



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MESSAGE

October 2015

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From the PTO . . .

The year is off to a great start thanks to many, many generous volunteers—and most of it happened even before the first day of school!

The school put on another successful PantherQuest with a record number of incoming students attending as well as record numbers of parents who came to our ParentQuest. A heartfelt “YOU ROCK!” to the parents who helped with check-in & snack set up each day. And, of course, to Mr. Vermillion, Ms. Rogers and all of the Student Leaders—PantherQuest KEEPS ON ROCKING!

Thank you to all of the many enthusiastic volunteers that gave their time to help with Registration this year. We cannot thank Carrie Schuler and Heather Urschel enough for their awesome and tireless organization of the day. Also, a big thank you goes out to our group of volunteers who set a speed record organizing and labeling almost 3,500 student planners that were distributed to all North Central students. That ROCKS!

The dynamic team of Leigh Purcell and Karen Hamilton came back again this year to chair our Back-to-School Faculty and Staff Breakfast. The breakfast was fabulous thanks to Leigh and Karen and the many wonderful volunteers who donated fresh-baked food items and set up the buffet very early in the morning! We had rock-themed raffle prizes to show our appreciation for our teachers and staff because...THEY ALL ROCK!

Betsy Harvey and her committee were organized and efficient in making sure ID photos were taken of every teacher and student during the first few days of school.

We would also like to thank Kathy Null, our Volunteer Coordinator, for entering all of the information from your Count-on-Me forms and Mindi Kincaide, our PTO Treasurer, for collecting and recording all of your generous donations to the PTO. We have over 300 parents who have signed up to help the PTO throughout the year... are you on the list? If not...it is not too late! Simply fill out the online **Count on Me** form <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849afa72faa8-count> and we will look forward to seeing you at NC!

On Friday, October 16 at 7:30 am, all parents are invited to “Bagels with Branigan”. Start your day at North Central with a cup of coffee and an informal chat with our Principal, Mr. Evans Branigan. This is a great opportunity to ask questions or just listen to the latest NCHS happenings.

Thanks for all you do to support North Central! YOU ALL ROCK!

Christie Call and Betsy Biederstedt, PTO Presidents
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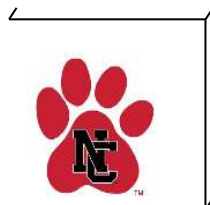
From the Principal . . .

The IB Learner Profile for the month of October is Balanced. Balanced individuals understand the importance of intellectual, physical, and emotional balance to achieve well-being for themselves and others.

School is well on its way and students and faculty alike are well into the swing of things... or so they think. As we settle into the third month of school, let’s do an academic readiness/performance check to ensure that we are doing all we can to be successful. When thinking of your student, is s/he getting enough sleep at night or are they burning the midnight oil texting, talking, studying, watching TV, and playing video games all at the same time? Have productive study habits been set and maintained? Has your student taken advantage of after school review sessions, or the After School Learning Center? Have you as a parent had contact with your student’s teachers? Talking with or emailing a teacher is not taboo. These brief interactions help you stay connected with the learning that is taking place every day. Have you set up your parent Skyward account and monitored your student’s academic progress? By staying on top of your student’s academic performance, you can implement a timely intervention if you notice an academic deficiency. Although your student is a young adult, they still need your guidance and wisdom in traversing the obstacles in their way of academic success. Last but not least on our check list, have you told your son or daughter how much you care and appreciate them? Your daily appreciation makes going to and performing in school that much easier.

This year we’ve been afforded 4 early release days to support teachers in preparing for MYP Personal Project training. Looking ahead, our three remaining early release days are **November 4th, February 1 and March 16th**. Dismissal will take place at 1:30 with buses departing at 1:40. The after school Learning Center and Information Center will be closed on early release days.

If you were unable to attend any of the community forums thus far, your voice is still very important. For your convenience, everything that you need in order to have a voice has been compiled at one link. Here you will find all of the remaining dates for presentations in the community, as well as another link that will take you to a ten minute video presentation and online survey. The video presentation is an overview of the presentation that is being given out in the community. Thank you so much for your time and for your thoughtful feedback. All voices are important, and we look forward to hearing yours. Have a Voice link: <http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us/2015/08/have-a-voice/>
Let’s have a great October North Central.



**NORTH CENTRAL
OPEN HOUSE**

*Sunday, November 1
2 - 5 pm*

NOTABLE NEWS ITEMS . . .

FIRST 9 WEEK GRADES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Your student(s) should bring home grades for the first nine week grading period on **Friday, October 16**.

SKYWARD

Parents, can't wait until October 16 for grades? Access your student's grades, assignments, and tests by setting up a Skyward account. To do so, email lwilson@msdwt.k12.in.us for an activation code. Allow 48 to 72 hours for verification, then go to <https://skyward.msdwt.k12.in.us>.

****Must be parent or legal guardian of the student to be allowed access to this service.***

BILLING CONCERNS

All checks returned NSF will be electronically debited for the face value of the check plus a returned processing fee as allowed by law

Performing Arts announces upcoming events....

October 15th, NC Band Parent Organization (BPO) Meeting. The meeting will be at 7 pm in room E168.

October 17th, Marching Panthers Performance Butler University vs. Davidson

October 19th, North Central Fall Jazz Concert - 7pm in the Performance Classroom. The Jazz Lab Band and Jazz Ensemble will be featured at this concert, along with guest trombone soloist Blake Schlabach. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$3 for adults and students, \$1 for children 12 and under.

October 26th, Fall Choir Concert, the Accents and the Rondos will present a program at 7pm in the Performing Arts Classroom. This is a free concert.

October 27th, Fall Choir Concert, the Varsity Singers and Descants will perform at 7 pm in the Performing Arts Classroom. This is a free concert.



Senior Grad Ad and Yearbook Deadlines

Parents! Don't forget to order a Grad Ad for your senior student by Monday, October 12, 2015

Order a yearbook before the winter deadline of Dec. 31st.
ncstudentmedia.net/yearbooks

Shape the future of WT Schools!

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Skyward – Did You Know?

"Missing Assignments" may not be missing after all. Skyward auto-marks assignments "missing" once the due date lapses. This in many cases means that the teacher has simply not yet entered a grade for the assignment and does not mean your student did not turn it in. Please look to see if the grade is marked "NHI" (Not Handed In) for truly missing assignments. Assignments marked missing by the Skyward system do not affect your student's grade.





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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOUND @ WWW.MSDWT.K12.IN.US



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <i>Nine Week Tests</i> 6-9 pm HBCU College Fair	2 <i>Nine Week Tests</i> <i>End of 1st Nine Week Period</i> Hearing Screening During English Classes 9:00 pm Senior Bonfire	3 8am, King's Court - Fishers Renaissance Faire SAT
4	5	<i>Fall Break: No School</i>				10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14 PSAT Gr. 9,10 & 11,	15	16 1st Nine Week Grades Distributed - Period 3 7:30am, PTO Bagels with Branigan, (H193)	17
18	19 7 - 8:30pm, Fall Jazz Band Concert (PAC)	20 Homeroom - Grade 12, receive order info for cap/gown/announcements	21	22	23	24 7:30am, ACT Test, Upper H Hall
25 1:30pm, King's Court Performance (Hooverwood)	26 7pm, Fall Choir Rondos/Accents (PAC)	27 7pm, Fall Choir Concert, Descants/Varsity Singers (PAC)	28	29	30	31 Halloween

COLUMBIAN

Saint Louis University	Friday, October 2, 2015	11:21 AM	TUFTS, VASSAR & VANDER-BILT Info Session	Monday, October 19, 2015	7:00 PM
Otterbein University	Friday, October 2, 2015	12:23 PM	Macalester University	Thursday, October 20, 2015	9:07 AM
PORTFOLIO DAY @ Cleveland Inst. Of Art	Sunday, October 4, 2015	1:00 PM	Franklin College	Thursday, October 20, 2015	1:04 PM
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA Info Session	Wednesday, October 7, 2015	7:00 PM	Indiana University at Bloomington (Visit #2)	Wednesday, October 21, 2015	12:54 PM
Anderson University	Monday, October 12, 2015	9:17 AM	Kenyon College	Wednesday, October 21, 2015	1:50 PM
Bellarmino University	Monday, October 12, 2015	1:50 PM	Northwestern University	Thursday, October 22, 2015	8:21 AM
University of Chicago	Tuesday, October 13, 2015	7:25 AM	HARVARD, PRINCETON, UVA & YALE Info Session	Thursday, October 22, 2015	7:00 PM
Saint Joseph's College	Tuesday, October 13, 2015	1:04 PM	Bowdoin College	Monday, October 26, 2015	9:17 AM
University of Cincinnati	Thursday, October 15, 2015	10:19 AM	Earlham College	Wednesday, October 28, 2015	12:54 PM
Purdue University	Thursday, October 15, 2015	12:54 PM	Indiana Tech	Thursday, October 29, 2015	8:21 AM
Georgetown University	Friday, October 16, 2015	1:50 PM	Ancilla College	Thursday, October 29, 2015	1:50 PM
Columbia College	Saturday, October 17	1:00 PM	University of Indianapolis	Monday, November 02, 2015	9:17 AM

GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .



Preparing North Central Students

On **October 14**, North Central embarks on another adventure in test preparation and college entrance testing. All grade levels will be involved:

Grade 9 students will take the PSAT 8/9 to establish an academic baseline for college and career readiness

Grade 10 students will take the Preliminary SAT (or PSAT) as practice for the SAT, the college entrance test based on problem-solving skills in evidence based reading, writing and math.

Grade 11 students will take the PSAT as their qualifying exam for scholarship awards from the National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Hispanic Recognition Program, and the National Achievement Program (African American).

The activity planned for Grade 12 students will be addressed in a letter mailed to senior parents.

The CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE form is required by many private colleges and out-of-state universities for financial aid consideration. Students and parents can find this form at: www.collegeboard.org

ACT Scores Top National Norms — Again!

One of Washington Township's most exciting stories is our extraordinary record of achievement, year after year after year.

In the most recent round of SAT and ACT tests taken by many juniors and some sophomores, North Central High School once again scored well above the state and national averages for 2015.

Here's another example of our students surpassing state averages, and we can all be proud of their hard work.

ACT Scores 376 Students	Average Composite	Mathematics	English	Science	Reading
North Central	23.3	22.7	23.3	22.7	24.1
State	22.1	22	21.5	21.8	22.6

November 1 is an Early Action (non-binding) admission deadline at many colleges and universities. Students planning to meet this deadline must have their college materials submitted to their counselors by **October 15**.

NAVIANCE Family Connection - <http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral>

NAVIANCE Family Connection is a comprehensive web-based college management product that will assist you with all things related to the college search and application process. This online system will help you identify possible colleges, keep track of the colleges you are considering, stay current on which colleges are visiting North Central and sign up to meet with their representatives, create a resume, find scholarships, and more. **WE NEED YOUR STUDENTS EMAIL ADDRESS TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

Seniors & Juniors - Do all of your college research through NAVIANCE. Track colleges you are considering and applying to and search for scholarships. **See what colleges are visiting North Central and sign up to meet with them.** Contact Guidance if you need your registration code to get started.

Colleges Visiting North Central

Seniors, Juniors and parents: The Guidance Office brings in admission representatives from more than 100 colleges across the country during the fall semester. Colleges scheduled so far for October are listed on the calendar page in this edition. The list is updated regularly and is posted on NAVIANCE (click 'College', then click "view all upcoming college visits") and in the Guidance Office. Students can **ONLY** sign up on NAVIANCE and must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to participate. Passes must be picked up in Guidance before first period the day of the college visit. Students must go to class first to get a pass signed by their teacher before attending the college meeting. Parents are welcome to attend the college sessions.

Send Electronic Transcripts through Parchment - www.parchment.com

This is a safe, efficient, paperless way to send secured official transcripts for college and scholarship applications and to the NCAA Clearinghouse. Register with the site and add transcript requests as you determine where you are applying. (NOTE: You will be prompted for a code, but it is not required and you can continue to register without one.)

NC's Forms for College Applications

Our college application processing forms are stocked on the wall inside the Guidance Office near the Student Center entrance. These forms are used by your guidance counselor in processing your college applications. Students must hand in these forms to their counselors **in person**.

1. The **REQUIRED** Pink Application Cover Sheet & Blanket Release Form (permission to release your records) - **turn in one for each college.**
2. The Yellow Counselor Recommendation Worksheet
3. The WHITE Student Information Sheet
4. The GREEN Teacher Recommendation Form (if your college requires teacher recommendations)

College Entrance Exams Test Registration Information

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	October 3	September 4	September 5-18
SAT	November 7	October 9	October 10-23
SAT	December 5	November 5	November 6-20
ACT	October 24	September 18	September 19 - October 2
ACT	December 12	November 6	November 7-20

Testing is available on Sundays after the national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy

Testing Locations are first come, first served.