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Welcome to December North Central Families. Although it may seem like a few short weeks since you were in receipt of the Welcome Back letter, the school year is half over and the semester is almost at a close. With so much happening in the first semester, it's easy to see how the year has seemingly flown by in the blink of an eye. The only group that may disagree with this assessment are members of the senior class who openly assert, "this year will never end." Well thank goodness this year isn't over. The Talent Pool is deep at North Central and we have many opportunities remaining for our community to showcase academic, athletic and civic talents. North Central students, and those who support them, are integral in setting the tone, tempo and expectations of our community.

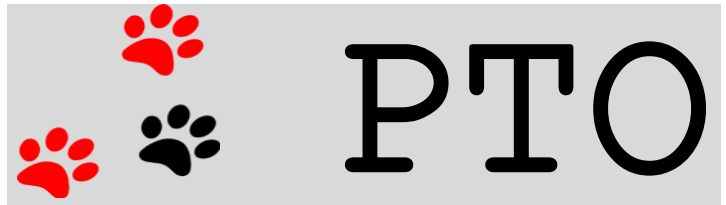
Before we close the chapter on this semester, I remind all that we must finish this semester as we started.... strong! Although thoughts of Winter Break creep into the back of our minds during a lull in the day, we can't forget future and continued success are dependent upon what we accomplish now. The time spent communicating with teachers or seeking supports before/after school will prove beneficial in fulfilling goals.

With only 3 weeks in the semester remaining, it's important that we pay close attention to the calendar. Both the daily school calendar and activities calendar will prove beneficial in staying abreast of school efforts. After school activities will be a buzz as Performing Arts and Visual Arts students showcase their talents through a variety of during and after school events. Show your support by attending one of the many activities or by simply taking a tour of the student work on display.

North Central, this has been an amazing start to the school year. Although the world we share may seem to bring only adversity, North Central serves as an example of what can and is right in the world we share. Yes, that's a bold assertion but on a daily basis North Central students demonstrate a compassion for learning, a dedication to excellence, and a strong sense of WE. Meaning, WE share this space with people who may have different values. WE are part of a common effort to see others succeed. WE want our space to be safe for all to express themselves as part of a group or as an individual. WE care about others. WE are part of a great community, which takes pride in our successes and supports our efforts when we fall short.



WE are NC. Evans Branigan III
Principal North Central High School



Greetings North Central Families!

We had an AMAZING Open House this year with over 350 families in attendance! On Sunday, November 5th we had dozens of clubs and organizations on display as well as performances from our various choirs to showcase the great talent we have at North Central. The amount of community support displayed was remarkable from parent and student volunteers. North Central put its best foot forward this year and showed why we are #NCProud!

A big THANK YOU to our Open House chairs Rebecca Goldstein and Mary Morris for working with our North Central administrators to execute **THE** largest open house thus far! We truly appreciate our volunteers who go above and beyond to support our school.

As we enter the season of being Thankful we want to take this time again to say thank you for your continued support of the PTO, we could not do what we do without the help of our parents, "Together We Accomplish More."

We hope that you have a wonderful holiday season and please be safe during the winter break.

GO PANTHERS!

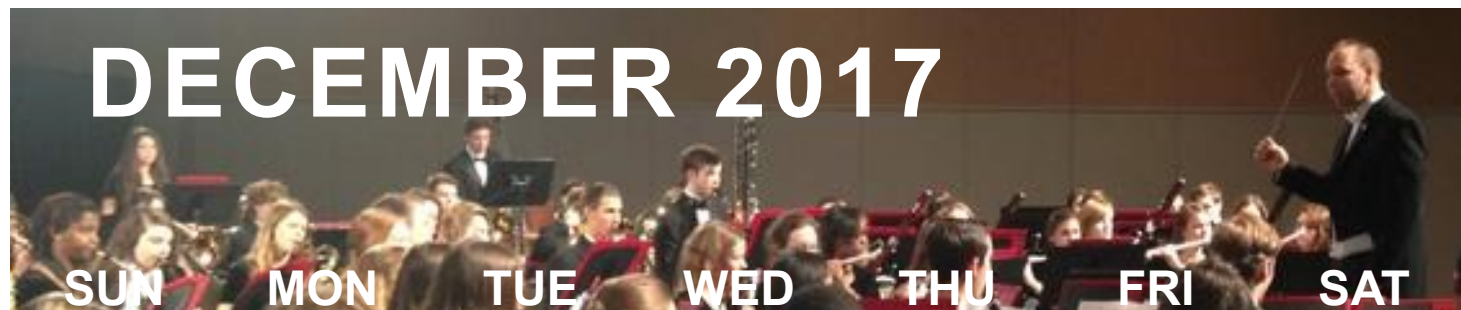
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An informational night about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program will take place on Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm in the Performing Arts Classroom. The meeting is open to all Grades 9 and 10 students along with their families. Guests should enter through Door Number 24. Questions? Contact Mr. Gulde at wgulde@msdwt.k12.in.us or at 317-259-5345.

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SUN

MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

					1 7 pm Accents Sing (Woodland CC) 7 pm Scene & Monologue Night (PAC)	2 12:00 pm Kings Court Sings (Olive Garden Carmel)
CANNED FOOD DRIVE THROUGH DEC 8						
3 2:00 pm NHS Induction	4 2:45 pm Ladies First Meeting (H193) 7 pm Winter Choir Concert (Auditorium)	5 7 pm TOPPS Meeting (L241) 7 pm Messiah Concert (Auditorium)	6 6:30 pm Scholarship Workshop (L249)	7 5:30 pm Kings Court Performance (Marquette Manor)	8 6:30 pm Madrigal Dinner (K of C) 7:30 pm NC vs HSE	9 11:00 NCSD @ Homestead 12:00 pm Madrigal Luncheon (K of C) 7 pm NC Women's BB @ Marion County Champ.
10	11 2:45 pm Ladies First Meeting (H193) 2:45 pm NHS Meeting (L249) 7 pm Holiday Band Concert & Silent Auction (Auditorium)	12 6:45 am NHS Meeting (L249) 5 pm Accents Festival of Trees (IN Historical Society)	13	14 6:20 pm Kings Court Performance (Lions Club) 7 pm Holiday Orchestra Concert (Auditorium)	15	16 1:30 pm NCSD @ Marion County 7:30 pm NC vs Crispus Attucks
17 3:30 pm More Joyful Sounds of the Season (St. Luke UMC)	18 EXAMS PER 2 Homeroom Schedule Periods 4-10	19 EXAMS PER 1 & 3	20 EXAMS PER 6/7/8 & 9	21 EXAMS PER 4/5/6 & 10	22 TEACHER REPORT DAY NO STUDENTS	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
ENJOY WINTER BREAK						

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



GUIDANCE



COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

Students are strongly encouraged to visit colleges of interest before deciding to enroll. Visits should be made prior to **May 1**, the National Candidate Reply Date, when college enrollment deposits are due. Juniors and Seniors are entitled to 2 excused absences per school year for college visits, but visits can also be made on Saturdays and when North Central is not in session.

Procedure for excused absences:

- ⇒ **Pick up the green College Campus Visit Form in the Attendance Office.**
- ⇒ Get signatures on the form from your parents, Mrs. Payne and all of your teachers.
- ⇒ Have a parent notify the Attendance Office **prior to your visit.**
- ⇒ Obtain a letter from the admissions office on official letterhead verifying your visit (the date of your visit and with whom).
- ⇒ Return the green form and letter to the Attendance Office the following day. **Both documents must be received for the college visit to be considered an excused absence.**

The FAFSA & CSS PROFILE

These are the two forms requested by colleges to determine your eligibility for financial assistance. **Check with each college on your list for their deadlines.**

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – All colleges request that you complete this form to determine your eligibility for financial aid. File online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

CSS PROFILE – Some colleges, mostly private, will want you to fill this out IN ADDITION to the FAFSA. It can be found on College Board's website at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

REMIND FOR COLLEGE ALERTS

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



SENIORS – text @ncgrad2018 to 81010

JUNIORS – text @ncgrad2019 to 81010

SOPHOMORES – text @ncgrad2020 to 81010

FRESHMAN - text @ncgrad2021 to 81010

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Processing forms are available outside Mrs. Stroke's office and on the south wall of the Guidance Office – near the flag. Mrs. Stroke gets your Pink Sheets, while your counselor gets your Yellow Sheet. Allow at least **TWO WEEKS** for your counselor to process your materials.

- **PINK SHEET** – Submit one for EACH college application, with a parent/guardian signature on the first one. There is a \$1 processing fee for each Pink Sheet.
- **YELLOW SHEET** – Counselor Recommendation Worksheet/Student Information Sheet. You can turn in a resume with the Counselor Recommendation in lieu of completing the information sheet.
- **GREEN SHEET** – Teacher Recommendation Worksheet. Give this to teachers who have agreed to write letters of recommendation for you.
- **TRANSCRIPTS** – If you are applying through the Common Application, your counselor will upload your transcript. Otherwise, request your transcript through www.parchment.com.

COLLEGE RESOURCE ROOM



Students and parents are invited to take advantage of the college resources available in the Guidance Department. Flip through helpful college guides, access college search site programs from the computers, and help yourself to college information in the magazine racks. The College Resource Room (L258B) is accessible throughout the school day and after school until 4:00 pm.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS - SENIORS

- Pick up a list of available scholarships in Mrs. Stroke's office in Guidance
- Register with scholarship websites listed in your College Handbook (page 32)
- Find additional scholarship opportunities in NAVIANCE

SAT & ACT TESTS....TRY BOTH!

We encourage students to take *both* the SAT AND the ACT with Writing. Colleges will accept the results of either test and will use the higher scores if both tests are taken. Register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and the ACT at www.actstudent.org.

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	Mar 10	Feb 9	Feb 28	
ACT	Feb 10	Jan 12	Jan 19	

Register on line at: www.sat.org or www.actstudent.org

NCHS PERFORMING ARTS

HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT & SILENT AUCTION

Monday, December 11 at 7 pm (Auditorium)

North Central concert and jazz bands will present their annual Holiday Band Concert. Prior to the event, please visit the NCHS Student Center to view the variety of items available at the NC Band Parent Organization "15th Annual" Silent Auction.

CHORAL WINTER CONCERT

Monday, December 4 at 7 pm (Auditorium)

Ten choirs, along with the bell choir, will perform. Admission is free to the public; our gift to the community!

MESSIAH CONCERT

Tuesday, December 5 at 7 pm (Auditorium)

Performing selections from Handel's *Messiah*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Haydn's *Creation*. The Symphony Orchestra will also be performing works by Brahms and Tchaikovsky. Admission is free.

HOLIDAY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm (Auditorium)

North Central's Concert, Philharmonic, and Festival Orchestras will be performing. Admission is free.

MORE JOYFUL SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Sunday, December 17 at 3:30 pm (SLMC)

Featuring the Counterpoints at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 100 W 86th St., Indianapolis. A reception will follow this event. Come join us and get into the holiday spirit with the Counterpoints. For more information, contact Mike Raunick by email at mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us.

Wassail!

**King's Court Singers
2017 Madrigal Feast**

Friday
December 8th
6:00 – 8:00 pm





Saturday
December 9th
12:00 – 2:00 pm





Featuring:

Ye Madrigal Brass ~ Ye Madrigal Handbells
Ye North Central Accents Choir (as singing waitresses!)

For tickets: [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search NCHS King's Court) or contact
Joyce Click, Director (jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us)

Performances at the Knights of Columbus Ballroom (71st & Keystone)

EXAM SCHEDULE

**MON
DEC 18**

Pd 2	7:20 am	8:34 am	Study/Break
	8:34 am	10:18 am	Exam
Pd 4 - 10	10:24 am	2:35 pm	HR Schedule

**TUE
DEC 19**

Pd 1	7:20 am	8:25 am	Study/Break
	8:25 am	10:10 am	Exam
Pd 3	10:20 am	11:40 am	Study/Snack
	11:40 am	1:25 pm	Exam

**WED
DEC 20**

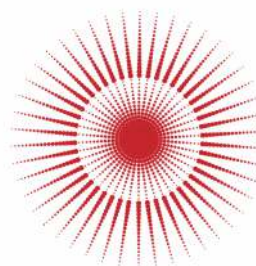
Pd 6, 7, 8	7:20 am	8:25 am	Study/Break
	8:25 am	10:10 am	Exam
Pd 9	10:20 am	11:40 am	Study/Snack
	11:40 am	1:25 pm	Exam

**THUR
DEC 21**

Pd 4, 5, 6	7:20 am	8:25 am	Study/Break
	8:25 am	10:10 am	Exam
Pd 10	10:20 am	11:40 am	Study/Snack
	11:40 am	1:25 pm	Exam

Buses depart T,W,R at 1:35 pm

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM



A team from International Baccalaureate (IB) is slated to return to our district in the fall of 2019 to assess where we are in terms of compliance with the Middle Years Program (MYP). As a result, next year is a big year for MYP as we must engage in a "self-study" assessment in order to gather the information IB requires and in order to ensure that we are fully and truly implementing IB practices. These practices range from inquiry-based classroom strategies to conceptual understanding that includes both problem posing and problem solving. Work is already underway in order to achieve the highest numbers on the IB rubrics provided to us.

Unlike the self study for which work is just beginning, the 2016-2017 Personal Project is fully underway. We have completed our second all-school meeting with sophomores. The Personal Project is a year-long project directed by the students' own interests and supervised by teaching or administrative staff. The final product/outcome will be presented by the students during the April exhibition; there students will display and discuss what they have created.

During a recent tenth-grade homeroom, I asked sophomores what their plans were for their projects. One girl told me she is teaching herself the ukulele, another described her YouTube video that will provide hair tutorials. A boy described the Italian three-course meal that he is working to create while another boy told me of the music he is composing for the album he hopes to produce. And then of course, there is the horror movie that is in the works! I know I am not alone in looking forward to seeing what our tenth graders can create, achieve and develop once they are allowed the time to explore something in which they are interested. This years' projects promise to be just as exciting as last year's projects.



MYP Coordinator Jocelyn Sisson