

# District Highlights

In Photos



Students partner with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful to plant trees on school grounds



Washington Township 2018 Teacher of the Year  
Meredith Schaar – Nora Elementary



Community raises private dollars for public education at the Great North Run



Students participate in Cooking Club



NCHS Counterpoints win state and national titles



Students participate in Hour of Code

## Washington Township Schools' VIP Card

Washington Township (WT) is offering a VIP Card to residents who live in WT and are 60 years of age or older. VIP Cards provide our seniors with FREE ADMISSION to WT events. This includes WT concerts, plays and sporting events (excluding events not hosted by WT). In a typical school year, there are over 400 plays, musicals, choir, band and string concerts in our schools. Identification showing that you are a resident in Washington Township and 60+ will be required. To schedule a time to get your VIP Card and for more information, call 845-9400, ext. 77200.

As we continue to transform and update our facilities, we feel that this is an important opportunity for us to refresh and re-brand our district logo. The district aims to communicate our mission, vision, and values more efficiently and effectively through our brand and graphic representation. We intend to update the existing MSDWT logo and design elements on district communication in an effort to visually connect our core principles to our brand identity. To MSDWT, the voice of the community is critical in this initiative, and we appreciate hearing from so many community members in our recent survey. We look forward to sharing those results soon.

## Balancing Enrollment & School Hours

As our public schools continue to grow, MSDWT is working to ensure enrollment is stabilized at our schools.

On May 9, 2018, the MSDWT School Board approved attendance boundaries, to begin in 2019-2020, for the District's eight elementary schools and three middle schools. Many families will be required to change schools beginning in 2019. During the 2018-2019 school year, the District and the schools' administrations will provide more information, including opportunities for families to learn about their new schools. Families may access an online map indicating the elementary and middle school assigned to each District address. Here you will find a link to the map. [www.croppermap.com/msdwt](http://www.croppermap.com/msdwt)

In the opening months of the 2018-2019 school year, the administration and school board will review options for school hours. Research continues to support later school start times for adolescent students. Therefore, the District is working with a consultant and our own professional staff to review the feasibility of changing the order of our schools beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Connect with us:



<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/facility-planning/>

The Mission of Washington Township Schools is to develop lifelong learners and globally-minded citizens by fostering the academic, creative, and social skills needed to achieve excellence in a multicultural environment.

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# District Newsletter

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Back to School 2018



## Construction Underway

Opening Fall 2019

Clearwater Elementary

Willow Lake Elementary



## School Board Update

Mr. Donald B. Kite, Sr.

On behalf of the Washington Township School Board, I would like to welcome everyone back to what the board believes will be another successful year for our students, their families, and the educators who are devoted to the success of our students. We are proud of our district and its diverse student body's record of achievement, and believe you are, or will be, equally proud of your educational home.

These are exciting times in Washington Township and we are pleased to continue our International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum of international education in our schools! Our Elementary Schools were authorized PYP IB Schools in 2012 and our Secondary Schools were authorized MYP IB Schools in 2014. We are currently one of only a few public districts offering IB to all students in all schools in the United States. Our hard-working faculty, staff and administrators remain committed to the over 11,300 students who attend our schools each and every day of the school year.

Following the recent passage of a 185 million dollar construction referendum by our supportive community, the district's professional partners are busy constructing two new elementary schools (Willow Lake to the west and Clearwater to the east). All of our schools will be renovated in the next five years.

On a related note, on May 9, 2018, the Board approved new attendance boundaries for our elementary and middle schools. These new attendance boundaries will be effective next school year (the 2019-2020 school year). You can use the interactive map on the district's website to determine if your attendance boundaries have changed.

Looking ahead, in the upcoming November 2018 election, two (2) individuals will be elected to four (4)-year terms on Washington Township's five (5) member school board. The district's website provides additional information regarding election to the school board. School board members will confirm that serving on the board is extremely challenging and highly rewarding.

I encourage you to be involved, in a way that works for you and your family, in our educational community.

Donald B. Kite, Sr.  
MSDWT School Board President, 2017- July 2018



## School Safety

Brian Clouse, Coordinator of Safety & Security

Recent school shootings in Florida and right here at home remind all of us of the importance of safety and security at the schools of the MSD Washington Township. The safety of our students, staff and visitors is our top priority, and the District works closely with the MSDWT School Police Department to continually monitor and improve our safety plans. District Safety and Security, along with Operations staff, are currently auditing our district and building emergency plans to ensure that best practices are in place.

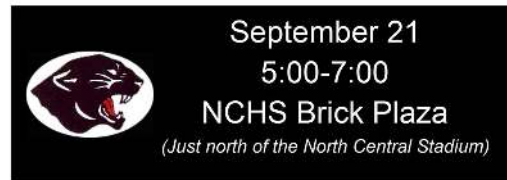
In addition, the MSDWT District Safety Committee is very active, meeting quarterly to discuss important issues related to school safety and security. Our collaboration with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the city's Department of Homeland Security is second to none, and continues to be a critical part of our safety efforts here.

The MSDWT School Police Department recently added a new school police officer who will be primarily assigned to the J. Everett Light Career Center, as well as assisting at True North Academy and at North Central High School. All of the officers of the MSDWT School Police recently underwent forty hours of specific school safety and law enforcement training in collaboration with the Pike Township School Police.


We remind our staff and students to be diligent in following safety protocols and to pay particular attention to all safety drills this year. School safety is a community commitment to students and staff. If you see something, say something. You can report concerns to staff, administrators and to our own MSDWT School Police Department.



## NORTH CENTRAL HOMECOMING PRE-GAME PARTY



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Kevin Worley NCHS '69 and Ray Ohlson NCHS '68

*Rain location is the North Central South Gym*

[AdvancementCenterWTS.org](http://AdvancementCenterWTS.org)



## Choose, Act, Reflect - IB in Washington Township

### Curriculum Update

#### Real World Student Learning

The MSDWT continues to engage our students in real world, project-based learning opportunities. As International Baccalaureate World Schools, all fifth grade and tenth grade students are required to prepare and present projects on a variety of self-selected topics.

Each fifth grade student works with a team of fellow classmates to investigate, take action on, and present potential solutions to a variety of national and international topics. Fifth graders are engaging in topics such as mental health disorders, gender equality, pollution, world hunger, genetic cloning, and many other important global topics. Their research and interest will spark their future learning and create a real world relevance to their school subjects.

Our tenth grade students engage in a project and presentation on a topic of their choice. Students learn to play musical instruments, provide community service, develop potential solutions to school, community, state, or national issues, compose music, create art, build shelters, build handmade furniture, develop computer code, and many other projects. Our students, their faculty advisors, and community mentors connect to provide students with relevance to their education. This year, over 450 students completed the projects.



For more information about the International Baccalaureate program, visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).



### Excellence in Washington Township

As we look forward to a successful 2018-2019 school year, we look back at our accomplishments from 2017-2018 to set the bar.

Multiple teachers and students received prestigious state and national awards

- 2018 North Central graduates earned more than \$33,241,872 in scholarships over a four year period
- 1 -Wells Scholar- Indiana University, one of the most prestigious scholarships in the country
- 9 -National Merit Finalists and 13 National Merit Commended Students and 32 IB Candidates
- 49 -Advanced Placement Scholars
- 27 -Advanced Placement Scholars w/ Distinction
- 16 -Advanced Placement Scholars w/ Honor
- 87.7% Graduation Rate
- NC is an AP award recipient and has been recognized by the State of Indiana for having at least 25% of the 2017 graduating class earn a 3 or higher on all AP exams
- 89% of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders reading at or above grade level
- 1040 middle school students and 1586 high school students were on the Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, or had straight A's (semester 1)
- North Central Counterpoints were awarded both state and national championship awards

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