



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE May 2016

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From the Principal . . .

A final message from graduating senior, John Nicholas Broyles.....

There are many different nostalgic perspectives people may have when reflecting upon their four years in high school. Most likely right now we all cannot wait to get out. But hopefully, in a distant future we will come to see how our years at North Central changed us and molded the path of our future. We have taken the first steps to discovering ourselves, defining who we are and who we want to be. This journey is instrumental whether you are bounding towards college with alacrity or otherwise. To celebrate this most profound transition, I would like to reflect and congratulate everyone on the many accomplishments, approximately 16,000 to be exact, that come with graduation.

First I would like to congratulate everyone on making it through 7,240 periods. Give or take a few depending on your attendance. That is a staggering number to think about and all those days really add up. Throughout our four years we have sat through hundreds of lectures, taken countless pages of notes, and written way too many papers. And guess what? We persevered. Therefore, congratulations are in order.

Second I would like to congratulate everyone on enduring 5,792 passing periods. We all know how chaotic the D and K intersection can be, but over four years we mastered the halls of North Central by perfecting our shoving skills and/or perhaps by developing the virtue of patience. WE survived the orderly chaos of nearly 4,000 people moving at once! Congratulations.

Third I would like to congratulate everyone on completing 1,448 trips to and from school. Whether that is by bus, car, bicycle, or your own two feet, we made it to school. Half of those were at times when we should have been sleeping. So, congratulations.

Congratulations everyone on 724 successful lunches. Whether it was spent in the library finishing work, the student center with friends, or in the cafeteria. We made it through the random class song battles SENIORS RAH, RAH, RAH, and trying to fit 1/5 of the school population into one room.

Congratulations everyone on making it through 364 days of break. Throughout our four years we have had the equivalent of one year of vacation. Hopefully they were all spent wisely.

Congratulations for making it through 112 homerooms, 76 spirit days no matter your participation level. 62 Mr. Branigan speeches from class meetings to welcoming us back after break. We all made it through 56 classes with 56 finals, some harder than others. 48 fire drills, tornado drills, and panther prowls.

Congratulations everyone on making it through 4 pep rallies, especially outside in the burning sun, 4 senior pranks, 4 lockers which I have never had the time to use, and at least 4 student ID's and 4 agenda books.

Congratulations on overcoming the exciting anxiety of elaborate promposals, finding the perfect dress and ultimately relishing your "Night on the Nile."

Most importantly, congratulations on making it to this moment. The moment that makes those 15999 congratulations so worth it! Some of these accomplishments were cried, laughed, and stressed over, and others you may not even remember. Nonetheless, we should all be proud that we have achieved these 15,999 things. Now we stand at the completion of our 16,000th and biggest accomplishment yet, graduation. The turning point for all of us. Congrats class of 2016 and good luck!!!!



From the PTO . . .

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

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

A big THANK YOU goes to Tamara Hughey, Kathleen Cleary and their committee, as they show our appreciation to the terrific NCHS administrative staff. This is a small token of our gratitude to all of the amazing staff in the office who graciously help us whenever we ask. We could not have accomplished this job without them! THANK YOU NC STAFF!!

We want to say a big THANK YOU to **Betsy Harvey** for coordinating volunteers/contributors as we help Mr. Branigan host a luncheon honoring teachers and staff on their final day of this year. Betsy will be collecting donations for raffle prizes – contact her if you are interested in pitching in to thank our fantastic NCHS employees. Betsy can be reached at betsyjharvey@gmail.com.

And then, there are our NC graduating seniors and the many events we have to celebrate them: Tremendous credit goes to **Becky Ristow** 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 **Stacy Lozer and Linka Pace**, along with their sub-chairs, spend hours planning this rousing end to our seniors' journey. We are so grateful for all the senior parents do to send our students off with style.

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!

Finally, to our fabulous PTO Executive Board: **Mindi Kincaide, Holly Walsh, Kathy Null, Sarah Manion, Alfred Weems III, Beth Deane, Heather Urschel, Christine Brown, Stacy Lozer, Carrie Schuler, Betsy Harvey, Becky Ristow, Amy Johnson, and Marta Carter**. Thank you for sharing your time, your talent, and your treasures this year!

Christie Call and Betsy Biederstedt



2016-2017 Registration: July 27, Noon - 7 pm

Visit www.nchs.cc before registration on July 27th. Verify your Skyward information online prior to registration. Any items you purchase online will not be ready until the first day of school.

On Registration day, have your ID picture taken, pick up schedule and student planner, purchase gym clothes, parking permit and athletic sport passes.

First Day of School: Wednesday, August 3, 2016



May 2016

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<p>1</p>	<p>2 AP Testing</p>	<p>3 AP Testing</p>	<p>4 AP Testing</p>	<p>5 AP Testing Cinco de Mayo </p>	<p>6 AP Testing</p>	<p>7 7:30 am, SAT Test</p>
<p>Tickets Sales for Grad Dance & Blast-Off During all lunch periods @ Bookstore Annex and Student Center, CASH ONLY</p>						
<p>8 <i>Mother's Day</i></p> 	<p>9 AP Testing 7 pm, Orchestra Awards Night (PAC)</p>	<p>10 AP Testing</p>	<p>11 AP Testing 7 pm, Spring Choral Concert (Auditorium)</p>	<p>12 AP Testing 7 pm, King's Court Show (Auditorium)</p>	<p>13 AP Testing 7 pm, Jazz Café (South Gym) Last day for Seniors to pay Arrears (cash or credit card ONLY)</p>	<p>14 11 am, Princeton Review Practice SAT Scores Back & Strategy Session (Cafeteria) 7 pm, Counterpoint Show (Auditorium)</p>
<p>15 3 pm, Theatre Awards Night (PAC) 7 pm, Counterpoint Awards Night (PAC)</p>	<p>16 7 pm, Spring Band & Orchestra Concert (Auditorium)</p>	<p>17 Second Semester Exams Period 2</p>	<p>18 Second Semester Exams Period 1 & 3</p>	<p>19 Second Semester Exams Period 6/7/8 & 9</p>	<p>20 Second Semester Exams Period 4/5/6 & 10 End of Second Semester Last day of school for students</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 Teacher Report Day</p>	<p>24 10:30 am, Senior Parent Luncheon, (Ritz Charles) 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Cap and Gown Distribution (Student Center) 7 pm, Baccalaureate (Auditorium)</p>	<p>25 8 am, Required Commencement Practice for Seniors 7 pm, Commencement, (Indiana Farmer's Coliseum)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7-11 pm, Senior Grad Dance 11:59 pm, Senior Blast-Off (Main Gym)</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> 	<p>30 <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>31</p>				

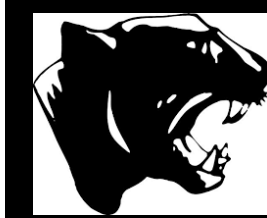
More calendar information can be found on our school website: <http://www.nchs.cc>.

GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .



College Boot Camp
June 1, 2 & 3
12:30 - 5:30 pm
Cost: \$100

Students who will be seniors in the fall of 2016 are eligible to register for this 15-hour workshop. Learn how to maximize the college search process, research college resources online, define personal criteria for a good college fit and create a resume for admission and scholarship applications. English teachers and college admissions reps will work with students on developing their college admission essays and the dean of a selective college will coach students on what competitive schools are looking for from their applicants. **Applications for the workshop are available in the Guidance Office.** Space is limited.



PantherQuest High School Orientation Program

PantherQuest 2016
July 18, 19, 20 & 21
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 NCHS, learn their way around, meet new friends and 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 2016-17. 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 PantherQuest? Please contact Cheryle Donovan 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 a final transcript. If you are not registered, do so at www.parchment.com/join and list the college you will be attending.

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 begin the Common Application on August 1. Your guidance counselor will 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 19**.

SUMMER SCHOOL

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Out-of-District Registration: May 26
9 am - Noon

SESSION ONE JUNE 1 - 21
SESSION TWO JUNE 22 - JULY 14
 (No School July 4 & 5)

SUMMER SCHOOL 2016 course selections and course fees can be found at www.nchs.cc

SUMMER SCHOOL 7:30 am -12:30 pm
BUS SERVICE is not door-to-door.

Summer Challenge Art Program

July 5-8, 2016

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 \$120, which includes art supplies. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Art Department at North Central. The class will focus on drawing, painting, printmaking, computer generated art.

Students will provide their own transportation and lunch. Brochures for this program are 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.
bsmotherman@msdwt.k12.in.us

The College Handbook

Juniors received this handbook at Junior Night or in homeroom in March/April. *The College Handbook* fully outlines NCHS'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.



Spring College Entrance Exam Test Registration Dates & Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration	Testing is available on Sundays after the national testing dates at Hasten Hebrew Academy for students unable to test on Saturdays for religious reasons. Seating is on a first come first served basis.
SAT	June 4	May 4	May 22	
ACT	June 11	May 6	May 20	

NOTABLE NEWS . . .



NC Health Center Reminder

Students who have medications in the Health Center should pick them up **before** the last day of school, May 20, 2016.

Medications not picked up by the end of the day on May 20, 2016, will be discarded.

Medications are **not** kept in the Health Center during the summer.

Indiana State Department of Health

Minimum Requirements for School Entry for 2016-2017

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.

2 doses 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.

All doses must be valid doses. Live vaccines may be administered on the same day but must be at least 28 days apart if given on different days. Vaccines must be administered at the intervals determined by CDC guidelines to be considered valid. If you have any questions, please contact your student's healthcare provider, Marion County Health Department or Nicole Cooper, Supervisor of Health Services MSDWT



Jazz Café - Friday, May 13

South Gym

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students. Jazz Combo starts at 6:30 pm, gym doors open at 6:30 pm. Featured performers include drum soloist Kenny Phelps with the NC Jazz Ensemble, the NC Jazz Lab Band and the Middle School All-Star Jazz Band. Advance tickets, contact 259-5301, ext. 45383.



Spring Band & Orchestra Concert - Monday, May 16

Auditorium

Please join the Concert Winds, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Festival Concert Orchestra, and Philharmonic Orchestra for the **Spring Concert** at 7:00 pm.

Performing Arts Events

The **King's Court Singers** will present a free program in **North Central's Auditorium** on **May 12, 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 11, 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.



Important Reminders for Seniors:

May 2-9 Blast-Off ticket sales, \$20 per student, during lunch periods, cash only.

Tickets will not be sold at the door!

May 2-9 Grad Dance ticket sales, \$30 per student, during lunch periods, cash only.

Tickets will not be sold at the door!

May 24 Cap and Gown Distribution, 1:30-3:30pm, Auditorium
Baccalaureate, 7pm, Auditorium

May 25 Commencement, 7pm, Indiana Farmer's Coliseum

May 27 Grad Dance, 7-11 pm at the Ritz Charles, Carmel

May 27 Blast-Off '16 11:59 pm, Friday night to 3 am 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 2016

We want to make Blast-Off 2016 the best one ever and we need your help!!

Please send your tax deductible donation online through the eFunds Skyward site, or make checks payable to **NC Blast Off**, c/o Christine Brown 7901 Kimlough Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Volunteer sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ea9ab2da46-its>

Blast-Off 2016 Co-Chairs & Contact Information: Stacy Lozer, slozer@mac.com or Linka Pace, linka.pace@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

Seniors