



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE May 2015

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From the PTO . . .

From the Principal . . .

NC Parents, Family Members, Students, Teachers, Staff and Administrators – YOU ROCK!

This is our last opportunity to publicly thank those who KEPT IT ROCKING with PTO this year. Let us start by mentioning all of the April and May event chairs:

A loud "YOU ROCK!" goes to **Shelley Blythe** and her committee, as they show our appreciation to the terrific NCHS administrative staff. For many years, Shelley has creatively thanked the staff with special themed goodies that we hope the staff enjoys. This is a small token of our gratitude to all of the ladies in the office who graciously help us whenever we ask. We could not have accomplished this job without them! YOU ROCK, NC STAFF!!

Another "YOU ROCK!" to the Student Recognition Night Reception Chair, **Cathy Alley** and her committee, who will host a very nice cap-off to a special evening.

Betsy Harvey absolutely ROCKS at coordinating volunteers/contributors as we help Mr. Branigan host a luncheon honoring teachers and staff on their final day of this longer than normal year. Betsy will be collecting donations for raffle prizes – contact us if you are interested in pitching in to thank our fantastic NCHS employees.

And then, there are our seniors and the many events we have to celebrate them:

Tremendous credit goes to **Bernice Stewart** and her committee, who will be selling tickets and organizing seating for the Senior Parent Luncheon; their time helps make this event special. And thanks to everyone working on Senior Blast-Off! Chairs **Shannon Farrell** and **Amy Johnson**, along with their sub-chairs, spend hours planning this rousing end to our seniors' journey. We are so grateful for all that the senior parents do to send our students off with style – ROCK ON, SENIOR PARENTS!

Thank you to **all of the volunteers** who helped on a committee, in an office/classroom/clinic, brought a dish to share at an event, or did whatever was asked of you. We have a wonderful and supportive PTO (remember, *everyone* is a member of PTO). We would not have such a great school without all of you! YOU ROCK!!

Finally, to our fabulous PTO Executive Board: **YOU ROCK Sarah Combs, Christine Brown, Kathy Null, Leigh Lazaron, Cathi Wine-land, Alfred Weems III, Beth Deane, Carrie Schuler, Betsy Harvey, Becky Ristow and Betsy Biederstedt**. Thank you for your time, your talent, your treasures and rocking it out this year!

KEEP ON ROCKING NORTH CENTRAL!
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Dear Parents:

As this is the last NC Message of the school year, I'd like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation of your decision to entrust your student to my faculty and staff. Making the decision as to which school best suits your child's educational needs is a difficult one. Thank you for choosing North Central. We value and appreciate your choice. It has been our privilege to educate, work with and grow with what I consider to be not only the pride of Washington Township, but also the best and brightest in the state of Indiana.

Before we turn in our books, empty out our lockers and make a dash for summer vacation, we mustn't forget we have unfinished business. In the month of May, students are afforded the opportunity to showcase what they have learned throughout this semester and throughout the year. Depending upon your student's courses, they will have an opportunity to apply the skills they have learned to the following examinations: ECA, AP, ACP, IB and/or semester exams. Regardless of grade level, every student should take these final opportunities seriously and strive to demonstrate the knowledge they have acquired this year. To assist students in refreshing their memories or honing their skills, teachers will continue to provide additional support time both before and after school. It would behoove students to communicate directly with their teachers to coordinate teacher availability beyond these established times.

Although the school year will soon be coming to an end, the opportunities to learn and to grow continue into summer. Those interested in taking a Summer School course should be sure to consult with their counselor regarding both online and at school opportunities. As we've expanded our online summer offerings, there's no excuse for not taking advantage of the opportunity to earn a credit or two in an effort to get a jumpstart on the 2015-2016 school year.

A school's value can be measured by the accomplishments of those who frequent its classrooms, participate in its offerings and support its mission. North Central High School is fortunate to have a student body that has high academic and personal expectations, demonstrates loyalty and exhibits compassion. From school celebrations to school tragedies, this year our students expressed their commitment to NC and concern for others both in and beyond the classroom. This has been a fantastic year, and I'm glad to have been able to play a small role in the continued success of North Central. As principal, I'm thankful to have been able to witness the academic and social maturation of so many future leaders. Finish strong NC and have a great summer.

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life." - Plato

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III
Principal

2015-2016 Registration: July 27, Noon - 7 p.m.

Online Pre-Registration: **July 20-23:** Visit www.nchs.cc. This ensures your items will be ready on the day of registration. Payments can be made **after** the deadline, July 23, but the items you purchased will not be ready until the first day of school, not Registration day.

Registration Day: **July 27:** Have ID pictures taken, pick up schedules and student planners, purchase gym clothes, parking permits and athletic sport passes. **You will receive a letter in mid-July outlining your options for the online pre-registration and registration process.**

First Day of School: **Monday, August 3, 2015**



May 2015



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<p>Look for the next <i>North Central Message</i>, August/September, on or around July 27 - Registration Day</p>		<p>May 1, 4, 5, 11 & 12 Flip Day: ECA Tests Period 10 then 9</p>			<p>1 National Candidates Reply Date (College Deposits Due) 7pm, Spring Play <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i></p>	<p>2 7:30 am, SAT Test, Upper H Hall 7pm, Spring Play <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i></p>
<p>3 12-3pm, Princeton Review, Scores back (Cafeteria) 4pm, Northernaires Show, Emmanuel CME Church</p>	<p>4 AP/IB Exams <i>Flip Day</i></p>	<p>5 AP/IB Exams <i>Flip Day</i></p>	<p>6 AP/IB Exams</p>	<p>7 AP/IB Exams</p>	<p>8 AP/IB Exams ISSMA State Finals</p>	<p>9 ISSMA State Finals</p>
<p>Tickets Sales: Senior Grad Dance (\$30) & Blast-off (\$20): May 4-11 During all lunch periods at the Bookstore Annex and Student Center</p>						
<p>10 <i>Mother's Day</i></p> 	<p>11 AP/IB Exams 7pm, Orchestra Awards Night (PAC) <i>Flip Day</i></p>	<p>12 AP/IB Exams 7pm, Wind Ensemble Awards Night (PAC) <i>Flip Day</i></p>	<p>13 AP/IB Exams 7pm, Spring Choral Concert, (Auditorium)</p>	<p>14 AP/IB Exams 4-5:30pm, Counterpoints Show #1, (Auditorium) 5pm, Publications Awards Night, (Cafeteria) 7pm, King's Court Singers Show, (Auditorium)</p>	<p>15 AP/IB Exams 6:30pm, Jazz Café, (South Gym) Last day for Seniors to pay arrears (cash, money order, credit or debit card)</p>	<p>16 7pm, Counterpoint's Show #2 (Auditorium) 11am - 1pm, Princeton Review Scores Back/Strategy Session (Away)</p>
<p>17 3pm, Theatre Awards, (PAC) 7pm, Counterpoints Awards Night, (PAC)</p>	<p>18 AP/IB Exams 7pm, Band & Orchestra Spring Concert, (Auditorium)</p>	<p>19 Second Semester Exams, Grade 12 P. 1 7pm, JEL Recognition Night, (PAC, Auditorium, Cafeteria)</p>	<p>20 Second Semester Exams, Grade 12 P. 2 Late AP Exams</p>	<p>21 Second Semester Exams, Grades 9,10,11,12, P. 3 Late AP Exams</p>	<p>22 Second Semester Exams, Grades 9,10,11,12 P. 4/5/6 & 10 Late AP Exams</p>	
<p>24</p> 	<p>25 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>No School</i></p> 	<p>26 Second Semester Exams, Grades 9, 10,11,12 P. 6/7/8 & 9 1:30-3:30pm, Senior Cap & Gown Distribution, (Lower Student Center) 7pm, Baccalaureate & Hall of Fame Induction, (Auditorium)</p>	<p>27 Second Semester Exams, Grades 9, 10,11, P. 1 & 2 End of Second Semester, Last day of school for students 8am, Required Commencement Practice for Seniors 7pm, Commencement, Indiana Farmer's Coliseum</p>	<p>28</p> <p>SAVE THE DATES! College Boot Camp June 3,4 & 5 12:30 - 5:30pm</p>	<p>29 10:30am, Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon, Ritz Charles in Carmel</p>	<p>30/31</p> 
<p>11:59pm-3am, Senior Blast-Off, North Central Main Gym (Doors open at 11:45 pm, following Grad Dance)</p>						

GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

Thursday April 15, NCHS hosted the personal project pilot exhibition. The event was a huge success. It was attended by parents, faculty, school board members and administration.

The process for the pilot that occurred this year began last summer when a group of teachers met to look over personal project handbooks from schools all over the world. We compiled a notebook of the pages we found useful from these handbooks and used them and the official IB Personal Project Guide as the basis for creating the personal project handbook that was used this year.

Since the beginning of September, committee work has involved a robust discussion about how to best implement the Personal Project here at NC during the 2016-2017 school year.

The personal project consists of three main components: process, product and report. Of all the components, the process is what is most important. Students keep a journal that allows them to track all aspects of the process required to complete their final product. The product is the final outcome of their process. The last step in the personal project is the creation of a report that is evaluated using the 4 personal project criteria established by IB: investigating, planning, taking action and reflecting. The report can be written, verbal, visual or any combination of the three.

Summer Challenge Art Program

The Annual Summer Challenge Art Program will be July 6 - 10, 2015. The program is open to all high school students entering grades 9-12. This program is a one-week (non-credited) class. The cost of the class is \$145.00, which includes art supplies. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room H188 at North Central. The class will consist of instruction in drawing, painting, printmaking, computer graphics and portfolio preparation.

Students will provide their own transportation and lunch. Brochures for this program will be available at North Central High School and all middle schools.

Please email Basil Smotherman, Art Department Chairman at North Central High School, if you have questions about the program at bsmotherman@msdwt.k12.in.us

College Boot Camp June 3, 4 & 5, 2015 12:30 - 5:30 pm Fee: \$100

North Central students who will be **seniors** in the fall of 2015 may apply for the summer College Boot Camp.

Workshop space is limited to the first thirty **paid** registrants.

Students receiving free/reduced lunch and/or textbook assistance should see Mrs. Bremen or Mrs. Stroke to obtain a scholarship application.

During the three-day Boot Camp, students will:

- Determine criteria for a college match
- Practice using Naviance
- Research colleges online
- Develop a first draft of a college application essay
- Create a college application resume
- Learn how to make the most of campus visits and interviews

Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

Juniors: Start Applying to Colleges this Summer!

Colleges usually have their online applications available over the summer for you to complete and submit. You may also begin the common application on August 1. Your guidance counselor will then need some North Central forms from you to complete your application. This is reviewed in detail in **The College Handbook**, pages 19-29. Counselors will begin accepting these forms on **Friday, August 21**.

The College Handbook

Juniors received this handbook at Junior Night or in home-room in March/April. **The College Handbook** fully outlines North Central's college search and application process. Keep it handy and refer to it throughout the process. It's an essential resource for juniors and seniors! See your counselor if you haven't received yours.

PantherQuest 2015 July 20, 21, 22 & 23 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

PantherQuest, led by a dynamic staff of North Central students and teachers, is a **one-day** orientation camp for incoming ninth graders.

This is your student's chance to ...

- get acquainted with North Central
- learn their way around
- meet new friends
- *have fun!*

Your student is registered for a specific day according to their last name. The fee for PantherQuest is included with your student's Book Rental and Lab Fees for the school year 2015-16. Students who will participate in fall sports or band camp should check dates to avoid conflicts. Information about PantherQuest is available at your middle school or North Central High School.

Don't miss this great opportunity to help your student get acquainted with North Central!

Questions regarding registration? Please call Cheryl Donovan at 259-5355 ext. 45320 or email her at cdonovan@msdwt.k12.in.us.

Send Final Transcripts Electronically

Seniors ~ Make sure your final high school transcript gets to the college of your choice by sending it electronically. If you are registered at www.parchment.com, just log in and request final transcript when available. If you are not registered, do so at www.parchment.com/join and list the school that will need your final transcript. It's easy, fast and free!

Spring College Entrance Exam Test Registration Dates & Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
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 students who cannot test on Saturdays due to religious reason.

Important Reminders for Seniors:

- ⇒ **May 4-11**, Blast-Off ticket sales, \$20 per student, during lunch periods, cash only. **Tickets will not be sold at the door!**
- ⇒ **May 4-11**, Grad Dance ticket sales, \$30 per student, during lunch periods, cash only. **Tickets will not be sold at the door!**
- ⇒ **May 26**, Cap and Gown Distribution, Auditorium; Baccalaureate, 7pm, Auditorium
- ⇒ **May 27**, Commencement, 7pm, Indiana Farmer's Coliseum.
- ⇒ **May 29**, Grad Dance, 7-11 pm at the Ritz Charles, Carmel.
- ⇒ **May 29**, Blast-Off '15 11:59 pm, Friday night to 3 am, **Saturday, May 30** at North Central's main gym (following the Grad Dance). **Doors open at 11:45 p.m., no admission after 12:30 am, ID and ticket are required. Breathalyzers will be administered at door #28.**

Blast-Off 2015

By now, graduating seniors and their parents/guardians have received information about **Blast-Off 2015**, a supervised party of carnival games, great prizes, food and music.

Parents: To make Blast-Off a success, we need donations. Please send your tax deductible donation online through eFundsSkyward site or by check payable to: **NC Blast Off**, c/o Kathy Null, 8006 Heyward Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46250. **Volunteer sign-up:** Leigh Lazon: lazon@comcast.net or 513-9798.

Blast-Off 2015 Co-Chairs & Contact Information: Shannon Farrell, sfarrell@comcast.net or 446-5507 & Amy Johnson, amypauljohnson@comcast.net or 908-8097. Thank you for your support!

NOTABLE NEWS . . .

Indiana State Department of Health Minimum Requirements for School Entry for 2015-2016

For Grades 6-12:
5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT) (4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the 3rd dose) 6 month Interval between dose 2 and dose 3.
4 doses of any combination of IPV or OPV by age 4-6 (3 doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the 3rd dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday).
3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3rd dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age).
2 doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine on or after the first birthday.
2 doses of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday.
1 dose of rubella (German measles) vaccine on or after the first birthday.
2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the first birthday separated by age-appropriate interval or written history of disease. Parental history of chickenpox disease is acceptable proof of immunity. A signed written statement from the parent/guardian indicating month and year of disease is sufficient.
1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after 10 years of age.
1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) for grades 9 - 11 students, 2 doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) for grade 12 students.

Shot Locations

Call a location for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Northeast District
6042 E 21 St, 221-7300

Meadows Clinic
3901 Meadows Dr, 221-2379

Vivian Pecar Center
6940 N Michigan Road, Suite 130, 221-7500

Bring a copy of a current shot record and Medicaid or Insurance Card.

NC Health Center Reminder

Students who have medications in the Health Center should pick them up **before** the last day of school, May 27, 2015.

Students can stop by the Health Center at the end of the school day to pick up medications.

Medications not picked up by the end of the day on May 27, 2015, will be discarded. Medications are not kept in the Health Center during the summer.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Performing Arts Events

The **King's Court Singers** will present a free program in **North Central's Auditorium on May 14, at 7 pm.** The King's Court Side-by-Side Concert will include students from Washington Township's middle school choirs, elementary students and North Central's Handbell Ensemble. The concert will include a variety of music including Madrigal, Musical Theater, Vocal Jazz, and Classical. Members from the King's Court Singers will be featured as soloists. The program will last approximately one hour and is geared for families. A reception following the concert will be held in the Cafeteria to honor our seniors and new members. Please join the King's Court Singers for this free evening of entertainment.

The **Accents, Descants, and Varsity Singers** will perform on **May 13 at 7:00 pm** in the **North Central auditorium.** All choirs will present their award winning competition music and seniors will be recognized. Please join us as these talented singers present their spring concert.

Members of the **Ambassadors, Allegros, and Rondos** will present their programs during the school day on **May 15.** Show times are:

- Ambassadors: Period 1, 7:25 a.m.**
- Allegros: Period 2, 8:20 a.m.**
- Rondos: Period 3, 9:30 a.m.**

Friday, May 15, in the south gym - **Jazz Café.** Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students. Jazz Combo starts at 6:30 pm. Featured performers include guitar soloist, Sandy Williams with the NC Jazz Ensemble, the NC Jazz Lab Band and the Middle School All-Star Jazz Band. For advance tickets, contact 259-5355, ext. 45383.



Monday, May 18, please join the Concert Winds, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Concert Orchestra, and Philharmonic for the **Spring Concert** at 7:00 p.m. in NCHS Auditorium.



Come see The Counterpoints!

2015 Mixed Show Choir State Champions

An Evening with the Counterpoints
Saturday, May 16 2015 at 7:00pm
NC Auditorium

Get your tickets today!!

Tickets can be purchased online at www.nchschoirs.com

Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

- Lori Allene Wilson (1992)**
- Abdul-Rahman (Peter) Kassig (2006)**
- Charles William Brown (1967)**

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
NORTH CENTRAL AUDITORIUM, 7pm
MAY 26, 2015

PTO Executive Board Slate for 2015-2016

The North Central High School PTO Board is pleased to announce the following slate of officers:

- President – Outgoing: Christie Call
- President – Incoming: Betsy Biederstedt
- Second Vice President: Alfred Weems III
- Past President: Stacy Lozer
- Treasurer: Mindi Kincaide
- Treasurer Elect: Open
- Recording Secretary: Becky Ristow
- Corresponding Secretary: Betsy Harvey
- At Large – Registration: Carrie Schuler
- At Large – Registration: Heather Urschel
- At Large – Open House: Amy Johnson
- At Large – Open House: Marta Carter

At-Large Volunteer Coordinator

Kathy Null



Friday, May 15, 2015
7:00 p.m. - NCHS South Gym

Parent Volunteers Needed

The North Central Bookstore needs assistance with its annual textbook inventory. Inventory of textbooks will be held on **Thursday, May 28, Friday, May 29, Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2.** Many volunteers are needed so textbooks can be ready for summer school distribution on Wednesday, June 3.

If you are unable to help before summer school, many more volunteers will be needed beginning Wednesday, June 3, to complete the textbook inventory by Friday, June 19, in the Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and World Language Departments. We usually have the whole month of June to complete the inventory, but the Student Information systems changed last year, therefore, the inventory needs to be completed early.

Please contact Hope Power at hoperenoodle@sbcglobal.net or Jan Ottolini at jottolini@msdwt.k12.in.us to volunteer. Your help and support will be most appreciated!

Summer School Information

Session One: June 3- 23 - 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
Session Two: June 24 - July 15 - 7:30 am- 12:30 pm (no summer school on July 3)

Out-of-District: Wednesday June 1, 2015
First come, first served. There is an out-of-district fee of \$350 per session, plus course fee. Students must present a letter from sending school (at time of registration) stating what class s/he needs to take.

BUS SERVICE: Please note: **bus service is not door-to-door.** Students are picked up and dropped off at a MSDWT middle and/or elementary school. Please ask for a copy of the bus schedule in the Guidance Department, Summer School Office (once summer school has started), or download the schedule from our website, www.nchs.cc (click on the Summer School icon).

MSD of Washington Township 2015-2016 School Calendar can be found on the district website:
<http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us>
More detailed and up-to-date calendar information of **North Central** can be found on the school website: <http://www.nchs.cc>