



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE AUGUST 2016

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From the Principal . . .

The 2016-2017 school year is upon us and I for one am excited about the opportunities and experiences ahead. High school can be one of the most exciting times in one's life and my hope is that this year will be a fantastic year socially, academically and personally for our students. Let's challenge our students to go beyond their comfort levels and push the bar further in expressing themselves as learners and leaders. This year students should explore their creativity and allow themselves to experience life as seekers of knowledge, defenders of truth and find their passion. North Central is the premier high school in the state of Indiana and our culture of excellence and enthusiasm for life is enhanced yearly by the zeal of our student body.

Students, make this year your best year at North Central. Start early and take advantage of our student supports. No need to wait, the staff in the Learning Center is available throughout the school day and after school Monday through Thursday to provide tutoring, a quiet place to learn and individual supports in every academic area. This free service is available to all North Central students. There's no need to procrastinate, take advantage of the Learning Center and After School Learning Center.

Although I have what I consider to be the best staff in the state, we need your help in addressing the individual needs of our students. The insight you have regarding your student, when shared, can greatly enhance how we interact with students. Please, no secrets. Inform the classroom teachers as situations arise over the course of the year. We never want a student to feel as if they are invisible at North Central. Everyday our students should know we care not only about them academically, but also about their personal wellbeing.

As my opening piece of advice, "make it matter." Our words matter. How we treat one another matters. How we push forward even when we feel resistance matters. Appreciating the journey and not simply looking to the end results matters. Although it may seem incidental, our daily interactions matter. Our words of critique, praise, celebration and even our silence matters. As learners, teachers, parents, and educational partners, what we do, how we say it and what we show matters.

Summer is over but the school year is just beginning. Look forward to all we have to celebrate together. The sun is shining and the birds are singing. Truly North Central, there's no place I'd rather be than right here, right now with you. Let's have a great year NC!

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Evans Branigan III
Principal
North Central High School

Daily Schedule of Classes

Period	Time	Period	Time
1	7:25 - 8:15	6	11:21 - 11:46
2	8:21 - 9:11	7	11:52 - 12:17
3	9:17 - 10:13	8	12:23 - 12:48
4	10:19 - 10:44	9	12:54 - 1:44
5	10:50 - 11:15	10	1:50 - 2:40

PTO

Welcome to the 2016-17 year at North Central High School! Let us officially welcome you to the North Central PTO because, as a parent of a student of North Central High School, you are now a member. Every parent/guardian, teacher and staff member is a part of our PTO with or without the payment of "dues." We are all an important part of the North Central community and your contributions of time, talents and/or donations are important and necessary throughout the year. Welcome!

PTO at North Central does **not** host fundraisers throughout the year. That means NO wrapping paper, cookie dough, trinkets or trash bag sales from us! Instead, our PTO at North Central asks its members to contribute to our annual membership drive. Your monetary contribution is our main source of income and a big part of our future as it allows us to finance our great student programs and give teacher grants to our hard-working and well-deserving teachers. A little from you goes a long way! We have created donation support levels to help you decide what amount you are able to give. Suggested amounts are: Panther Level \$15, Red Level \$25, Black Level \$50 and Silver Level \$100+.

This year our North Central Parent/Student Directory, known as the Panther Particulars, will be online for free! The online directory will be ready in the fall and we will tell you how to access it at that time.

Please remember to complete your **Count on Me** volunteer form and return it by mail or drop it off at the NCHS front desk. The form was in the registration packet you received this summer or you can access it online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849afa72faa8-nchs>. Volunteer opportunities exist for all times of day and evening activities, as well as food donations throughout the year. Consider checking the "General Volunteer" box and we will keep you on a list and let you know of all the volunteer opportunities at the school — feel free to come when you can to help out!

Our theme this year is...#IBNCStrong!

We would like to send a big "THANK YOU" to all of the parents who helped with PantherQuest, Student Planner Assembly and the Staff/Teacher Back-to-School Breakfast....you all have already helped make NCStrong!

We look forward to a great year. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or would like more information about PTO!

Betsy Biederstedt & Alfred Weems III, PTO Co-Presidents #IBNCStrong!
Betsy: rbieder@sbcglobal.net or (317) 566-9665,
Alfred: theweemsagency@yahoo.com or (317) 657-0665

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

AUGUST 22

7 PM

AUDITORIUM



August 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Student ID & Photos Aug 3-5 Upper Atrium	1 6:30 pm, 9th Grade & New Student Orientation	2	3 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Report to Homeroom  PAD TRASH BAG SALES BEGIN	4 6 pm, Athletics Fall Sports Meeting (Auditorium)	5	6 8:00 am, Athletics Fall Sports Photos (Main Gym)
	7	8 7:00 pm, Athletic Booster Meeting (Pool Classroom)	9 2:50 pm, Stage Crew Call Out (PAC) 2:50 pm, Musical Call Out (L241)	10 Lilly Endowment Scholarship Application Due in Guidance	11	12 Last Day to Drop /Add Class without penalty
14)	15	16 2:50 pm, BHC Call Out (H193)	17 2:50 pm, Musical Auditions (Auditorium) 2:50 pm, Panther Pen Call Out (H178) 6 pm, Band & Orchestra Uniform Fitting (Fiesta Room)	18 6 pm, Band & Orchestra Uniform Fitting (Fiesta Room) 6:30 pm, Concert Winds Night (PAC)	19 Guidance accepting College Applications 4 pm, Student Council Tailgate (Parking Lot) 7pm, Senior Night Football (Stadium)	20 9 am - 1 pm, Princeton Review practice PSAT / SAT (Cafeteria)
21	22 7 pm, BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (Auditorium) 	23 PAD TRASH BAG ORDERS DUE	24 2:50 pm, Musical Call Backs (Auditorium)	25 7 pm, BPO Meeting (E168)	26	27 8 am - 4:30 pm, CLD College & Conference Fair (Convention Center)
28	29 7 pm, OPO Meeting (E165)	30 6:30 pm, PSAT Scores Back & Strategy Session (L249)	31	Performing Arts Department Trash Bag Sales Aug 3-23 		

More calendar information can be found on our school website: <http://www.nchs.cc>.

GUIDANCE. . .

Guidance Quick Reference

Access the online Guidance Department Directory at www.nchs.cc. Scroll over "Families" and click *Guidance Department*. You will find counselors and their coordinating alpha list of students by last name.

Guidance Receptionist: (317) 259-5346
Guidance Fax: (317) 259-5323



NAVIANCE

Register with NAVIANCE

North Central Guidance encourages all students to register with NAVIANCE Family Connection, a free internet-based college search, comparison and application program. Juniors and seniors will find it the most helpful, but freshmen and sophomores can use it to begin their college planning, 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.

Sign Up for College Meetings: Juniors and seniors will use the program to sign up for meetings with college representatives visiting North Central in the fall. Just log in, click on the 'College' tab, and then click on 'view all upcoming college visits' on the right. As the visits are scheduled, they will appear under 'College Visits.'

Contact the Guidance Department with any questions!

Class Schedules

All students received copies of their semester one schedules during homeroom on **Wednesday, August 3**. No changes in class schedules were allowed during the days prior to the opening of school.

Requests for teacher changes, early dismissal, or elective changes were not honored. Only one study hall, student helper, or early dismissal period is allowed per semester.

ALL GRADE LEVELS: Concerned About College Costs?

NC families are eligible to receive FREE personalized advice on making college affordable through the **National Center for College Costs (NCCC)**. An NCCC representative will be available at **Back-to-School Night on Monday, August 22**, to answer questions about paying for college and to explain their college cost estimator. A **follow-up workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 15**, at which time individualized reports will be returned to families explaining the awarding of all types of aid as it relates to personal financial profiles. There is a financial planning charge of \$5 to all freshmen to become client families of the NCCC (included in general fees). Learn more about this service offered to NC families, and file an early estimator at www.collegecosts.com.

NEW STUDY SKILLS PROGRAM for 9th & 10th Graders Wednesday, September 14, 3-5:30 pm, L249, \$49

Doorway to College Foundation, the group that offers the ZAPS SAT & ACT workshops, now offers a program that will help students transition from middle school to high school. **Study Smart!** provides "...powerful techniques to make studying effective, efficient, and even fun." This guide to high school success through efficient study skills will help students with such skills as getting organized, taking effective notes, managing time, and dealing with school anxiety. Register at www.doorwaytocollege.org

Application Processing

Yes, it's time to complete those college applications! You can begin submitting your online applications now, even if you have not taken the ACT or SAT yet! Your counselor will begin accepting your college application forms for processing on **Friday, August 19**.

The College Handbook

Answers to many of your college application questions can be found in **The College Handbook** that you received in the spring of your junior year. If you missed the Junior meeting in March and didn't get your book in homeroom, pick up your copy from your counselor.

Colleges Visiting NCHS

Over 120 college admission counselors come to NCHS in the fall to talk with seniors and juniors. Sign up to talk with these college representatives on Naviance at <http://connection.naviance.com/northcentral>, and a pass will be generated for you in Guidance. Parents are welcome to attend these college sessions.

COLLEGE COUNSELING EVENTS

- **8/20** - Princeton Review Practice PSAT/SAT Test, Saturday, 9 am - 1:00 pm (Cafeteria)
- **8/30** - Princeton Review Scores Back & Strategy Session, 6:30 pm (L249)
- **9/7 & 9/8** - ZAPS SAT Prep Seminar in two parts (\$89), Wednesday & Thursday, 3 - 5:30 pm both days (L249)
- **9/14** - "Study Smart" Workshop, (\$49) Wednesday, 3 - 5 pm (L249)
- **9/16** - National College Fair @ Convention Center, 9 am - 1 pm
- **9/17** - Princeton Review Practice ACT, Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm (L249)

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	Oct 1	Sept 2	Sept 16	
ACT	Sept 10	Aug 5	Aug 19	

CLASS OF
2017

NOTABLE NEWS . . .



Performing Arts Annual Fundraiser

To purchase trash bags, contact any Performing Arts student or Rick Granlund - Performing Arts Department Chairman @ 259-5301 ext. 45383 or rgranlund@msdwt.k12.in.us

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 3 - Sales Begin (Take Orders)

August 23 - Order Forms are Due

September 16 - Product Pick-Up

PAYMENT DUE ON DELIVERY

You may also order by visiting <http://msdwtmusic.info/>. Some of our patrons prefer to give a donation in lieu of purchasing a product. Checks should be made payable to: North Central High School and can be mailed to NCHS Performing Arts, ATTN: Rick Granlund, 1801 East 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Thank you for supporting NCHS Performing Arts!!



To place an order, visit www.nchs.cc, click on 2016-2017 Registration, then click on online payment / purchases to complete your order. After registration, yearbooks may be ordered online at www.yearbookordercenter.com. Buy early, the price increases as the year goes on!

Senior Grad Ad Information

Attention senior parents! Would you like to purchase an ad for your graduating senior? Each 1/8 of a page ad is \$45. Make checks payable to North Central High School. Deadline for purchasing a Grad Ad is Oct. 5th.

Class of 2017: Schedule Your Picture!!

Make your appointment for your senior photo with Prestige Portraits. Call Prestige at (317) 829-2088 to schedule. Do not wait. Appointments fill quickly!

Questions? Contact Tom Gayda (317) 259-5301 x45635
www.tgayda@msdwt.k12.in.us



DELIVERING ITEMS TO STUDENTS

If your student needs you to bring them a forgotten item, lunch money, textbook, etc., the student will be expected to **check** the reception desk for the item during lunch or passing period.

A note **WILL NOT** be delivered to the student to let them know items have arrived.

Please discuss this policy with your student.



GETTING MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Messages are not delivered to students unless it is considered an emergency. If an emergency exists, the assistant principal for the student's grade level will see that the message is delivered.

THE PERSONAL PROJECT

Two years of student/supervisor pilots have been completed. The Personal Project Handbook has been created. Early release days have been identified. *It just got personal* as the Personal Project for all in-coming tenth grade students will occur during this school year: 2016-2017.

The Personal Project is a student-directed investigation into a topic of personal interest. Involving a cycle of inquiry, action, and reflection, the Personal Project allows students to demonstrate the academic skills learned and learner profile attributes developed over the course of the five-year Middle Years Program (grades 6-10).

The key pieces of the personal project are the process journal documenting students' process and progress over the course of their project, a final report and an exhibition during which students display and discuss the final product/outcome they have created. Both the process journal and the report can be completed in writing, as an audio entry or even as a film.

This year each tenth grade student will be assigned a supervisor. Supervisors will be faculty from NCHS as well as administration from CEC. The role of the supervisor is to help students as they move through the process of completing a project that is based solely on each student's **personal** interest. Based on the pilots we have run during the past two years, these interests range from nature photography to creating a basketball team with a group of elementary school students.

If a student has a project that requires an expert in a particular field, that expert would be considered the student's mentor. Mentors are individuals in the community who have the expertise the student needs and who are willing to offer their time in helping students pursue their interests. If you have a particular skill or interest, please feel free to contact Julie Barthel (jbarthel@msdwt.k12.in.us) and let her know of your willingness to help. We here at NCHS are very excited to see what our students can achieve given the opportunity to investigate a personal interest and given the opportunity to produce a final project based on their investigations.



"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."