank you.

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III  
Principal



# March 2015



Events are subject to change.

A more detailed and up-to-date calendar can be found on our school website: <http://www.nchs.cc>.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 10am - 3pm, Artistically Talented Culminating Event (Student Center)	<b>2</b> AP Test Registration  7pm, Brownies with Branigan (H193)	<b>3</b> AP Test Registration	<b>4</b> AP Test Registration	<b>5</b> AP Test Registration	<b>6</b> AP Test Registration  5pm - 9pm, MIC Choir Competition Set-Up	<b>7</b> 7:30am, Saturday Science (NC)  7:15am - 11pm, MIC Choir Competition (NC Campus)
<b>8</b> <i>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</i>	<b>9</b> 3pm - 5:30pm, ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar, Part 1 (L249)  7pm, Top 100 Night (PAC)	<b>10</b> <b>Nine Week Tests</b>  3pm - 5:30pm, ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar, Part 2 (L249)  <b>FAFSA DEADLINE!</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Nine Week Tests</b>  6:30 - 8PM, Greater Indianapolis Northside College Fair (Ritz Charles)	<b>12</b> <b>Nine Week Tests</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Nine Week Tests</b>  End of Third Nine Week Reporting Period  3 - 5pm, NC Idol (PAC)	<b>14</b> 7:30am, Saturday Science (NC)  9am - The Great North Run  6:30pm, Music, Mocha, & More (CEC)
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7pm, PTO Parent Education Night (H193)	<b>17</b>  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	<b>18</b> 7pm, Junior Night: Inside the College Admission Office (Auditorium)	<b>19</b> 7am - 3pm, Living History Day (Lower Information Center)	<b>20</b> First Day of Spring!  Period 3, Third Nine Week Grades Distributed	<b>21</b> 8am - 11pm, ISSMA State Show Choir Finals (NC Campus)
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Safe Decisions Week</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Safe Decisions Week</i>  7pm - 8pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241)	<b>25</b> <i>Safe Decisions Week</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Safe Decisions Week</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Safe Decisions Week</i>  <i>Spring Break begins at close of school</i>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK - MARCH 30 - APRIL 3</b>			

# SHAMROCK SLAM

# GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

## 2015 AP EXAM REGISTRATION

Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to sit for AP exams in May. Students should register and pay fees for AP tests online between **February 28 - March 15**. Should students need to register late for **ANY** reason, they may do so the week of March 16-22 for an additional \$50.00 PER TEST IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD TEST FEE. Scholarships will be forfeited if the registration is late. All tests are \$95 or \$15 depending on the subject matter. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will have their exams paid for so they should check the appropriate box when registering online. Scholarships are available to students who are not on free and reduced lunch but have a financial need. Students may apply for the scholarship online as well. Funds are limited so students are encouraged to apply early. Students will register for exams at [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/151717](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/151717).

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 15 WITHOUT A \$50 ADDITIONAL FEE PER TEST. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Please call Mrs. Kristi Meinert at 259-5301 ext. 45312 with questions.

### AP Exam Schedule

May 4-15, 2015

Date	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Mon 5/4	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
Tues 5/5	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Lang/Cul
Wed 5/6	English Literature	Japanese Lang/Cul Physics 2:Algebra Based
Thurs 5/7	Computer Science A Spanish Language/Cul	Art History Physics 2:Algebra Based
Fri 5/8	German Language/Cul United States History	European History Studio Art
Mon 5/11	Biology Music Theory	Physics C
Tues 5/12	US Government	French Language/Cul
Wed 5/13	English Language US History	Statistics
Thurs 5/14	World History	Macroeconomics
Fri 5/15	Human Geography Microeconomics	Latin

Students wishing to take exams that are scheduled for the same time slot should see Mrs. Meinert in Guidance.

## ZAPS' ACT Preparation Seminar

Monday, March 9 & Tuesday, March 10  
3:00-5:30 p.m., L249



The ZAPS Learning Company will be back in March with a five-hour ACT prep seminar split over two days. We have received excellent feedback from students in previous ZAPS seminars. Register online at [www.zaps.com](http://www.zaps.com) or by calling 1-877-927-8378. **The cost of the seminar is \$79.99.** (An SAT seminar will be offered on Saturday, April 25.)

## Greater Indianapolis North Side College Fair

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Ritz Charles

This is an outstanding opportunity to gather information and ask questions about admission and financial aid from nearly 100 colleges/universities. This is the next best thing to a college visit. North Central students are highly encouraged to attend.

*Calling all Juniors!*

### Junior Meeting:

Inside The College Admission Office  
Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m., Auditorium

*Class of 2016!*

Juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend the Junior Meeting to learn about the college search and application process. You will have a chance to hear from college admission officers from Indiana University, Purdue University and Washington University in St. Louis. In addition, you will be the first to receive **The College Handbook**, North Central's exclusive college resource guide from the College Office, and you'll have a chance to win a Princeton Review SAT prep course.

## Congratulations to our National Merit & National Achievement Students

### Commended Students - National Merit Program

Gargi Balasubramanian  
Emory Brunner  
Benjamin Fulkerson-Bird  
Eitan Geller-Montague  
Safwan Khatib  
Andrew McNutt  
Alexander Williams  
Lily K Carlsen

Evan Brown  
Clara Fridman  
Nathan Hanson  
Nikhil Harish  
Stav Linkon  
Emil Risk  
Nicholas Smiley

### National Merit Finalists

Adrienne Beck  
Matt Brumer  
Thomas Cote  
Colin Greene  
Aaron Lasbury  
Jeremy Pomerantz  
Stefan Stoykov  
Noa Tann  
Julia Weiner

### National Achievement Outstanding Recipients

Isiah Bowman  
Akiya Harris  
Hannah Reid

## Scholarship Opportunities

For our complete list of scholarship opportunities, please see Mrs. Laurie Stroke in the Guidance Office or check the scholarship list on Naviance at <http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral>.

**Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation Scholarship - Postmarked by March 8, 2015:** \$1,000 for four years, need based, two letters of recommendation, autobiography, community involvement. Visit their website at [us.tzuchi.org](http://us.tzuchi.org).

**Greenbriar Elementary School Alumni Scholarship - Deadline March 13, 2015:** \$500, must have attended Greenbriar for no less than 4 consecutive years, 3.0 minimum GPA.

**Prom Genie - Deadline March 20, 2015:** Current senior; female; minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, free/reduced lunch, applying to 4 year college/university, two academic letters of recommendation, one letter of recommendation from a community leader.

**Fred & Lena Meijer Scholarship - Deadline April 1, 2015:** Two \$10,000 and one-hundred \$2,500 scholarships: eligible applicants must be employed full or part-time at Meijer or must be the children of full or part-time employees. (Apply online at <https://meijerscholarship.egrant.net>)

## College Entrance Exam Registration Deadlines:

Test	Date	Deadline	Late Registration
SAT Reasoning	May 12	April 6	April 21
ACT	April 18	March 13	April 27

Testing is available on Sundays after the national testing dates at Hasten Hebrew Academy for students unable to test on Saturdays for religious reasons. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

## OTHER NOTABLE NEWS ITEMS . . .

**Washington Township  
Schools Foundation  
The Great North Run  
and Fitness Fair  
Saturday, March 14  
Race starts at 9 am  
North Central Campus  
Register online  
[www.wtsfoundation.org](http://www.wtsfoundation.org)**

### Living History Series – Veterans sharing stories with our students

Thanks to a generous grant from the Washington Township Foundation, North Central High School will once again offer the Living History Series on **Thursday, March 19, 2015** in the Information Center. The program is designed to provide high school students with access to primary source teaching from community veterans. The highlight of our US History class for many students, the Living History series offers a morning and afternoon session where students come for presentations in small groups with our veterans. If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran that would like to participate in this important event, please **contact Leslie Wilson at 259-5222** to be added to the guest list. As part of the program, we would also like to invite family members and friends that did not fight in a war but who are willing to share their personal stories, life lessons, and memories from one of those time periods. Every year our students are moved by the unselfishness and experiences of those whose past has helped pave their futures, and through the stories that are shared our students take with them a lasting impression when the day is done. We thank you for your time in bringing the past to life for our students to learn from and carry into their future. We look forward to seeing you on March 19.

### Performing Arts Events

**North Central to Host MIC Choral Event  
Saturday, March 7  
7:15 am - 11:30 pm**

Over forty choirs from Indiana will be competing for awards in Mixed Show Choir, Women's Show Choir, Festival Class Show Choir, and Concert Choir. Four North Central Choirs will compete as exhibition groups:

- Accents at 7:15am (Auditorium)
- Decants at 12pm (Auditorium)
- King's Court Singers at 7:30pm (PAC)
- Counterpoints at 10:45pm (Auditorium)

The cost for all day admission is \$15.00 or \$10.00 per session. The event is open to the public.

Come hear the best in the Mid-West!



### Music, Mocha, & More

**Saturday, March 14, 2015  
6:30 - 9:30 pm  
H. Dean Evans Community Education Ctr**

Join the NC Orchestras for an evening of chamber music provided by some of the fine young people of the NC Performing Arts Department. Five dollars will gain you entry as well as a coffee, drink and dessert.



### PTO NEWS....

Our Panther Particulars directory is now available in electronic format. You can view it or download it by logging into your child's Skyward account. You do need to be on a computer to see the directory. At this time it is not available on the mobile app. If you ordered a hard copy, we will be distributing them in a few weeks. We will also have a few available for purchase in the Spirit Shop. The cost will be \$10.00.

### Recent NC Band Honors

**Congratulations to the following  
NCHS Band Students on selection to  
the 2015 Indiana Bandmasters All  
State Band.**

#### Honor Band

Alexis Wood  
Sean Szolek-Van Valkenburg  
Ruth Krueskamp  
Matt Szolek-Van Valkenburg  
Luke Smith  
Owen Kraft  
Jonathan Schwartz

#### All State Band

Katherine Danforth  
Marissa Meadows-McDonnell  
Sean Egloff  
Meena Moorthy  
Taylir Christian  
Ethan Hodes  
Nick Snider  
Kai Sandstrom

#### All State Band Alternates

Emily Plunkett  
Kathryn Petersen



### SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

**SESSION ONE JUNE 3-23**  
**SESSION TWO JUNE 24-JULY 15**  
(No School July 3)

**Registration: April 6—17**  
**Out-of-district: June 1 (9 a.m.-Noon)**

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2015** course selections and course fees can be found on the school's website at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc).

**SUMMER SCHOOL** class time starts daily at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. **Dates & times are subject to change!!**

### BLAST OFF 2015

Hello Senior Parents! **Blast Off** is a supervised lock-in event that culminates a week of graduation activities and features great food, entertainment, music, games, and prizes. It is totally planned, funded, and executed by parents of the senior class. This 3-hour event starts late Friday evening, **May 29, 2015** from 11:59 pm until 3 am (May 30) in the North Central gymnasium (immediately following Grad Dance).

We want to make **Blast Off 2015** the best one ever and we need your help!  
~ **DONATIONS:** Online at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc) (go to Skyward then e-funds and select **make a payment**), or make checks payable to NCHS **Blast Off** and mail to **Blast Off** treasurer: Kathy Null, 8006 Heyward Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46250

Many Prizes and Volunteers are needed!

~**VOLUNTEERS:** Contact Leigh Lazon: [lazon@comcast.net](mailto:lazon@comcast.net) or 317-513-9798

~**PRIZES:** Contact Lisa Butler: [lbutler@prodigy.net](mailto:lbutler@prodigy.net) or 317-590-7579

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Co-Chairs: Shannon Farrell, [srfarrell@comcast.net](mailto:srfarrell@comcast.net) or 317-446-5507

Amy Johnson, [amypauljohnson@comcast.net](mailto:amypauljohnson@comcast.net) or 317-908-8097

### Dates to Remember...

**Baccalaureate, May 26,  
NCHS Auditorium at 7 pm.  
Commencement, May 27,  
Indiana's Farmers Coliseum at 7 pm.**



### Junior Prom

2015 Junior Prom  
Saturday, April 18

*Class of 2016!*

Junior Prom has a rich tradition at North Central and the class of 2016 is preparing for what will be a most memorable evening.

- **Time:** 8 pm to 11 pm.
- **Place:** The Willows,  
6729 Westfield Boulevard  
Indianapolis.
- **Tickets:** On sale April 13 - 17, during all lunch periods at the bookstore annex.
- **Price:** \$35 per person

Tickets will not be sold the evening of Prom. As a reminder, dinner will not be served at this event but the ticket price does include an assortment of desserts and snacks offered at the dance.