



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE

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On behalf of an enthusiastic faculty and staff, welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. Your academic journey continues at the premier high school in the state of Indiana. We recognize that you have choices regarding educational opportunities and we appreciate that your inquiry into finding the right school led you to North Central. Our tradition of excellence can only continue with your cooperation, shared high expectations and shared vision of academic, social and emotional success.

When in China some years ago, I read a sign that when translated stated, "Time is short." No simpler sentence can sum up the pending school year. In a blink of an eye we'll be reading the May edition of the *NC Message*. My hope is that we'll take advantage of every opportunity to grow and be better as students, educators, parents and members of the community. We'll expand our knowledge and experiences by being bold and courageous. When adversity arises we'll comfort, sturdy and support one another. At the beginning of the school year, time is short. Don't waste time making excuses. Take advantage of the time we have together and make our school a better place for one and all.

Make this year your best year, 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. This free service is available to all North Central students. Communicate with teachers as they'll be providing after school supports weekly. Communicate early and often this year. Time is short.

School is so much more than A,B,C and 1,2,3. School is communicating with peers and adults. School is supporting your friends through their performances and competitions. School is learning from not reaching your goal on the first attempt. School is a collection of experiments....building who you are and who you want to become. School experiences are limitless as long as we do not limit ourselves. Time is short. We can't truly reach our full potential alone so don't pretend to be able to do so. Supports can come in the form of peers, school supports and as always, from families. No one should ever feel as if they are alone on this journey. We are NC.

My best wishes to the entire NC family as we start our journey. The tradition of excellence continues as the best and brightest in the Midwest once again gather to learn and grow together. Time is short. Let's take advantage of every moment, experience and opportunity.

"Excitement comes from the achievement. Fulfillment comes from the journey that got you there." - Simon Sinek

Yours in education,
Evans Branigan III



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PTO

Dear North Central Families!

Welcome to the 2017-18 year at North Central High School! Let us officially welcome you to the North Central PTO because, as a parent/guardian 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 because "Together We Accomplish More!" 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.

And now, the really good news...PTO at North Central does **not** host traditional 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. Through your support we were able to fund over \$11,000 to student and classroom needs at North Central. This year our goal is \$25,000! With YOUR help we can achieve this goal!

We are excited about our new donation support tiers:

Panther Level \$25

Red Level \$50

Black Level \$75

Silver Level \$100

Platinum \$250+

Please remember to complete your Count on Me volunteer form and return it by mail or drop it off at the NCHS front desk. There are various volunteer opportunities as well as food donations throughout the year. Consider checking the "General Volunteer" box and we will keep you on a list. Feel free to come when you can to help out!

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DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Time	Period	Time
1	7:20 - 8:10	6	11:16 - 11:41
2	8:16 - 9:06	7	11:47 - 12:12
3	9:12 - 10:08	8	12:18 - 12:43
4	10:14 - 10:39	9	12:49 - 1:39
5	10:45 - 11:10	10	1:45 - 2:35

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

AUGUST 21
7 PM
AUDITORIUM

AUGUST 2017

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

Prestige
PERFUMES

Student ID &
Photos
Aug 2-4
Upper Atrium

1

2

**FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL**
Report to
Homeroom

**PAD TRASH BAG
SALES BEGIN**

3

6 pm
Athletics Fall
Sports Meeting
(Auditorium)

4

5

8 am
Athletics Fall
Sports Photos
(Main Gym)

9 am Practice SAT
(Cafeteria)

6

7

8

2:45 pm Stage
Crew Call Out
(PAC)

2:45 pm Musical
Call Out
(L241)

9

Lilly Endowment
Scholarship
Application
Due in Guidance

10

11

Last Day to Drop
/Add Class
without penalty

7 pm
NC vs Noblesville
(Home Scrimmage)

12

10 am Choir Car
Wash (Door #1 & 2)

7 pm Symphony
Orchestra DCI
Fundraiser
(Lucas Oil Stadium)

13

14

7:00 pm NCAB
(Pool Classroom)

15

2:45 pm BHC
Call Out
(H193)

2:45 pm Musical
Auditions
(Auditorium, L241)

6:30 pm Practice
SAT
Scores Back &
Strategy Session
(L249)

16

6 pm Uniform
Fitting Band &
Orchestra
(E168, E166,
Fiesta Room)

17

6:45 am
French Honors
Society (A528)

6 pm Uniform
Fitting Band &
Orchestra
(E168, E166,
Fiesta Room)

6:30 pm Concert
Winds Night
(PAC)

18

Guidance begins
accepting College
Application
Materials

7 pm
NC @ FISHERS

19

8:30 am NCXC
Invite

20

21

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
NIGHT**

7 pm (Auditorium)

22

**PAD TRASH BAG
ORDERS DUE**

5 pm NCMT vs
Center Grove

7 pm NCMS vs
Center Grove

23

7 pm NCWS @
Pike

24

2:45 pm Musical
Call Backs
(Auditorium, L241)

7 pm NCVB vs
Perry Meridian

25

4 pm Student
Council Tailgate
(Parking Lot)

7 pm Senior Night
Football
(Stadium)

7 pm NC vs HSE

26

7:30 am SAT
(upper H hall)

8 am NCMT
John Shirley
Invite (Home)

8 am Hokum Karum
Relay
(White River Elem)

27

28

7 pm OPO Meeting
(E165)

29

4:30 pm NCMT @
HSE

30

5 pm NCMT vs
Kokomo

7 pm NCWS
vs Center Grove

31

4:45 pm NCMT
@ Carmel

**PAD
TRASH BAG SALES
AUG 2-22**



MORE CALENDAR INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.nchs.cc>.

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, a free internet-based college search management program. Juniors and seniors will find it the most helpful, but freshmen and sophomores can use it to begin their college planning and 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 2**. 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 21**, to answer questions about paying for college and to explain their college cost estimator. A **follow-up workshop** will be held on **Wednesday, November 4**, 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.

SENIORS

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 18**.

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

- 7/29 - Princeton Review Practice SAT. Saturday, 9 am-1 pm (Cafeteria)
- 8/5 - Princeton Review Practice ACT. Saturday, 9 am-1 pm (Cafeteria)
- 8/15 - Scores Back & Strategy Session (Practice SAT & ACT) – Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm (L249)
- 9/10 - ZAPS SAT Prep Seminar. Sunday, 12:30-6:00 pm (L249)
- 9/16 - Princeton Review Practice PSAT. Saturday, 9 am-1 pm (Cafeteria)
- 9/27 - Scores Back & Strategy Session (Practice PSAT) – Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 pm (L249)
- 10/4 - College Cost Estimator Workshop. Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm (L249)

Be sure to visit the Guidance Department web-page at nchs.cc, under Quick Links, and click Guidance Department for updated information.

College Entrance Exam Test Registration Dates & Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	Aug 26	July 28	Aug 8
SAT	Oct 7	Sept 8	Sept 19
ACT	Sept 9	Aug 4	Aug 18
ACT	Oct 28	Sept 22	Oct 6

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.



Performing Arts Annual Fundraiser

To purchase trash bags, contact any Performing Arts student or Rick Granlund - Performing Arts Department Chairman @ (317) 259-5301 ext. 45383 or rgranlund@msdwt.k12.in.us

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 2 - Sales Begin (Take Orders)

August 22 - Order Forms are Due

September 14 - 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!!



YEARBOOK INFORMATION

To place an order, visit www.nchs.cc, click on 2017-2018 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

Senior Grad Ads can be ordered now through October 31! For the first time ever, complete control of the design and content is up to the parents! Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com (use code 3808) and design your ad! Ads start at \$50 and are in full color. Friends can also purchase for other senior friends. No ads will be available after Oct. 31.

CLASS OF 2018 SENIOR PHOTOS

Make your appointment for your senior photo with Cilento at (317) 564 - 3100. Do not wait, schedule now. 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.

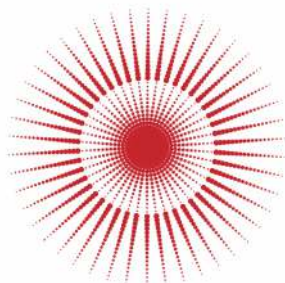


GETTING MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

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

Thursday, April 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. That was the date and time North Central High School had its first 10th grade Personal Project exhibition. Student exhibitions filled the cafeteria and the upper and lower gyms. The students' projects were inspiring, inventive and heart wrenching. In the cafeteria I listened to a brother and sister from Rwanda and watched the video they created that detailed their harrowing experiences before they arrived in America. I read from a book of poems written by a Congolese girl whose family has had great difficulty overcoming the trauma of their past. The result: trauma continues in the present. From the cafeteria I moved to the gym where I witnessed the movements of a robotic arm- robotics companies have already begun to solicit this boy for employment as they saw a video clip of his creation online. I also heard the story of another boy's year-long successful efforts to motorize his bicycle and learned from a girl how she had started her own photography business as a result of the work she had done for the Personal Project. Moving to the upstairs gym, I sampled delicious Iranian and Syrian food- the line for a sample stretched to 25-people long- and learned from a special needs student about a haunted hospital in New Mexico. Anyone who drives through Broad Ripple will witness another Personal Project: the central wall in Broad Ripple near the restaurant *Canal Bistro* was designed and painted by four girls for their Personal Project



The Personal Project was precisely that: deeply personal. With the guidance of their supervisors, students had the opportunity to explore any appropriate topic and to make it a reality. Regardless of the size of the project, I know I am not alone when I state that listening to students present what they had done and how they had done it was indeed both moving and exciting. For many of these students, the Personal Project provided them with the first opportunity they had had to explore their own interests and to make these interests a reality. For many of these students, working with their supervisors was the first time they had made personal connections with an adult at school. And for many supervisors, working closely with students to help them create something outside the realm of academics was an experience that enriched them as educators.

The Personal Project has grown from two pilots that included only 15-20 students to its incarnation this past year in which over **450** students participated. No school in the United States has had an exhibition of this size. The Personal Project and the exhibition are becoming part of what we do at North Central High School; they are becoming part of our school culture. It is a privilege to be part of a school culture that supports all students as they work to make their dreams a reality.

MYP Coordinator Jocelyn Sisson

"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."