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This has been a fantastic school year thus far, and the little moments that bring me so much pride are too numerous to count. Our students have represented themselves and our community with pride, dignity and compassion as they've shared our message of being a superior school in a supportive community. Before we can embrace Winter Break, we must first finish strong and keep striving to obtain our academic goals. Semester exams will soon be upon us, but before students sit for finals, I strongly encourage them to take full advantage of teacher support hours before and after school and solicit input from teachers as to what can still be done to procure the desired grade. As the primary source of information, teachers are able to provide helpful study and review tips that will only enhance performance. It's never too late to ask for guidance or assistance. Please, encourage your student to take advantage of the resources available at North Central and to do their part in achieving personal success.

Be sure to pay close attention to the school calendar as the month of December is filled with opportunities for students to showcase their athletic, academic and musical talents. Winter sports are in full swing, and there's no shortage of opportunities to come out and support our Panthers. Top ranked athletes will don their equipment and represent our school and community with pride and dignity. If your interests are more geared toward the arts, please, make time to support the North Central Performing and Visual Arts Departments as a myriad of performances and showcases take place both at school and across the community.

'Tis the season to give back to our community. The North Central Key Club will be working diligently as they collect goods to help North Central families in need through our Canned Food Drive (CFD). North Central students can drop off donations in their first period teacher's classroom throughout the month. Although the CFD is sponsored by the Key Club, multiple clubs and organizations will come together to assist in this endeavor. Through donations, sorting, bagging, and delivering goods, our students will demonstrate how much they care. Our goal is that those struggling receive enough canned food items to fill a pantry, 2 gallons of milk, and a turkey or ham for Winter Break.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a relaxing and rejuvenating break. As your principal, I'm proud of what we've done thus far and look forward to what we can get accomplished throughout the rest of the school year. So, as we prepare for the last few days of the semester, let me offer my fondest wishes that you and yours have a safe and relaxing holiday season.

Yours in education,

Evans Branigan III



**FAFSA DAY WED DEC 7  
8 AM - 7:30 PM UPPER PC LAB & IC**

Dear North Central Families:

Our **#NCPride!** was definitely on display for all to see at our November Open House. What started many years ago as a small, informal time to greet our MSDWT 8<sup>th</sup> grade families and let them tour the High School to which those students would be attending, has certainly evolved! The 2016 Open House showcased all that NCHS has to offer to interested families and community members from across central Indiana (and beyond!). **Thanks** to our NC PTO Co-Chairs *Rebecca Goldstein* and *Mary Morris* who worked directly with our amazing NCHS school administration to really highlight NCHS and what our school is about for all of its students. **Kudos** to the 12 great Open House Sub-Committee Chairs and the over 20 parents who helped throughout the day running the Open House. **Great Job** to our over 100 student tour guides, over 15 student clubs/honors organizations, over 25 athletic teams/clubs and so many student performing groups who shared their talents to make this event a resounding success!

The online version of our school directory, "Panther Particulars," will hopefully be available in the 2017 New Year. Watch for an e-mail with directions on how access it through your child's Skyward account. This on-line directory is FREE to all parents who have students enrolled at NCHS.

Thanks for all you do to support North Central!

Betsy Biederstedt and Alfred Weems III  
NCPTO Co-Presidents



**Wassail!**

Join the King, Queen and Court of the North Central King's Court Singers on Friday, December 9th at 6:00 pm and Saturday, December 10 at noon at the Knights of Columbus at 71st and Keystone Avenue for their Spectacular Madrigal Feast.

Audience members will enjoy a delicious buffet while they are entertained! Seats are limited and we will sell-out quickly. King's Court has entertained their audiences for more than 30 years!

For more information, please contact Joyce Click at [msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:msdwt.k12.in.us) or go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) to order tickets on-line.



**Holiday Band Concert & Silent Auction:** On Monday, December 5 North Central concert and jazz bands will present their annual Holiday Band Concert at 7:00 pm in the North Central Auditorium. Prior to the event, please visit the NCHS Student Center to view the variety of items available at the NC Band Parent Organization "14th Annual" Silent Auction.

**Congratulations to NC Band members who were selected to be in the Indiana Bandmasters All Region Honor Band:**

Daniel Ceglio - Alto Sax  
Richard Nargang - Tenor Sax

**Choral Winter Concert:** Ten choirs, along with the bell choir, will perform on Monday, December 12 at 7 pm in the Auditorium. Admission is free to the public; our gift to the community!

**North Central's Symphony Orchestra & Performing Arts Choirs** will be performing selections from Handel's *Messiah*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Haydn's *Creation* on Tuesday, December 13 at 7 pm in the Auditorium. The Symphony Orchestra will also be performing works by Brahms and Tchaikovsky. Admission is free.

**Orchestra Concert:** North Central's Concert, Philharmonic, and Festival Orchestras will be performing in the North Central Auditorium on Thursday, December 15 at 7 pm. Admission is free.

**More Joyful Sounds of the Season,** featuring the Counterpoints, will be on Sunday, December 11 at 3 pm at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 100 W 86th St., Indianapolis. A reception will follow this event. Come join us and get into the holiday spirit with the Counterpoints. For more information, contact Mike Raunick by email at [mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us).

**Choir students who made All-State Choir are:** Al Belmont, Hannah Dunco, Ellen Griffith, Miriam Fakoury, Chris Giden, Davon Graham, Elise Humphrey, Ben Plunkett and Dane Standhardt. They will be performing at the IMEA Convention in Ft. Wayne in late January. Congratulations!

**Examinations Schedule December 16 - 21, 2016**

**Friday, December 16**

Pd 2	7:25 am	8:39 am	Study/Break
	8:39 am	10:23 am	Exam
Pds 4 - 10	10:29 am	2:40 pm	HR Schedule

**Monday, December 19**

Pd 1	7:25 am	8:30 am	Study/Break
	8:30 am	10:15 am	Exam
Pd 3	10:25 am	11:45 am	Study/Snack
	11:45 am	1:30 pm	Exam

Buses depart at 1:40 pm

**Tuesday, December 20**

Pds 6, 7, 8	7:25 am	8:30 am	Study/Break
	8:30 am	10:15 am	Exam
Pd 9	10:25 am	11:45 am	Study/Snack
	11:45 am	1:30 pm	Exam

Buses depart at 1:40 pm

**Wednesday, December 21**

Pds 4, 5, 6	7:25 am	8:30 am	Study/Break
	8:30 am	10:15 am	Exam
Pd 10	10:25 am	11:45 am	Study/Snack
	11:45 am	1:30 pm	Exam

Buses depart at 1:40 pm

If school is closed during semester examinations, the exams scheduled for the first missed day will be administered on the first day school is re-opened. Decisions regarding the remainder of the examination schedule will be made as needed. Some courses or some periods may not have a final examination. Teachers will factor grades without the final.

An informational night about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program will take place on Thursday, January 12 at 7 pm in the Performing Arts Classroom. The meeting is open to all Grades 9 and 10 students along with their families. Guests should enter through Door Number 24. Questions? Contact Mr. Gulde at [wgulde@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:wgulde@msdwt.k12.in.us) or at 317-259-5345.




**THE PERSONAL PROJECT**

On November 3, we had our second early release day for the Personal Project. As we had expected, there were more students absent than had been on the previous early release day; however, more than 80% of the 1006 students who comprise the sophomore class remained and worked on their personal project with their supervisors. The excitement in the building was again palpable as students collaborated with other students and with their supervisors to identify the project they wished to complete and the steps for doing so.

The NCHS Open House immediately followed the early release day on November 6<sup>th</sup>. As I stood under the MYP/PP sign, many parents whose students do not attend MSDWT schools engaged me in conversation about the MYP and personal project. One 8<sup>th</sup> grade student informed me of his plans to attend Stanford University. His comment provided an excellent segue into a discussion of the personal project. As I pointed out to him and to the other parents and students with whom I engaged in conversation, the personal project is a way for high-achieving students to differentiate themselves from students who are applying to top-tiered schools. The applicants for these schools all have impressive SAT scores, they all have excellent grades and they all have impressive resumes. However, nowhere in the country do these students have the opportunity to create a project in their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year that could have a significant effect on their world outside of the classroom. Furthermore, what they create could continue to reap beneficial results long after their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year is completed. However, the personal project is not just for the academically talented, the project gives all students the opportunity to pursue a project of personal interest. Perhaps this pursuit will lead them to recognize a future career path or perhaps their project will allow them to explore a topic in which they are currently interested. Regardless of the outcome, the pursuit of what is personally interesting is an opportunity few schools offer.

*~ Jocelyn Sisson*

# December 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  4 pm, Jr. Spec Cuts (Auditorium)	<b>2</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  7:30 pm, Men's BB NC vs. Richmond	<b>3</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  7:30 am, SAT Test (Upper H)
<b>4</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  1 pm, NHS Induction Ceremony (PAC)	<b>5</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  7 pm, Holiday Band Concert & Silent Auction (Auditorium)	<b>6</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  2:40 pm, BHC (H193)  7 pm, Girl's BB County NC vs. LN	<b>7</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  8 am - 7:30 pm FAFSA Day (PC Lab, Upper IC)	<b>8</b> Holiday Art Show (Student Center)  7 pm, Girl's BB County NC vs Pike	<b>9</b> 6 pm, Madrigal Dinner (K of C)  7:30 pm, Men's BB NC @ HSE	<b>10</b> 7:30 am, ACT Test (Upper H)  12:00 pm, Madrigal Lunch (K of C)  2 pm, Men's BB NC @ New Albany
<b>CANNED FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION ENDS DECEMBER 9</b>						
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7 pm, Winter Choir Concert (Auditorium)	<b>13</b> <b>Locker Clean Out Final HR of semester</b> 2:40 pm, BHC (H193)  7 pm, Messiah Concert (Auditorium)	<b>14</b> 2:50 pm, Ladies First (H193)	<b>15</b> 2:50 pm, Accents Program (Hilltop)  7 pm, Holiday Orchestra Concert (Auditorium)	<b>16</b> <b>First Semester Exam Period 2</b>  7:30 pm, Men's BB NC vs. Carmel	<b>17</b> 7:30 pm, Men's BB NC @ Crispus Attucks
<b>18</b> 3 pm, More Joyful Sounds of The Season (St. Luke Methodist Church)	<b>19</b> <b>First Semester Exams Periods 1 &amp; 3</b>	<b>20</b> <b>First Semester Exams Periods 6/7/8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>21</b> <b>First Semester Exams, Periods 4/5/6 &amp; 10</b>  End of 1st Semester	<b>22</b> <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>  <b>TEACHER REPORT DAY</b>  	<b>23</b> 5 pm, Men's BB NC @ Milw. Riverside	<b>24</b>  Hanukkah
<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b> Kwanza	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve
<b>WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 6</b>						

## School Dismissal/Delay Procedures

If Washington Township schools are dismissed due to a mechanical breakdown or adverse weather conditions, and we know before school begins in the morning, the information will be broadcasted over several television and radio stations. If school is delayed 2 hours, the 2-hour delay would move the pick-up time to 9 am. School would begin at 9:25 am. If school must be dismissed during the day, the local media will be notified. If school is cancelled due to weather, all activities are cancelled. Local radio and TV stations will be notified of any closures or delays. We will also make use of our automated calling system and internal media outlets in an attempt to notify families of unexpected changes to the school day.

## Happy Holidays

Visit the Spirit Shop at North Central during all lunch periods 10:20 am - 12:50 pm to purchase holiday presents!

Best Wishes!!



# Go Panthers!

# GUIDANCE.....



## Applying to College

Processing forms are available outside Mrs. Stroke's office on the south wall in Guidance – 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 all 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).

## College Campus Visits

Students are strongly encouraged to visit colleges of interest before deciding to enroll. Visits should be made prior to **May 1**, the National Candidate Reply Date, when college enrollment deposits are due. Juniors and Seniors are entitled to 2 excused absences per school year for college visits, but visits can also be made on Saturdays and when North Central is not in session.

Procedure for excused absences:

- ⇒ **Pick up the green College Campus Visit Form in the Attendance Office.**
- ⇒ Get signatures on the form from your parents, Mrs. Payne and all of your teachers.
- ⇒ Have a parent notify the Attendance Office **prior to your visit.**
- ⇒ Obtain a letter from the admissions office on official letterhead verifying your visit (the date of your visit and with whom).
- ⇒ Return the green form and letter to the Attendance Office the following day. **Both documents must be received for the college visit to be considered an excused absence.**

*Please refer to North Central High School's Student Handbook 2016-17 for more detailed information.*

## College Resource Room, L258B See your counselor first!

Students and parents are invited to take advantage of college resources in the Guidance Department. Flip through helpful college guides and help yourself to college information on the magazine racks. The College Resource Room is accessible throughout the school day and after school until 4:00 pm, but you will need a pass from your counselor for access to the room.

## SIGN UP FOR REMIND FOR COLLEGE ALERTS



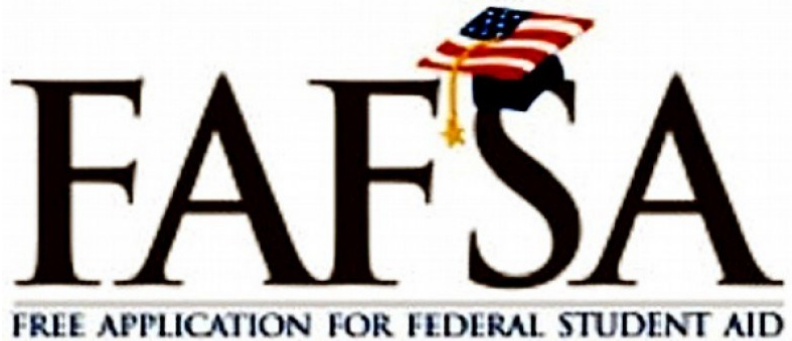
This is a free, safe “opt in” messaging tool used to share important college dates & reminders to students & parents.

**SENIORS** – text @ncgrad2017 to 81010

**JUNIORS** – text @ncgrad2018 to 81010

**SOPHOMORES** – text @ncgrad2019 to 81010

**FRESHMAN** - text @ncgrad2020 to 81010



## FILING FOR FINANCIAL AID:

Parents of seniors: the FAFSA is available and can be filed at any time. Review the process at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and register for your FSA ID (one for you and another for your student). You will use your taxes from 2015 since it is too early to use 2016. Complete the **FREE College Cost Estimator** with the **National Center for College Costs** at [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com) to get an early idea of what you may be expected to pay for a year of college. Other useful websites include: [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

## FAFSA DAY

Get expert help filing your FAFSA @ NCHS  
Sponsored by The Advancement Center and PTO  
Wednesday, December 7  
8 am - 7:30 pm in the PC lab

## FINDING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Stop by the Guidance Department to learn about outside scholarship opportunities offered by various institutions, corporations and community groups. Scholarship listings will be updated on **Naviance** as they become available. Contact Mrs. Laurie Stroke with any questions. Check out: [cappex.com](http://cappex.com), [finaid.com](http://finaid.com) and [collegeboard.org/scholarships](http://collegeboard.org/scholarships) for additional scholarship opportunities.

## SAT & ACT Tests - Try Both!

We encourage students to take *both* the SAT AND the ACT with Writing. Colleges will accept the results of either test and will use the higher score if both tests are taken. Register for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and the ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

## College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines:

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests	January 21	December 21	January 10
ACT	February 11	January 13	January 20

For students who cannot test on Saturdays for religious reasons, testing is available on the Sundays after these national testing dates @ the Hasten Hebrew Academy. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis.