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I'm still a bit amazed as I'm sure a few of you are when you think about 2020. Dependent upon your age, you were awed by Y2K. If you're close to my age, when Prince sang about 1999, it seemed like an eternity away and yet here we are in 2020. Although belated, "Happy New Year North Central." What does this year have in store for us? What will we do in this new decade to better ourselves and our community? Upon reflection, I'm entering my 26th year in Washington Township and sounding more ominous, my 4th decade in the district. I too have to ask myself how will I better my community, my role as a family member, and as a member of our learning community. In reflection, I'm proud of what we've accomplished and excited about what we can do moving forward.

Second semester will be a busy time at NC with culminating activities across the board. More than anytime of the year, we have to pay attention to the school calendar to ensure that our students are well informed and well prepared for upcoming activities. At NC, we will do our part to prepare our students for success and self-growth. At home, I ask that you continue to provide a supportive environment that fosters high expectations, compassion, and high aspirations. Between home and school, our students should feel the comfort of a community that's proud of their success and responsive to their challenges.

Although we collectively want the road to success to be smooth, the reality is that challenges will arise. When challenges appear, we can overcome these obstacles through communication, collaboration, and a steadfast belief in accomplishment through perseverance. Support systems at home in conjunction with school supports are paramount to student academic and mental growth.

Senior parents, the last three and a half years have gone by quickly and I encourage you to savor the last semester of high school with your student. Although seniors may claim to want to fast forward through the semester, remember all that it took to get to this final stage of high school. The excitement of senior year is not limited to the student but should also be celebrated by the team of loved ones who were part of the journey. Enjoy it.

North Central, we can achieve what we can conceive. Academic, athletic, social, and emotional growth along with success are well within our reach. My new year's resolution is that we as a learning community establish our individual goals and set our action plans in motion. At the end of the school year, we can all party like it's 1999.

Yours in Education,
Evans Branigan III
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NCHS PTO

PARENTS AND TEACHERS STICKING TOGETHER

A Very Happy 2020 to All North Central Parents & Families!

We are excited to start off 2020 and really STICK TO our goals of supporting the amazing students, families, teachers, staff and administration throughout our North Central Community. We had a great first semester and look forward to an even better second semester!

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 to your generosity - we look forward to offering a second round of Teacher Grant Requests to fund great ideas, wishes and experiences submitted by our teachers and staff. We look forward to providing close to \$10,000 in teacher grants throughout this school year.

We are preparing to slate our 2020-2021 Executive Board for the NC PTO and would love to have you join. Below are the positions on the NC PTO Executive Board:

- Incoming President (2 year term)
- 2nd Vice President
- Assistant Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Middle School Liaison
- Open House Chairman (2 positions)
- Registration Chairman (2 positions)
- Volunteer/Database Coordinator
- Grants/Wish List Coordinator
- PTO Event Coordinator

If you are interested in serving in a leadership role or learning more about the Executive Board, please contact us at ptonorthcentral@gmail.com. We would love to talk to you!

A date to STICK on your calendar... be sure to join us for our next Bagels with Mr. Branigan on Friday, February 14 at 7:30 am in Room H193. Start your Valentine's Day off right by talking about the school we love! Bagels with Mr. Branigan is open to all parents and family members of students at North Central and provides an opportunity to hear what is happening at North Central and have open conversations with our Principal.

Thanks for STICKING with us! Have a great start to an amazing 2020!

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



JANUARY 2020

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MON

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ENJOY WINTER BREAK						
5	6  7:20 am Students report to homeroom & receive schedules	7 7 pm TOPPS Meeting (L241)	8	9 7 pm IB Diploma Meeting (PAC)	10 1ST SEMESTER GRADES DISTRIBUTED PERIOD 3 7:30 pm NC Men's Basketball vs Ben Davis (Away)	11
12	13 7 pm CURRICULUM NIGHT	14	15	16	17 LAST DAY TO DROP/ADD CLASS WITHOUT PENALTY	18 7:30 pm NC Men's Basketball Marion County (Away)
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr Day NO SCHOOL	21	22	23 8 am Coffee & CCR Parent Conversation (B123)	24 4 pm JR SPEC 7 pm JR SPEC 7:30 pm Men's Basketball vs LN (Best Buddies) (Home)	25 7 pm JR SPEC
26	27 2:45 pm NHS Meeting (L249)	28 6:45 am NHS Meeting (L249)	29 7 pm Dick Dennis Concert	30 EARLY RELEASE 9, 11 & 12 MYP SOPHO- MORES	31 COURSE SELECTION SHEETS DUE 6:30 Tootsie Pops Concert	

MORE CALENDAR INFORMATION at www.nchs.cc

North Central Counseling Department

Twitter: @NcCounselors

2020 COURSE SELECTION

Tuesday, January 14 Curriculum information distributed
January 14 – 31 Academic Planning

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.**



Summer School 2020

June 8 - June 26

FREE SAT PREP

Khan Academy, from College Board, offers free SAT test prep. Be sure to link your PSAT/NMSQT scores to Khan Academy. Do this by going to College Board's website.

SAT & ACT TESTS...TRY BOTH!

We encourage students to take *both* the SAT AND the ACT. 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 and the ACT at www.actstudent.org.



CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE ADMISSION BOOT CAMP

Wednesday, June 3 - Friday, June, 5

This 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, April 17.

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
- 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 send their 7th semester grades to colleges that they have applied to, should request a transcript via Naviance. You will request your transcript the same way you requested your original transcript. Mid-year transcripts and forms will be submitted once transcripts have been finalized. Transcripts are expected to be finalized in mid-January.



SENIORS

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

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The North Central Scholarship List can be found in **Naviance**. To access the list, scroll to the bottom of your Naviance Home Screen and select *Document Resources*. Once selected, a list of scholarships will be displayed. Students can select any of the scholarships listed, paying particular attention to the 2020 CICF Scholarship Guidebook as well as the Advancement Center scholarship offerings.

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 www.collegeboard.org.



FAFSA COMPLETION EVENT

Monday, March 23, 3:00 - 6:30pm in the PC
Lab/Upper IC

INvestEd will be present to help answer any questions you may have regarding the FAFSA. Fill out your FAFSA on the spot. No formal program, just come with your questions.

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 coffee, open to both junior and senior parents/guardians is Thursday, January 23 at 8:15am. Coffee provided! The link to register can be found here.

NAVIANCE Update

All students are required to update their passwords in order to continue accessing Naviance. 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>



ANNUAL DICK DENNIS MEMORIAL CONCERT

Wednesday, January 29, 2020
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



**NORTH CENTRAL
HIGH SCHOOL
ORCHESTRAS
PRESENT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

Music Festival 5:30 pm—8:00 pm
With Concert at 6:30 pm

\$7.00 per person, tickets sold at door
Pre-sale tickets available at will-call
by downloading order form on website
www.northcentralorchestras.com

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 30
MARCH 21
SOPHOMORES
MYP 1:30-3 PM**

**PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION
February 27, 4-6 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.

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



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
-  2:40-5:45 – Tuesday
-  2:40-5:45 – Wednesday
-  2:40-4:15 – Thursday
-  Closed Friday

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