



# THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE April 2015

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### From the PTO . . .

Hello North Central Families:

What a great year it has been. To our many committee chairs and volunteers who work throughout the year— YOU KEEP NC PTO ROCKING! Thank you! Take a look at what is happening behind the scenes.

You may or may not realize that all NCHS 16 year-olds receive a birthday card personally signed by the administration. This card not only wishes them a happy milestone birthday but also asks them not to text while they drive – a very important message that was emphasized during Safe Decisions Week. **Amy Johnson** labels and mails those 800 birthday cards so that students receive it during his or her birthday month.

**Ticket sales chair, Kathy Null**, and her trusty volunteers have braved high school lunch periods to sell tickets to events such as Junior Spec, Prom and Homecoming.

Our **middle school liaison, Beth Dean**, also works all year long making sure the public and private middle school students feel welcome and have the information they need to be a part of North Central. YOU ROCK, Carol! We will miss your never-ending help.

Another special **YOU ROCK** goes to **Ruthie Cumming** for hosting the **Top 100 Night Reception**.

Thank you to over 50 parents who joined us at our PTO Parent Education Night - focusing on Safe Decisions for Parents. It was a great evening of learning and sharing among parents - all focused on safe and responsible decisions. A special thank you to Sergeant Kendale Adams (IMPD), Mr. Evans Branigan III, Claire Sales (Student Council), Lynn Schopp (Student Council Advisor), Dexter Crouch (Lead SRO Officer), and PTO representatives Christie Call, Stacy Lozer and Alfred Weems III for their participation and presentations. Let's keep the dialogue going!

**AND A BIG YOU ROCK** to our "**General Volunteer Pool**," who has stepped up for many things this year. These "I'll help when I can" volunteers show what it means to care about NCHS. We are grateful for all of you. And we can't forget to thank **Cathi Wineland** who puts together that list! She types in all of those names and emails from the **Count-on-Me** forms and sends the lists to the chairs.

Thank you to all families who registered for the **Great North Run** this year. We exceeded our goal of 200 participants and received over \$1,000 from the Washington Township Schools Foundation to benefit the Junior Prom.

We hope you will make it to our last Bagels with Branigan this school year on Friday, April 17 at 7:30 am in Room H193.

Keep on Rocking NC!  
Christie Call and Stacy Lozer  
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and [stacylozer@mac.com](mailto:stacylozer@mac.com), 317-439-1889

### From the Principal . . .

Spring is upon us, and it couldn't have arrived any sooner. We have made it through winter warnings, school closings and delays, bitter cold and the uncertainty about whether or not there would be school the next day. You've earned your Spring Break North Central. I hope you take full advantage of the opportunity to rejuvenate your spirit as we make the last push toward the end of the school year.

With only two months remaining in the school year, it is imperative that students take advantage of the support systems in place here at North Central High School. Teacher support hours are still available before school on Tuesdays from 6:45 am to 7:15 am and on Thursdays from 2:50 pm to 3:50 pm. The Learning Center is open daily from 7:25 am to 2:50 pm (closed period 4). The After School Learning Center is open Monday through Thursday 2:50 pm to 4:15 pm. The time to act is now. Encourage your student to take advantage of the support systems, avoid procrastination and end the year successfully.

As we are now in the clear regarding school closings (knock on wood), I am finally able to share the adjusted final exam schedule with you. As a result of school closings, the school year has been extended to compensate for the missed school days. The ripple effect is that the final exam-testing schedule has been modified. Final exams will occur May 19 – May 27. The full testing schedule can be found on page 5 of this April Message. It is important that students pay close attention to the testing schedule as each day a specific content area will be testing.

Have a great Spring Break North Central!

*"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"*

— Mark Twain

Yours in education,

Evans Branigan III  
Principal

### The Summer Challenge Art Program 2015

Art classes, taught by experienced North Central art teachers, will offer high school students with a serious interest in art a chance to work in a conceptual approach.

The program will focus on drawing, painting, design, and computer generated art. Art assignments will be developed to help students work in techniques and fundamentals as well as allow students to use their creative license in making art.

The Summer Challenge Art Program is open to students entering grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Graduating seniors with a serious interest in art can also apply.

The Summer Challenge Art Program is **not** a summer school class. Students will not receive credit for attending the program. The Summer Challenge Art Program students will meet in the Art Department at North Central High School daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with an hour for lunch. Students receive approximately 25 hours of instruction. The cost of the program is \$145. This includes the cost of materials and supplies. The class will be limited to 20 students. Students are responsible for providing their own lunch, and are not permitted to leave campus for lunch unless prior permission has been given by parent or guardian.

Dates for this summer are July 6-10, 2015.  
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Registration:** See an art teacher for information about this program for the summer of 2015 or call 259-5355, x45347. **Brochures will be available from middle school art teachers and in the atrium at North Central High School.**

Director: Basil Smotherman, Art Department Chairman North Central High School.  
For questions: Contact Mr. Smotherman at : [bsmotherman@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:bsmotherman@msdwt.k12.in.us)



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			<b>1</b> Spring Break	<b>2</b> Spring Break	<b>3</b> Spring Break <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Passover</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Easter</b> 	<b>6</b> 7:25am, School Reconvenes	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6pm, Net Night, Main & South Gyms	<b>11</b> 9am - 3pm, ZAPS SAT Seminar (L249)
<b>Summer School Registration for current North Central students in the Guidance Office during all lunch periods, April 6 - April 17.</b>						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prom Ticket Sales	<b>14</b> Prom Ticket Sales 7pm, Choral Concert (Main Gym)	<b>15</b> Prom Ticket Sales <b>Last day for Seniors to pay any bills with a check. Please use cash, debit or credit card, or money orders after this date.</b>	<b>16</b> Prom Ticket Sales	<b>17</b> Prom Ticket Sales End of 4th Interim Report Period 7:30am, Bagels with Branigan, H193 <b>Seniors pick up Graduation Announcements during lunch periods in the Auditorium</b>	<b>18</b> 7am - 6pm, Indyball Shootout (Main & South Gyms) 8pm, Junior Prom (Willows on Westfield)
<b>Summer School Registration for current North Central students in the Guidance Office during all lunch periods, April 6 - April 17.</b>						
<b>19</b> 8am - 6pm, Indyball Shootout (Main & South Gyms)	<b>20</b> 7pm, <i>Recognition Night, (Auditorium)</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7pm, Choral Concert (PAC)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4th Appraisal Reports Distributed, Pd.3 5:30pm, Racing For Riley (South Gym)	<b>25</b>
<b>Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon Ticket Sales April 20-24</b>						
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6pm, IHSAA Physical Night 7pm, Choral Concert (PAC)	<b>30</b> 7pm, Spring Play, <b>A Midsummer Nights Dream</b> (Auditorium)		

More detailed and up-to-date calendar information can be found on our school website: <http://www.nchs.cc>. All dates are subject to change.

# GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

## Juniors: College Consultation

Juniors and their parents may schedule appointments with Mrs. Susie Bremen, Coordinator for College Counseling, during the school day to discuss "all things college." Pick up the "My College Search" form in Guidance and return it **in person** to Mrs. Laurie Stroke, College Assistant, to schedule your appointment. Students are always welcome to stop by Mrs. Bremen's office with quick questions throughout the day and after school.

## ZAPS SAT Prep Seminar Saturday, April 11 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Room L249

The ZAPS Learning Company is returning to North Central for an ACT test prep workshop. This seminar offers hands-on practice to identify students' strengths and weaknesses while providing motivational instruction on the tactics and strategies needed for answering specific types of questions. The fee includes a detailed study guide with test questions and answer explanations and practice tests.

Cost: \$79.99, register online,  
[www.zaps.com](http://www.zaps.com)

## Course Selection

Counselors are meeting with all students to plan for the next school year. Schedule adjustments can be made until May. After that time, scheduling requests will be final and changes **will not** be allowed.

## What is Baccalaureate?

The Baccalaureate program is not a religious program; it has nothing to do with the International Baccalaureate Program. No one should feel uncomfortable about attending. There is no rehearsal for Baccalaureate but participants must arrive by 6:15 pm to receive final instructions in seating & procedures. At Baccalaureate & Commencement, seniors will wear their caps and gowns. New members will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame during the ceremony. Following Baccalaureate there will be a reception in their honor in the Student Center. Since it is difficult to take photographs at Commencement, the Baccalaureate reception will be an excellent opportunity. All guests & family members are welcome to be a part of Baccalaureate on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 7pm, North Central Auditorium.



## College Boot Camp June 3, 4 & 5 12:30 - 5:30 pm Cost: \$100

Students who will be seniors in the fall of 2015 are eligible to register for this 15-hour workshop. Learn how to maximize the college search process, research college resources online, define personal criteria for a good college fit and create a resume for admission and scholarship applications. English teachers will work with students on developing their college admission essays and the dean of a selective college will coach students on what competitive schools are looking for from their applicants. **Applications for the workshop will be available in the Guidance Office beginning Friday, April 10.** Space is limited to the first 30 who return their completed applications with the fee.

Dates subject to change  
due to make-up days.



## National Merit Finalists, Achievement Finalists & National Hispanic Recognition Student Award

Congratulations to North Central's 2015 National Merit and National Achievement Finalists:

### Merit Finalists

Adrienne S. Beck  
Matt J. Brumer  
Thomas A. Cote  
Aaron L. Lasbury  
Jeremy M. Pomerantz  
Stefan G. Stoykov  
Noa Tann  
Julia E. Weiner

### Achievement Finalist

Ciara D. Smith

### National Hispanic Recognition Program Student Award

Emil C. Risk



## Proper Attire to be Worn with Cap/Gown at Graduation

**Ladies:** Black shoes, natural hose, and a dress  
**Men:** Black shoes, black socks, white shirt, tie and dark trousers

**No athletic shoes will be allowed**

## SUMMER SCHOOL 2015 REGISTRATION: April 6 - 17

Out-of-District Registration: June 1  
9am - Noon

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

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 starts daily at 7:30 am and dismisses at 12:30 pm.

## Senior Commencement Tickets

Each graduating senior will receive 8 tickets to Commencement in their graduation packet the day they pick up their cap and gown, **May 26**. No extra tickets will be issued.

## Seniors & Senior Parents Take Note:

As your final days at North Central draw closer, here are some important dates and information to keep in mind:

**April 28:** Senior surveys in Homeroom reporting on your college application decisions and scholarship offers.

**May 15: All arrears must be cleared to receive your cap and gown (Please no checks, only cash, debit or credit card, or money orders will be accepted.)**

**May 26: 1:30 - 3:30 pm**, Caps, gowns, commencement seating instructions and commencement ticket distribution in Student Center

**May 26: 7 pm, BACCALAUREATE**, North Central AUDITORIUM

**May 27: 8:00 am, Commencement practice, ATTENDANCE REQUIRED**, at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum

**May 27: 7 pm, COMMENCEMENT, INDIANA FARMERS COLISEUM**

**May 29: 10:30 am, Parent Luncheon**, Ritz Charles

**May 29: 7-11 pm, Grad Dance**, Ritz Charles

**May 30: 12 -3 am, "Blast-Off"**, North Central main gym following the Grad Dance

## Spring College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines for Juniors:

Test	Test Date*	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	May 2	April 6	April 17
SAT	June 6	May 8	May 22
ACT	June 13	May 8	May 22



\*Testing is available on the Sundays after these national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy for those unable to test on Saturdays for religious reasons.



## OTHER NOTABLE NEWS . . .

**MSD of Washington Township  
Transportation Department**

**Now Hiring  
Bus Drivers**

Would you like to:  
Earn terrific money?  
Work with children?  
Have holidays and summers off?

Benefits are available.

We will:  
Train you to drive!

If you are interested or have questions, please contact our Transportation Department at 254-5510.

Applications may be completed online at [www.msdt.k12.in.us](http://www.msdt.k12.in.us)

**UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS**

May 1 or 2 - Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble & Symphony Orchestra at Pike Performing Arts Center. Date & Time TBD.

April 30, May 1 and 2 - NC Theatre presents *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*

May 13 - Spring Choir Concert

May 14 - King's Court Side by Side Concert - NC Auditorium

May 15 - Jazz Café (guest artist Sandy Williams) - South Gym

May 16 - An Evening With The Counterpoints - NC Auditorium

May 18 - Spring Band and Orchestra Concert

**Look for more details in the May NC Message**



**NC Bands and Orchestras** are currently working hard on their ISSMA Contest repertoire for 2015. Performance dates are Fri., April 17 for Concert Winds, Symphonic Band, Concert Orchestra, and Philharmonic Orchestra in the Performing Arts Classroom.

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

1. Sign into Skyward
2. Select Fee Management
3. Find student - select senior if you have more than one student, choose option "Make a payment". This will take you to eFunds website
4. Sign into eFunds. May have to create new username if you didn't use this at registration.
5. Under Payment Options choose "Make a Payment"
6. Select your senior student
7. Choose donation level and click on add.
8. Follow the rest of the prompts on eFunds.

OR make checks payable to NCHS Blast Off and mail to *Blast Off* treasurer:  
Kathy Null  
8006 Heyward Dr.  
Indianapolis, IN 4625

**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 [sfarrell@comcast.net](mailto:sfarrell@comcast.net) or (317) 446-5507  
Amy Johnson [amypauljohnson@comcast.net](mailto:amypauljohnson@comcast.net) or (317) 908-8097

**Performing Arts Department Shines**


Congratulations to the following Choirs that competed at the **Mooreville Spotlighter Invitational**

**Counterpoints** Grand Champions, Best Vocals, Best Visuals, Best Band, Outstanding Performer: Allie Wineland

**Descants** Grand Champions, Best Vocals, Best Visuals, Best Band, Outstanding Performer: Elyse Collins, Hope Fenning, Solo Competition Grand Champion and Joey LaPlant Solo Competition 2nd Runner Up



NC Theatre Presents Shakespeare's  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
*A 90-Minute high-flying romp through a forest of light.*  
April 30, May 1 & 2 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium  
Tickets available at [NorthCentralTheatre.org](http://NorthCentralTheatre.org).





**Student Athletes**

Student athletes who plan on participating at the Division I or II level in college must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Athletes are encouraged to register at the end of their Sophomore year.

Go to [NCAAeligibilitycenter.org](http://NCAAeligibilitycenter.org) to get started.

**IHSAA Physical Night /Heart Scan**



Provided by  
Methodist Sports Medicine, The Orthopedic Specialists  
**2015-16 School Year**  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015  
Heart Scan - 5 - 8 pm, Physicals - 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Enter through door 28  
Cost is \$20.00 for Physical in addition to \$25 for Heart Scan

Student athletes must have a completed participation packet in order to take part in summer conditioning or summer programs regardless of sport.

The entire Participation Packet, including the IHSAA physical form, will be available online at [www.nchsathletics.com](http://www.nchsathletics.com) after April 1, 2015.

Please contact the Athletic Department with any questions at 259-5359.

**JUNIOR PROM**  
**Saturday, April 18**  
**8 pm - 11 pm**  
**The Willows on Westfield**

**Location:** 6729 Westfield Blvd.  
**Tickets:** April 13 - April 17 at the Bookstore annex during all lunch periods  
**Cost:** \$35 per person  
**Required:** You must show student ID to purchase tickets

Picture package information can be found on the following link, [www.prestigeindiana.com/promflyer/](http://www.prestigeindiana.com/promflyer/)

Guest forms can be picked up at Mrs. Payne's Office, N706. Forms need to be returned in a timely matter for your guest to attend prom.

## Augmented Exam Schedule, S2, 2014-15

### Fourth Nine Weeks – 45 days      2nd Semester Examinations (Specific Grades Indicated)

<b>Tuesday, May 19</b> (Grade 12 Only)	Period 1      7:25-8:51 (Exam) Period 2      8:57-9:37 Period 3      9:43-10:23 Periods 4-10 Homeroom Schedule
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b> (Grade 12 Only)	Period 1      7:25-8:05 Period 2      8:11-9:37 (Exam) Period 3      9:43-10:23 Periods 4-10 Homeroom Schedule
<b>Thursday, May 21</b> (Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12)	Period 1      7:25-8:05 Period 2      8:11-8:51 Period 3      8:57-10:23 (Exam) Periods 4-10 Homeroom Schedule
<b>Friday, May 22</b> (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)	Period 4-6      (7:25-8:30 Study) (8:30-10:15 Exam) Period 10      (10:25-11:45 Study and Snack Pack) (11:45-1:30 Exam)
<b>Tuesday, May 26</b> (Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12)	Period 6-8      (7:25-8:30 Study) (8:30-10:15 Exam) Period 9      10:25-11:45 Study and Snack Pack (11:45-1:30 Exam)
<b>Wednesday, May 27</b> (Grades 9, 10, and 11 Only)	Period 1      (7:25-8:30 Study) (8:30-10:15 Exam) Period 2      (10:25-11:45 Study and Snack Pack) (11:45-1:30 Exam)
Teacher Records Day <b>Thursday, May 28</b>	

# CONGRATULATIONS COUNTERPOINTS AND DESCANTS ISSMA SHOW CHOIR STATE CHAMPS!!

