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**From the Principal. . .**

As we forge our way into February, I remind you of our purpose as educators. We strive to produce students who are morally good, intellectually competent, socially sensitive, and committed to living full and satisfying lives. As a community, we have but a short time to positively impact our students. The foundation needed to be future leaders and independent members of our community is being laid now. The learning partnership that exists between home and school must continue to foster communication and high expectations. The uniqueness of our community is in the support the community provides to our schools. Let's make February a special month and our best thus far.

As my Valentine's Day gift, I share with you the gift of poetry:

**Hug O'War by Shel Silverstein**

I will not play at tug o' war.  
I'd rather play at hug o' war,  
Where everyone hugs  
Instead of tugs,  
Where everyone giggles  
And rolls on the rug,  
Where everyone kisses,  
And everyone grins,  
And everyone cuddles,  
And everyone wins.

**Happy Valentine's Day North Central!!**

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III  
Principal



**BAGELS WITH  
BRANIGAN  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY  
12TH  
@ 7:30 AM (H193)**

**From the PTO . . .**

We've had a great start to 2016 and we are looking forward to a great second semester!

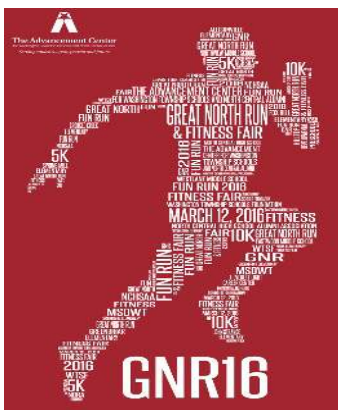
We thank you for your support, whether by contributing your time, talents or monetary donations. If you haven't had a chance to donate to the PTO, it's not too late! Just send your contribution to NCHS, C/O PTO Treasurer, 1801 E. 86<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

PTO volunteers serve in many ways at North Central and we are always looking for additional volunteers. Please email Kathy Null at [knull@comcast.net](mailto:knull@comcast.net) if you have a particular interest or would like to be added to the general volunteer list for the rest of this year. Senior parents, there are many ways to get involved with all of the Senior-specific events around Commencement. We will be letting you know about these events in the next few months.

Did you realize that every Friday you or any member of our community can take a tour of NCHS? It's free and all you have to do is ask at the front desk. Heidi Gessner and her tour guide group are trained to give a walking overview, all the while answering questions that are often asked. This is no small task and they handle it beautifully, both for those interested in attending NCHS, and for parents with students already here who just want to learn more. We really appreciate all of our volunteers who take their time to show what most of us have already realized – NCHS is a great place to be!

Please stop by North Central [on Friday, February 12](#), for **Bagels with Branigan** in Room H193 [at 7:30 am](#). This is an incredible opportunity to ask Principal Branigan any question and learn about what is happening at NC.

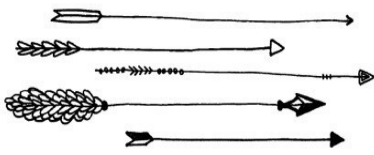
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**GREAT NORTH RUN & FITNESS FAIR**

**MARCH 12, 2016**

**REGISTER TODAY AND SAVE  
AdvancementCenterWTS.org**



# February 2016



More calendar information @ <http://www.nchs.cc>.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MYP IB EARLY RELEASE	2 8am-7pm, FAFSA Day, (PC Lab)	3  2015-16 Course Selection Sheets Due during Period 3	4 7-8pm, Dick Dennis Concert (Auditorium)  6-8pm Softball Fundraiser 1560 E 86th St proceeds NCSB	5 End of 3rd Interim Report Period  7-9pm, Tootsie Pops Concert (Auditorium)	6 8am-4pm, Choir & Piano ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest (Westfield)
7	8 7pm-9pm, Jazz Extravaganza Concert (PAC)	9 Overdue Books Due	10 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>  3-5:30pm "Study Smart" Workshop (L249)	11	12 7:25am-2:40pm Senior Blood Drive (Main Gym)  7:30am Bagels with Branigan (H193)  3rd Appraisal Reports Distributed	13 9am, Practice <b>Revised SAT</b> (Cafeteria)
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15 <i>Presidents' Day</i> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	16 7pm, OPO Meeting (E165)  Last day to purchase AP/ACP 2nd semester English Textbooks @ Discounted Prices	17	18	19	20 5:30-8pm, Ladies First Club Fashion Show (Cafeteria)
21  2pm, College Goal Sunday (Various Indianapolis Locations)	22	23	24	25 7pm, One Act Play (PAC)  6-8pm Softball Fundraiser 5265 E 82nd St proceeds NCSB	26 4pm & 7pm, One Act Play (PAC)	27 7:30am-1:30pm, Saturday Science (N Hall)  8am, Band & Orchestra ISSMA Contest (NCHS)  8am, Show Choir Contest (Away)
28	29				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENIOR BLOOD DRIVE #DONATE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>YOU ARE JUST OUR TYPE!!!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEB 12 @7:25AM-2:40PM MAIN GYM</b></p>	

# GUIDANCE Department

## College Scholarships

Visit Mrs. Stroke in the Guidance Office for a list of available scholarships. Also, seniors may access all scholarship information and any downloadable applications via **Naviance**. The following are representative of scholarships available with fast approaching deadline dates:

### --Optimist Essay Contest

Deadline February 19

### -NC Alumni Assoc. Merit Scholarship

Deadline March 1

### -Steven Drybread Arts Scholarship

Deadline March 1

### -Sciencetech Foundation

Deadline March 1

### -Greenbriar Elementary School Alumni Scholarship, Deadline March 18

### -Central Indiana Community Foundation

www.cicf.org, Deadline April 1

## College Cost Estimator for all Grades

The National Center for College Costs (NCCC) offers **FREE** services to all NC families as they prepare for college. Complete the College Cost estimator at [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com), and they will provide strategies and advice on how to pay for college. Their website covers college selection ideas, timelines, financial aid, and admission issues. You can take advantage of these services as early as the freshman year.

## JUNIOR NIGHT

"Inside the College Admission Office"  
Tuesday, March 15, 7 pm  
North Central Auditorium

This meeting is for ALL juniors and parents!

Those in attendance will be the first to receive The College Handbook, specifically designed for the college and scholarship search process for North Central students.

# 2017

## The Class of

## College Consultations for Juniors

Juniors are welcome to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Susie Bremen, Coordinator for College Counseling, to talk about the college search process. The **"My College Search"** form **must be completed before a meeting can be scheduled**. Forms are available in the Guidance Office. Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and participate in the process.

## College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines:

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT Reasoning	March 5	February 5	February 6-23
ACT	April 9	March 4	March 15-18

Testing is available on the Sundays after these national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

# SEN16R

## \*\*Senior Dates to Remember

- **Senior Surveys Due April 19**
- **Ticket Sales for Parent Appreciation Luncheon, April 18-22 CASH ONLY, seniors may purchase a total of THREE tickets - one for him/her + 2 parental guests.**
- **Ticket Sales for Grad Dance & Blast Off, May 2-9, CASH ONLY**
- All arrears must be cleared by **May 13** to receive your cap and gown, **cash or credit card only**, checks will **not** be accepted.
- **Cap and Gown Distribution, May 24**
- **Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon, May 24, 10:30 am, Ritz Charles**
- **Baccalaureate, May 24, 7 pm, NCHS Auditorium**
- **Commencement Required Practice, May 25, 8 - 11:30 am, Indiana Farmers Coliseum, IN State Fairgrounds**
- **Commencement, May 25, 7 pm, Indiana Farmers Coliseum, IN State Fairgrounds**
- **Graduation Dinner Dance, May 27, 7 - 11 pm**
- **Blast Off, May 28, 11:59 pm - 3 am. (following the Grad Dinner Dance) in the NCHS Main Gym. Parent volunteers contact Stacy Lozer at [stacylozer@mac.com](mailto:stacylozer@mac.com)**



## Visiting College Campuses

Seniors and Juniors are allowed two school days annually to make official visits to colleges. The process for scheduling visits is outlined on page 104 in the NC 2015-16 Student Calendar Handbook.

The **College Campus Visit Form**, available in the Attendance Office, **must be completed and signed by a parent, the student, and an administrator, and each of their teachers prior to the visit.** An official letter from the college admission office verifying the visit is also required. Failure to follow the procedure may result in an unexcused absence.

## ACT Test Strategy

**ZAPS ACT Test Prep** will be back at North Central soon. A two-day seminar will be held on **March 9 & 10** from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. both days. The cost is \$89.99. See your counselor about possible scholarships. Register at [www.zaps.com](http://www.zaps.com).

## The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

The FAFSA is used by college financial aid offices to determine eligibility for grants, low-interest loans, the college work-study program and sometimes scholarships. Indiana colleges generally require the form to be filed **by March 10 of the senior year, but be sure to check the priority date for your schools of interest.** Missing it could mean missing out on funds.

### Filing Tips:

- File early.
- *Read and follow the instructions.*
- Seniors and parents each need ID numbers to log in.
- Complete the FAFSA based on your 2015 tax forms, or use estimates and then make updates once taxes are filed.
- Make sure to print a copy for your files.



## NEED HELP COMPLETING THE FAFSA??

### FAFSA DAY

Tuesday, February 2  
8:00 am - 7:00 pm

in the PC Lab @ NCHS  
No appointment necessary

Thanks to the PTO and a generous grant from The Advancement Center, we are again able to offer FAFSA Day.

Financial Aid experts will be on hand to help all attendees complete the FAFSA line-by-line. Gather your Social Security number, driver's license, income tax returns, bank statements, and investment records, and head to the PC Lab.

## Couldn't make it to FAFSA Day??? Get help at:



## College Goal Sunday

February 21, 2 pm  
Ivy Tech Community College  
50 W. Fall Creek Pkwy  
N. Dr.

North Meridian Center  
Spanish interpreter  
available at this site.



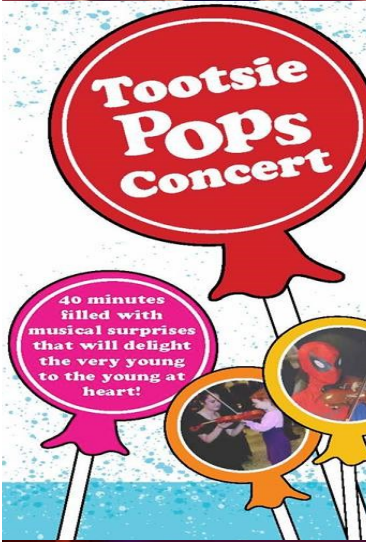
Mark your calendar . . .



**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.

More information @ [www.northcentralorchestras.org](http://www.northcentralorchestras.org)



**Tootsie Pops Concert**  
Friday, February 5, 5:30 PM  
North Central Auditorium

This program is designed to introduce pre-school and elementary age children to the sounds and sights of orchestra music. Young guests will have the opportunity to visit the instrument "petting zoo" where they will be able to try an instrument. Tickets sold at the door for \$5

More information @ [www.northcentralorchestras.org](http://www.northcentralorchestras.org)



**Jazz Extravaganza Concert**  
Monday, February 8, 7 PM  
NCHS PAC  
\$3 Adults/\$1 Children

Featuring the NC Jazz Bands with 5 guest artists: Jamey Simmons (Trumpet – Middle Tennessee State), Ike Strum (Bass - New York), Matt Pivec (Saxophone – Butler Univ.), Joel Tucker (Guitar - Indianapolis & NC Alum), and Kenny Phelps (Drums - Indianapolis).



**NC Theatre will present the Annual Winter ONE-ACTS**

Two shows, one price! *The Katrina Project: Hell and High Water*, is a moving drama surrounding hurricane Katrina. *Death*, by Woody Allen is a spoofy noir piece of comedy sure to leave you laughing. Don't miss these exciting productions! Show times are Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7:PM and Friday, Feb. 26 at 4 PM & 7 PM. Tickets @[NorthCentralTheatre.org](http://NorthCentralTheatre.org).

February can be an enervating month, but here at NCHS, activity abounds: students are engaged in their lessons and teachers work to ensure that lessons are engaging. MYP is one vehicle for this engagement. When lessons focus on connecting skills to concepts, students have a deeper understanding of the meaning and implication of what they learn. Concepts offer teachers another language by which they can deliver their lessons and a framework on which they can hang the skills taught. Though the importance of learning concrete skills cannot be undervalued, when skills are tied to concepts, students see connections between and among academic subjects. These connections allow students to think beyond the confines of an individual classroom. When walls come down, barriers to understanding are removed. The result: learning becomes interdisciplinary.

The full implementation of the personal project for tenth graders in 2016-2017 remains front and center for both staff and administration. The February 1<sup>st</sup> early release day was the third personal project in-service. The pilot we are running this year continues to provide useful information that helps us to tweak and rethink how to make the project successful for and accessible to all tenth grade students.

Ms. Sisson

**Choir and Accompanists Auditions for 2016-17**

North Central Choir Auditions for NC singers and piano accompanists who are **not** currently enrolled in a North Central Choir:

2016-17 School Year  
Tues., Feb. 2 & Thurs., Feb 4  
2:50 pm, K211

Auditions are for incoming 9th graders **not** currently enrolled in choir at Westlane, Eastwood, Northview Middle Schools, upper grade level transfer and private school students.

2016-17 School Year  
Tues., Feb. 9  
6:00 pm, K211  
Enter Door #11

Questions about our choral program? Please visit [www.nchschoirs.com](http://www.nchschoirs.com), or contact:

Michael Raunick, Choral Director at North Central High School, [mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us)  
Joyce Click, Choral Director at North Central High School, [jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us)

**Recent North Central Choir Honors**

**Indiana All-State Choir:** Chris Giden, Izak Stewart, Al Belmont, Claire Dalman, Miriam Fakhoury, Matthias Murphy, Ricky Dunn, and William Blakely

**Thank you for representing North Central in this prestigious All-State organization.**



**Indiana Bandmaster Jr. All State Band**

Julia Mann (Bassoon)  
Christien Ayers (Clarinet)  
Liah Townsley (Clairnet)  
Chloe Wiley (Alto Saxophone)  
David Grosfeld (Alto Saxophone)  
Mitchell Remington (Trumpet)  
Sophie Pollack-Milgate (Euphonium)  
Simon Cohen (Euphonium)

