



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE

OCTOBER 2016

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From the Principal . . .

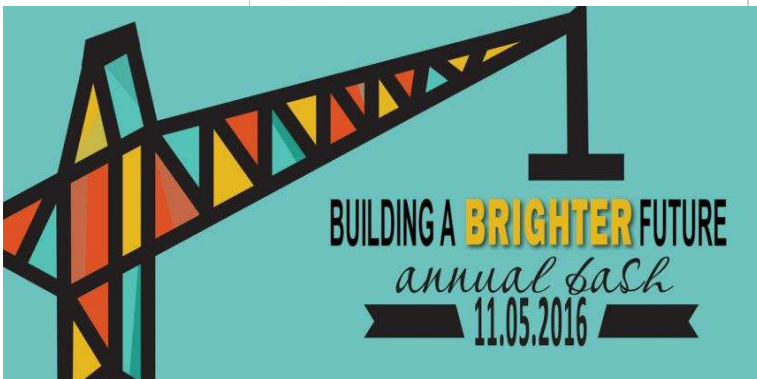
Happy October North Central Families,

The newness of school has waned and summer is but a distant memory. School is in full swing and students and families have been taking advantage of the many activities hosted thus far. Our student athletes and coaches appreciate your show of support at many of our athletic events. Those involved on stage and behind the curtain appreciated your patronage at the fall play, *44 Plays for 44 Presidents*, and at the Fall Band and Orchestra Concerts. As a matter of fact, I can hardly wait to see our Theatre Department's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's, *Oklahoma!*. Don't miss out on the opportunity to buy tickets for any of the three performances scheduled for Friday, November 11 at 7 pm, and Saturday, November 12 at either 2:30 pm or 7 pm. If you haven't had the opportunity to witness any of our events thus far, I strongly encourage you to take a look at the North Central calendar and find an event that satisfies your interests and at the same time demonstrates your support for our students.

As a fully authorized International Baccalaureate school, I'm pleased to report that our students are demonstrating how to be *balanced* members of our learning community. Balanced students understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional steadiness to achieve well-being for themselves and others. Although we take pride in our academic rigor and broad selection of course offerings, we're equally as proud of our club, co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. Our students continue to demonstrate a sense of responsibility for their school and community.

Nine weeks grade reports will soon be arriving. We hope you will take the time to examine and discuss the content of these reports with your student. Nine week grade reports are intended to provide a snapshot into student performance. Although we make reports available every nine weeks, as parents you have access to grades at any time through Skyward. Never be surprised by a report card again. By using Skyward, you can institute interventions sooner or make contact with a teacher as needed.

On behalf of an appreciative faculty and staff, thank you for sharing the best of you with all of us.



**PTO SPONSORED
BAGELS WITH
BRANIGAN
FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 21
@ 7:30 AM (H193)**

PTO

North Central Families,

Your **#NCPRIDE!** continues to show and **grow** through your donations of time and treasure as we get the school year underway.

Time: Some of you have already received your first *NC Volunteer Request* e-mail. The PTO sends these requests out whenever there is a new or additional need at NC for help. If you completed a **Count on Me** form and checked the "GENERAL VOLUNTEER" box, you will receive these e-mails. The beauty of being a General Volunteer – you get these e-mails and can say "YES – Let me Help!" (or "no, not right now" – press delete J). We have over **200 parents** who have signed up to help the PTO throughout the year in this General Volunteer manner... are you on the list? If not, it is not too late! Simply fill out the online **Count on Me** form at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849afa72faa8-count> as we look forward to seeing you at NC!

Treasure: **THANK YOU** for your generous donations to our NC PTO! Reminder: we do NOT collect dues! Any donation you make to the NC PTO is our sole income for the year. All donations go directly to support grants to teachers, classes, and students at NC. Please consider making a donation either online at: <https://eps.mvpbanking.com/cgi-bin/efs/login.pl?access=55828> or dropping off a donation form at the NC front office designated for the PTO: <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/nc/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Donations-and-Panther-Particulars-Letter-2016-17.pdf>

On Friday, October 21 at 7:30 am, all parents are invited to **"Bagels with Branigan."** Start your day at North Central (in Room H193) with a cup of coffee and an informal chat with our Principal, Mr. Evans Branigan III. This is a great opportunity to ask questions or just listen to the latest NCHS happenings.

Thanks for all you do to support North Central! **#NCPRIDE!**

Betsy Biederstedt and Alfred Weems III, PTO Co- Presidents
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OCTOBER 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			FALL BREAK			
		Rosh Hashanah 5:00 pm, NCXC JV Invite (Home)	Rosh Hashanah 4:00 pm, Tennis Regionals (Home) 5:00 pm, Boys Soccer Sectional (Home)	7:00 pm, Girls Soccer Sectional (Home)	7:00 pm, NC vs. Pike Township Night	10:30 am, NCXC Sectionals (Away)
9	10	11 Yom Kippur Begins @ Sundown 2:40 pm, Black History Club (H193) 7:00 pm, TOPPS Meeting (L241)	12 Yom Kippur JELCC Career Fair (Lower Student Center) 2:50 pm, Ladies First Meeting (H193) 7:00 pm, NCVB vs. BCHS Senior Night	13 5:00 pm, NC Girls Soccer Regionals (Home) 6:30 pm, Marching Band Concert (PAC)	14 FIRST 9 WEEKS GRADES DISTRIBUTED 7:00 pm, NC vs. Ben Davis Senior Bonfire	15 9:00 am, ZAPS Workshop - ACT Prep Seminar (L249) 2:00 pm, Tennis State Championship (Home) 2:00 pm, NC Boys Soccer Regionals (Home)
16	17 7:00 pm, Athletic Booster Meeting (Pool Classroom) 7:00 pm, Fall Jazz Concert (PAC)	18 HERFF JONES Grade 12 Meeting (Auditorium) 2:40 pm, Black History Club (H193)	19 PSAT Grades 9-11 6:45 am, French Honor Society Meeting (A528) 2:50 pm, Ladies First Meeting (H193)	20 4:30 pm, Empty Bowls Dinner (Cafeteria) 7:00 pm, Financial Aid Night (L249)	21 7:30 am, Bagels With Branigan (H193) 7:00 pm, IHSAA Football Sectionals (Away)	22 7:25 am, ACT Testing (H hall) 10:30 am, NCXC Semi-State (Away)
23 1:15 pm, Accents to Hooverwood	24 7:00 pm, Fall Choir Concert (PAC)	25 2:40 pm, Black History Club (H193) 7:00 pm, Fall Choir Concert (PAC)	26 6:45 am & 2:50 pm, NHS Meeting (L249) 2:50 pm, Ladies First Meeting (H193)	27	28 7:00 pm, Sounds Of Autumn Concert (PAC) 7:00 pm, IHSAA Football Sectionals (Away)	29 1:00 pm, NCXC State Championship (Away)
30	31  HALLOWEEN					

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

GUIDANCE...



Preparing North Central Students

On **October 19**, North Central embarks on another adventure in test preparation and college entrance testing. All grade levels will be involved.

Grade 9 students will take the PSAT 8/9 to establish an academic baseline for college and career readiness.

Grade 10 students will take the Preliminary SAT (or PSAT) as practice for the SAT, the college entrance test based on problem-solving skills in evidence based reading, writing and math.

Grade 11 students will take the PSAT as their qualifying exam for scholarship awards from the National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Hispanic Recognition Program, and the National Achievement Program (African American).

The activity planned for Grade 12 students will be addressed in a letter mailed to senior parents.

Electronic Transcripts through Parchment - www.parchment.com

This is a safe, efficient, paperless way to send secured official transcripts for college and scholarship applications and to the NCAA Clearinghouse. Register with the site and add transcript requests as you determine where you are applying. (NOTE: You will be prompted for a code, but it is not required and you can continue to register without one.)

NC's Forms for College Applications

Our college application processing forms are stocked on the wall inside the Guidance Office near the Student Center entrance. These forms, used by your guidance counselor in processing your college applications, should be turned into Mrs. Stroke, the college assistant.

1. The **REQUIRED** Pink Application Cover Sheet & Blanket Release Form (permission to release your records) - **turn in one for each college.**
2. The **YELLOW** Counselor Recommendation Worksheet / Student Information sheet.
3. The **GREEN** Teacher Recommendation Form (if your college requires teacher recommendations).



NAVIANCE

Register with NAVIANCE

North Central Guidance encourages all students to register with NAVIANCE, a free internet-based college, career and scholarship 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.

Meet with College Reps: Juniors and seniors can sign up for information sessions with college representatives visiting North Central. Just log in, click on the 'College' tab, and then click on 'view all upcoming college visits' on the right to sign up. You'll get an email reminder the night before.

Contact the Guidance Department with any questions!



November 1 is an Early Action (non-binding) admission deadline at many colleges and universities. Students planning to meet this deadline must have college materials submitted to their counselors by **October 15**.

The CSS/Financial Aid **PROFILE** form is required by many private colleges and out of state universities for financial aid consideration. Students and parents can find this form at: www.collegeboard.org/profile

NCHS TESTING DATA

One of Washington Township's most exciting stories is our extraordinary record of achievement year after year.

In the most recent round of SAT test, North Central High School once again scored well.

Here's another example of our students surpassing state averages, and we can all be proud of their hard work.

SAT 2015-2016	Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
NC Top 10%	712	682	675
National Mean	495	511	484

COLLEGES VISITING NORTH CENTRAL

Seniors, Juniors and parents: The Guidance Office brings in admission representatives from more than 100 colleges across the country during the fall semester. Colleges scheduled so far for October are listed on the last page in this edition. The list is updated regularly and is posted on NAVIANCE (click 'College', then click "view all upcoming college visits") and in the Guidance Office. Students can **ONLY** sign up on NAVIANCE and must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to participate. Passes must be picked up in Guidance before first period the day of the college visit. Students must go to class first to get the pass signed by their teacher before attending the college meeting. Parents are welcome to attend the college sessions.

College Entrance Exam Test Registration Dates & Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration	
ACT	Oct 22	Sept 16	Sept 30	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	Dec 10	Nov 4	Nov 18	
SAT	Nov 5	Oct 7	Oct 8-25	
SAT	Dec 3	Nov 3	Nov 22	

NOTABLE NEWS . . .



Marching Panthers Concert
Thursday, October 13th
6:30 pm PAC

Night Owl Jam Session/Fall Jazz Concert
Monday, October 17th
7:00 pm PAC

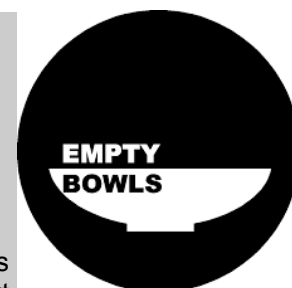
Fall Choir Concerts (Rondos/Accents)
Monday, October 24th
7:00 pm PAC

Fall Choir Concerts (Descants/Varsity Singers)
Tuesday, October 25th
7:00 pm PAC

Sounds of Autumn Concert
Friday, October 28th
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

Senior Grad Ad and Yearbook Deadlines



Interested in a Grad Ad for your senior?
Visit <http://www.ncstudentmedia.net/yearbook.html>
to order a yearbook before the Oct. 15 deadline!



"TULANE COMES TO YOU" INFORMATION SESSION	10/4/16	7:00 PM
NOTRE DAME INFORMATION NIGHT - CATHEDRAL	10/9/16	6:00 PM
Samford University	10/10/16	12:23 PM
Franklin College of Indiana	10/11/16	8:16 AM
Bellarmino University	10/11/16	1:04 PM
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	10/11/16	1:55 PM
NOTRE DAME INFORMATION NIGHT - GUERIN	10/11/16	7:00 PM
Lawrence University	10/13/16	8:21 AM
Northwestern University	10/13/16	1:50 PM
Marlboro College	10/14/16	12:54 PM
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY - CHICAGO	10/16/16	
Ohio Wesleyan University	10/20/16	7:25 AM
Earlham College	10/20/16	8:21 AM
Macalester College	10/20/16	1:54 PM
Hillsdale College	10/25/16	7:25 AM
Kenyon College	10/27/16	9:17 AM
University of Colorado at Boulder	10/28/16	7:25 AM
Washington and Jefferson College	10/28/16	12:54 PM



BILLING CONCERNS

All checks returned NSF will be electronically debited for the face value of the check plus a returned processing fee as allowed by law.

FIRST 9 WEEK GRADES

Your student(s) should bring home grades for the first nine weeks grading period on **Friday, October 14**.

SKYWARD

Parents, can't wait until October 16 for grades? Access your student's grades, assignments, and tests by setting up a Skyward account. Email lwilson@msdwtk12.in.us for an activation code. Allow 48 to 72 hours for verification, then go to <https://skyward.msdwtk12.in.us>.

***Must be parent or legal guardian of the student to be allowed access to this service**