



THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MESSAGE

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The 2017-2018 school year is off and running and I'm proud of what we've accomplished thus far and enthusiastic about the opportunities ahead of us. On behalf of an appreciative Faculty and staff, thank you for choosing North Central to fulfill your educational needs. However, are you taking full advantage of all of the opportunities available at North Central? With a multitude of athletic, academic, artistic and creative opportunities at school, how can you stay informed about all that is going on at 1801? Are you following North Central on Facebook or Twitter (NC_Principal)? Have you bookmarked North Central's homepage and viewed our online school calendar recently? If so, then you're definitely in the know. If not, then what are you waiting for? Don't miss out on all that North Central has to offer.

As in the past, our Learning Center is open during school hours periods 1-3 and then again periods 5-10. This in-house resource provides students with the opportunity to take advantage of academic tutors during school hours for free. The only thing required is a study hall and a willingness to learn. Students just have to ask one of their teachers for a pass to the Learning Center during their study hall and let the tutoring begin. If during school tutoring doesn't fit neatly on the schedule, take advantage of the After School Learning Center. Again, tutors are provided to North Central students absolutely free. The price of admission is an open mind and a willingness to academically grow. The After School Learning Center is open Monday through Thursday from 2:35 to 4:30 pm. Late bus passes provided upon request.

This school year we've added opportunities for students to gain academic supports from the primary source of information, their teachers. Beyond the Learning Center, we've added after school teacher support time. On Tuesdays, students have the opportunity to meet with their math, humanities, performing arts, world language, business or FACs teachers after school from 2:45-3:35 pm. On Thursdays, students have the opportunity to meet with their English, science, visuals arts, ENL, JROTC, Health or PE teachers after school from 2:45-3:35 pm. Teachers frequently make themselves available beyond the days identified so please be sure to open a dialogue with your teacher to learn about additional availability.

Thank you Washington Township for supporting our students in all they do.

Yours in education,
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PTO

Dear North Central Families!

We are one month into the 2017-18 school year!! We wanted to take this time to say THANK YOU to ALL of our chairpersons, volunteers and parents for making back to school a breeze! We could not have done it without you and your commitment to making North Central a special place for everyone! From registration, to planner assembly, teacher breakfast and more! **THANK YOU!**

Donations to the PTO are off to a fantastic start!! You all are helping us towards our goal and taking our slogan **"Together We Accomplish More"** to heart! Remember, your donations go directly back to the classroom for our teachers and students to utilize in expanding their learning environment. With that being said, we have been chosen as Whole Foods community day organization. On **Wednesday, September 20**, 5% of the proceeds that Whole Foods makes by close of business will go to North Central! PTO will have a table from 11 am - 1 pm and again 5 pm - 7pm. You will find more information on our social media pages!

Lastly, our General PTO meeting will be Monday, September 18, from 7 - 8 pm. We hope to greet you and talk about the exciting things we have coming up for the school year. Please follow our social media pages to keep up with events, meetings and other happenings from North Central.

GO PANTHERS!

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NORTH CENTRAL HOMECOMING PRE-GAME PARTY

Proudly Sponsored by:



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



September 8
5:00-7:00
NCHS Brick Plaza
(Just north of the North Central Stadium)

SEPTEMBER 2017

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					1 END OF 1ST INTERIM REPORT 7 pm NC @ Warren 7 pm Fall Play	2 10 am NCXC@ Marion Invite 2:30 pm Fall Play 7 pm Fall Play
3	4  LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	5 4:45 pm NCMT vs Carmel	6	7 JEL Field Day 6 pm Best Buddies Ice Cream Social	8 HOMECOMING 1:30 pm PEP Session (Stadium) 3:00 pm NC Tailgate (Parking Lot) 5 pm Alumni Party 7pm NC vs LN	9 7:30 am ACT Test 10 am NCXC@ Ben Davis 8 pm Homecoming Dance (Wynne Tennis House)
<div>  HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK </div>						
10 12:30-6 pm ZAPS PSAT/SAT Prep Seminar (L249)	11 7:00 pm NCAB (Pool Classroom)	12 7 pm TOPPS Meeting (L241)	13 Day of Jazz	14 6:45 am French Honors Society (A528) 2:45 pm PAD Trash Bag Pick Up 6 pm NCXC Twilight Relays (Away)	15 Middle School Band Night 7 pm NC vs Center Grove Little League Night	16 9 am NCXC @ Riverview Health Invite 9 am Princeton Review Practice PSAT (Cafeteria) 12 pm Girls Golf Sectionals (Away)
17	18 2:45 pm NHS Meeting (L249) 7:00 pm PTO General Meeting (H193)	19 6:45 am NHS Meeting (L249) MYP KICKOFF  6:30 pm Financial Aid Night (L249)	20 <i>Rosh Hashannah begins at sundown</i>	21 EARLY RELEASE <i>Rosh Hashannah</i>	22 7 pm NC vs Carmel	23 8:30 am NCMT @ HSE 9 am NCXC @ MIC 2 pm NC Men's Soccer vs Valpo
24	25 7 pm Fall Orchestra Concert (Auditorium)	26 7 pm Fall Band Festival (Auditorium) FAFSA folders given to seniors	27 6:30 pm Practice PSAT Scores Back & Strategy Session (L249)	28 4:15 pm NCMT Sectionals	29 4 pm NCMT Sectionals 7 pm NC vs LC SENIOR BONFIRE <i>Yom Kippur begins at sundown</i>	30 8:30 am NCWG State 10:45 NCXC @ Marion County <i>Yom Kippur</i>

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

Seniors

College Application TIPS To Get You Started

- 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 @ncgrad2018 to 81010

JUNIORS – text @ncgrad2019 to 81010

SOPHOMORES – text @ncgrad2020 to 81010

FRESHMEN – text @ncgrad2021 to 81010



"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.

SENIORS: FILE YOUR FAFSA EARLY!!

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) can now be filed as early as **October 1**. This is the main financial aid form that all colleges want students to complete. Seniors will get specially made **orange** FAFSA folders in their homeroom in late September to help with the process. Plus, we will hold our annual **FAFSA DAY** on **Tuesday, October 24, 8 am - 7 pm**, where financial aid experts will be on hand to help you file the form and interpret the results.



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!



COLLEGE COUNSELING EVENTS

- **9/10 ZAPS PSAT/SAT Prep Workshop** – Sunday, 12:30-6 pm, L249 (\$89.99; some scholarships available) Registration required: www.doorwaytocollege.com
- **9/16 Princeton Review Practice PSAT** – Saturday, 9 am-1 pm, Cafeteria (FREE) Registration required www.PrincetonReview.com/FreePracticeTests
- **9/19 FINANCIAL AID NIGHT** – Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm, (L249)

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

College Entrance Exam Test Registration Dates & Deadlines

Test	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Registration
SAT	Oct 7	Sept 8	Sept 19
SAT	Nov 4	Oct 5	Oct 17
ACT	Oct 28	Sept 22	Oct 6
ACT	Dec 9	Nov 3	Nov 17

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



**PERFORMING ARTS
TRASH BAG SALES PICK UP
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14**



**NORTH CENTRAL
ORCHESTRAS**

FALL ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7 PM
AUDITORIUM**



**NCHS FALL BAND
FESTIVAL**

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
7 PM**

**NC THEATRE
PRESENTS**

SEPTEMBER 1 at 7pm

**SEPTEMBER 2
at 2:30 & 7pm**

IN THE PAC

**19
84**

Artistically Talented "The Science of Art"

The art teachers of Washington Township have designed a township-wide program for artistically talented students to study world-changing artists & artworks of different periods & cultures. The program for the 2017-2018 school year will be an art experience from September through March including field trips, an artists' studio workshop and studio sessions with the art teachers. This year's theme is - The Science of Art.

The elementary school program consists of a full year session with a total of 16-20 students per school. The middle school and high school program consists of one session running September through March with 14 to 24 students all year depending on the school.

Student artwork will be exhibited during the culminating activity from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on March 11, 2018, in the North Central High School Student Center, 1801 East 86th Street, 46240. Application forms were available to students from art teachers on August 14 -18,2017.



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 2018 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, (317) 259-5355 ext. 45336 or jewwhite@msdwt.k12.in.us.