

Washington Township Schools

# District Newsletter

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## Celebrating and Looking Ahead

Washington Township Schools proudly offers this publication to our community as a means to celebrate the successes of the 2022-2023 school year and to kick off 2023-2024. In doing so, we cannot help but express our utmost gratitude for your continued support. Together, we nurture a spirit of growth and resiliency in our classrooms and our community!

The end of this school year marks a significant milestone—a testament to the dedication of our students, teachers, and families. We have witnessed incredible achievements, not just academically but also in personal development and character building.

With the commencement of a new school year on the horizon, we stand poised to embrace fresh opportunities and strive for excellence once again. Your continued support and involvement are crucial to our collective success. We invite you to join us as we embark on another chapter filled with curiosity, learning, and new relationships. Let us celebrate the end of one school year and welcome the beginning of another, together, as a strong and united community centered on the betterment and success of your neighborhood public schools. Thank you for your unwavering support!

## 5 Tips for Parents/Caregivers to Support Their Student's Successful School Year:

- Support your student in attending school every day and encourage involvement in extracurricular activities.
- Establish routines at home that will support your child (prioritize healthy meals, set time aside for and establish a quiet place to do homework, etc.).
- Create appropriate limits for screen time and allow for only age-appropriate social media usage.
- Monitor your student's progress. Check Skyward and/or your student's backpack regularly.
- Stay connected! Receive and read ParentSquare messages (offered in many languages) and follow our district and school social media accounts.



# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS 2023 Points of Pride



**Average NCHS Student SAT Score Increased 17.6 Points Over the 2022 Average**

**NCHS RECOGNIZED**

**AVID**

School of Distinction

NCHS SENIORS	
<b>\$35M</b>	Earned in Merit-Based Scholarships
<b>59</b> Students	Earned the Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency Upon Graduation
<b>94</b> Students	Advanced Placement Scholars More Than Half with Honor or Distinction

**\$79M To Date**

Directed to Local Firms Owned By Women, Minorities, Veterans, and the Physically-Challenged Thanks to the 2016 and 2020 Capital Projects Referenda

**31** State and National Recognitions Awarded to WTS Teachers

**Hosted First-Ever WT Student Leadership Summit Servicing 70+ Middle and High School Students**

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**Top 5 Finish**

At Show Choir Nationals and All Other Music Groups Received Multiple State Award Recognitions

**Implemented eSports Program at NCHS**

## NWEA MATH ASSESSMENT

**GRADES K-8**

**ALL District-Wide Math Goals Met**

**Improved 6.6% From Fall 2022 to Spring 2023**

**Highest-Ever District NWEA Math Proficiency Spring 2023**



# CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2023



The Class of 2023 truly exemplified the diversity and magnitude of achievement that is known as North Central. This class marched 890 students across the stage on May 31, no small task in any normal stretch of four years, but particularly commendable given the challenges of the pandemic faced by these students. Instead of allowing those trials to define them, this group excelled in the face of adversity. Academically, they earned nearly \$35,000,000 in merit-based scholarships, highlighted by \$9,445,333 in non-need-based monies from our AVID seniors alone.

This class also excelled in athletics and performing arts. There were several MIC Championships celebrated, along with a myriad of individual recognitions, and 27 student-athletes are headed to compete at the collegiate level in the fall. Additionally, North Central's performing arts kept the bar high. Our student performers had four groups as state finalists at ISSMA, 37 students with All-State recognitions, and they competed at Show Choir Nationals, with Descants placing fourth and Counterpoints placing fifth.



Welcome Dr. Mendez  
North Central High School Principal

We are proud to introduce the new Principal of North Central High School, Dr. Daniel Mendez. Dr. Mendez has a track record of raising achievement for all students while leading racially and socio-economically diverse schools. He has been recognized for his exemplary leadership by multiple organizations and has been named Principal of the Year in two different Indiana districts. We are excited for the positive impact his leadership will have on our school community.



The Class of 2023 was also able to be the inaugural group utilizing the new auditorium space, setting the tone with multiple impressive productions.

Ultimately, the Class of 2023 continued to display the excellence that is known as North Central High School through academics, athletics, performing arts, and having students who bring unique voices to their school community.



2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



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CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

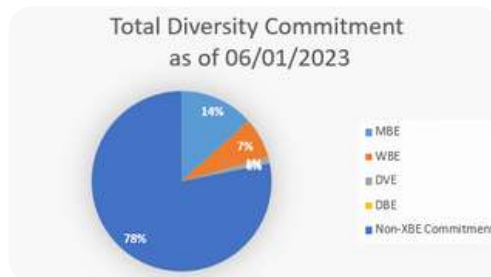


Your Referendum Dollars at Work

We're making progress!  
Our district continues to transform teaching and learning environments through the gracious support of the community through the 2016 and 2020 capital referenda. Several projects have been completed, while others are underway.



Thanks to the overwhelming support of Washington Township residents through the 2016 and 2020 Capital Referenda, we are proud to report that the the District has committed over \$100 million to firms owned by women, minorities, veterans, and the physically challenged. We continue to direct funds and invest in our local businesses.



Projects Completed:

- Two New Elementary Schools  
Clearwater and Willow Lake
- Three Elementary School Renovations  
Allisonville, Crooked Creek, and Spring Mill
- Two Middle School Renovations  
Eastwood and Westlane
- NCHS Phase One  
Central Plant and Auditorium Renovations

Projects Currently Underway:

- NCHS: Tennis Courts  
Anticipated Completion Summer 2023
- NCHS: Paul Loggan Fieldhouse  
Opening Early 2024
- NCHS: Phase 3 (Building Interior)  
Anticipated to Begin Fall 2023
- NCHS: Phase 4 (Athletics)  
Anticipated to Begin Fall 2023
- Centralized Transportation Center  
Anticipated Completion Summer 2023
- New Northview Middle School  
Opening Fall 2024
- New Early Learning Center  
Opening January 2024
- Greenbriar Elementary School  
Anticipated Completion Fall 2023
- Nora Elementary School  
Anticipated Completion Winter 2023
- Fox Hill Elementary School  
Anticipated Completion Spring 2024
- J. Everett Light Career Center  
Anticipated to Begin in Early 2024
- Operations Service Center  
Anticipated to Begin Summer 2024



North Central High School Construction



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## Employment Opportunities

In Washington Township Schools, we are committed to providing a great experience for all of our team members. We prioritize professional learning, facilitate a safe and healthy environment, and provide competitive wages and benefits for all of our employees.

As we continue to grow our team with talented, hard-working, and student-centered professionals, we currently have opportunities in most of our employee groups.



Scan to Watch a Video Highlighting the Benefits of Working in Our District



Scan to Find Out More About Available Positions



# We're

# Hiring

### Join the Transportation Team

The WTS Transportation Department has several positions available.

- Bus Drivers - Starting at \$25.65 Per Hour, Free CDL Training Provided
- Bus Assistants - \$16.00 Per Hour
- Fleet Garage Manager - Annual Salary Range \$65,545 - \$81,695
- Fleet Garage Assistant Manager - Annual Salary \$60,000

### Join the Operations Team

The WTS Operations Department has several positions available in schools across the district, including full-time custodial and part-time school cafeteria staff.

- Flexible Hours with Various Shifts Open
- Paid Holidays and Opportunities for Overtime
- Opportunity for Career Advancement

### Substitute Teachers Needed

Washington Township Schools partners with Kelly Education, a leading provider of substitute teachers for school districts, to manage our substitute program. To learn more or apply for substitute teacher positions, complete the Inquiry Form via the QR code below, and a recruiter will follow up with you. If you have questions, call 800-991-5157, select Option 2.





OUR SCHOOLS AND MISSION



Message From the WTS Board of Education

Your locally-elected Washington Township School Board of Education is strongly committed to providing educational opportunities and learning environments that promote equitable opportunities for every child enrolled in our district.

Throughout the years, our district has remained steadfast in our mission to provide a high-quality education that prepares our students for success in an ever-changing world. To achieve our goals, we rely on the collaborative efforts of our exceptional educators, staff, families, and community partners. We appreciate the unwavering support and engagement we receive from each of you. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of our students and the future of our community.

We are humbled and honored to serve as your advocates and partners in education. Together, we will build a bright future for our students, filled with endless possibilities.



*"As a Board member, I value and thoroughly enjoy the time I spend in classrooms to witness student learning. It is my commitment to you, our Washington Township constituents, that we prioritize that every student receives the excellent education they deserve"*

Tracey Horth Krueger  
Board President 2022-2023

Learn About Our Schools

All Washington Township schools offer a wide variety of academic and extracurricular opportunities, making us a sought-after public school choice for those living in our Township and beyond! Learn more about our individual schools by visiting our website.



Allisonville Elementary  
4900 East 79th Street, 46250  
(317) 845-9441 @AllisonvilleES

Eastwood Middle School  
4401 East 62nd Street, 46220  
(317) 259-5401 @EastwoodMS

Clearwater Elementary  
3575 E 79th Street, 46240  
(317) 259-5465 @ClearwaterElem

Northview Middle School  
8401 Westfield Boulevard, 46240  
(317) 259-5421 @NorthviewMS

Crooked Creek Elementary  
2150 Kessler Blvd. W. Dr., 46228  
(317) 259-5478 @CrookedCreek\_

Westlane Middle School  
1301 West 73rd Street, 46260  
(317) 259-5412 @WestlaneMS

Fox Hill Elementary  
802 Fox Hill Drive, 46228  
(317) 259-5371 @FoxHillElem

North Central High School  
1801 East 86th Street, 46240  
(317) 259-5301 @NCHS\_panthers

Greenbriar Elementary  
8201 North Ditch Road, 46260  
(317) 259-5445 @GreenbriarElem

J. Everett Light Career Center  
1901 East 86th Street, 46240  
(317) 259-5265 @JELCC

Nora Elementary  
1000 East 91st Street, 46240  
(317) 844-5436 @NoraElem

True North Academy  
8401 Westfield Boulevard, 46240  
(317)-259-5213 @AltPrograms

Spring Mill Elementary  
8250 Spring Mill Road  
(317) 259-5462 @springmillelem

Hilltop School  
1915 East 86th Street, 46240  
(317) 259-5458 @Hilltop\_WT

Willow Lake Elementary  
7535 Harcourt Road, 46260  
(317) 280-3701 @WillowLakeElem

Continuing Education  
Located at Northview Middle  
8401 Westfield Boulevard, 46240  
@indyadulted

## WTS Foundation

Powered by donors, sponsors, and volunteers, our foundation connects private funding, community, and North Central alumni with innovative programs that support and enhance educational experiences for Washington Township students.

We work to empower teachers, fuel engaged learning, and provide every student with the tools needed to reach their highest potential. This year, we have funded \$177,000 in classroom grants, \$80,000 in scholarships, and more than \$432,000 in project-specific support.

Through generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we are able to support programs like North Central's Living History Day, where NCHS students had a chance to connect with community members and watch history come to life as they shared stories, photos, and more.



Scan the QR code to view photos from this year's Living History Day.

It is experiences like this that power the success of our students, but we can't do it without community members like you. Visit [www.wtsfoundation.org](http://www.wtsfoundation.org) to learn more about WTSF and how you can help support our mission.



"What I liked most about Living History Day was that it gave me an opportunity to learn about first-hand experiences and hear stories from real veterans. This helped me know what life was like during the tough times of war."

- Sophomore US History Student



# Stay Connected



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PARENT COUNCIL NETWORK

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*Great things are happening every day in Washington Township Schools, and we encourage you to get involved! Connect with our schools and support organizations to become a proud partner of your neighborhood public schools.*

# WHY

Washington Township Schools?



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

