



## NITSCHMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL - TEAM EAST STROUDSBURG

Dear Parents/Guardians,

August 25, 2017

Welcome to Team East Stroudsburg at Nitschmann Middle School! The 2017-2018 school year promises to be full of exciting changes for your student. We wanted to take a moment to introduce the eighth grade team and encourage you to continue the support you provide at home by listing emails that may be important for you to note as we begin the year. Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. We appreciate ongoing conversation with parents and guardians and hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school-sponsored events as possible. We are delighted to be in a partnership with you to maximize your child's potential.

### Meet the Teachers

Mrs. Jaime Jarosz

Miss Theodora Loupos

Mr. Garen Danyi

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A tremendous amount of energy goes into this beginning, on the part of all of us parents, students, faculty, and staff. We all want to give students the best possible beginning to help them make it a successful, productive, and positive year. To this end, we will help both new and returning students understand their role in making Nitschmann a school that is a safe and productive environment for everyone. Please help us by reinforcing these expectations at home. With your help, NMS will continue to be a school community in which every person feels respected, valued, and is encouraged and challenged to achieve at the highest levels. As a team, we will meet regularly to focus on various goals including improving student achievement, encouraging development of student accountability, using data to differentiate instruction in the classroom, building character, and communicating across interdisciplinary subjects.

- \* **Please check our school's website for daily updates of upcoming events, like the Open House on September 7th.**
- \* **Supply lists and sports schedules are among the items currently listed.**
- \* **Continue to be diligent and check grades on Parent Portal.**
- \* **Please follow us on Twitter @NMSTeamESU**

We encourage all parents to utilize our Parent Portal. The portal gives you access to your student's current grades and attendance. We, as teachers, update our online gradebooks with every homework assignment and assessment as they are completed and graded. Using the parent portal regularly allows you to continuously monitor your student's progress throughout each quarter. Students also have access to the Student Portal, which allows them to view their current grades. We strongly advise all students to know how to access their account in order to self monitor and to advocate for themselves during the school year.

Again, we look forward to working collaboratively with you this year. We invite you to contact us to share questions and concerns you may have. We are always happy to talk about how to best guide and promote positive experiences for your child.

Team East Stroudsburg