

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, August 27, 2017 to Sunday, September 3, 2017
[Home of the Nitschmann Nation!](#)

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are excited to welcome your children to Nitschmann Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year! Rarely is there a year in our nearly 100 year history that is as important as this one, as your children join us on this once in a lifetime adventure. Our staff is well prepared for the bumps of opening a new school and we appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we embark upon this journey to make Nitschmann Middle School the very best school for young adolescents in the Lehigh Valley.

I have always enjoyed the first day of school as a chance for a yearly rebirth with the fresh hopes of a new year. After enjoying 36 of them with my own education and teaching, I know this one is going to be very special. I am looking forward to leading our school community to help your child grow and be prepared for their future.

Lions LEAD the Way!

Mr. Mayes, Principal

Attachments to Review
2017_NMS Drop Off Directions

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive! (All dates are listed on our [NMS website](#))
8/28 First Day of School (6th Grade report 8:05am, 7th & 8th Grades report 11:05am); 8/31 New Nitschmann Middle School Dedication Ceremony; 9/1 BASD Transportation Evacuation Drills at NMS; 9/1-11 NMS Book Fair; 9/4 No School/Labor Day; 9/7 - Back to School Night 6pm; 9/11 NMS Patriot Day (Wear Red/White/Blue); 9/15 School Pictures; 9/17 Constitution Day; 9/21 School Closed - Rosh Hashanah;

Monday, 8/28 Day 1 - First Day of School (see information below)

Tuesday, 8/29 Day 2

Wednesday, 8/30 Day 3 - Code of Conduct Assemblies

Thursday, 8/31 Day 4 - NMS Dedication Ceremony 9am

Friday, 9/1 Day 5 - Transportation Evacuation Practice (Upon Arrival @ School)

Recent Nitschmann News! (Always posted on our Social Media sites too!)

Twitter [@NitschmannMS](#); Facebook [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Instagram [@BASDNitschmannMS](#); Google+ [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Pinterest [@NitschmannMS](#); [NMS School Website](#) ; [YouTube](#)

WFMZ - New Nitschmann Middle School <http://bit.ly/2xnYddW>

Old NMS Brick Sales (Mr. Mayes) Looking for a real piece of Nitschmann history? You can purchase an original brick from the old Nitschmann! ONLINE ORDERING IS NOW ACTIVE! <http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/thefoundation/>

School-wide Announcements

NEW! Student Services Update (Mr. Wagner) Students are reminded to bring their schedules that they received in the mail to school on Monday so that they can find their homerooms. Once students are in homeroom, they will receive a new, finalized copy of their schedule. This schedule will contain updates to room numbers and may have changed some classes to balance out class sizes. After homeroom, students should follow the new copy of their schedules that they receive as this contains the most up to date information.

NEW! School Counselors (Mrs. Hipp/Mrs. Litak/Mr. Kehler) How to find your School Counselor this year: Phone: 610-866-5781; FAX: 610-866-1435 Offices: located in the Student Services Suite in the front of the building. Kelly Hipp, grade 6 - khipp@basdschools.org; Marcie Litak, grade 7 - mlitak@basdschools.org; Bruce Kehler, grade 8 - bkehler@basdschools.org

NEW! Email Updates (Mrs. Scott) If your email address has changed, please email Mrs. Scott (sscott@basdschools.org). Please include your child/ren name/s in the email. We have been having difficulty with emails from @ptd.net, which are being rejected by the ptd.net service. If you have a friend or neighbor with this problem, we are suggesting that you try a different email!

NEW! Team Welcome Letters (Mr. Mayes) Team Welcome Letters will be distributed with students and shared with parents & students via email.

NEW! First Day Forms (Mr. Mayes) Your child will come home on the First Day of School with several forms, which will also be posted to our website. Please complete them as requested and return to school.

NEW! Family Consumer Science (Mrs. Del Priore & Mrs. Hoffman) Attention parents of 6th and 7th grade students: Your child will receive a form to submit with payment for their family and consumer science sewing project supplies in their homeroom packets. Students are expected

to pay \$7 for their supplies at the beginning of the school year no matter what rotation they will have the class. We can only accept cash. If your child moves out of the district or does not participate in sewing class for some reason, your money will be refunded. Email edelpriore@basdschools.org or jhoffman@basdschools.org with questions.

First Day of School Monday 8/28(Mr. Mayes) Just a reminder that 6th grade students will begin on-time at 8:05am next Monday for orientation and 7th & 8th grade students will report at 11:05am on a 3 hour delay. Students will receive their final schedules on Monday, August 28 in homeroom.

Back to School Night (Mr. Mayes) Please plan on joining us for our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6-8pm. You will have an opportunity to hear from your child's teachers about the plans for the upcoming school year and important information from the team.

Extracurricular Activities (Extras have been removed for the end of the year)

Is your child interested in an after-school club or activity? Email the advisor for more information!

Anime Club (Advisors Mrs. Getz/Mrs. Wallach) None at this time.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) None at this time.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Keep practicing your routines at home so you are ready for our performance on 8/31. We are still looking for students to join the Main Guard or Rifles; email Mrs. Hriniak if you are interested or have questions.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher & Mrs. Loupos) None at this time.

Cheerleading (Advisor Mrs. Guerrieri) None at this time.

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) Strategy Club will be starting in Sept. Date and room to be announced (TBA).

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Girls on the Run Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) None at this time

French Club (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

History Day (Advisor Mrs. Mendez) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) None at this time

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) None at this time

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter [@nms_njhs](https://twitter.com/nms_njhs))

Welcome back! We will have our first meeting on September 6 both before (7:45 am) and after (3:05 pm) school in room 104 to review expectations and elected positions. Please listen for announcements as well. Summer hours are due to Mrs. Wallach by September 8 but you can hand them in at any time before. See you soon:)

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Our show this year is The Lion King Jr. Mark your calendar for our informational meeting after school on Friday 9/1 in the Performing Arts Center (auditorium). See Mrs. Hriniak's website for audition information and updates.

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) (Advisor Mr. Amen) None at this time.

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) None at this time.

The Lion's Den School Store None at this time

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey/Mr. Durante) None at this time

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) None at this time

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) None at this time

Student Council (Advisors Mrs. Ellis) None at this time.

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) None at this time

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

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Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio JK0359@HOTMAIL.com

PAC Representatives 2

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Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

Instrumental Music

Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

8/28 Monday - NO REHARSAL

8/29 Tuesday - NO REHEARSAL

8/30 Wednesday - Jazz Band begins 7:15 AM

8/31 Thursday - Band begins 7:15 FIRST PERFORMANCE

9/1 Friday - Orchestra begins 7:15 AM

Important Reminders

Thursday, August 31 - Full band performs for the dedication ceremony. **FULL UNIFORM. Go to www.nmsim.org for complete details regarding this performance.**

Important Upcoming Events

(Details at www.nmsim.org)

August 31 FULL BAND at Dedication Ceremony

September 20 NIMAS meeting 7:30 PM

October 18 NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM

October 21 Nazareth Parade

October 22 Saucon Valley Parade

October 26 Middle School Night football game

October 29 Bethlehem Parade & Band picture

The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of Amazon Smile. Now you can shop at Amazon, get great deals and support the Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association all at the same time. Log onto smile.amazon.com and select the Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association as your charity.

Choral Music

Mrs. de Vries, Choral Music Director ldevries@basdschools.org

Mrs. Parris, Choral Music Director jparris@basdschools.org

None at this time.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Team Lafayette welcomes Nitschmann students back to school! This will be an exciting year as this is the first sixth grade class in the new Nitschmann. As a team, we'll be having lots of fun while learning. Team Lafayette feels privileged to be a part of the Nitschmann family, and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Team Lehigh is all ready and looking forward to our first day of welcoming students not only to the new school year, but also to the New Nitschmann! We look forward to meeting each of you and having a successful school year! Students, please wear blue and white on Thursday for our special opening of the new school ceremony. See you all Monday!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) We are looking forward to meeting everyone on Monday! Please keep an eye out for a navy blue folder coming home with your child this week with important papers to review and sign.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Welcome back to school! Team Kutztown's teachers would like to welcome our new seventh graders. We are looking forward to a great school year. Sincerely, Mrs. Gomez, Mr. Falteich, Mr. Hess, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sierra, Mr. Pearson, & Mrs. Van Woert

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) We look forward to meeting all of our Team Penn State students on Monday! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for an exciting year at the new Nitschmann Middle School. It would be greatly appreciated if students could come to school on Tuesday with all of their needed school supplies. On Friday - Please wear something Nitschmann, Penn State or blue and white for our team picture. Any donations of tissue or hand sanitizer would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be brought to student's homeroom teacher. Thank you!

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Team ESU is pleased to welcome the addition of Mrs. Loupos (ELA) and Mr. Amen (Science) for the 2017-2018 school year. The new school is amazing and we are looking forward to meeting you all on Monday. Enjoy the last weekend of your summer vacation.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @ TeamSpartanNMS) Team Northampton is excited to welcome our 8th graders back on our new team with a new name! We can't wait to see you tomorrow!

Team Temple (Encore) ([Blog](#)) None at this time.

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)
Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director jortwein@basdschools.org

Cross Country

Head Coach Mrs. Schwartz, lschwartz@basdschools.org
Assistant Coach Ms. Wallace, kwallace@basdschools.org

Field Hockey

Head Coach Mr. Burzynski, bburzynski@basdschools.org
Assistant Coach Mrs. Hood, thood@basdschools.org
www.tinyurl.com/nitschmannfieldhockey

Football

Head Coach Mr. Villani, mvillani@basdschools.org
Assistants: Mike Shemanski, Sam Boyer, Joe Coryell & Angelo Fattore

Volleyball

Head Coach Mrs. Hinkel, ahinkel@basdschools.org
Assistant Coach, Mrs. Van Woert, ivanwoert@basdschools.org

The Lady Lions volleyball team had a great first week of practice and is looking forward to another week of hard work as we prepare for our first game on Sept 6 at Saucon Valley. We will have practice every day this week from 3:05 to 5:00 pm. Just a reminder for our parents that our annual parent meeting is Thursday, August 31 at 4:30 pm in the main gym. We hope to see you there.

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

Nitschmann Middle School

A LEAD School, partnering with The Leader in Me

"Lions Lead the Way!"

Our Collective Vision Nitschmann Middle School is committed to cultivating a respectful community of innovative learners who are socially competent citizens ready to meet the challenges of their future.

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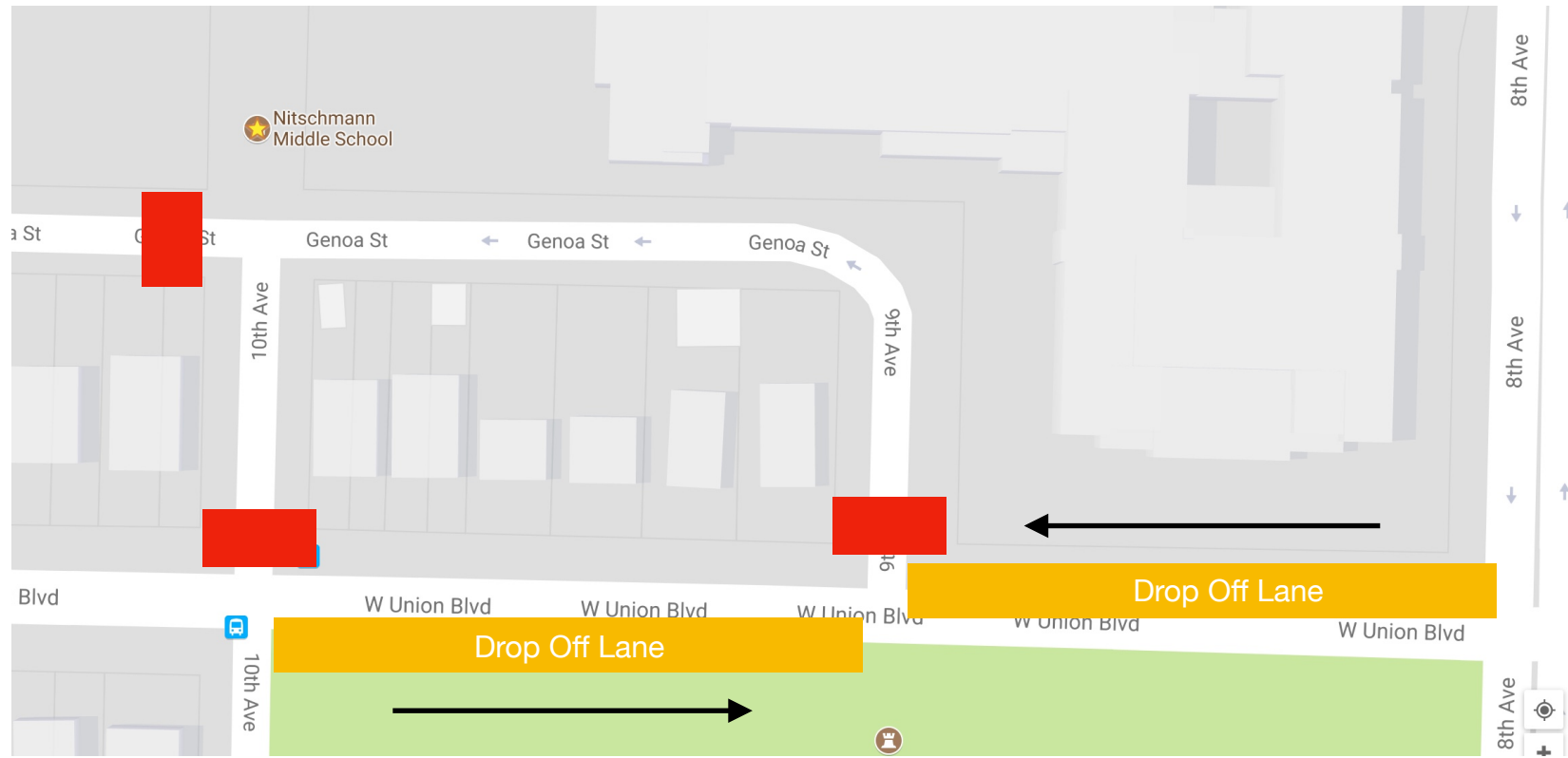
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Drop Off Directions for Arrival at Nitschmann Middle School 2017-2018 School Year



Eastbound on West Union Blvd

Drop off your child in the cone lane between 10th & 9th Avenues. Pull all the way forward. Children should exit your vehicle on the passenger side. Students should then walk down West Union Blvd to 10th Avenue to cross at the crossing guard and walk up to the school. This is the same as last school year.

Westbound on West Union Blvd

Drop off your child in the cone lane between 8th & 9th Avenues. Pull all the way forward. Children should exit your vehicle on the passenger side. Students should then walk down West Union Blvd to 10th Avenue to walk up to the school. Please note this was the "old bus lane" last year.

Getting to the Student Services Office

To get to the Office Parking Lot during arrival, go to 11th Avenue, turn right onto Genoa St, then enter the lot. You will need to leave the same way until arrival is over.

Blockades (Show in RED)

9th Avenue, 10th Avenue, and Genoa Street will be blocked off from 7:00am to 8:15am & 2:45pm to 3:15pm. This will also occur during Summer Band Camp & Band Drop Off.

Nitschmann Middle School
Student Supply List for Grades 6, 7, & 8
2017-2018 School Year

Durable Two-Pocket Folders (All Grades)

- ☐ 1 Red Folder: Math
- ☐ 1 Orange or Yellow Folder: Literacy
- ☐ 1 Green Folder: Social Studies
- ☐ 1 Blue Folder: Science
- ☐ 1 Purple Folder: English Language Arts (ELA)
- ☐ 3 Additional folders, any color for Encore, Foreign Language, and Student Portfolio for Student-Led Conferences/Goal Setting.

Durable Subject Spiral Notebooks (All Grades)

- ☐ 1 Red Notebook: Math (See note for 6th & 7th)
- ☐ 1 Orange or Yellow Notebook: Literacy
- ☐ 1 Green Notebook: Social Studies
- ☐ 1 Blue Notebook: Science
- ☐ 1 Purple Notebook: English Language Arts (ELA)
- ☐ 1 hard cover marble composition notebook (Note: not spiral!) : English Language Arts (ELA)

Foreign Language (All Grades)

- ☐ 1 one-inch, three-ring binder, any color
- ☐ a pack of 5 dividers for the three-ring binder
- ☐ white, loose leaf paper
- ☐ 3x5 index cards for flashcards (optional)

Required Calculator (All Grades)

- ☐ TI-30X IIS 2 Line Scientific Calculator (one time purchase for 6th-7th-8th grades)

General Supplies (All Grades)

- ☐ Durable bookbag (Rolling bookbags are not recommended for student use)
- ☐ 2 Book Covers for BASD Textbooks (*Science & Social Studies*)
 - ☐ Matching colors to folders/notebooks suggested!
 - ☐ Large Book Soxs work great!
- ☐ Many pencils (be prepared every day!)
- ☐ 1 set personal headphones/earbuds
- ☐ Two highlighters, any color
- ☐ Glue sticks for projects
- ☐ 2 dry erase markers
- ☐ 1 Hand-held small pencil sharpener
- ☐ 1 pack colored pencils or crayons

Items Below for Grade 6 Students ONLY!

Binders

- ☐ 1 Red 3 ring binder: Math

Items Below for Grade 7 Students ONLY!

Binders

- ☐ 1 Red 3 ring binder: Math
- ☐ 1 Blue 3 ring binder with 3 dividers: Sci
- ☐ 1 Green 3 ring binder with 3 dividers: SS

Family Consumer Science

- ☐ 6th & 7th Grade \$7.00 cash at start of the school year in envelope with student name and homeroom. Covers all supplies.

Why do we use color-coded folders and notebooks? Often it can be tough for middle school students to stay organized and the color coding systems helps all students keep their lockers and bookbags ready for class each day!