



# THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE

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As a fully authorized International Baccalaureate school, I'm pleased to report that our students are demonstrating how to be *balanced* members of our learning community. Balanced students understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional steadiness to achieve well-being for themselves and others. Although we take pride in our academic rigor and broad selection of course offerings, we're equally as proud of our club, co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. Our students continue to demonstrate a sense of responsibility for their school and community.

School is well on its way and students and faculty alike are well into the swing of things... or so they think. As we settle into the third month of school, let's do an academic readiness/performance check to ensure that we are doing all we can to be successful. When thinking of your student, is s/he getting enough sleep at night or are they burning the midnight oil texting, talking, studying, watching TV, and playing video games all at the same time? Have productive study habits been set and maintained? Has your student taken advantage of after school review sessions, or the After School Learning Center? Have you as a parent had contact with your student's teachers? Talking with or emailing a teacher is not taboo. These brief interactions help you stay connected with the learning that is taking place every day.

Have you set up your parent Skyward account and monitored your student's academic progress? By staying on top of your student's academic performance, you can implement a timely intervention if you notice an academic deficiency. Although your student is a young adult, they still need your guidance and wisdom in traversing the obstacles in their way of academic success. Last but not least on our check list, have you told your son or daughter how much you care and appreciate them? Your daily appreciation makes going to and performing in school that much easier.

This year we've been afforded 4 early release days to support teachers in preparing for MYP Personal Project training. Looking ahead, our three remaining early release days are **November 1, January 31 and March 21**. Dismissal will take place at 1:25 with buses departing at 1:35. The after school Learning Center and Information Center will be closed on early release days.

On behalf of an appreciative faculty and staff, thank you for sharing the best of you with all of us

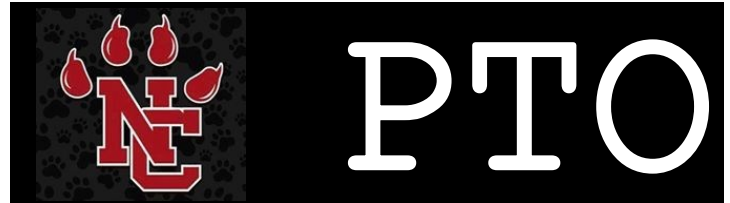
**Evans Branigan III**  
Principal



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FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 19  
7:30 AM  
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Once again we are **Highlighting** a great start to this year! Our PTO Parent Education Night was a big success. What a great way to gather as parents and family members of NC students to hear about what is happening in the district and our school. Mark your calendars now... we look forward to seeing **you** at our spring PTO Parent Education Meeting on March 18.

**Highlighting our Volunteers...** Some of you have already received your first *NC Volunteer Request* e-mail and many of you have jumped right in to help with volunteer needs. The PTO sends out these requests whenever there is a new or additional need at NC for help. If you completed a **Count on Me** form and checked the "GENERAL VOLUNTEER" box, you will receive these e-mails. The beauty of being a General Volunteer – you get these e-mails and can say "YES, let me help!" or "No, not right now" – just press delete! We have over **200 parents** who have signed up to help the PTO throughout the year in as a General Volunteer... are you on the list? If not...it is not too late! Simply e-mail your first and last name along with a contact phone number to [ptonorthcentral@gmail.com](mailto:ptonorthcentral@gmail.com) and let us know we can **Count On You** this school year!

**Highlighting our Donors...** *THANK YOU* for your generous donations to our NC PTO! Reminder: we do NOT collect dues or sell items. Any donation you make to the NC PTO is our sole income for the year. All donations go directly to support grants to teachers, classes, and students at NC. Please consider making a donation this year to support the PTO. Online donations can be made when paying your Book Rental Fees or you can drop off a donation at the NC front office designated for the PTO. We look forward to **highlighting** all those who have donated in the next edition of the Message.

On Friday, October 19 at 7:30 am, all parents are invited to **Bagels with Branigan**. Start your day at North Central (in Room H193) with a cup of coffee and an informal chat with our Principal, Mr. Evans Branigan III. This is a great opportunity to ask questions or just listen to the latest NCHS happenings.

Thanks for helping us **Highlight** a great year!

Aimbriel Lasely & Stacy Lozer PTO Co- Presidents  
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# NORTH CENTRAL PANTHERS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7 pm Fall Choir Concert (PAC)	2 NINE WEEKS EXAMS 6 pm NCXC JV Invite 7 pm Fall Choir Concert (PAC)	3 NINE WEEKS EXAMS 6:30 pm College Cost Estimator Workshop (L249)	4 NINE WEEKS EXAMS	5 NINE WEEKS EXAMS END OF 1ST INTERIM REPORT 7pm NC @ Pike	6 10 am NCXC@ Sectionals 10 am NCMT@ Semi-State
7	8	9 ENJOY FALL BREAK	10 ENJOY FALL BREAK	11 ENJOY FALL BREAK	12 ENJOY FALL BREAK	13 ENJOY FALL BREAK
14	15 2:45 pm NHS Meeting (L249)  7 pm NCAB (Pool Classroom)	16 6:45 am NHS Meeting (L249)	17	18	19 FIRST 9 WEEKS GRADES DISTRIBUTED 7:30 am Bagels w/ Branigan(H193)	20 10 am NCMT Singles & Doubles Champ (Away) 3 pm NCXC Semi-State (Away)
21	22 7 pm Symphony Orchestra Side by Side (PAC)	23 FAFSA Day 8 am - 7 pm 7 pm Fall Jazz Concert (PAC)	24 PSAT (Grade 9,10,11)	25	26 6:30 pm Sounds of Autumn (PAC) 7 pm NC Sectional (Away)	27 7:30 am ACT Testing (upper H hall) 1 pm NCXC State (Away)
28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN 			

MORE CALENDAR INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.nchs.cc>.

# GUIDANCE



## PREPARING NCHS STUDENTS

On **October 24** NCHS begins test preparation and college entrance testing. All grade levels will be involved.

- **Grade 9** students will take the PSAT 8/9 to establish an academic baseline for college and career readiness.
- **Grade 10** students will take the Preliminary SAT (or PSAT) as practice for the SAT, the college entrance test based on problem-solving skills in evidence based reading, writing and math.
- **Grade 11** students will take the PSAT as their qualifying exam for scholarship awards from the National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Hispanic Recognition Program, and the National Achievement Program (African American).
- **Grade 12** students will be addressed in a letter mailed to senior parents.

## ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH PARCHMENT [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)

This is a safe, efficient, paperless way to send secured official transcripts for college and scholarship applications and to the NCAA Clearinghouse. Register with the site and add transcript requests as you determine where you are applying. (NOTE: You will be prompted for a code, but it is not required and you can continue to register without one.)

### NC's Forms for College Applications

Our college application processing forms are stocked on the wall inside the Guidance Office near the Student Center entrance.

- The **PINK** Application Cover Sheet & Blanket Release Form (permission to release your records) – **Turn one in for EACH college you apply to**
- The **YELLOW** Counselor Recommendation Worksheet & Student Information Sheet – **Turn one into your counselor.**
- The **GREEN** Teacher Recommendation Form (If your college requires teacher recommendations) – **Give to teachers who agree to write letters of recommendation for you & include a resume or a copy of your Student Information Sheet.**



## 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.

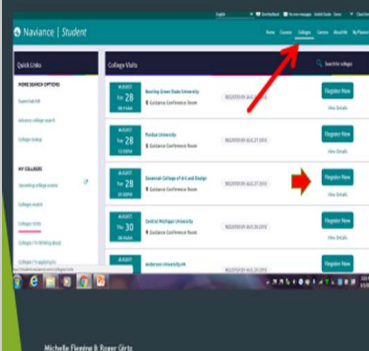
### Using NAVIANCE requires:

- **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.

## 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.

**SENIORS** interested in meeting time with Mrs. Easterday are invited to sign up for small group meetings with her through Naviance. Mrs. Easterday's name is listed as an option in the "College Visit" section in Naviance on specific dates through November. Meeting time is from 2:45-3:30 pm on many Wednesdays or Thursdays through November. Meetings convene in the Guidance department conference room. Group size is limited to eight to accommodate seniors seeking more individualized Q & A, discussion and to receive college application essay feedback. Juniors are invited begin signing themselves up in December 2018!

## COLLEGE COST ESTIMATOR WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 3, 6:30-7:30 pm in L249. Still confused about financial aid and how it works? Dave Murray from the National Center for College Costs, will be back at NC to review the process. If you have already filed a College Cost Estimator (a preliminary FAFSA), he will have results to return to you. After his one-hour presentation on how aid works, he'll stay to talk with families individually. You are invited to attend whether you completed an estimator or not. [www.collegecosts.com](http://www.collegecosts.com)



## CSS/FINANCIAL AID PROFILE

The CSS/Financial Aid profile form is required by many private colleges and out-of-state universities for financial aid consideration. Students and parents can find this form at [www.collegeboard.org/profile](http://www.collegeboard.org/profile).

## FAFSA DAY

Tuesday, October 23, 8 am- 7 pm. PC Lab, Upper IC

Review the information on the orange folder students received in homeroom. It outlines what to bring and answers some frequently asked questions. No appointments needed, but come early if you can. It gets crowded after 4:00 pm. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM TEST REGISTRATION DATES & DEADLINES

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration	Register on line at: <a href="http://www.sat.org">www.sat.org</a> or <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>
SAT	Oct 6	Sept 7	Sept 26	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.
ACT	Oct 27	Sept 28	Oct 14	





**Fall Choir Concert - Accents, Rondos, & Encores**  
Monday, October 1 at 7 pm in PAC

**Fall Choir Concert - Varsity Singers**  
Tuesday, October 2 at 7 pm in PAC

**Symphony Orchestra Side by Side Concert**  
Monday, October 22 at 7 pm in PAC

## FALL SWING NIGHT

FEATURING THE JAZZ ENSEMBLE  
AND THE JAZZ LAB BAND PLAYING  
SELECTIONS FROM THE BIG BAND  
ERA

**OCTOBER 23 • 7PM**

## AUTUMN CONCERT SERIES

SOUNDS OF AUTUMN  
FEATURING CONCERT WINDS AND SYMPHONIC WINDS

OCTOBER 26TH

6:30PM - CONCERT WINDS • 7:30PM - SYMPHONIC WINDS

### AUTUMN WINDS

AN EVENING WITH THE NCHS WIND ENSEMBLE

NOVEMBER 2ND • 7PM

NORTH CENTRAL THEATRE

60  
YEARS

# BRING IT ON THE MUSICAL

LIBRETTO: JEFF WHITTY  
MUSIC: TOM KITT +  
LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA  
LYRICS: PHINIAH GREEN  
+ LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7PM**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2:30 + 7PM**  
NORTHCENTRALTHEATRE.ORG

## FIRST 9 WEEKS GRADES

Students should bring home grades for the first nine weeks grading period on **Friday, October 19.**

Parents, can't wait until October 19 for grades? Access your student's grades, assignments, and tests by setting up a Skyward account.

Email [lwilson@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:lwilson@msdwt.k12.in.us) for an activation code. Allow 48 to 72 hours for verification, then go to <https://skyward.msdwt.k12.in.us>.

**Must be parent or legal guardian of the student to be allowed access to this service.**

## BILLING CONCERNS

All checks returned NSF will be debited for the value of the check plus a returned processing fee.



**CLASS OF 2019**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 at 9:30 pm**

# Senior Bonfire

**WHEN THEY FIND  
THEIR VOICE...**



IT WILL  
LAST FOREVER  
IN THE  
YEARBOOK

## YEARBOOK

Yearbooks may be ordered online at  
[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)  
Buy early, the price increases as the year goes on!

## GRAD AD

Senior Grad Ads can be ordered now through  
October 15!