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. Educators, administratives, families and 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/10c0849afa72fab8-ncps. 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
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## 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

## More calendar information can be found on our school website: [http://www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc).
**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.

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**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)

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**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

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**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

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**FAFSA**

**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

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**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.

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**COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM PLACEMENT TESTS**

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*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

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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

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Or any coach, bus driver, school secretary, counselor, or administrator....

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@ ELECTRONIC DEVICES
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