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Dear Parents and Guardians,

ISTEP+ is a graduation examination which measures students' mastery of the Indiana Academic Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics in grade 10. It is administered to all students in Grade 10 through school year 2019-2020. ISTEP+ is the high school accountability assessment for Indiana and is needed in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

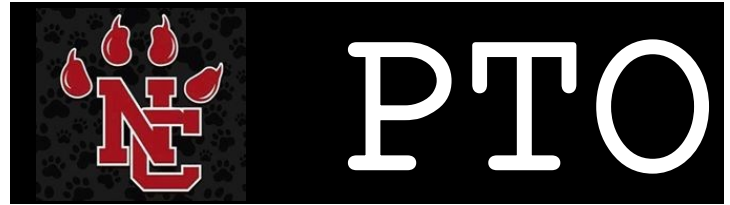
ISTEP+ testing for **first time testers** (Grade 10) will begin on Tuesday, February 25 for Math and Tuesday, March 3 for English/Language Arts. Testing times for February 25 are 7:20-10:08 a.m. English testing time on March 3 is 7:20-10:54 a.m. Students will report to their Grade 10 Homerooms. It is critical that testing students be on time in their assigned testing rooms. It is recommended that students get a good night's sleep, eat a light breakfast and have a positive attitude before testing.

If you would like more information about this assessment, visit <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/high-school-assessment>. This link provides released and sample items for Mathematics and English/Language Arts and ISTEP+ cut scores for the different proficiency levels.

During ISTEP+ testing, freshmen will be in homeroom participating in activities. Juniors and Seniors may elect to perform community service, take a college visit, or go to work with a parent. A parent permission form for Juniors and Seniors who elect one of the above options, must be signed and returned to the Attendance Office the day before scheduled ISTEP+ testing. Forms are available in the Attendance Office and Ms. Palacios' office.



Yours in education,
Evans Branigan III
Principal North Central High School
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Happy February!

We are off and running into our second semester of this year. The PTO is excited to announce that through the generosity of our North Central community, we are once again able to offer grants to teachers for the second semester. We have opened the grant process up for teachers to submit grant requests to cover classroom and curriculum ideas, needs or projects to enhance the learning and experiences of our students. We are also hosting one "BIG IDEA" grant of \$1,000 for teachers to submit big ideas of collaboration to make a big impact. We look forward to sharing our grant award recipients in upcoming editions of the Message.

STICK the date on your calendar for our upcoming PTO Parent Education Night - Monday, March 16th at 7:00 pm in Room H193. This evening is designed for parent learning and discussion, focused on the theme of the students Safe Decisions Week. Each year the Junior Class Council selects a topic, and we are fortunate to partner with them and include parent education and discussion. We will also present the PTO Executive Board Slate for the 2020-2021 school year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Continue to watch for those monthly PTO e mail updates where the PTO shares information about how you can STICK your name on a list, volunteer to help, or support the PTO and our efforts. We love seeing new names and faces, and the spring brings opportunities to help with exciting events and activities.

Thanks for STICKING with us!

Stacy Lozer & Emily Kaiser
PTO Co-Presidents
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MARCH 14, 2020



Are you the type to save a life?

NC SENIOR BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY FEB 14 MAIN GYM



FEBRUARY 2020

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2	3 6:30 pm Career Fair (Cafeteria)	4 7 pm TOPPS Meeting (L241)	5	6	7 END OF 3RD APPRAISAL 7 pm Winter Pops Concert- NC Bands (Auditorium)	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day Senior Blood Drive (Main Gym) THIRD APPRAISAL GRADES AVAILABLE IN SKYWARD	15
16	17 PRESIDENTS DAY NO SCHOOL	18	19	20 8 am Coffee & CCLR 101 (B123) 3 pm Thoughtful Thursdays (H193)	21 4 & 7 pm One Act Plays (PAC)	22 8 am Saturday Science (Science Hallways) 8 am ISSMA 5:30 pm Ladies First Fashion Show
23	24 7 pm Brownies with Branigan (H193)	25 3 pm NHS Freshman Recognition (Cafeteria)	26	27	28	29

MORE CALENDAR INFORMATION at www.nchs.cc

North Central Counseling Department

Twitter: @NcCounselors



CLASS OF 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 21-28:** Parent Appreciation Luncheon ticket sales, \$25 per ticket, CASH ONLY
- **May 5-12:** Grad Dance & Blast Off ticket sales, \$30 per ticket, CASH ONLY
- **May 4-15:** AP/IB Exams
- **May 8:** Last day for seniors to pay arrears to receive your cap and gown, cash or credit card ONLY
- **May 18-21:** Final exams
- **May 26**
 - Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon, 10:30am, at the Ritz Charles
 - Cap and Gown distribution, 1:00-3:00pm
 - Baccalaureate, 7:00-8:30pm, in Auditorium
- **May 27**
 - Required Commencement Practice, 8:00-11:30am, at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds
 - Commencement, 7pm, at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds
- **May 29-30:**
 - Graduation Dinner Dance, 7:00-11:00pm, at the Ritz Charles
 - Blast Off, Midnight-3:00am, in the NCHS Main Gym



FAFSA COMPLETION EVENT

When: Monday, March 23 from 3:00-6:30 P.M.
Where: Upper IC PC Lab

INvestEd will be present to help answer any questions you may have regarding the FAFSA. Complete your FAFSA during this session.

Remember, the **Indiana** deadline for filing your FAFSA is **April 15**, so this is a great time to get your FAFSA done.

NAVIANCE Update

All students are required to update their Naviance passwords. You must select **Forgot Password** to begin this process. In order to meet the new password requirements, it is recommended to make your new password your initials in uppercase letters followed by your full birthdate. An example would be LS01012003

Naviance: <https://student.naviance.com/northcentral>

ACADEMIC PLANNING CLASS OF 2021, 2022, 2023

Over the next several weeks, counselors will be meeting with students to review next year's course requests and to review post-secondary plans.

GREATER INDIANAPOLIS NORTHSIDE COLLEGE FAIR

Wednesday, March 11, 6-8 pm
Grand Park Events Center, Westfield, IN

<https://app.strivescan.com/students>



CAREER FAIR

Wondering what the hot jobs are today? Will I get a job after I graduate from high school? What skills do I need to get a job? Not sure what you want to do after high school? Wondering where to go to explore careers?

If you have asked any of these questions or know someone who has, please consider attending **The Career Fair on Thursday, April 16 at North Central HS.** Stay tuned for more information!



COFFEE & CCR 101 CONVERSATIONS

Lisa Salazar and members of the NC Counseling team will address topics regarding college and career readiness. The purpose of the monthly sessions is to assist parents and families to better understand the college admission process, career readiness, and to share helpful resources in counseling students.

The small group size promotes interactive dialogue, the exchange of information, and encourages learning. The Coffee and CCR 101 conversations will be repeated monthly, so please only sign up to attend one session. Our next coffees are February 20 and March 20 at 8:15am. Coffee provided!

The link to register can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DADA622A2F49-coffee>



MEET WITH MISS SALAZAR TO DISCUSS COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

Students may sign themselves up to meet with Miss Salazar in small group sessions (no more than 6 students) after school from 2:45-3:30pm - **only through Naviance under College Visits - her name appears as one of the upcoming college visits to NC.** Meetings offered weekly - typically Wednesdays.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM TEST REGISTRATION DATES & DEADLINES

Test tion	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registra-
SAT	Mar 14	Feb 14	Mar 3
ACT	Apr 4	Feb 28	Mar 13
SAT	May 2	Apr 3	Apr 21

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.



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PERFORMING ARTS



NORTH CENTRAL CHOIR AUDITIONS 2020-2021

We would like to invite singers and piano accompanists to participate in one of our 10 North Central Choirs. We will

find the perfect choir for YOU!

The following date is available for choir auditions for current and incoming North Central students who are not currently singing in a North Central or MSDWT Middle School Ensembles.

Thursday, February 6 at 2:45 pm in room K213.

Questions? Contact Mr. Raunick mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us or Mrs. Click click@msdwt.k12.in.us.



MIC CHORAL COMPETITION

North Centrals choirs will host more than forty central Indiana high school and middle school show, concert choirs and vocal soloists on **March 7, 2020** at the annual MIC Choir Competition.

Competition Show Choirs will compete in the Auditorium and Concert Choirs, Soloists, Festival and Middle School Choirs will perform in the Performance Classroom.

Performances begin at 7:30 am and last throughout the day until 11:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for single sessions and \$15.00 for an all-day pass. Join us for our 23rd Annual MIC Choral Competition as we "bring the best together under one roof." Please check www.nchschoirs.com for a schedule of performance times which will be posted on March 1.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Click, jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us or Mr. Raunick, mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us.

Did You Know?

11,072 students attend Washington Township Schools

Each day 10,315 meals are served to our students

Each day 5,513 miles are driven by our buses

There are 71 athletic facilities in Washington Township

Almost 2,635 students participate in co-curricular athletic programs

Since 2009, state funding to our schools has been reduced by

\$42,000,000

Why Register to Vote?

Registering to vote ensures that your government hears your voice.

Federal financial aid is determined by elected officials

The level of taxes you pay are determined by elected officials

The minimum wage is determined by elected officials

Elected officials make decisions about national security

take **2** minutes to **Register to VOTE**

Visit our website or scan the QR code to register to vote and to learn more about voting in Indiana

www.indianavoters.in.gov



PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION

February 27, 4-6 pm

EARLY RELEASE DATE

MARCH 21



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.

