



# THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE

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Dear North Central Families,

At North Central High School we take pride in the fact that we are an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) school district grades K-12. IB requires that in year 5 (grade 10) of the Middle Years Program (MYP), all students in grade 10 undertake a Personal Project. The Personal Project provides students with the opportunity to plan, execute and reflect on an individual project of personal interest. Engagement in the process will help students develop organizational and learning skills that will serve them as they complete their high school education and move forward into their futures.

NCHS has identified four early release days during which Washington Township staff will provide sophomores with guidance and support here at school for the Personal Project. We will dismiss the freshmen, junior and senior classes early as we focus our efforts on supporting sophomores as they embark on the Personal Project. Early release dates are: Thursday, September 20; Thursday, November 1; Thursday, January 31; Thursday, March 21. However, as the Personal Project is not necessarily connected to a specific class, much of the work will be done at home after school has ended.

The Personal Project is not a small undertaking and it will take our entire community to support our students as they explore their creativity. This endeavor will shape the culture of our school as students go beyond the traditional confines of learning and personalize learning to their individual curiosity and interests. As this is a school-wide activity, it is an expectation that every sophomore be in attendance during the early dismissal days and will put forth their best effort in completing their project.

The Personal Project is an opportunity for all students to be successful. As this is our first full deployment of the Personal Project, I am enthusiastic about how this opportunity will shape our students and community. I especially look forward to the exhibition in the spring when students will have the opportunity to showcase the products that were the result of their own creativity and hard work.

Yours in Education,

Evans Branigan III



# PTO

Dear North Central Families!

We are one month into the 2018-19 school year!! Again, we welcome all of our new families as well as our returning families. This year has started off with a BANG! We wanted to take this time to say THANK YOU to ALL of our chairpersons, volunteers and parents for making back to school a breeze. We've already had over 60 volunteers this school year. We could not have done it without you and your commitment to making North Central a special place for everyone!

THANK YOU!

Donations to the PTO are off to a fantastic start!! You all are helping us towards our goal so that we may be able to "Highlight a Great Year" for our NC family. Remember, your donations go directly back to the classroom for our teachers and students to utilize in expanding their learning environment. Our first General PTO meeting will be Monday, September 17, 7-8pm. This meeting will give you a chance to kick off the school year by staying up to date with plans for the year as well as hearing updates about the happenings in the township. Lastly, we want to "Highlight" our amazing teachers from Back to School Night. Our teachers put the 'T' in PTO and their countless hours of dedication to our students is outstanding. We have teachers who have taught at North Central for many years and have ONLY taught at North Central making our building very unique and rich in experience for our students and families. To that we say, THANK YOU!!

As a reminder follow our social media pages to keep up with events, meetings and other happenings from North Central!

Facebook: North Central PTO

Instagram @northcentralpto

Email: [ptonorthcentral@gmail.com](mailto:ptonorthcentral@gmail.com)

GO PANTHERS!!

## MSD WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

### Child Nutrition Positions



- Child Nutrition Hourly Employees-Food Prep/Servers/Cashiers
- Monitors or Substitute Hourly Employees 4-4.5 hours per day
- NO HOLIDAYS OR WEEK-ENDS
- Positions start at \$10.31 per hour

APPLY ONLINE ON DISTRICT WEBPAGE: [www.msdt.k12.in.us](http://www.msdt.k12.in.us)

## HOMECOMING PRE GAME PARTY

September 21

5:00-7:00 pm

NCHS Brick Plaza

(Just north of the North Central Stadium)



SPONSORED BY THE ADVANCEMENT CENTER

# SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

10 am NCXC@  
Marion Invite

2

3

**LABOR DAY  
NO SCHOOL**

4

2:50 NHD Help  
Session (Lower IC)

5

6

JEL Field Day

7

7 pm Fall Play  
7 pm NC @ LN

8

10 am NCXC@  
Brown County  
1 pm Car Wash  
NC Choir (Door 1)  
7 pm Fall Play

9

*Rosh Hashanah  
begins @ Sundown*

10

2:45 pm NHS  
Meeting (L249)  
7:00 pm NCAB  
(Pool Classroom)

11

6:45 am NHS  
Meeting (L249)  
2:50 NHD Help  
Session (Lower IC)

12

Day of Jazz

13

6:45 am  
French Honors  
Society (A528)

14

7 pm Fall Play  
7 pm NC @  
Center Grove

15

9 am NCXC  
@ Riverview Health  
Invite  
12 pm Girls Golf  
Sectionals (Away)  
2:30 pm Fall Play  
7 pm Fall Play

16

17

2:50 pm Quiz Bowl  
Practice (Lower IC)  
7:00 pm PTO  
General Meeting  
(H193)

18

*Yom Kippur begins  
@ sundown*  
2:50 NHD Help  
Session (Lower IC)

19

2:50 pm Ladies  
First Meeting  
(H193)

20

  
**EARLY  
RELEASE  
Grades 9,11 & 12  
MYP Grade 10**

21

**HOMECOMING**  
1:30 pm PEP  
Session  
5 pm Tailgate  
7 pm NC vs  
Carmel

22

8:30 am NCMT @  
HSE  
9 am NCXC @ MIC  
**HOMECOMING  
DANCE**  
8 pm

**HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK**

23

24

7 pm Fall Orchestra  
Concert (Auditorium)

25

2:50 NHD Help  
Session (Lower IC)  
6:30 pm Financial  
Aid Night (L249)  
7 pm Fall Band  
Festival (Auditorium)

26

6 pm College  
Application Help  
Session (Upper PC  
Lab)

27

4:15 pm NCMT  
Sectionals

28

4 pm NCMT  
Sectionals  
7 pm NC @ LC

29

8:30 am NCWG  
State  
10:45 NCXC @  
Marion County  
*Yom Kippur*

MORE CALENDAR INFORMATION <http://www.nchs.cc>

## COLLEGE - CAREER COUNSELING

### COLLEGE APPLICATION TIPS



- Colleges will accept either the SAT or the ACT. Try both!
- You don't have to wait to apply until you've taken the SAT or ACT.
- It's also okay to apply if you haven't visited campus yet.
- The Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) allows you to complete one application and send it to multiple member colleges. The list of their 500+ member colleges is on their website.
- Search College Board's website ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)) to research colleges, majors and careers, and scholarships.
- DO NOT apply Early Decision (ED) if you haven't visited. If you are admitted ED, you have committed to attend.
- Some out-of-state colleges may be easier to get into & more affordable than in-state.
- Fall Break is the perfect time to visit colleges. Make appointments for an admission presentation and a campus tour, and be sure to cancel if you can't make it.

## CAMPUS VISIT

Academic programs and activities are hugely important, but students also have to feel comfortable and be able to picture themselves on campus. **Juniors and seniors are allowed two excused absences to visit colleges.** Here's what they need to do:

- Pick up a green Campus Visitation form from the Attendance Office.
- Get a parent's signature and then Assistant Principal Mrs. Corn or Ms. Palacios' signature.
- Get each of your teachers to sign the form & list make-up work.
- Make an appointment with the college for an admission presentation and a campus tour. Some schedule appointments on Saturday mornings. This can be done on their website or by phone.
- If given the opportunity to meet a faculty member, ask what's unique about their program, their internships and their job placements upon graduation.
- Bring back a letter from the college visited stating you were there for a visit.

## COLLEGE APPLICATION HELP FOR SENIORS

The NC Counselors will be assisting Seniors with online college applications, sending transcripts through Parchment, Naviance access, registering and sending scores for ACT or SAT and providing feedback on college application essays, resumes and more! **Thursday sessions: August 30, September 6, September 13 and September 27 from 2:45-3:35 pm.** in the Upper Information Center PC Lab. These sessions are designed to meet the needs of seniors who need time to work and to ask Counselors college application questions.

## COLLEGE - CAREER EVENTS

- 9/25 Financial Aid Coaching Night – Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 pm.
- 9/26 College Application & Common App Help Night for seniors with your NC Counselors - Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm. (no formal program) Upper Media Center/PC lab



## REGISTER WITH NAVIANCE

North Central Guidance encourages all students to register with NAVIANCE, a free internet-based college search management program. Juniors and seniors will find it the most helpful, but freshmen and sophomores can use it to begin their college planning and career exploration and to begin building resumes.

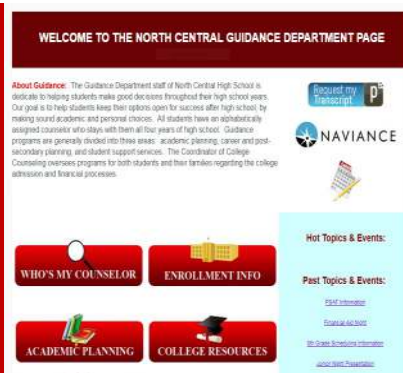
### Using NAVIANCE requires:

- Current e-mail address** (please notify the Guidance Office of new e-mail addresses)
- Registration code, which will be e-mailed to students** (also available in the Guidance Office)
- Once you have your registration code, register at <http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral>** as a new user on the upper right side of the screen.

**SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE MEETINGS:** Juniors and seniors will use the program to sign up for meetings with college representatives visiting North Central in the fall. Just log in, click on the 'College' tab, and then click on 'view all upcoming college visits' on the right. As the visits are scheduled, they will appear under 'College Visits.' We no longer utilize paper sign up forms for meetings.

## CLASS OF 2019

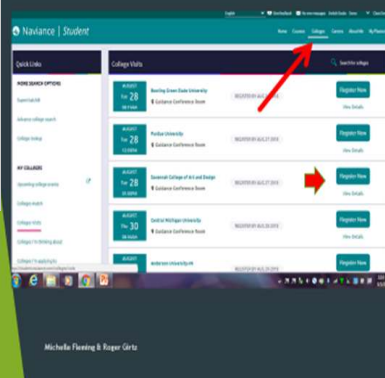
The presentation from the August 8, NC Senior and Parent College Application Night is posted on the NC Guidance page with the document links to important college application materials.



## MEETING WITH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES @ NC??

We have new procedures in place to connect with colleges.

College visits and presentations at NC: Naviance "College Visits"

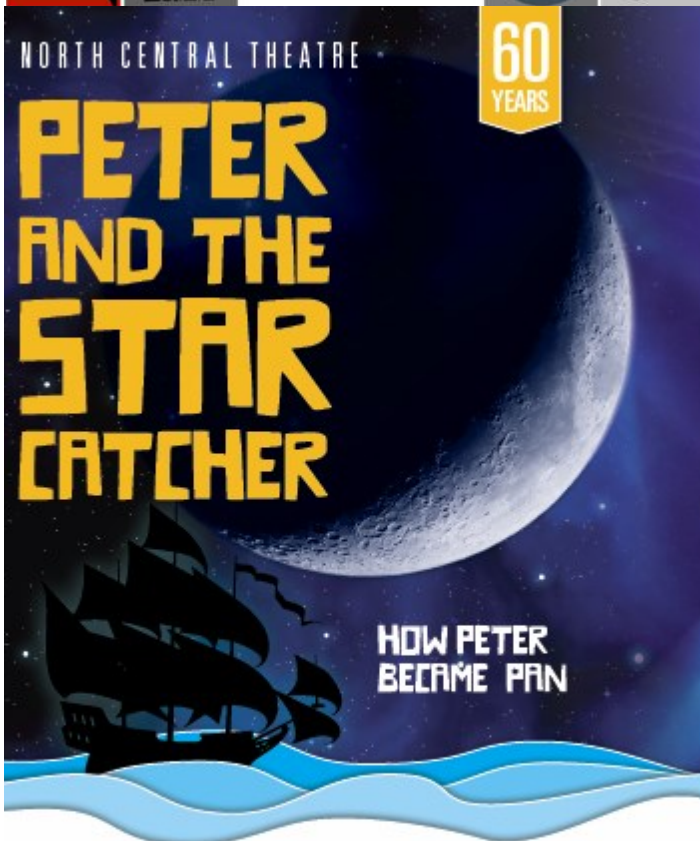


- Essential information on visits:
- Seniors and Juniors must register for college admission presentations at NC online through Naviance.
- Go to the "Colleges" tab in Naviance Student and select "College Visits."
- Students have up to 48 hours (2 school days) in advance of presentation to register.
- NC teachers have final say in whether or not students may miss class time to attend college rep visits.
- No longer: We no longer issue paper passes to students to attend college admission presentations.
- Students sign-in at a college admission presentations verifying attendance.

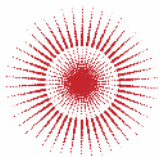
## COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM TEST REGISTRATION DATES & DEADLINES

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	Oct 6	Sept 7	Sept 26	
ACT	Sept 8	Aug 12	Aug 17	
ACT	Oct 27	Sept 28	Oct 14	





SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 14 @ 7PM  
 SEPTEMBER 15 @ 2:30 + 7PM  
 NORTHCENTRALTHEATRE.ORG



## IT JUST GOT PERSONAL!

DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, ALL  
 NORTH CENTRAL STUDENTS IN GRADE  
 10 WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE  
 PERSONAL PROJECT.

THE PERSONAL PROJECT WILL ALLOW ALL STUDENTS  
 THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESEARCH AND EXPLORE A  
 TOPIC OF THEIR CHOICE.

IF YOU COULD LEARN ABOUT ANYTHING...  
 WHAT WOULD IT BE?

## PARENTS THREE IMPORTANT OPT OUTS



- 1) Internet usage forms signed by parents are no longer required. Use of the internet will be allowed for all students unless parents state in writing to the principal that they DO NOT wish their student to have internet access.
- 2) Seniors' names and social security numbers will be included in a report to the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana in April 2019 verifying that they have earned a Core 40 and/or Indiana Academic Honors diploma, allowing them to receive state financial aid for college. Parents who DO NOT want their senior's name or social security number released to SSACI for financial aid eligibility must put that request in writing to the student's counselor.
- 3) A provision in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires schools to provide the military with student names and contact information.

If you do not want your child's name released, please contact North Central High School's Registrar, Jane White, (317) 259-5355 ext. 45336 or [jewhite@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jewhite@msdwt.k12.in.us).



## PARENT BOOK CLUB

Do you have a student enrolled in Washington Township?  
 Are you interested in learning more about your student's brain?  
 How does technology impact the developing brain?  
 Looking to meet new members of the community?

Wednesday, September 19

Wednesday, November 7

6:30-7:45 pm

Location TBD

RSVP to Deanna Nibarger

MSDWT Social & Emotional Behavior Coach

[dnibarger@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:dnibarger@msdwt.k12.in.us)

## SENIORS & PARENTS

What better way is there to bond with your senior classmates and commemorate your final year of high school than to wear class apparel?! This year, we are offering a hoodie, long-sleeve t-shirt, t-shirt, and sticker/decal. Get all four items at a discounted price of \$56. Pre-order sales are September 4 – September 11 in the bookstore annex. Pick up an order form from the front office or email Leslie Decker at [ldecker@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:ldecker@msdwt.k12.in.us) for a form. All orders and payments must be submitted before September 11.

