



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MESSAGE

August/September 2015

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Dear North Central Families:

Welcome to a great year at North Central High School! In fact, let us officially welcome you to the North Central PTO because, as a parent of a student of North Central High School, you are now a member.

And now, the good news...PTO at North Central does not host fundraisers throughout the year. That means NO wrapping paper, cookie dough, trinkets or trash bag sales from us!

Again this year, our North Central Parent/Student Directory, known as the Panther Particulars, will be online for free! The online directory will be ready in early fall and we will tell you how to access it at that time.

Please remember to complete your Count on Me volunteer form and return it by mail or drop it off at the NCHS front desk.

Our theme this year is...We ALL Rock! We would like to send a big "THANK YOU" to all of the parents who helped with PantherQuest and Student Planner Assembly and the Staff/Teacher Back-to-School Breakfast....you truly ROCK!

We look forward to a great year. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or would like more information about PTO!

Christie Call & Betsy Biederstedt
PTO Presidents
"We All Rock!"

Christie: ccall60@hotmail.com or (317) 371-2988
Betsy: rbbieder@sbcglobal.net or (317) 566-9665

Dear North Central Families:

Summer has come to an end and the new school year has begun. Before we say a fond farewell to the lazy days of summer, let me offer my sincere hope that you and yours have had a relaxing and rejuvenating break.

To returning families, welcome back; to new families joining our community, I congratulate you on making a difficult, but most important educational decision.

Have you given thought to what the NCHS brand is? Perhaps you have noticed around our township the many proudly displayed red NCHS logos and Panther heads.

Along with my faculty and staff, I will encourage and challenge the student body to proudly represent their family, school and community as proud Panthers when they are representing their brand...North Central High School.

Evans Branigan III (handwritten signature)

Yours in education,
Evans Branigan III

Daily Schedule of Classes

Table with 4 columns: Period, Time, Period, Time. Rows 1-5 showing class periods and times.



August 17, 2015
7:00 pm
North Central High School

# August & September 2015

SAT/SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
 Performing Arts Department Trash Bag Sale Aug. 3 - 21	<b>3</b> 7:25am-2:40pm, <b>First Student Day: Students report to homeroom upon arrival to receive 1st semester schedule</b>	<b>4</b> Student ID & Pictures, Upper Atrium August 3 & 4 - 7 am - 3 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6pm, Fall Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting (Auditorium)	<b>7</b>
<b>8/9</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>8am, Fall Sports Pictures (Auditorium)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7 - 8pm, BPO Meeting (E168)	<b>14</b> Final day to drop/add a class without grade penalty by 3 pm
<b>15/16</b>	<b>17</b> 7pm, Back-to-School Night	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> College Application Materials Accepted (Guidance Office)
<b>22/23</b>	<b>24</b> 7pm, OPO Meeting, (E165)	<b>25</b> 7 - 8pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 4-6 pm, Student Council Tailgate Party (Practice Field) 

<b>Aug. 29/30</b> <b>Saturday</b> 9am -1:00pm, Free Princeton Review PSAT Practice Test (Cafeteria)	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> End of 1st Interim Report Period 7pm, Fall Play (PAC)
<b>5/6</b> <b>Saturday</b> 2:30pm, Fall Play (PAC) 7pm, Fall Play (PAC)	<b>September 7</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>No School</b> 	<b>8</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b> 7pm, Princeton Review Scores Back, Strategy Session, (L249) 	<b>9</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b> 3:00-5:30pm, ZAPS PSAT/SAT Seminar, Part 1 (L249)	<b>10</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b> 3:00-5:30 PM, ZAPS PSAT/ SAT Seminar, Part 2, (L249)	<b>11</b> <b>Homecoming Spirit Week</b> 1st Appraisal Reports Distributed, Period 3 4-7pm, Alumni Association Tailgate Party (Football Practice Field Stadium)
<b>12/13</b> <b>Saturday</b> 7:30am, ACT Test (Upper H Hall) Saturday Homecoming Dance (TBA) <b>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> 7pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241) September 15 is the last day to purchase AP/ACP	<b>16</b> September 16 & 17 During Lunch Periods and After school until 7pm <b>HERFF JONES</b> <b>Sophomore Class Ring Orders</b>	<b>17</b> 6-8pm National College Fair, (Convention Center)	<b>18</b> 6pm, NC Football vs Center Grove ( <b>Lucas Oil Stadium</b> ) 
<b>19/20</b> <b>Saturday</b> 9am-1pm, Free Princeton Review Practice ACT	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Yom Kippur Begins at sundown</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Yom Kippur</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7am, Picture Re-Take Day (Upper Atrium) 2:50pm, Trash Bag Pick-up, (PAC)
<b>26/27</b> 9am, ZAPS Workshop, ACT Prep Seminar (L249)	<b>28</b> 7pm, Fall Orchestra Concert (Auditorium)	<b>29</b> <b>Nine Week Testing</b> 7pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241) 7pm, Princeton Scores Back, Strategy Session (L249)	<b>30</b> <b>Nine Week Testing</b>	More detailed and up-to-date calendar information can be found on our school website: <a href="http://www.nchs.cc">http://www.nchs.cc</a> <b>MSD of Washington Township 2015-16 School Calendar</b> can be found on the district website: <a href="http://www.msdt.k12.in.us">http://www.msdt.k12.in.us</a> .	

# GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

## Class Schedules

All students will receive copies of their semester one schedules during homeroom on **Monday, August 3**. No changes in class schedules were allowed during the days prior to the opening of school.

Requests for teacher changes, early dismissal, or elective changes were not honored. Only one study hall, student helper, or early dismissal period is allowed per semester.

## Guidance Quick Reference

To access the online Guidance Department Directory, go to [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc), scroll over "Families" and click *Guidance Department*. You will find each counselor and their coordinating alpha list of students by last name.

Guidance Receptionist: (317) 259-5346

Guidance Fax: (317) 259-5323

## College Counseling Programs/Events

- **8/29** - Princeton Review Practice PSAT (Revised), Sat., 9 AM - 1 PM
- **9/8** - Princeton Review "Scores Back & Strategy Night" Tues., 7 PM
- **9/9 & 9/10** - ZAPS/PSAT/SAT Prep Seminar in two parts (\$79.99), Wed. and Thurs., 3-5:30 PM both days
- **9/17** - National College Fair @ Convention Center, 9AM - 12 PM and 6 - 8 PM
- **9/19** - Princeton Review Practice ACT, Sat., Thurs. 9 AM - 1 PM
- **9/26** - ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar (\$79.99), 9 AM - 3 PM

## SENIORS

### College Application Processing

Yes, it's time to get your college applications started!

- ◆ Did you know you can submit online applications *now*? Even if you haven't taken the SAT or ACT yet.
- ◆ Your counselor will begin accepting your NC college application forms for processing on **Friday, August 21**.
- ◆ Review your North Central **College Handbook** for answers to your college application questions. If you didn't get your copy at Junior Night last March or in homeroom shortly afterward, see your counselor in Guidance.
- ◆ Stop by the Guidance Department often for college and scholarship information, to do online research, and to see the list of visiting colleges.



## NEW STUDY SKILLS PROGRAM For 9th and 10th Graders

Doorway to College Foundation, the group that offers the ZAPS SAT & ACT workshops, now offers a program that will help students transition from middle school to high school. **Study Smart!** provides powerful techniques to make studying effective, efficient and fun." This guide to high school success through efficient study skills will help students with such skills as getting organized, taking effective notes, managing time and dealing with school anxiety.

**Wednesday, September 16, 3:00 - 5:30 PM, L249, \$49**  
Register at [www.doorwaytocollege.org](http://www.doorwaytocollege.org)

## ALL GRADE LEVELS: Concerned About College Costs?

NC families are eligible to receive FREE personalized advice on how to make college affordable through the **National Center for College Costs (NCCC)**.

- ◆ Talk to NCCC at **Back-To-School Night** on **Monday, August 17**
- ◆ File the College Cost Estimator at [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com)
- ◆ Attend the follow-up workshop on **Thursday, December 3**
- ◆ Receive an individualized report explaining the awarding of all types of aid as it relates to your personal financial profile.

## ALL GRADE LEVELS: Register with NAVIANCE

Naviance is an internet-based college search and management system. Freshmen and sophomores can use it to begin career exploration and thinking about college. Juniors and seniors can go in depth with college research, and career and scholarship searches. All students will have live links to college, scholarship and test prep search sites.

Sign up in a few easy steps:

- ◆ **Supply Guidance with a current e-mail address** for both the student and the parents/guardians
- ◆ **Get your registration codes from Guidance**
- ◆ **Log in** at [www.connection.naviance.com/northcentral](http://www.connection.naviance.com/northcentral)
- ◆ Bookmark the page!
- ◆ **Register as a new user** in the upper right corner.
- ◆ **Explore the site!** Juniors and seniors will use the site to sign up to see college reps in the fall.

Test dates	Registration Dates	Late Registration Dates (online)
<b>SAT</b>		
October 3, 2015	September 2	September 18
November 7, 2015	October 1	October 23
<b>ACT</b>		
September 12, 2015	August 7	August 21
October 24, 2015	September 18	October 2

Testing is available on Sundays at the Hasten Hebrew Academy for those who cannot test on Saturday for religious reasons. Seating is limited at all testing locations and is first come, first served.

**From Mrs. Sisson, MYP Coordinator.....**

This summer I attended the IB Conference of the Americas in Chicago, Illinois. I left the conference recognizing how fortunate we are at NCHS that our district has adopted IB in grades K-12. Not just concerned with educating students academically, IB educators also take quite seriously the social and emotional well-being of their students. This concern is reflected in the Learner Profile attributes and in the skills that IB has identified as essential to any unit taught regardless of the discipline; these are the Approaches to Learning skills. One of the keynote speakers at the conference noted research has shown that students' social and emotional development is perhaps more determinative of long-term success than is academic excellence. NCHS's focus this year on providing staff with professional development on the personal project and inquiry strategies for teaching reflects our school's commitment to ensuring that students excel both in the classroom and in the world beyond the classroom as they begin to explore their own interests when all of next year's tenth graders participate in the personal project.

# NORTH CENTRAL HOMECOMING PRE-GAME PARTY



September 11  
4:30-7:00  
Brick Foundation Plaza  
(Just north of the North Central Stadium)

**Performing Arts Annual Fundraiser**

To purchase trash bags, contact any Performing Arts student or Rick Granlund, Performing Arts Department Chairman @ 259-5301 ext. 45383 or [rgranlund@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:rgranlund@msdwt.k12.in.us)

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
**August 3** - Sales Begin (Take Orders)  
**August 21** - Order Forms are Due  
**September 25** - Product Pick-Up  
**PAYMENT DUE ON DELIVERY**

For those that would like to order but do not have students directly involved in Performing Arts, please order by visiting <http://msdwtmusic.info/>.

Lastly, throughout the years some of our patrons have preferred to give a donation in lieu of purchasing a product. This is certainly acceptable. Checks should be made payable to: North Central High School, and mailed to NCHS Performing Arts, ATTN: Rick Granlund, 1801 East 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240

*"The mission of Washington Township Schools is to develop life-long learners and globally minded citizens by fostering the academic, creative, and social skills needed to achieve excellence in a multi-cultural environment."*

**Parents: Three Important Opt-outs**

- 1) Internet usage forms signed by parents are no longer required. Use of the internet will be allowed for all students unless parents state in writing to the principal that they DO NOT wish their student to have internet access.
- 2) Seniors' names and social security numbers will be included in a report to the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana in April 2016 verifying that they have earned a Core 40 and/or Indiana Academic Honors diploma, allowing them to receive state financial aid for college. Parents who DO NOT want their senior's name or social security number released to SSACI for financial aid eligibility must put that request in writing to the student's counselor.
- 3) A provision in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires schools to provide the military with student names and contact information. If you do not want your child's name released, please contact North Central High School's Registrar, Jane White, 259-5355 ext. 45336 or [jewhite@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jewhite@msdwt.k12.in.us).

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*Rain location is the North Central South Gym*

**Yearbook**

After registration, yearbooks may be ordered online at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com). Buy early, the price increases as the year goes on! Also, check out [www.ncstudentmedia.net](http://www.ncstudentmedia.net) for Grad Ad information and more regarding the 2016 yearbook.

**Senior Grad Ad Information**

Attention senior parents! Would you like to purchase an ad for your graduating senior? This is the time to do so. To place an order, go online, click Registration 2015-16, follow link, go to #4 Download forms and select Grad Ad Contract. Print and fill out order form, then return it to North Central by mail, or drop it off at the front desk with your payment. Please note: There are deadlines to submit the order form with picture(s).

**Getting messages to students**

Messages **are not** delivered to students unless it is considered an emergency. If an emergency exists, the assistant principal for the student's grade level will see that the message is delivered.

**Delivering items to students**

If your student needs you to bring them a forgotten item, lunch money, textbook, etc., the **student** will be expected to **check** the reception desk for the item during a passing period or during their lunch time. A note **WILL NOT** be delivered to the student to let them know the item has arrived.

**Please discuss this policy with your student to be sure they understand.**