Hello North Central Families:

We are off to a good start for 2013 and the PTO is looking forward to another great semester!

As always, we thank you for your support, whether that is contributing your time, talents or monetary donations. If you didn’t have a chance to donate to the PTO, it’s not too late! Just send your contribution to NCHS, c/o PTO Treasurer, 1801 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240.

A big thank you to Stacy Lozer and her team who organized and distributed the Panther Particulars last week. There are a few extra copies available for purchase at the Bookstore for $5 each. An email was also sent out with instructions on how to access the FREE online version of the directory through ArkNet.

PTO volunteers serve in many ways at North Central and we are always looking for additional volunteers. Please email me if you have a particular interest or would like to be added to the general volunteer list.

Did you realize that every Friday you or any member of our community can take a tour of North Central High School? It’s free, and all you have to do is ask. Sara Lootens and her tour guide group are trained to give a walking overview, all the while knowing the details that are often asked. This is no small task and they handle it beautifully, both for those interested in attending North Central, and for those with students already here who just want to learn more. A heartfelt thanks goes to these volunteers who take their time to show what most of us have already realized – North Central High School is a great place to be!

Please stop by North Central on Friday, February 15, for Bagels with Branigan in Room H193 at 7:30 am. This is an incredible opportunity to ask Principal Branigan any question and learn the inside scoop on what is happening at North Central.

Thanks for your continued support,
Becky Volk
PTO President
beckyvolk65@yahoo.com or 490-6001

North Central Families,

The short month of February is upon us, and we still have much to accomplish at North Central. Students are steadfastly preparing themselves for future opportunities and experiences as teachers continue to challenge and inspire. We must continue to foster the lines of communication between home and school to insure that we reach our shared goals. These goals include producing informed citizens, college and career ready graduates, and fostering students whom we can be proud of and celebrate. As partners in this process, I ask that we continue our collaborative efforts.

February is a busy month at North Central and our students will be showcasing their talents in a variety of realms. Athletically, sectional tournaments begin for our Winter sports teams. Bring the family out to watch and cheer on our Panthers as they pursue their collective dream of being state champions. Performing Arts competitions take place throughout the month. Take the time to witness one of our talented show choirs, bands, or orchestras as they prepare to display their talents against local and state competition. For the theatre buffs, One Act Plays provide a great opportunity to witness student directed and performed plays. February is a great month to be a Panther.

On many fronts we hear about student and school success. As educators and parents, we have our own interpretation of what we deem as a successful student and child. These goals, aspirations or even expectations related to success help guide and motivate our charges but let’s not forget that success is relative to the individual. As we continue to provide the scaffolding and tools needed to be contributing members of society, I ask that we not forget those individual successes that might not garner much attention from the masses, but to an individual, it means the world.

“Success”

“To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

Bessie Stanley

Continuing the Tradition of Excellence,

Bessie Stanley

Evans Branigan III

Principal

Important Parent Information

You can track your student’s grades and attendance, add lunch money to his/her account, pay book rental, purchase gym uniforms, find daily events on the school calendar and much more by visiting our website: www.nchs.cc. The website has a comprehensive directory along the top to help guide you to different areas of information:

- To find the directory for the faculty and staff at North Central, go to Contact Us, scroll to Directories and click School Directory. You will be able to view the Directory document by clicking Here.
- The online school calendar is located on the right side of the main page, it is updated daily.
- To access your student’s grades, attendance and schedule, go to Quick Links on the top guide, click on Parent Link (ARKNet), then click “Sign me up.” You can also receive the monthly North Central Message newsletter via email when you sign up with Parent Link (ARKNet).
- The North Central Message is posted monthly on our main page, look for NC Message.
- A convenient way to communicate with teachers is through email. You can ask questions or set up an appointment to talk with a teacher or to visit their class without having to leave a voice-mail and wait for an answer. If you prefer to use the voice-mail system, the following information may help: dial 259-5355, press 9 for a directory, enter the first 3 letters of the person’s last name, and press 2 to leave a message.
- You will find other important updated information, a showcase link of our school, and other featured links located towards the bottom of the website on the right side.

Please take advantage of this opportunity so North Central can keep you informed!
# February 2013

(Events are subject to change)

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<td><strong>Summer School 2013</strong>&lt;br&gt;Session One: June 4 - 24&lt;br&gt;June 25 - July 16&lt;br&gt;(no school on Thursday, July 4)&lt;br&gt;Class Times: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Registration:</strong>&lt;br&gt;April 1 - 12&lt;br&gt;For NC students during lunch periods, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. &amp; Washington Township resident students between 8:00-10:00 a.m.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Out-of-District:</strong> May 31, 9:00 a.m.-Noon</td>
<td>1&lt;br&gt;8am, PTO Executive Board Meeting, H193</td>
<td>2&lt;br&gt;Speech Team, State Congress, Kokomo H.S.&lt;br&gt;2-5pm, Black History Month Program, PAC</td>
<td>3&lt;br&gt;4&lt;br&gt;7pm, Band Winter Pops Concert, Auditorium</td>
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<td>6&lt;br&gt;2013-14 Course Selection Sheets Due during Period 3</td>
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GUIDANCE Department

College Scholarships
Mrs. Tracy Gilbert, College Assistant and Scholarship Liaison in the Guidance Office, will be receiving various scholarship materials throughout the year. Stop by the scholarship corner and help yourself to a variety of opportunities offered by institutions, corporations, and community groups. Also, seniors may access all scholarship information and any downloadable applications via Naviance. The following are representative of scholarships available with important deadline dates:

- Nancy Jaynes Memorial Breast Cancer Awareness Scholarship
  www.breastcancerplate.org, Deadline Feb. 1
- Sallie Mae/Brandon Teacher Scholarship
  Deadline February 15
- Indiana Pacers George Hill Scholarship
  Deadline February 22
- NC Alumni Assoc. Merit Scholarship
  Deadline March 1
- NC Alumni Assoc. Laikin Leadership & Diversity Scholarship
- Steven Drybread Memorial Scholarship
  Deadline March 1
- Roberta Quandt Memorial Scholarship
  Deadline March 1
- Greenbriar Elementary School Alumni Scholarship, Deadline March 15
- Central Indiana Community Foundation
  www.cicf.org, Deadline April 1

College Consultations for Juniors
The Junior year is the optimal time to start the college search process. Juniors are encouraged to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Susie Bremen, Coordinator for College Counseling, to talk about the college search process. The “My College Search” form must be completed before a meeting can be scheduled. Forms are available in the Guidance Office and may be submitted to Mrs. Gilbert who will then schedule an appointment during periods 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 or 10. Juniors may also drop by Mrs. Bremen’s office after 3:00 p.m. with brief questions. Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and participate in the process.

Upcoming AP Testing
AP Testing Application for Scholarship forms may be picked up in the Guidance Office. Make a note of the following important dates:

February 15  Planning Sheet & Scholarship Deadline
March 4-15  Registration for AP tests
Keep these dates in mind and watch for more information as the time nears.
Please see Mrs. Meiners in the Guidance Office with any questions.

ACT Test Strategy
ZAPS ACT Test Prep will be back at North Central. A two-day seminar will be held on March 5 & 6 from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. each day. The cost is $79 for the seminar. Some scholarships are available. Don’t miss it!

 absent from school? need homework?

Talk to the Teacher
Students should speak with teachers about where and how to get missed work (some teachers may have a box or file in the room where students can pick up any worksheets).

Contact the Homework Hotline
Students can verify homework assignments by calling their teacher’s voice-mail at 259-5555 plus extension number. The directory is available online at www.nchs.cc.
If a student will be gone for several days, please ask teachers to leave homework in the Homework Collection Box located just outside of the Guidance Office, Door #L258.

Visiting College Campuses
Seniors and Juniors are allowed two school days annually to make official visits to colleges and universities. The process for scheduling these visits is outlined on page 103 in the North Central 2012-13 Student Calendar Handbook distributed to all students at the beginning of the school year. Students are expected to talk with teachers prior to a college visit to notify them of the upcoming absence and to discuss what is expected in order to make up missed class time and work. The College Campus Visit Form, available in the Attendance Office, must be completed and signed by a parent, the student, and an administrator prior to the visit. An official letter from the college admission office verifying the visit is also required. If you are planning a college visit, be sure to refer to the Student Handbook and follow the steps outlined. Failure to follow the procedure may result in an unexcused absence.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
www.fafsa.ed.gov

The FAFSA is used by college and university financial aid offices to determine eligibility for grants, low-interest loans, the college work-study program and sometimes scholarships. Indiana colleges generally require the form to be filed by March 1 of the senior year, but some out-of-state colleges have earlier deadlines. Be sure to check the priority date for your schools of interest. Applying after their deadline could mean missing out on funds.

Filing Tips:
• Review and follow the instructions.
• File on-line; Seniors and their parents each need PIN numbers.
• Complete the FAFSA based on your 2012 tax forms, or use estimates and make updates once taxes are filed.
• File early.
• Make sure to print a copy for your files.

Need help completing the FAFSA?
Thanks to the PTO and a generous grant from the Washington Township Schools Foundation (WTSF), we are again able to offer FAFSA Day. Experts from The National Center for College Costs (NCCC) will be on hand to assist all attendees in completing the FAFSA line-by-line. Gather your Social Security number, driver’s license, income tax returns, bank statements, and investment records, and head to:

FAFSA Day at North Central High School
Tuesday, February 5
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
in the PC Lab
No appointment necessary

College Cost Estimator for all Grades
The National Center for College Costs (NCCC) offers free services to all NC families as they prepare for college. You can complete the College Cost Estimator on their website, www.collegecosts.com, from which they can provide strategies and advice on how to pay for college. Their site also covers college selection ideas, timelines, financial aid, application and admission issues. This service was included in your Freshman Book Rental/Lab fees as Financial Plan ($5 charge). Please take advantage of these services.

College Entrance Exam Test Registration Deadlines:

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Testing is available on the Sundays after these national testing dates at the Hasten Hebrew Academy.

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Registration for AP tests
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Please see Mrs. Meiners in the Guidance Office with any questions.
Choir and Accompanists Auditions for 2013-14 North Central Choir Auditions for Singers and Piano Accompanists who are not currently enrolled in a North Central Choir:

2013-14 School Year
Wednesday, February 6
3:15 p.m., K211
Auditions are for incoming 9th graders not currently enrolled in choir at Westlane, Eastwood, or Northview Middle Schools, upper grade level transfer and private school students.

2013-14 School Year
Tuesday, February 12
(Weather cancellation date, February 13)
6:30 p.m., K211
Enter Door #11

If you have any questions about our choral program, do not hesitate to contact us.

Pat Wiehe, Choral Director at North Central High School
pwiehe@msdwt.k12.in.us

Joyce Click, Choral Director at North Central High School
jclick@msdwt.k12.in.us

Mark your calendar . . .

Seventh Annual Dick Dennis Memorial Concert
Thursday, February 7, 7 p.m.
NCHS Auditorium

This program will feature over 200 students representing all three of North Central's fabulous orchestras. The Hoffmeister Viola Concerto will be performed by North Central senior and Dennis Endowment Scholarship recipient, Evyon Lewis.

The end of the concert will pay tribute to Mr. Dennis with a Mancini Medley and a splendid finale. The Hoffmeister Viola Concerto will be performed by North Central senior and Dennis Endowment Scholarship recipient, Evyon Lewis.

In honor of Black History Month, North Central's Black History Club will present "I Am The Dream", a program that will encourage students, their parents, and the community to learn from the past, live in the present, and plan for the future, on February 2, 2013, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Performance Arts Classroom. A donation of $5 will be taken at the door, which will help fund the Spring Break College Tour. Please contact Kristy Jones for more information at kljones@msdwt.k12.in.us.

Two-hour delay...

School begins at 9:25 a.m. on Two-hour delay days. Be on the watch for MSD of Washington Township Schools with local media outlets.

North Central Band Honors
Indiana Bandmaster All Region Honor Band
Emma Freeze - French Horn
Owen Kraft - Trumpet
Sydney Roach - Tenor Sax
Owen Royal - Trombone
Luke Smith - Alto Sax
Nick Snider - Trumpet
Noelle Snider - Alto Sax
Sean Szolek-Van Valkenbur - Clarinet
Lexi Wood - Bassoon

Indiana Bandmaster Jr. All State Band
Emma Freeze - French Horn Alternate
Owen Kraft - Trumpet
Sydney Roach - Tenor Sax Alternate
Luke Smith - Alto Sax
Nick Snider - Trumpet
Sean Szolek-Van Valkenbur - Clarinet
Lexi Wood - Bassoon

Bloomington Jazz Festival
Ben Stueve - Outstanding Soloist Award

Indiana All State Orchestra
Sylwin Yang—French Horn

Ticket Sales for Grad Dance & Blast Off, May 24, 7 - 11 p.m., TBA

Ticket Sales for Parent Appreciation Luncheon, April 22-26, CASH ONLY

Ticket Sales for Grad Dance & Blast Off, May 6-10, CASH ONLY

All arrears must be cleared by May 15 to receive your cap and gown, cash or credit card only, checks will not be accepted.

Cap and Gown Distribution, May 22
Senior Parent Appreciation Luncheon, May 22, 10:30 a.m., Ritz Charles
Baccalaureate, May 22, 7 p.m., NCHS Auditorium
Commencement Required Practice, May 23, 8 - 11:30 a.m., Indiana Convention Center
Commencement, May 23, 7 p.m., Indiana Convention Center
Graduation Dinner Dance, May 24, 7 - 11 p.m., TBA
Blast Off, May 24-May 25, 11:59 p.m. - 3 a.m. (following the Graduation Dinner Dance) in the NCHS Main Gym (parent volunteers encouraged!) Co-chairs: Pam Freese at mhfreese@aol.com and Leigh Lazaron at lazaron@comcast.net

Senior Dates to Remember.... mark your calendar!

Tootsie Pops Concert
Saturday, February 9
Two shows 9:30 and 11 am
North Central Auditorium

This program is designed to introduce preschool and elementary age children to the sounds and sights of orchestra music. Following the concert, young guests will have the opportunity to visit the musical instrument “petting zoo” where they will be able to try a string, percussion, or wind instrument.

Advanced sales: contact Leigh at 570-1653.
mon, tue, wed, thu, fri, sat, sun (time). Each day of week. Time of day is selected, when internet access should be allowed. Sun-Mon-Tue-Wed-Thu-Fri-Sat-Su Why? Real Favourite Day Poll! Current Week Structure is â†’ Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat, but I want it to be like â†’ Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun. This is the theme Demo from where I have purchased Click Here â†’. The theme owner aid contact to https://fullcalendar.io/, but on their website I find that I have to seek StackOverflow for the support.