



## THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

# MESSAGE

## November 2016

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### MSDWT Planning for the Future Facts November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – School Referenda on Ballot

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Washington Township voters will go to the polls and shape the future of Washington Township Schools. Two referendum questions will appear on the ballot.

The first question will determine if the MSDWT is able to maintain our current staffing levels and address future staffing needs. Currently, \$4 million of staffing costs are supported by a referendum. If passed, the November 8th Operating Referendum continues funding for current teachers and support staff, includes additional funding to staff an 8<sup>th</sup> elementary school, and provides funds for additional student support.

The second ballot question will determine if the MSDWT is able to provide upgrades to every building in the district. The funds generated by the November 8<sup>th</sup> Construction Referendum would be used to provide items such as fire sprinklers, handicapped accessibility to classrooms, stages, gymnasiums and playgrounds, repair and replace roofs, replace heating and cooling systems, secure entrances to our school buildings, and upgrades to our high school's performing arts department and auditorium.

Referendum funds would also eliminate the need for trailer classrooms by adding an 8<sup>th</sup> elementary school. To review the exact questions as they will appear on the ballot, please review <http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us/referenda/>.

We encourage everyone to learn the facts regarding school funding, our community-based planning process, and the two ballot questions. You will find many helpful presentations and documents on our website: [www.msdwt.k12.in.us](http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us). Just click on our [Planning for the Future](#) link.



**NORTH  
CENTRAL  
OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY, NOV 6  
2 - 5 PM**

Dear North Central Families:

THANK YOU! During this season of gratitude, the NC PTO is very thankful for the continued showing of our #NCPRIDE this Fall from our NC families!

Your financial support this year has been strong. Donations to the NC PTO have totaled over \$8,000 already this year! Those donations go directly to support grants for our teachers, students, and staff. NC PTO grants totaled over \$11,000 during the 2015-16 year, providing for teacher/staff/student projects or purchases for the classrooms such as a potter's wheel, class set of French magazines, computer controlled stage lighting, and helped underwrite the participation of students in a Japanese Quiz Competition at Ball State University.

You can make a financial donation to the NC PTO while you are completing your textbook rental on-line payment process by linking to your child's *e-funds* account through your child's Skyward Fee Management tab. You can also simply drop off a donation at the NCHS reception desk in an envelope marked NC PTO at anytime.

A major event on the NC PTO calendar is the *Sunday November 6, 2:00 – 5:00 pm Open House*. Please consider helping at this event. This is a major day for NC families to show our #NCPRIDE as we greet and show off all that is amazing at NCHS to potential students/families to our school. You can sign up to help by contacting either of the NC PTO Open House Co-Chairs: Rebecca Goldstein at [rebwillis@hotmail.com](mailto:rebwillis@hotmail.com) or Mary Morris at [maryfm@me.com](mailto:maryfm@me.com).

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. School Board candidates will be on the ballot. Please exercise your right to vote!

Thanks for all you do to support North Central!

Betsy Biederstedt and Alfred Weems III  
NC PTO Co-Presidents



# NOTABLE NEWS ITEMS



**Nov. 1 - Symphony Orchestra Concert** - The NC Symphony Orchestra will present their annual Side-by-Side Concert Tuesday, November 1 at 7 pm in the NCHS Performing Arts Classroom. Due to limited seating, please contact Craig Ghormley at [cghormley@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:cghormley@msdwt.k12.in.us) if you would like to attend.

**Nov. 4 - Autumn Winds Concert** - The NC Wind Ensemble will present their annual Autumn Winds Concert Friday, November 4 at 7 pm in the Northview Middle School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door - \$5 per ticket, \$3 for those 12 and under.

**Nov. 10, 11, 12 - Fall Musical Oklahoma!** - Thursday, November 10 at 4 pm, Friday, November 11 at 7 pm and Saturday, November 12 at 2:30 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for kids 12 and under. Tickets are on sale now and available at [northcentraltheatre.org](http://northcentraltheatre.org).

**Dec. 9, 10 - King's Court Singers Madrigal Dinner and Luncheon** - Tickets are now on sale for the King's Court Singers Madrigal Dinner, December 9 at 6 pm and December 10 at noon. Dinners will be held at the Knights of Columbus at 71st and Keystone. For more information, contact Joyce Click at [jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us), or go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) to order tickets on line.

**AT HOME LEARNING DAY  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The City of Indianapolis and Health by Design have partnered on a Safe Routes to School initiative and are interested in your thoughts about walking and biking to school. This survey should take between five and ten minutes to complete. Please take it at your earliest convenience. Your responses will be kept confidential and your name will not be associated with any results. However, after completing the survey, as an incentive for your participation, you may opt to provide your name and e-mail address to be entered into a drawing for a gift card. Your input is important to us.

If you have any questions or would like to follow up, please contact Allan Henderson at [ahenderson@acsm.org](mailto:ahenderson@acsm.org)  
Thank you for your participation!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IndyParentSurvey>



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
THIS HOLIDAY...  
PARTICIPATE IN NCHS CANNED  
FOOD DRIVE  
YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS  
MSDWT FAMILIES IN NEED  
NOVEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 9**

## THE PERSONAL PROJECT



1006. 74. 932. 93%. On October 22, the first early release day for the Personal Project, these were very important numbers. There are 1006 sophomores at North Central High School. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, only 74 students did not attend the early release day. That meant that 932 students were present representing a 93% attendance rate. The number of students who attended the early release day far exceeded our expectations. Their attendance is a testimony to the staff and administration involved in supervising the Personal Project. Teachers reached out to both students and parents alike, explaining the project, introducing themselves as the student's supervisor and reiterating the personal aspect of the project. The result: almost the entire sophomore class showed up to meet with their supervisors and to plan their projects.

The afternoon of October 22<sup>nd</sup> was like no afternoon I have experienced as a teacher. Math teachers weren't teaching math; English teachers weren't teaching English; science teachers weren't teaching science. Instead, every staff member was focused on the same goal, helping students identify and plan a personal project. Teachers had been placed in "cohort groups;" almost every room in the building had approximately five teachers and each teacher had approximately 4-5 students. Walking the halls I heard laughter, conversation and enthusiasm. As there were a few teachers absent that day, I had to fill in as a supervisor. From the students whom I temporarily supervised I learned that a very tall, burly, somewhat reticent young man loves to bake. He often makes cakes and cookies for his family. Looking at him I would never have guessed he has a passion for baking. The other student who was even taller than the first student taught me a bit about national history day. He plans to tie his Personal Project to his AP U.S. History class and has already begun to do research to get ideas.

So, why should students participate in the personal project? It does not count for a grade in a class. It does not get them an award. It does not get them a prize. What it does get them is a chance to participate in a school-wide activity in which they share their personal interests with their peers and their supervisors. They get the help and support they need to explore a topic of personal interest. For those students who will be applying to college, participation in the Personal Project differentiates them from other applicants. Most students applying to college have respectable if not impressive SAT/ACT scores; they have respectable if not impressive GPA's. However, there are only a few students in the country who have participated in creating something that has the potential not only to change the student but also to change the world the student inhabits outside of the classroom. For those students not attending college, the Personal Project is an opportunity to explore a profession in which they might be interested or design a project related to a profession of personal interest. These projects might help them get jobs once they graduate high school. No, the personal project does not count for a grade, but it is our hope that by participating in the process and completing a project students learn the skills they need to succeed in a world in which much is accomplished by those who often receive little in return.

*-Jocelyn Sisson*



**HOLIDAY ART SHOW  
NOVEMBER 16-19  
NCHS  
STUDENT CENTER**

**BROWNIES WITH  
BRANIGAN  
MONDAY, NOV 7  
7PM  
(H193)**



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# November 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 7 pm, NC Symphony Orchestra Concert (PAC)  2:40 pm, BHC (H193)	<b>2</b> Senior Herff Jones Orders Due  2:50-4 pm, Ladies First (H193)	<b>3</b> <b>MYP IB EARLY RELEASE DAY</b>	<b>4</b> <b>END OF 2ND INTERIM REPORT</b>  7 pm, Autumn Winds Concert (Northview)	<b>5</b> 7:30 am, SAT  7 pm, MSDWT Bash (Crane Bay Event Center)
<b>PENNY WARS: Collection Nov 2 - 7</b>						
<b>6</b> 2 – 5 PM, <b>NCHS OPEN HOUSE</b> 		<b>8</b> <b>ELECTION DAY AT HOME LEARNING DAY</b>	<b>9</b> 2:50-4 pm, Ladies First (H193)	<b>10</b> 2:40 pm, Artistically Talented (H188)  4 pm, Fall Musical (Auditorium)	<b>11</b> <b>VETERANS DAY</b>  <b>2nd APPRAISAL REPORTS DISBRIBUTED</b> 7 pm, Fall Musical (Auditorium)	<b>12</b> 8 am, Winter Sports Photo (Main Gym)  2:30 pm & 7 pm, Fall Musical (Auditorium)
<b>CANNED FOOD DRIVE: Collection Nov 9 - Dec 9</b>						
<b>13</b> 2 pm, College Goal Sunday (Various Locations)	<b>14</b> 7 pm, NCAB Meeting (Pool Classroom)  	<b>15</b> 2:40 pm, BHC (Senior Café)  6:30 pm, College Cost Estimator Workshop (L249)	<b>16</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  6:45 am & 2:50 pm, NHS Meeting (L249)  2:50-4 pm, Ladies First (H193)	<b>17</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  2:40 pm, Artistically Talented (H188)	<b>18</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)	<b>19</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  9 am, Kings Court Madrigal Dinner (PAC, K211)
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Break: No School - November 21-25</b>						
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)	<b>29</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  2:40 pm, BHC (H193)  6:30 pm, SAT Scores Back & Strategy Session (L249)  7 pm, Scene & Monologue Night (PAC)	<b>30</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  6:45 am & 2:50 pm, NHS Meeting (L249)  2:50-4 pm, Ladies First (H193)			

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

# GUIDANCE . . .

## FAFSA DAY & “The Gaudy Orange Folder”

For the first time, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filed before the usual date of January 1<sup>st</sup>. The online site ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) is available NOW to seniors and their parents. This is the form all colleges use to determine financial aid eligibility.

Seniors will soon be receiving a bright orange folder with information to assist them. There will be free help on **College Goal Sunday** ([www.collegegoalsunday.org](http://www.collegegoalsunday.org)) **November 13, 2 - 4 pm** at eight Indianapolis locations, OR at **FAFSA DAY** at NCHS on **Wednesday, December 7, 8:00 am – 7:30 pm**. Seniors should check with Susie Bremen, ([sbremen@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:sbremen@msdwt.k12.in.us)) in Guidance for details.



## Applying to College

Processing forms are available outside Mrs. Stroke's office on the south wall of the Guidance Office – near the flag. Mrs. Stroke gets your Pink Sheets, while your counselor gets your Yellow Sheet. Allow at least **TWO WEEKS** for your counselor to process your materials.

- **PINK SHEET** – Submit one for EACH college application, with a parent/guardian signature on the first one. There is a \$1 processing fee for each Pink Sheet.
- **YELLOW SHEET** – Counselor Recommendation Worksheet/ Student Information Sheet. You can turn in a resume with the Counselor Recommendation in lieu of completing the information sheet.
- **GREEN SHEET** – Teacher Recommendation Worksheet. Give this to teachers who have agreed to write letters of recommendation for you.
- **TRANSCRIPTS** – If you are applying through the Common Application, your counselor will upload your transcript. Otherwise, request your transcript through [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com).

# CLASS OF 2017

## SENIORS - College Scholarships

- Pick up a list of available scholarships in Mrs. Stroke's office in Guidance
- Register with scholarship websites listed in your College Handbook (page 30)
- Find additional scholarship opportunities in NAVIANCE

## College Cost Estimator Program & Workshop: *For all parents!*

Don't miss this opportunity to receive **FREE** personalized financial aid consulting through the **National Center for College Costs (NCCC)**. Complete the estimator online at [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com), then attend the **NCCC Estimator Workshop on Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 pm in room L249**. You are welcome to attend whether you complete the form or not. Questions? Contact Susie Bremen, ([sbremen@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:sbremen@msdwt.k12.in.us)) Coordinator for College Counseling.

## College Resource Room

Students and parents are invited to take advantage of the college resources available in the Guidance Department. Flip through helpful college guides, access college search site programs from the computers, and help yourself to college information in the magazine racks. The College Resource Room (L258B) is accessible throughout the school day and after school until 4:00 pm.

## College Visits in November/December

Sign up in Naviance

(<http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral>)

Nov. 1 @ 8:16 am – Western Kentucky University  
Nov. 2 @ 11:21 am – Dickinson College  
Nov. 2 @ 1:50 pm – Illinois Wesleyan University  
Nov. 3 @ 8:21 am – Vassar College  
Nov. 9 @ 11:21 am – Austin Peay State University  
Dec. 5 @ 12:54 pm – Morehouse College

## College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT reasoning & subject tests	December 3	November 3	November 22
SAT reasoning & subject tests	January 21	December 21	January 10
ACT	December 10	November 4	November 18
ACT	February 11	January 13	January 20

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