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Happy New Year! It's my hope that you and your family had a relaxing and rejuvenating Winter Break. First semester went by quickly but in that time our teachers and students accomplished so much. Student led organizations successfully hosted homecoming events, pep sessions, Canned Food Drive, tailgate parties, and a host of other events and opportunities. Our students experienced success in the classroom and on the varied fields of competition. We are proud of all that they accomplished during the first semester. As we reflect on all that has been accomplished thus far, let us not forget about the work that has yet to be done. Second semester brings about new opportunities for personal growth and academic success. I strongly encourage you to sit down with your student and review both the pros and cons of the first semester. How did study habits impact academic performance? How did behavioral decisions impact opportunities at home and school? If improvements are desired, what changes must take place?

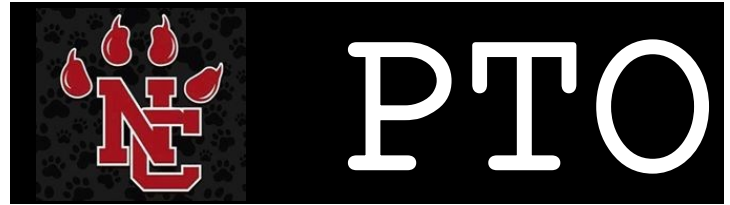
The excitement continues at North Central second semester. Be sure to put Junior Spectacular on your calendar this month. I'm proud to share that the junior class has outdone itself with creativity and class pride in writing, directing and acting in these student led productions. Join me this month as student performers showcase their talents and creativity through Junior Spec. The junior class takes great pride in continuing the long tradition of putting on great performances and entertaining audiences.

Although I'm proud of what we've accomplished thus far, I believe that we can do even more as we rededicate ourselves to becoming better students, teachers, parents....members of the community. Like you, I take pride in our school and our community. Lets make 2019 the year in which we redefine why we are a superior school in a supportive community.

"The mission of Washington Township Schools is to develop life-long learners and globally minded citizens by fostering the academic, creative, and social skills needed to achieve excellence in a multi-cultural environment."

As a result of inclement weather, North Central had to be closed for 1 day during November. In response, the school must now make up that day. NCHS will be in session on **January 21**, Martin Luther King Day. If in the future inclement weather causes the need to close school, the school calendar will be adjusted again.

Yours in education,
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We are delighted to start off 2019 by **HIGHLIGHTING** our NCHS PTO Teacher "Wish List" grant recipients. These 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. The generous donations of 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!**

As you can see from the list of awarded grants on page 4, there were a wide variety of requests! We funded requests including professional development for the Guidance Department, robotics equipment, foreign language support tools, subscriptions for classroom materials, calculators, digital microscopes, scripts for performing arts, leadership development opportunities and more.

A reminder: We are still accepting donations! Any donations received from this point on in the 2018-2019 year will allow another round of grants to our teachers/staff 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 HIGHLIGHT their strengths in the classroom. If you would still like to donate, please send in 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 List. Send your name and e-mail address to ptonorthcentral@gmail.com. We will add you to the list and send out notices when volunteers are needed.

Happy 2019!!
Aimbriel Lasley & Stacy Lozer
NCPTO Co-Presidents

MARCH 9, 2019



GRADE 8 CURRICULUM NIGHT

January 14
7:00 pm
Auditorium

JANUARY 2019

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MON

TUE

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ENJOY WINTER BREAK						
6	7  7:20 am Students report to homeroom & receive schedules	8 7 pm TOPPS Meeting (L241)	9	10 7 pm IB Diploma Meeting (PAC)	11 1ST SEMESTER GRADES DISTRIBUTED PERIOD 3 6 pm NC Men's Basketball Marion County (Away)	12 7 pm NC Men's Basketball Marion County (Away)
13	14 7 pm CURRICULUM NIGHT	15	16	17	18 LAST DAY TO DROP/ADD CLASS WITHOUT PENALTY	19
20	21 SNOW MAKE UP DAY SCHOOL IN SESSION	22 9:53-10:18 am New Student Orientation (H193)	23	24	25 4 pm JR SPEC 7 pm JR SPEC	26 7 pm JR SPEC
27	28 2:45 pm NHS Meeting (L249)	29 6:45 am NHS Meeting (L249)	30 7 pm Dick Dennis Concert	31		

MORE CALENDAR INFORMATION at www.nchs.cc

GUIDANCE



2019 COURSE SELECTION

Tuesday, January 16 Curriculum information distributed
January 16 – 31 Academic Planning

Monday, February 4 Grade 9 & 10 Parent and Student Career, College, and Curriculum Night

Friday, February 1 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.**

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SENIORS

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

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

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 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!**

FREE SAT PREP

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.

GRADES 9 & 10 CAREER, COLLEGE & CURRICULUM NIGHT

Please join the Guidance Staff Monday, February 4 at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium, 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.

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.

CLASS OF 2020

COLLEGE ADMISSION BOOT CAMP

Wednesday, June 19 - Friday, June 21 8:30 am - 3 pm

This newly evolved three day workshop provides students with guidance to gain critical understanding of the college admissions process. College Admission Boot Camp instills confidence in participants to reach goals and navigate the process with success. Registration Fee Waiver available for students meeting income guidelines. **By taking this step, you will alleviate some of the stress time-crunched seniors feel in the fall! Online registration opens Friday, 4/19.**

Boot Camp provides students the opportunity to:

- Develop two college application essay drafts
- Create a college admission/scholarship resume
- Research colleges
- Utilization of Naviance
- Determining college "fit" criteria
- Develop interviewing skills
- Learn how to get the most out of visiting college campuses
- Work with national admission expert guest facilitator, *Dr. Bruce Chamberlin, Georgetown University (helpful advice no matter where students plan to apply)*
- Receive essay coaching and personal feedback, from trained faculty and administrators
- Receive 'Boot Camp' e-binder – loaded with helpful resources including successful college admission essay examples

Sending 7th Semester Grades to Colleges

Seniors asked to forward their 7th semester grades to colleges that they have applied to, should request a transcript through their **Parchment** account. Select the colleges that grades should be sent to and instead of sending the request now, select **'Hold for Grades.'** This will hold your request until transcripts have been updated in Skyward in mid-January. Did you apply to colleges using the common Application? 7th Semester grades 'Mid Year Report' will be forwarded to Common App colleges when available in Skyward.

Class of 2020 College Planning Night

Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 - 8 pm

Post-secondary training is the focus - 4 year, 2 year and training programs! So much has changed over the past two years. Join the entire NC Counseling team as we unpack the options, offer helpful insights, and share resources of how NC Counselors support ALL students through the application process. Carroll Easterday kicks off the program in the auditorium then students and parents transition to group breakout discussions facilitated by assigned Counselors. Naviance, Grad Pathways, Career-planning, eDocs. We've got it covered! You won't want to miss it.

Class of 2020 - Guidance Counselors in English Classes, January 21-February 1. Counselors are collaborating with the NC English Department Faculty to assist students with a lesson in Naviance, introduction to the new Indiana Grad Pathways and Academic Planning.



ANNUAL DICK DENNIS MEMORIAL CONCERT

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Auditorium 7 pm

\$5 Adults/ \$3 Students/ 2 & younger free

Silent Auction to help support the NCHS Orchestras

For more information go to www.northcentralorchestras.org



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. 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.

Visit the website to make your donation at www.advancementcenterwts.org

EARLY RELEASE DATES

JANUARY 31
MARCH 21
SOPHOMORES
MYP 1:30-3 PM

TWO HOUR DELAY

School begins at **9:20 am** on Two-Hour delay days. Be on the watch for **MSD of Washington Township Schools** with local media outlets.



REMINDER

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.

STUDENT APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE






Parents or guardians can call the Attendance Office at (317) 259-5355, extension 5, and leave a detailed message regarding the absence or scheduled doctor's appointment. Notes will not be accepted. It is the **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 procedure 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. Students need to return their proof of appointment to the Attendance Office upon their return.

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	STUDENT IMPACT
Guidance Department	Ladies First Fashion Show fundraiser for Coburn Place and Ladies First.	50
NC Administration	Assist the Equity Team in creating a reward store when students demonstrate safe, responsible and respectful behavior .	3,800
Guidance	Expand the use of the Naviance College and Career Readiness Management Program.	3,800
Math/Computer Science/Robotics	Rechargeable drivers to make the students more efficient in building their robotics.	50
World Language	Funding subscriptions to languageplus.com	200
World Language	Funding to support students State Latin Convention at Indiana University	40
Art/ Culinary Arts	Grant will cover the cost of the clay & glaze used to make plates, cups, trays, vases, and bowls, for JEL Light café.	210
World Language	Provide a class subscription to Scholastic magazines in French.	112
English	Purchase of DVD's for the analysis of film and its comparison to print literature.	250
Science	Purchase a classroom set of calculators to ensure that all students have the ability to use calculators every day in class.	70
MSDWT School Police	Beautification of the median on Panther Dr., immediately south of 86th St.	3,400
Performing Arts	Funding to assist the Performing Artist in Residence Partnership with "Village Voices" under the direction of Joshua Thompson, North Central Alum and former student.	300
Library	Funding to allow North Central to participate in hosting an author in March, 2019, during the inaugural "RosieCon".	200
Performing Arts/Theatre	Funds to purchase new scripts for the classroom that deal with depression, anxiety, suicide, drugs/alcohol.	200
PE / Athletics	Funds to purchase the book "The Power of a Positive Team" by Jon Gordon to be used in conjunction with our a team retreat with a focus on team building, leadership, and what it takes to be a good teammate.	20
Zoology	The purchase of classroom microscopes that allow students to take digital photos of what they are viewing for lab work.	150

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 NC at 4:15 and 5:45 pm.