



# THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE

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December means the end of the semester and final exams. It's not too late to put the finishing academic touch on a successful year. The Learning Center continues to be open during and after school. Teachers are still providing support before school on Tuesdays and after school on Thursdays. Be sure to talk to your child about taking advantage of the supports available at school. That extra time spent could be the difference between an end-of-the-year celebration or an end-of-the-semester frustration.

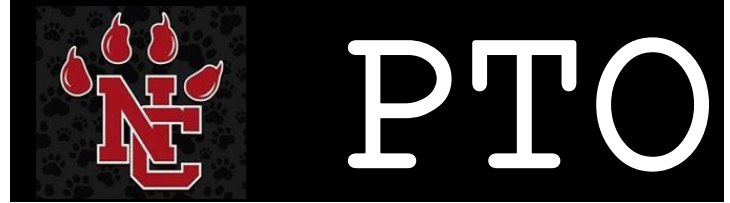
As December creeps into January, Mother Nature may not always be our friend. If November weather was any indication, anything could happen over the next few months. Don't be the last to know about a school delay, closing, or event cancellation. Be sure to follow me on Twitter @ NC\_Principal and on Facebook @ North Central High School. You'll know before your children know when you follow me on social media.

A new visitor identification system called RAPTOR has been installed to support safety and security for our students and staff. Visitors will be asked to provide identification in the form of a driver's license or state ID when checking in at the reception desk. The RAPTOR system will print out a visitor tag with the visitor name, date, time and destination.

As we begin looking toward Winter Break, I want to remind you that school will reconvene on January 7. Students will report to homeroom where they will receive updated class schedules. It is possible that schedules will have to be modified and students may find themselves with classes at different times of the day or even new teachers. It is imperative that students follow their new schedules once school reconvenes.

As this is my last time to share with you before break, thank you for a great first semester. You've been an outstanding community to work with and every day you've shared your best and brightest with us. From the faculty and staff at North Central, have a safe, relaxing, and fulfilling Winter Break. We look forward to a great rest of the year. Have a good break.

Yours in education,  
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Principal North Central High School  
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Our **#NCPRIDE!** was definitely on display for all to see at our November Open House. What an amazing time for our MSDWT 8th grade families and other interested 8th graders to tour North Central! The 2018 Open House showcased all that NCHS has to offer to interested families and community members from across central Indiana. **Shout out** to our Co-Chairs *Rebecca Goldstein* and *Mary Morris* who worked with our amazing NCHS school administration to really highlight NCHS. We appreciate all of our volunteers, tour guides, staff and administrators for their hard work on making sure NC put its best foot forward!

Additionally, we are grateful for your support with our 2nd Community Day at Whole Foods! We were able to raise over **\$2,800** for our PTO! These funds go directly back into our classrooms to ensure that our staff and students are equipped with the necessary tools to excel! **THANK YOU!**  
**NC PTO "Friday Building Tours" Needs YOU!**

Ever wanted to walk backward while talking to people (like you see our tour guides do)? Are you a Proud Panther Parent who can share about your student's experience? Do you like to meet new people (and sometimes see friends who you know are thrilled are considering NCHS)? Friday Tour Guide is a perfect fit for you to give 1 hour of time (as needed, or one time!) to help promote NCHS!

**Tours are held on Fridays from 9:00 - 10:00 am**, current NCHS parents give tours of the building to interested parents/students who would like to know more about attending NCHS. As applicable, the Athletic Director, the Fine Arts Department Chair, JELCC staff, and/or the IB/AP Coordinator will join you to share more specifics about those particular areas of North Central's amazing offerings.

Please click on the link below for the Sign-Up Genius to learn more details regarding Friday Building Tours. Additionally, you may contact NCHS PTO Building Tours Chair, Betsy Biederstedt, with any questions or for further information: (317) 566-9665 or [rbieder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rbieder@sbcglobal.net)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4faca72ba20-friday>

As always follow us on social media:  
FB-North Central PTO (make sure the PTO is in all caps)  
IG-@northcentralpto  
Thanks for all you do to support North Central!  
Co-Presidents  
Aimbriel Lasley and Stacy Lozer

## INFORMATIONAL NIGHT



International Baccalaureate Diploma Program will take place on Thursday, January 10 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 317-259-5345.

## NCHS CANNED FOOD DRIVE NOV 7- DEC 7

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS HOLIDAY...  
PARTICIPATE IN CANNED FOOD DRIVE.  
YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS  
MSDWT FAMILIES IN NEED

# DECEMBER 2018



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<b>CANNED FOOD DRIVE THROUGH DEC 7</b>						
<b>2</b> 2:00 pm NHS Induction (PAC)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7 pm TOPPS Meeting (L241)  7 pm Winter Choir Concert (Auditorium)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 pm Messiah Concert (Auditorium)	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Madrigal Dinner (K of C)	<b>8</b> 11:00 NCSD @ Homestead  12:00 pm Madrigal Luncheon (K of C)  7 pm NC Women's BB County Champ.
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 2:45 pm NHS Meeting (L249)  7 pm Holiday Band Concert & Silent Auction (Auditorium)	<b>11</b> 6:45 am NHS Meeting (L249)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:20 pm Kings Court Performance (Lions Club)  7 pm Holiday Orchestra Concert (Auditorium)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1:30 pm NCSD @ Marion County  7:30 pm NC @ Crispus Attucks
<b>16</b> 3:30 pm More Joyful Sounds of the Season (St. Luke's UMC)	<b>17</b> <b>EXAMS PER 2</b> Homeroom Schedule Periods 4-10	<b>18</b> <b>EXAMS</b> <b>PER 1 &amp; 3</b>	<b>19</b> <b>EXAMS</b> <b>PER 6/7/8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>20</b> <b>EXAMS</b> <b>PER 4/5/6 &amp; 10</b>	<b>21</b> <b>TEACHER</b> <b>REPORT DAY</b> <b>NO STUDENTS</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>ENJOY WINTER BREAK</b>						

MORE CALENDAR INFORMATION at [www.nchs.cc](http://www.nchs.cc)

# GUIDANCE



## 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. Corn 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.**

## The FAFSA & CSS PROFILE

These are the two forms requested by colleges to determine your eligibility for financial assistance. **Check with each college on your list for their deadlines.**

**FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – All colleges request that you complete this form to determine your eligibility for financial aid. File online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**CSS PROFILE** – Some colleges, mostly private, will want you to fill this out IN ADDITION to the FAFSA. It can be found on College Board's website at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

## COFFEE & CCR 101 CONVERSATIONS

Carroll Easterday and members of the NC Counseling team will host a monthly small group parent session addressing topics in college and career readiness. The purpose of the monthly session is to assist parents and families to better understand college admission, career awareness, and to share helpful resources in counseling students. Again, due to intentionality of keeping it an interactive dialogue, group size will be small(ish) of 20-25 encouraging learning and exchange. Look for the Naviance email to parents in December containing a link to a "Signup Genius" to reserve a spot. Information shared at Coffee and CCR 101 Conversations is repeated monthly January through May. Parents attend one session, not multiple sessions. More information will be sent via Naviance in late December. **"Coffee and CCR 101" - Dates: 1/24, 2/21, 3/15, 4/12, 5/2 from 8 - 9:15 am. Coffee provided!**

## HBCU UPDATE

The NC Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fair is rescheduled for April 25, 2019



## 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.

## 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.)

## FREE SAT PREP

A national study of 250,000 students from the class of 2017 showed that a little practice goes a long way—regardless of gender, race, income, or high school GPA. In fact, **20** hours on Khan Academy® was associated with an average 115-point increase from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT. That's a BIG deal. When PSAT score reports are ready, students are offered an opportunity via email to "link" their PSAT/College Board account to Khan Academy. The following link outlines the three steps to linking PSAT/College Board account to Khan Academy: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/steps-linking-college-board-khan-academy-accounts.pdf>

Linking PSAT/NMSQT scores to Khan Academy determined by students. College Board student accounts are not automatically linked to Khan Academy practice.

## 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 scores 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 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The North Central Scholarship List is NOW available online in **Naviance**. To access the list, students scroll down on their Naviance Student Home Page to 'Document Resources' and click on it. Once selected, a list of scholarships will be displayed. Students can select any of the scholarships listed, paying particular attention to the 2019 CICF Scholarship Guidebook as well as Scholarship Opportunities.

## 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	Dec 1	Nov 2	Nov 20	
ACT	Dec 8	Nov 2	Nov 19	

Register on line at: [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)





### CHORAL WINTER CONCERT

Tuesday, December 4 at 7 pm (Auditorium)

Ten choirs, along with the bell choir, will perform. Admission is free to the public; our gift to the community!

### MESSIAH CONCERT

Thursday, December 6 at 7 pm (Auditorium)

Performing selections from Handel's *Messiah*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Haydn's *Creation*. The Symphony Orchestra will be performing works by Brahms and Tchaikovsky. Free admission

### HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT & SILENT AUCTION

Monday, December 10 at 7 pm (Auditorium)

North Central concert and jazz bands will present their annual Holiday Band Concert. Prior to the event, please visit the NCHS Student Center to view the variety of items available at the NC Band Parent Organization "16th Annual" Silent Auction.

### HOLIDAY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Thursday, December 13 at 7 pm (Auditorium)

North Central's Concert, Philharmonic, and Festival Orchestras will be performing. Free admission.

### MORE JOYFUL SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Sunday, December 16 at 3:30 pm (SLMC)

Featuring the Counterpoints 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).

Kings Court Madrigal Dinner  
Fri, Dec 7 @ 6pm  
Knights of Columbus



Kings Court Madrigal Luncheon  
Sat, Dec 8 @ noon  
Knights of Columbus

### WASSAIL!

Ye North Central High School King's Court Singers will delight their audiences with beautiful singing, creative dancing, witty skits and melodious recorders as they celebrate the season in the style of the Renaissance Era. Ye Madrigal Brass, Ye Madrigal Handbells, Ye Madrigal Strings and Ye Madrigal Recorders will perform joyful strains and Ye Accents singers will serve as singing waitresses. 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 40 years! [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

## EXAM SCHEDULE

### MON DEC 17

Pd 2	7:20 am	8:34 am	Study/Break
	8:34 am	10:18 am	Exam
Pd 4 - 10	10:24 am	2:35 pm	HR Schedule

### TUE DEC 18

Pd 1	7:20 am	8:25 am	Study/Break
	8:25 am	10:10 am	Exam
Pd 3	10:20 am	11:40 am	Study/Snack
	11:40 am	1:25 pm	Exam

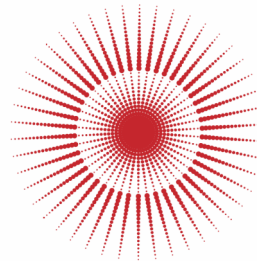
### WED DEC 19

Pd 6, 7, 8	7:20 am	8:25 am	Study/Break
	8:25 am	10:10 am	Exam
Pd 9	10:20 am	11:40 am	Study/Snack
	11:40 am	1:25 pm	Exam

### THUR DEC 20

Pd 4, 5, 6	7:20 am	8:25 am	Study/Break
	8:25 am	10:10 am	Exam
Pd 10	10:20 am	11:40 am	Study/Snack
	11:40 am	1:25 pm	Exam

Buses depart T,W,R at 1:35 pm



### EARLY RELEASE DATES

SEPTEMBER 20  
NOVEMBER 1  
JANUARY 31  
MARCH 21

SOPHOMORES  
MYP 1:30-3 PM

## AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER

This federally-funded program provides a safe environment during non-school hours where students can do homework, work on group projects, recover credits in an on-line program, and receive quality academic tutoring from experts in specific content areas.

### After School Learning Center Hours:



2:40-4:15 – Monday

2:40-4:15 – Tuesday



2:40-4:15 – Wednesday

2:40-4:15 – Thursday

Closed Friday

Late Bus passes provided upon request. Buses depart North Central at 4:15 and 5:45 pm.

## NORTH CENTRAL ONLINE STORE

No time to visit the spiritshop during lunch hours?? Shop our online store for all your NCHS Spiritwear needs!!

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/indiana/indianapolis/north-central-high-school>