



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2016

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From the Principal . . .

Dear North Central Families,

At North Central High School we take pride in the fact that we are an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) school district grades K-12. IB requires that in year 5 (grade 10) of the Middle Years Program (MYP), all students in grade 10 undertake a Personal Project. The Personal Project provides students with the opportunity to plan, execute and reflect on an individual project of personal interest. Engagement in the process will help students develop organizational and learning skills that will serve them as they complete their high school education and move forward into their futures.

NCHS has identified four early release days during which Washington Township staff will provide sophomores with guidance and support here at school for the Personal Project. We will dismiss the freshmen, junior and senior classes early as we focus our efforts on supporting sophomores as they embark on the Personal Project. Early release dates are: Thursday, September 22; Thursday, November 3; Thursday, February 2; Thursday, March 23. However, as the Personal Project is not necessarily connected to a specific class, much of the work will be done at home after school has ended.

The Personal Project is not a small undertaking and it will take our entire community to support our students as they explore their creativity. This endeavor will shape the culture of our school as students go beyond the traditional confines of learning and personalize learning to their individual curiosity and interests. As this is a school-wide activity, it is an expectation that every sophomore be in attendance during the early dismissal days and will put forth their best effort in completing their project.

The Personal Project is an opportunity for all students to be successful. As this is our first full deployment of the Personal Project, I am enthusiastic about how this opportunity will shape our students and community. I especially look forward to the exhibition in the spring when students will have the opportunity to showcase the products that were the result of their own creativity and hard work.

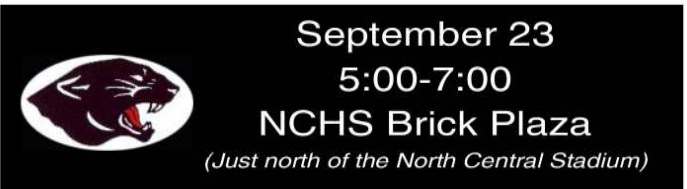
Yours in Education,



**SHOW YOUR
PANTHER
PRIDE AT
HOMECOMING
NCHS
VS
CARMEL**

**Friday
September 23
@ 7:00 pm**

NORTH CENTRAL HOMECOMING PRE-GAME PARTY



September 23

5:00-7:00

NCHS Brick Plaza

(Just north of the North Central Stadium)

ADMISSION TO PRE-PARTY IS FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Proudly Sponsored by:



The Advancement Center
for Washington Township Schools and North Central Alumni
Serving students—past, present and future

The #IBNCStrong! PTO theme has morphed into #NCPride! NCHS and the NC PTO have started the year so strong, the original hashtag theme has already evolved ... look for further #'s as the year continues!

At the Back to School Breakfast, we shared with the NC Staff that we are so proud that our students attend NC! As parents, we have educational choices and have made a purposeful decision to send our students to what we believe to be the best high school in Indiana. We also shared that our students are proud to be Panthers – and much of their NC pride comes from the NC Staff: people who we believe take pride in all that they do to support our students!

Before the 2016 – 17 school year started, the NC PTO was pleased to provide over 215 adult and 110 student volunteers at NCHS Registration (122 adults, 96 students), PantherQuest (15 adults and 15 students), Staff Breakfast (61 adults), Photos/IDs (2 adults), and Planner Assembly (15 adults, 4 students). This was *before the students completed one week of school*. That is incredible! ... and truly unparalleled by most high schools across the nation. THANK YOU!

Did you know NC PTO volunteers help NCHS students directly throughout the year in the Health Clinic, Guidance Office, College/Career Office, Art Gallery, and in the Information Center? Any time you can give to any of these areas this year (1 time for 1 hour, weekly for one hour, 2 times a month for 2 hours, you name it!) does provide an amazing support to/for our NCHS students and staff.

To help with any of these year-long PTO endeavors, or to just help with a one-time committee, please complete a "Count On Me" volunteer form either on-line (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849afa72faa8-count>) or drop off a printed copy at the NCHS front desk. You can get copies at school or through the www.nchs.cc website via the NC PTO link. Consider checking the "General Volunteer" box and we will keep you on a list and let you know about the volunteer opportunities at the school. We continue to need your support as the year progresses – every little bit helps!

A reminder: This year our North Central Parent/Student Directory, known as the Panther Particulars, will be online! The 2015-16 Directory is currently available on-line via your student's Skyward account.

THANK YOU for sharing your #NCPride! We are looking forward to a great school year and the opportunity to meet and continue to work with such wonderful volunteers!

Betsy Biederstedt & Alfred Weems III NCHS PTO Co-Presidents
Betsy: rbbieder@sbcbglobal.net or (317) 566-9665,
Alfred: theweemsagency@yahoo.com or (317) 657-0665

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30 pm, BHC Parent Meeting (H193)	2 END OF 1ST INTERIM 7:00 pm, NC vs WC	3 Marching Band Trip (Chicago)
4 Marching Band Trip (Chicago)	5  LABOR DAY	6 Herff Jones Sophomore Presentation (Auditorium)	7 2:50 pm, Ladies First Meeting (H193) 3:00 pm, ZAPS PSAT/ SAT Workshop (L249)	8 3:00 pm, ZAPS PSAT/ SAT Workshop (L249) 5:30 pm, Best Buddies Match Party (Senior Café)	9 FIRST APPRAISAL REPORTS DISTRIBUTED 7:00 pm, Fall Play (PAC) 7:00 pm, NC @ LN	10 7:30 am, ACT Test (H hall) 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm, Fall Play (PAC)
11	12 7:00 pm, Athletic Booster Meeting (Pool Classroom)	13 7:00 pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241)	14 Herff Jones Orders Due During Lunch 2:50 pm, Ladies First Meeting (H193) 3:00 pm, ZAPS "Study Smart!" Workshop (L249)	15 Day of Jazz (PAC) Herff Jones Orders Due During Lunch 2:50 pm, Cohort Study Session (Senior Café)	16 PAD Trash Bag Sales Pick Up (PAC, E168, E165) 9 am - 1 pm, NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR (Convention Center) 7:00 pm, NC @ CG	17 9 am - 1 pm, Princeton Review & practice ACT (Cafeteria) 9 am, Kings Court Parent Demo (PAC, K211)
18	19 7:00 pm, PTO Meeting (H193)	20	21 6:45 am, French Honor Society Meeting (A528) 6:45 am & 2:50 pm, NHS Meeting (L249) 2:50 pm, Ladies First Meeting (H193)	22 EARLY RELEASE DAY	23 HOMECOMING 1:30 pm, PEP Session 5:00 Tailgate Party (Parking Lot) 7:00 pm, NC vs Carmel	24 HOMECOMING DANCE 8 - 11 pm
HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK						
25	26 4:00 pm, Orchestra Photo (PAC, Fiesta Room) 7:00 pm, Fall Orchestra Concert (Auditorium)	27 NINE WEEK TESTING <i>English, Visual Art, Business Ed</i> 7:00 pm, Fall Band Festival (Auditorium) 7:00 pm, Yale University Info Session (PAC)	28 NINE WEEK TESTING <i>Social Studies, World Language</i>	29 NINE WEEK TESTING <i>Mathematics, Health/PE/JROTC</i> 7:00 pm, University of Chicago Info Session (PAC)	30 NINE WEEK TESTING <i>Science, Family & Consumer Science, Performing Arts</i> END OF TERM 1 7:00 pm, NC @ LC	

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

Seniors

College Application TIPS To Get You Started

- Apply early. Many applications are available as early as July 15 or August 1.
- Colleges will accept either the SAT or the ACT. Try both!
- You don't have to wait to apply until you've taken the SAT or ACT.
- It's also okay to apply if you haven't visited campus yet.
- The Common Application (www.commonapp.org) allows you to complete one application and send it to multiple member colleges. The list of their 500+ member colleges is on their website.
- Search College Board's website (www.collegeboard.org) to research colleges, majors and careers, and scholarships.
- DO NOT apply Early Decision (ED) if you haven't visited. If you are admitted ED, you have committed to attend.
- Some out-of-state colleges may be easier to get into & more affordable than in-state.
- Fall Break is the perfect time to visit colleges. Make appointments for an admission presentation and a campus tour, and be sure to cancel if you can't make it.

Use REMIND for College Alerts

This is a free, safe "opt in" messaging tool used to share important college dates & reminders to students and parents.

SENIORS – text @ncgrad2017 to 81010

JUNIORS – text @ncgrad2018 to 81010

SOPHOMORES – text @ncgrad2019 to 81010

FRESHMEN – text @ncgrad2020 to 81010



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 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 visits are scheduled, they will appear under 'College Visits.'

Contact the Guidance Department with questions!

"Nothing Takes the Place of the Campus Visit!"

Students hear that from us all the time. Academic programs and activities are hugely important, but students also have to feel comfortable and be able to picture themselves on campus. **Juniors and seniors are allowed two excused absences to visit colleges.** Here's what they need to do:

1. Pick up a green Campus Visitation form from the Attendance Office.
2. Get a parent's signature and then Assistant Principal Mrs. Payne's signature.
3. Get each of your teachers to sign the form & list make-up work.
4. Make an appointment with the college for an admission presentation and a campus tour. Some schedule appointments on Saturday mornings. This can be done on their website or by phone.
5. If given the opportunity to meet a faculty member, ask what's unique about their program, their internships and their job placements upon graduation.
6. Bring back a letter from the college visited stating you were there for a visit.



NEW STUDY SKILLS PROGRAM for 9th & 10th Graders

Wednesday, September 14, 3-5:00 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

COLLEGE COUNSELING EVENTS

- **9/7 & 9/8** - ZAPS PSAT/SAT Prep Seminar in two parts (\$89), Wednesday & Thursday, 3 - 5:30 pm both days (L249)
- **9/14** - ZAPS "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.
ACT	Sept 10	Aug 5	Aug 19	
SAT	Oct 1	Sept 2	Sept 2-20	
SAT	Nov 5	Oct 7	Oct 8-25	

NOTABLE NEWS . . .



**TRASH BAG SALES PICK UP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
IN PAC, E168, E165 & K211**



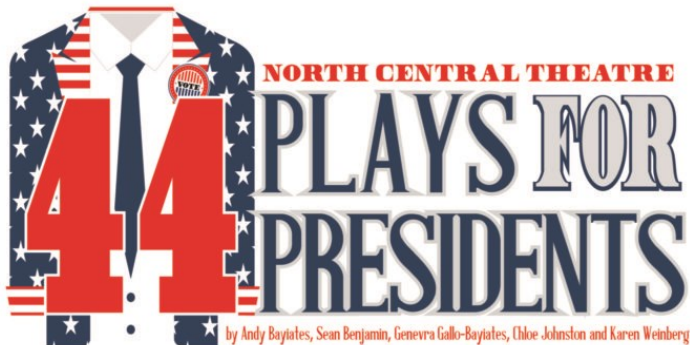
FALL ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7:00 PM
AUDITORIUM**



NCHS FALL BAND FESTIVAL

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27
7 PM
AUDITORIUM**



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 @ 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @ 2:30 & 7:00 PM
PAC**

VISUAL ART DEPARTMENT

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
4:30 PM
CAFETERIA**



As part of our preparations for this school year, the Visual Art Department will be hosting the annual MIC Empty Bowls Dinner. This is a fun evening for all and helps us to support a worthy cause: helping to feed the hungry.

This year the event will be a community service opportunity for our Artistically Talented program. NCHS is an International Baccalaureate school, and community service is one way to reinforce our IB goals.

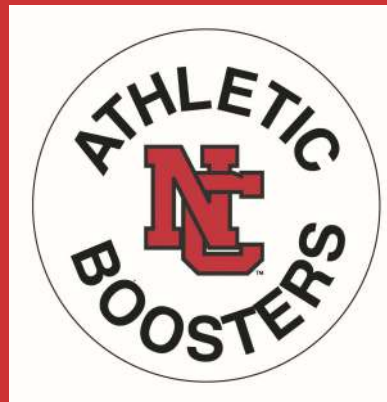
We ask you to come join us on **Thursday October 20, 2016 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm**. We will meet in the Cafeteria. Come get a good meal, buy some cool student-made bowls, and support a worthy cause.

QUESTIONS? Contact Basil Smotherman X45347 or bsmotherman@msdwtk.12.in.us

PARENTS: THREE IMPORTANT OPT OUTS

- 1) Internet usage forms signed by parents are no longer required. Use of the internet will be allowed for all students unless parents state in writing to the principal that they DO NOT wish their student to have internet access.
- 2) Seniors' names and social security numbers will be included in a report to the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana in April 2017 verifying that they have earned a Core 40 and/or Indiana Academic Honors diploma, allowing them to receive state financial aid for college. Parents who DO NOT want their senior's name or social security number released to SSACI for financial aid eligibility must put that request in writing to the student's counselor.
- 3) A provision in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires schools to provide the military with student names and contact information. If you do not want your child's name released, please contact North Central High School's Registrar, Jane White, 259-5355

SUPPORT NCHS ATHLETICS



**Become a Booster
Club Member Today !**

The North Central Athletic Booster Club is a 501c3 non profit organization. Your gift supports athletes and teams at NCHS by awarding scholarships and assisting with fundraising events.

Membership Levels :
Platinum (\$200) Gold (\$100) Silver (\$50) Bronze (\$25)