



From the Principal . . .

Happy New Year and welcome back North Central. My hope is that you had a great winter break and had the opportunity to make memories that will last you a lifetime. While you were away, we've been busy preparing for a great second semester and your triumphant return. The custodial staff has been busy prepping the building in anticipation of your return and teachers have had the opportunity to recharge their educational batteries with enthusiasm and creativity. I was proud of how we started the school year. I was equally impressed with how we finished the semester. It makes me enthusiastic knowing what we can and will accomplish.

Students, as you reflect on your individual performance first semester, are you proud of your efforts and the fruits of your endeavors? If so, congratulations! If not, why? What decisions or actions did you have control over that negatively impacted your performance? Be honest with yourself as you reflect. Once you've identified those decisions or actions, ask yourself what are you going to do about it to ensure that the same results are not replicated second semester. The best of intentions are nothing more than ideas and thoughts unless goals are established and plans are implemented. What are your goals for second semester? What is your plan? I challenge those of you who want to demonstrate improvement, growth, or personal success to start your new plan and achieve your goals in 2016.

Before starting second semester, I'd like to offer advice to the senior class. Better yet, I'd like to dispel an urban legend which has permeated high schools across America for years. Like the Boogey Man or Bigfoot, there is no such thing as senioritis. I recognize that you've heard much about senioritis but the reality is that senioritis is a myth created by a senior many eons ago who disengaged from school and thus learning and was never heard from again. The closest you'll find is a Senior Class Council publication sharing the same name. Second semester of the senior year does not warrant a shutdown of academic effort. Second semester of the senior year is a time to shine and leave lasting memories socially and academically as well as to make and cherish memories. As a class, you've been the heart and soul of North Central this year. The path you've forged thus far has been exemplary. Don't let a mythological condition cause you any distress this semester.

North Central, I'm excited about the opportunities ahead of us this semester. This is our time to shine and be the example we hope to see in others. Although it's no secret, I remind you that we have the best school in the most supportive community in the state. No other school can boast of the community support and high expectations set by Washington Township. No other community can boast of a dynamic and diverse school that exemplifies academic success, mastery of both visual and performing arts, a strong sense of civic responsibility, and an eye on the future.

North Central, we should be proud of what we've accomplished and excited about what we will do next. Let's have a great semester, NC.

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III
Principal

Class of 2016
Baccalaureate
North Central's Auditorium
May 24, 2016, 7pm
Commencement
Indiana Farmers Coliseum,
Indiana State Fairgrounds
May 25, 2016, 7pm



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



From the PTO . . .

As we begin 2016, the NCPTO is excited to share with you that our Teacher "Wish List" grants were awarded at the end of last semester. Giving out teacher grants is so rewarding. It is a good time to spark conversation with teachers about how we, the families of NCHS, can help them. We had a lot of great requests. The generous donations of parents and teachers make this process possible and resulted in over \$12,000 in distributions. That is \$12,000 of donated money straight from your generous pockets!

We granted wishes for a wide variety of items, such as headsets for Language Arts classes, a pottery wheel for an Art class, software for a Math teacher and manipulatives for one of our Special Education classes. We funded some extremely worthwhile programs including music workshops for our choirs and Jazz Artists for our Jazz Bands. We helped support National History Day, novels for the Learning Center, Spanish Verb Books, French magazines, and more. Unfortunately, there is never enough money to fund all teachers' wishes, but we feel like we made a big difference with what we were able to give. Whether by making everyday teaching easier, or by adding something innovative for students, we hope you'll feel proud of how much we were able to give back to those who give so much to our students! Please see page four (4) for a complete list.

Thanks to all who donated and helped at NCHS during first semester. Our North Central families and teachers KEEP ON ROCKING! If you would still like to donate, please send in a donation to the NCHS PTO in care of the school and we will continue our efforts to fund our teachers' wishes.

Remember, we are just half way through the school year and there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved. Let us know if you want to be added to the General Volunteer email list. We will add you to the hundreds of volunteers who receive our pleas for help on an as-needed basis.


Christie Call and Betsy Biederstedt
2015-2016 NCHS PTO Presidents
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JANUARY 2016



More calendar information can be found on our school website: <http://www.nchs.cc>.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1						
3	4 7:25am Students report to homeroom to receive 2nd semester schedules	5 7pm Financial Aid Night (L249)	6 1st semester grades distributed during period 3	7	8	9
English ECA TESTING: JANUARY 5- 14						
10	11 7pm Grade 8 Curriculum Night (Auditorium)	12	13	14 7pm 21st Century Scholars Meeting (L249)	15 All State Orchestra, Jazz & Choir - IMEA Convention Last day to drop/ add a class without grade penalty	16 All State Orchestra, Jazz & Choir - IMEA Convention
17	18 NO SCHOOL MLK DAY  Possible snow make-up day	19	20	21 4pm Jr. Spec (Auditorium)	22 7pm Jr. Spec (Auditorium)	23 7:30am SAT (upper H) 7pm, Jr. Spec (Auditorium)
24	25 7pm Community IB Music Recital (PAC)	26	27 7pm Grade 9 Career & College Night (Auditorium)	28	29	30 7am MLK Day of Service 9am Princeton Review Practice ACT Test 8am Choral, & Piano ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest (Westfield)
FAFSA DAY - TUESDAY, FEB 2, 8am-7pm						



GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .

*Grade 8
Curriculum Night
At North Central
Monday, January 11,
2016*



2015-2016 Course Selection Timeline

January 12 - January 19

Curriculum information will be presented in Homeroom & US History classes.

Wednesday, January 27

Grade 9 parent and student meeting for career, college, and curriculum information night.

Friday, February 5

Course selection sheets and any applications (JELCC, Early Release, etc.) due in Period 3. and **signed by parents.**

Beginning in **February**, counselors will meet with students individually to plan courses that meet career and educational goals expressed by the student. Any adjustments in courses previously selected by parents and students will be made at that time. In **May**, students will receive a list of courses they have requested. Students will be allowed to make any changes by returning the course requests at that time. **After that time, requests for changes will not be allowed, except for semester failures and classes taken during summer school.**

Parents and students are asked to give careful attention to the classes requested this spring. Student requests determine the school's master schedule and staffing needs and fees are not adjusted for drop/add. Parents are encouraged to contact the assigned counselor for information or make an appointment to discuss these important decisions.

**Grade 9 Career & College Night
Wednesday, January 27, 7 pm**

Freshmen and Parents: Please join members of the Guidance Staff along with Susie Bremen for an evening of Academic Planning. This presentation will include diploma information, career information and some early college planning information - just in time to help make course selections for the Sophomore year. This event will take place in the NC Auditorium.

Advanced Placement Information

March 3-17 AP Test Registration
May 5-16 AP Test Administration

Upcoming College Planning Programs

Monday, January 11 Grade 8 Curriculum Night

Thursday, January 14 21st Century

Scholars Meeting: Seniors

Wednesday, January 27

Grade 9 Career & College Night

Tuesday, February 2

FAFSA Day at North Central

Saturday, February 13 SAT Practice Test

Sunday, February 21

College Goal Sunday

Wednesday & Thursday, March 9 & 10

ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar

Thursday, March 10

FAFSA Received by deadline (Indiana deadline; for out-of-state applications, check individual state deadlines)

Tuesday, March 15

Junior Night

Wednesday, March 16

Greater Indianapolis College Fair

Saturday, April 23

ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar

Wednesday - Friday, June 1 -3

College Admission Boot Camp (Incoming Seniors)

**SEN16R
CLASS OF 2016**

*A reminder to **Seniors**, if you have not turned in your cap and gown, tassel and graduation announcement order, contact Herff Jones **immediately** to avoid late fees (317)244-2412*

fastweb!

Finding College Scholarships

The greatest amount of scholarship dollars are awarded by colleges and universities when students apply for admission. There are thousands of scholarships available through:

www.cappex.com

www.collegeboard.org/scholarships

www.fastweb.com

You will receive ongoing email notifications of scholarships tailored to your interests when you register with these sites.

You will also find scholarship information lists and applications in the Guidance Office, as well as on Naviance. Information is updated regularly.



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

FAFSA is used by college and university financial aid offices to determine eligibility for grants, low-interest loans, college work-study programs and sometimes scholarships. **Indiana colleges generally require the form to be filed by March 10 of the senior year, but some colleges have earlier deadlines.** Be sure to check the priority date for your schools of interest. Applying after deadlines could mean loss of funds.

Filing Tips:

- Seniors and parents can request a Federal Student Aid ID now @ <https://fsaid.ed.gov>
- Complete your tax forms early, you'll need them to file.
- File online: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Read and follow the instructions.
- Print a copy for your college files.

NEED HELP COMPLETING THE FAFSA?

FAFSA DAY @ NCHS, February 2

Thanks to a generous grant from The Advancement Center and additional assistance from the PTO, staff from the National Center for College Costs will be at NC from **8:00 am until 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 2** to help families complete this important form. Gather your **Social Security number, driver's license, income tax returns, bank statements, and investment records**, and head to **FAFSA Day on Tuesday, February 2.**

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY!



CSS Profile Form

If you are applying to a college or university that requires the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile in addition to the FAFSA, you must file online at www.collegeboard.org.

College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines

Test

SAT Reasoning & Subject Test
SAT Reasoning Test
ACT

Test Date*

January 23
March 5
February 6

Regular Deadline

December 28
February 5
January 8

Late Registration

January 12
February 23
January 15

Testing is available on the Sunday after these national testing dates @Hasten Hebrew Academy for those students who cannot test on the dates listed due to religious reasons. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

North Central High School encourages students to take both SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests and the ACT assessment. The website for the ACT assessment registration is: www.actstudent.org. The SAT Reasoning & Subject Test registration website is: www.collegeboard.org.

Other notable news...

PTO WISH LIST GRANTS			
TEACHER	DEPARTMENT/CLUB	REQUEST	STUDENT IMPACT \$
Joyce Click	Choirs	Mundo Beat Workshops	500
Traci Rodgers	World Language	Headsets	2,000
Amy Ruschak	Special Education	Math Manipulatives	65
Jason Berkholz	Math	Adobe CC Software	55
Rick Granlund	Performing Arts	Professor Matt Pivec/Jazz Artists	45
David Robertson	Math	Adobe After Effects/Adobe Photoshop	160
David Wheeler	Humanities	National History Day Registration	350
Carla Sanford	Black History Club	Spring Break College Tour	40
Jennifer Lindell	Visual Arts	Cameras	100
Kellard Townsend	English	3 Large White Boards	180
Stephanie Schroeder	Spanish	Spanish Verb Books	150
Jill Reid	French	French Magazines	400
Ann Guggenheim	Jewelry Making	Benches	80
Mary Lou Gramelspacher	Learning Center	Novels	300
Susie Bremen	Guidance	Study Smart Workshops	10
Vicki Ayres-Benson	AP/IB Art	Pottery Wheel	200
Tomoe Nakamura	Japanese	Funds for Japanese Quiz Competition	20
Helene Achgill	Information Center	Camera	3,600
Nathan Shewell/ Mike Lamirand	Theater/Performing Arts	Software to Control Stage Lights	200
Andrew Hodson	Humanities	Headphones	150
Beth Kizer	Special Education	Jiffy Java Aprons	12



10th Annual Dick Dennis Memorial Concert

Thursday, February, 4 2016

Auditorium 7 pm

\$3 Adults/ \$1 Children 12 and under

Silent Auction to help support the North Central Orchestras.

For more information go to www.northcentralorchestras.org

Two-hour delay ...

School begins at **9:25 am** on Two-Hour delay days. Be on the watch for **MSD of Washington Township Schools** with local media outlets.

@Electronic Devices

Electronic devices are allowed during non-instructional times (before school, passing periods, lunch and after school). Radios/CD players with headsets are permitted on buses. These devices will be confiscated and given to an administrator if used at inappropriate times. Confiscated items may be retrieved by a parent/guardian in the Dean's Office. The school assumes no responsibility for any items. Students who violate this school expectation may receive disciplinary action.

Thank a Teacher... or any coach, bus driver, school secretary, counselor, administrator...

With a minimum \$10 donation, a special card, including a gift of a notepad, will be your special way of saying thank you to anyone who has made your child's school year extraordinary. Their name will also be listed in the Advancement Center Annual Report as receiving this honor. Thank-a-Teacher gifts are accepted throughout the year, but are especially appropriate at the holiday season and in the spring at the close of the school year.



Student Appointment Procedure

Parents or guardians can call the attendance office @ **259-5355, ext. 45556**, and leave a detailed message of absence or scheduled doctor's appointment. (Notes will not be accepted). It is the **student's responsibility** to pick up the green pass from the attendance office. Passes can be picked up during passing periods or lunch periods. It is **not** school policy to interrupt class time. When the student acquires the green pass, s/he may leave the building to meet the parent or guardian for the appointment at door #1. Return proof of appointment to the attendance office. This information can be found on page 101 of the Student Calendar and Handbook.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Students riding to school by private transportation are to be dropped off and picked up on the north side of the building at Doors 1 & 2. Students are NOT to be dropped off or picked up on the east or west sides of the building due to safety concerns. .



Driver's Education @
www.driveredsafety.com