



From the Principal . . .

North Central families, Happy New Year and welcome to second semester. After pushing ourselves professionally, academically and in other realms, our students and faculty earned a well-deserved break. My hope is that this holiday season, Winter Break was relaxing and rejuvenating for you and yours. As I reflect on first semester, I have to let you know how very proud I am of the accomplishments of our students and talented educators and how grateful I am for the support of the families who are also members of this learning community. Our individuality ignites our creativity while our shared goal of excellence invigorates our unique sense of togetherness. This phenomenon isn't common across educational boarders. This educational "thing of ours" is special and should not be taken for granted.

Families, I ask that you take a moment together, and reflect upon your own, personal first semester experience. Are you satisfied academically? Are you pleased with your involvement in our school? Were you a passenger or in the driver's seat this past semester? If upon reflection you believe that you could have done more, how do you want to grow? My suggestion is that you take time and come up with an action plan for how you are going to make a change in order to ensure growth. Wishful thinking is just that, wishful. However, developing, implementing and following through with a well-thought-out plan will result in tangible changes. Keep in mind that as days turn into weeks and weeks turn into months this semester, your action plan will have to be reevaluated for effectiveness and modified to achieve continued growth. Opportunities in our school are boundless as long as we continue to push each other, and most importantly, push ourselves to be more and achieve more.

Parents, I'd like to personally thank you for allowing us to work with and walk with your children as they continue on their educational path. Although we hold the title of teachers and administrators, we learn from your children daily how to be better leaders, learners and thinkers. I thank you for sharing the best part of you with us: your children. Although it's often implied, I want you to know that I believe we are truly in this this educational "thing of ours" together. Please, make sure that every day those whom you share with us know how much they mean to you. Once they arrive at North Central, our goal is to make sure they know how special they are to us.

Again, my hope is that your Winter Break was relaxing and enjoyable. Let's have a great part two of the school year which begins... now.

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III
Principal

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?



Dear North Central Families:

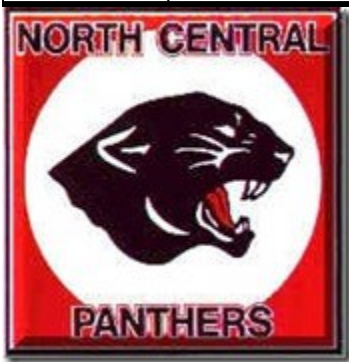
We are delighted to start off 2017 with the announcement of our NCHS PTO Teacher "Wish List" grant recipients. Grants were awarded at the end of last semester to our amazing teachers and staff who are committed to trying new and innovative approaches with our students. Generous donations from our families and staff made this process possible and resulted in over \$7,000 in distributions. That is \$7,000 of donated money straight from NC donors to support our teachers and students. THANK YOU! **#NCPRIDE!**

As you can see from the list of awarded grants, there was a wide variety of requests!. We funded specialized listening materials for Deaf and Hearing Impaired students, software for a Math teacher and manipulatives for one of our Special Education classes. Additionally, some extremely worthwhile programs including Jazz: Voice and Piano performances, Bollywood Dance & Culture workshops, Cultural Dance of West Africa Workshops for our choirs and Rhythm Section coaching for our Jazz Bands were funded. We helped support National History Day, materials for the Learning Center, French software support, and more.

A reminder: We are still accepting donations! Any donations received from this point on in the 2016-17 year will allow another round of grants to happen again 2nd Semester. Thanks to all who donated and helped at NCHS during the first semester. Our North Central families and teachers continue to show their **#NCPRIDE!** If you would still like to donate, please send a donation to the NCHS PTO in care of the school and we will continue our efforts to fund our teachers' wishes.


Additionally, 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 e-mail list: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849afa72faa8-nchs>. We will add you to the hundreds of volunteers who receive our pleas for help on an as-needed basis.

Betsy Biederstedt and Alfred Weems III
NCPTO Co-Presidents



**GRADE 8
CURRICULUM NIGHT**
Tuesday, January 17
7:00 pm
Auditorium

JANUARY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 6						
8 1 pm IBA All State Band Auditions (Pike HS)	9 7:25 am Students report to homeroom to receive schedules 	10 6 pm NC Swimming & Diving @ NOB 7 pm TOPPS (L241)	11 1st Semester Grades Distributed Period 3 7 pm NCHS BB vs. Ben Davis	12 2:40 pm Artistically Talented (H188) 6 pm NC Swimming & Diving @ HSE 7 pm BPO (E168)	13 3 pm One Girl at A Time (LC) 6 pm NCHS BB@ Marion County	14 9 am Princeton Review Practice ACT (Cafeteria) 7 pm NCHS BB@ Marion County Championship
15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY NO SCHOOL 	17 2:50 pm Jr. Spec Rehearsal (Auditorium) 6 pm NC Swimming & Diving @ CG 7 pm Curriculum Night (Auditorium)	18 6:45 am & 2:50 pm NHS (L249) 2:50 pm Jr. Spec Rehearsal (Auditorium)	19 2:40 pm Artistically Talented (H188) 2:50 pm Jr. Spec Rehearsal (Auditorium)	20 Indiana State Thespian Festival (Away) Last day to drop /add a class without grade penalty	21 Indiana State Thespian Festival (Away) 1 pm NC Swimming & Diving vs. Homestead 5:30 pm NCHSBB v Muncie Central
22 Indiana State Thespian Festival (Away)	23 7 pm IB Music Recital (PAC)	24 5:30 pm ISSMA Vocal Recital (PAC) 6:30 pm ACT Scores Back and Strategy Session (L249)	25 2:50 pm Ladies First Rehearsal (Fiesta Room) 6:30 pm Panther Pen Parent Meeting (L249)	26 4 pm Jr. Spec (Auditorium)	27 7 pm Jr. Spec (Auditorium)	28 7 pm Jr. Spec (Auditorium) 7:30 pm NCHS BB vs. Park Tudor
29 4 pm Wind Ensemble Concert (PAC)	30	31 7 pm Grades 9 & 10 Career, College and Curriculum Night (Auditorium) 	IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017-2018 PANTHERQUEST July 17,18,19,20 SUMMER SCHOOL I June 5 - June 22 SUMMER SCHOOL II June 23 - July 13 NO SCHOOL July 4 REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2108 July 26 Noon - 7 pm NEW STUDENT & GRADE 9 ORIENTATION July 31 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL August 2			

GREAT NORTH RUN & FITNESS FAIR MARCH 11, 2017



Register early and SAVE: AdvancementCenterWTS.org

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

GUIDANCE, Other Info . . .



2017-2018 COURSE SELECTION

Tuesday, January 17

Curriculum information distributed in Homeroom

January 18 – 31

Academic Planning

Wednesday, January 31

Grade 9 & 10 Parent and Student Career, College, and Curriculum Night

Friday, February 3

Course selection sheets due in Period 3

Beginning in **February**, counselors will meet with students individually to plan courses that meet career and educational goals expressed by the student. 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 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.

GRADES 9 & 10 CAREER, COLLEGE and CURRICULUM NIGHT

Tuesday, January 31, 7 pm

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT INFORMATION

AP

January 12 – March 12
AP Test Registration

May 1-12 AP Test Administration

UPCOMING COLLEGE PLANNING PROGRAMS

Tuesday, January 17

Grade 8 Curriculum Night

Wednesday, January 31

Grades 9 & 10 Parent and Student Career, College and Curriculum Night

Sunday, February 12

College Goal Sunday

Saturday, February 18

SAT Practice Test

Wednesday & Thursday, Feb 22 & 23

ZAPS SAT Prep Seminar

Tuesday, February 28

Study Smart! Workshop

Thursday, March 10

FAFSA Received by deadline (Indiana deadline; but always check colleges' deadlines, which may be earlier)

Sunday, March 12

ZAPS ACT Prep Seminar

Wednesday, March 15

Greater Indianapolis North Side College Fair

Tuesday, March 21

Junior Night

Wednesday - Friday, June 5 - 7

College Admission Boot Camp
(Incoming Seniors)

CLASS OF
2017
SENIORS

If you have not turned in your cap and gown, tassel and graduation announcement order, contact Herff Jones immediately (317)244-2412



CollegeBoard

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

FAFSA

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

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>
- Meet your college's deadlines if earlier than Indiana's
- File online: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Read and follow the instructions
- Print a copy for your college files

fastweb!

FINDING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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 lists and applications in the Guidance Office, on Naviance and on NC's website.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM PLACEMENT TESTS

Test

SAT Reasoning & Subject Test
SAT Reasoning Test
ACT

Test Date*

January 21
March 11
February 11

Regular Deadline

December 21
February 10
January 13

Late Registration

January 10
February 21
January 20

*Testing is available on the Sunday after these national testing dates
@ Hasten Hebrew Academy for those who cannot test on the dates listed due to religious reasons.*

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
Nathan Shewell	Theater/ Performing Arts	Hire Professional Playwright Ken Brown	24
Cynthia Hairston	Physics and Science	Water Based Markers	150
Vicki Ayers-Benson	Art	New Paper Cutter	65
Susie Bremen	Guidance	Ruggs Recommendations on the Colleges 34th Edition	All Seniors
Rick Granlund	Performing Arts	Bring a Professional Musician to Work on Jazz Improv	65
Andrew Brinkman	AP Music Theory	Subscription to Harmonia Web Based Application	21
David Wheeler	AP US History	National History Day Display Boards	250
Clint VonDielingen	Algebra 1, Algebra 2	Infinite Algebra Download and CD	135
Elisa Powell	Teacher for Deaf	Auditec Noise CD's	25
Habib Diatta	French	Languageplus.com.au interactive website	All French Students
Mary Lou Gramelspacher	The Learning Center	Supplies for Organizational strategies	300 Students Per Day
Melissa Medinger	Biology	Set of 60 headphones	1000
Joyce Click	Choir	Bollywood Dance Workshop	375
Heidi Gessner	Pantherettes	New Uniforms and Pom Poms	40
Beth Kizer	Special Education	New Coffe Cart	50
Beth Kizer	Special Education	Task Boxes	50



11th ANNUAL DICK DENNIS MEMORIAL CONCERT

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Auditorium 7 pm

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

Silent Auction to help support the NCHS Orchestras

For more information go to www.northcentralorchestras.org



WIND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 29, 2017 3 pm

Second Presbyterian Church

7700 North Meridian Street

NC Wind Ensemble will perform a special
Concert in the Second Presbyterian
Sanctuary.

@ 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,
or 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.

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.

STUDENT APPOINTMENT PROCEEDURE

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 a **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 a 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.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & 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.drivedriversafety.com