From the Superintendent's Desk

Dear Friends of the North Central Local Schools,

I am honored to serve as your superintendent of schools here in North Central Local Schools and excited to be starting my third year. Thanks for allowing us to work with your children. It is the highest honor we can expect, and we will work hard every day to do our best. The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start, which is a result of the hard work staff members do throughout the summer. Even when school is not in session, our staff is working hard preparing the buildings, busses, and working on new academic initiatives. Please make sure to thank our wonderful staff if you get a chance. We have some new staff members, including an SRO, that are excited to be part of the NC Eagle family and are working hard with our students. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff members at North Central Local Schools. I hope you take time to visit our buildings and see for yourself the great things happening here at NC Schools. We love our kids and community.

Bus routes are adjusted throughout the school year as students move and new students come to the district. I would like to remind families that students are only allowed one pick up and one drop off stop. Please fill out the proper paperwork and return to school as soon as possible. Keep in mind any changes in bus transportation may require a minimum of two days to process the new paperwork and get the routes updated. Please be patient with the process. Please contact the transportation director’s office if questions arise.

We are very proud of the North Central financial condition. We strive every day to spend what we need and save where we can to ensure we are being fiscally responsible with the tax payer money while providing the resources needed to support our students. Our most recent fiscal year ended on June 30, 2019 with a positive cash flow for the year. We appreciate the continued support in our financial operations and look forward to another great year.

We are currently weighing options available for our NC schools to remain in a positive cash flow position into the future. This is very likely a time to ask voters to approve some sort of new money in the near future.

The Swift Reach SwiftK12 Alert System is a great method of communication for school activities and weather delays. We hope the use of this system is helpful to our staff and parents and gives our students timely information when necessary. If you have any questions or need to make changes, please call Kendra (NC Junior High/ High School) at 419-737-2366 or Julie (NC Elementary School) at 419-737-2293.

The fall sports programs and activities are in full action. Take time to attend an activity and support the students/staff in their extracurricular activities. Senior citizen passes are available in the North Central Athletic Directors Office for district residents who are ages 65 and over. These passes grant free admission to all home athletic events.

I am looking forward to this school year, which will bring new opportunities and challenges. If you have comments or concerns about the school district, please feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is whanak@northcentralschool.org and the phone number is 419-737-2392 x5210.

Go NC Eagles!

William D. Hanak, Superintendent

Special points of interest:
- Oct. 1 - RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 12PM-6PM
- Oct. 3 - 6:00 PM - MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING (ALL ARE INVITED) IN THE BAND ROOM
- Oct. 16 - PSAT AND ASVAB FOR JUNIORS
- Oct. 16 - JH FUNDRAISER DELIVERY
- Oct. 21 - LIFEPHOTO PICTURE RETAKE DAY
- Oct. 22 - 7TH GRADE GOING TO NURSING HOMES
- Oct. 29 - HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR HALLOWEEN CONCERT
- Nov. 1 - GRADE CARDS SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS
- Nov. 1 - JH DANCE
- Nov. 4 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Nov. 4 - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 12PM-7PM
- Nov. 11 - ELVM VETERAN’S DAY PROGRAM
- Nov. 11 - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- Nov. 25 - COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY (GRADES 7-12)
- Nov. 27-Dec. 2 - THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Dec. 15 - ALL BAND/CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 2PM
- Dec. 19 - GRADES K-3 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @ 6PM
- Dec. 20 - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1PM
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3 - CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Jan. 6 - SCHOOL RESUMES

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Parents,

The elementary building is off to a very good start this school year. Our district wide theme for this year is “Believe in Eagle Magic”. The word “magic” means a number of different things to me when associated with the school year. For example, we have wonderful students that give us great effort each and every day. We have a great staff that invests a tremendous amount of time and energy with our students. And my personal favorite, the kindness and smiles shown by our students throughout the school year definitely makes each day “Magical” in my eyes!

It has been a very good start to the school year...Thanks! If you have any questions please call me at 419-737-2293 x5201 and remember, they grow up fast.

Andy Morr,
Elementary Principal

2019 Special Education & Curriculum

As we begin the 2019-2020 school year, our staff is eager to meet the needs of all students by serving them in multiple facets. While academic rigor must be appropriate and challenging for all students, we also understand the importance of meeting their social/emotional needs.

After starting my educational career at North Central Local School District as a third grade teacher in 2013, I am excited to return to North Central as Special Education Supervisor and Curriculum Director. Over the past three years, I have had the opportunity to work as Elementary Principal at two other local school districts, and I feel fortunate to once again be a part of an extraordinary staff and community at North Central. While my administrative experiences will continue to serve as a strong foundation of what high-quality instruction looks like, it has also provided me the opportunity to understand best educational practices and continual improvement from a professional development perspective.

As a relatively smaller school district in Williams County, North Central has built an extraordinary structure in regards to meeting and supporting the needs of all students. In grades one through six, we have embraced the co-teaching model, as we have one intervention specialist in each of those grades that helps meet the academic needs of all North Central Elementary students. Additionally, that generates a teacher to pupil ratio of approximately 14:1, which means our students are receiving instruction from highly qualified instructors with one of the lowest teacher-to-student ratios in Williams County.

At the Jr. High and High School level, we are excited to welcome Mrs. Amanda Doty to our educational team. Mrs. Doty will serve as an Intervention Specialist for grades 9-12 and is a great addition to our staff. Mrs. Doty’s student-centered educational philosophy and student-friendly personality make her a natural fit to meet the needs of our students at NCHS.

While we are concerned with our special education staff meeting the needs of all students in regards to academic rigor, serving the needs of our gifted population is also of high priority.

Once again we are excited to be working with Ms. Mary Brandon as our Gifted Coordinator. Ms. Brandon is hired through the Northwest Ohio Educational Services Center and will be working with both students and teachers at North Central to ensure we are challenging our gifted student population.

If you have any questions in regards to special education, curriculum, or instructional practices at North Central Local School District, please contact me by email at bsaeholtz@northcentralschool.org or via phone at (419) 737-2293, extension 5294.

Yours in education,

Brent Saneholtz,
ESC Sp. Ed. Supervisor
Box Tops for Education

Let me begin by sending out a huge THANK YOU to everyone who collected and sent in Box Tops last year and so far this school year! Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Box Tops you collect provide the support we need to fund our Fun Fitness Field Days that are held for grades 1-3 and 4-6 each year in May. The money is also used to purchase new equipment for physical education classes. Much of the equipment we have purchased in the last few years was focusing on improving students’ fitness levels and overall health, as well as equipment utilized at recess.

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school! Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label shown below.

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now at the App Store or Google Play.

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school’s earnings online.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Our goal again this year is 25,000 Box Tops. While that seems like a large amount, broken down by class that only amounts to a little over 1300 per class.

With your continued support we can reach our goal! Please continue to send the Box Tops in with your child. If you are a community member who does not have any children in school, you can still participate by sending the Box Tops into the elementary school to the attention of Kent Hutchison, or by dropping them off at the Elementary Office.

Thanks again to everyone for their continued support of the Box Tops for Education program! If you have any questions, please contact Kent Hutchison by phone at 419-737-2293 or via email at khutchison@northcentralschool.org.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

Kent Hutchison,
Elementary Phys. Ed.

Box Tops for Education

Eagle Café

Hello from the Eagle Café

Did you know that everyone can apply for free or reduced lunches any time of the year? Eligibility is based on household income. For example, a household of 4 with a total income of less than $47,638 will qualify for reduced or free lunch and breakfast. You can apply anytime and if approved you will have the benefits for the current school year and the first 30 days of the next school year.

Ice cream...who wants ice cream!

Yes, the Eagle Café now offers Hershey’s Ice Cream for any student in grades 2-12. Scooter bars, cones, sandwiches and more. Students are enjoying them, and each item meets the smart snack rule for offering in the school lunch program.

Need a class snack or birthday treat for a class? Check out the flyer we sent home. We can deliver a treat right to a classroom or cafeteria table. Just contact us at 419-737-2366 ext. 5216 or rtaylor@northcentralschool.org to set up delivery.

A huge thank you to all who have donated to the No NC Child Goes Without fund. We continue to get donations to continually help those with a need.

Thank you for allowing your students to join us for lunch. Their smiling faces make the day great.

Rob Taylor,
Cafeteria Director
Fun Fitness Field Days Dates Announced

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, and other family and community members who assisted with Field Day last year! Without your participation we could not continue to provide this fun event.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Field Day for grades 1-3, will be held on Friday, May 8th, with a rain date of Monday, May 11th. Grades 4-6 will have their Field Day on Monday, May 15th, and the rain date is scheduled for Monday, May 18th.

As in the past, in order for the events to take place we need YOU! Several volunteers are needed to be group leaders and possibly station leaders. If you are interested in helping with one or both of these Field Day events, please mark your calendars. More information on signing up for the events will be sent home with students in March.

You may email Mr. Hutchison at khutchison@northcentralschool.org to volunteer or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on these dates and sharing these fun days with our students and staff.

Kent Hutchison,
Elementary Phys. Ed.

MyPlate Program

Elementary physical education classes at North Central are once again partnering with the Williams County Health Department for a program called Serving Up MyPlate. During physical education class, students will explore how to make healthy food choices and be physically active. Our school hopes these activities will support your efforts at home to help your child develop healthy eating habits. Beginning in October, be on the lookout for handouts coming home each month that will show what we are learning at school about making healthy choices. Often there are recipes as well. You are encouraged to try this recipe at home. This is a great opportunity to talk with your child about nutrition, try new foods together, and get your child involved in making healthier meals and snacks. For more information on the program and for additional resources you can use at home please check out ChooseMyPlate.gov.

Kent Hutchison,
Elementary Phys. Ed.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

North Central is proud to be participating in the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) once again.

By collecting pull tabs, we are providing food for the over 500 families that need to use the Ronald McDonald House as their home away from home while their child is accessing medical care in Toledo. Funds earned through the pull tab program are used to buy fresh food, pantry, and freezer items for guest families.

Fast facts:
All pull tabs can be collected including those from: soup cans, tuna fish cans, cat food cans, etc.

The money received from recycling the pull tabs provides our yearly food budget for the over 500 families that RMHC serves. All money stays locally at the RMHC of NW Ohio.

Lisa Blue,
4th Grade Instructor

Sneakers For Students

What do you do with that pair of tennis shoes once your child outgrows them? Is there a sibling to hand them down to? If not, North Central Elementary would gladly take your slightly used sneakers and “recycle” them for other students to use in physical education class. You may send the shoes to school with your child to give to Mr. Hutchison or drop them off in the elementary office. We are especially in need of very small sizes 11-1 youth, and adult sizes 6-15. Thanks in advance for helping us ensure that all students have a pair of sneakers for physical education.

Kent Hutchison,
Elementary Phys. Ed.


Junior High/High School - Principal's Report

As I begin my third year at North Central, I have observed many positive changes involving courses, safety, and building appearance. The custodians work very hard all summer to get this large building ready for students by the middle of August. That work shows in the shiny floors and the clean rooms.

At the junior and senior high school, we adjusted the schedule to have 8 periods. This means that our periods are a little shorter, but there is more opportunity for students to take electives. The seventh and eighth grade students have a new course called JH Explorations during first period. This is a quarter class which meets three days a week. The other two days are study halls so that the students, if needed, can get help from their teachers. So far, the feedback from the students has been positive. We will continue to monitor the schedule to make sure students are getting all of the requirements in addition to allowing them time to take courses in their interest area.

What a great place to work and learn! North Central Schools is so fortunate to have students who are willing to try new classes, willing to listen to instructors who are trying new approaches, willing to accept changes, and willing to come to school with positive attitudes! We have teachers who are invested in our students.

We have some new faces at the junior and senior high school. Mr. Sam Hutchinson teaches ELA 7, photography, and 21st century. Mr. Geoff Gilmore is teaching Algebra 1 and 8th grade Enrichment. Mr. Derek Rupp is teaching Anatomy, Biology and Science 9.

Marcia Rozevink,
JH/HS Principal

Active Duty Military Display Case

In the past three years, the North Central Local Schools, along with the Agnew Shinabarger Pioneer American Legion Auxiliary Post 307, have recognized North Central alumni who are currently serving in uniform for the United States Armed Forces. Located by the cafeteria, students, staff and visitors will notice a display case, with an 8x10 picture of the NC Alumni in uniform.

North Central is very proud of our North Central alumni who have served in the United States Military and those currently serving! We are continuing to ask that any alumni (or their family members) who are currently serving please contact the school office at 419-737-2366 so that everyone can be included in this display!

Diane Veres,
7-12 Guidance Counselor

Severe Pulmonary Illness Linked to Vaping

The Ohio Department of Health and local health departments are investigating reports of severe lung disease among people who reported recent vaping. Currently, there are no known links to a specific type of product. Vaping products contain many substances and may include nicotine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), synthetic cannabinoids, or a combination of these.

Anyone who thinks that they may be experiencing serious breathing problems linked to vaping should seek immediate medical attention. If you are a healthcare provider and wish to report a possible case, please contact your local health department.

To locate a local health department, please visit https://odh.gateway.ohio.gov/lhdinformationsystem/Directory/GetMyLHD

Information about resources to help people quit smoking and vaping are available on the cessation page of the ODH website, including the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line (1-800-QUIT-NOW).

For federal recommendations, please check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2019/s0821-cdc-fda-states-e-cigarettes.html

Kristen Ewers,
School Nurse

October—December 2019
Mission Statement

The mission of the North Central School District is to provide current instructional tools and methods which ensure success throughout the student’s educational career. Employees will strive to listen and understand student and family needs. Employees will provide a positive learning environment where they can guide students to make informed choices. It is the ultimate goal that students graduate from North Central High School with a foundation of knowledge for success and a desire for lifelong learning.