

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, December 10, 2017 to Sunday, December 17, 2017

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Attachments to Review

None at this time.

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive! (All dates are listed on our [NMS website](#))

Week of 12/11 Parking Lot Opens for Bussing; 12/11 NPG Meeting with Dr. Roy; 12/18 Team & Yearbook Photos; 12/19 Winter Vocal Music Concert; 12/25-1/2/18 No School/Winter & Holiday Break; 1/15 No School/MLK Day; 1/24 1st Semester Ends; 2/15 Winter Conferences 5pm-8pm; 2/16 No School/Teacher In-Service; 2/19 No School/Presidents' Day; 3/29-4/2 No School/Spring & Easter Break; 4/9-13 PSSA ELA Exams; 4/16-20 PSSA Math Exams; 4/23-27 PSSA Science Exams; 5/15 School Closed/PA Primary Day; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 6/7 Last Day of School

Monday, 12/11 Day 2 NPG Meeting with Dr. Roy 6:30pm

Tuesday, 12/12 Day 3

Wednesday, 12/13 Day 4 Vocal Music Concert (7th & 8th Grade 8:35am; 6th Grade 9:30am)

Thursday, 12/14 Day 5

Friday, 12/15 Day 6

Saturday, 12/16

Sunday, 12/17

***All athletic information are listed at the bottom of this email ***

PE/Health Schedule

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](#)

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The December 8, 2017, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available for you at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/E8S14ggauKCYc/>.

NPG Meeting with Dr. Roy (Coughlin) Tomorrow evening at our NPG Meeting, Dr. Roy will be joining us for coffee & dessert to talk over the state of the BASD and discuss with you about our school. Please join us on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Library!

Parking Lot (Mayes) This week, we will be opening the new Bus Lane for Arrival and Dismissal. Parents are strongly encouraged to use the lot for after-school activities - just remember to use the 2nd entrance and it is a one-way loop! The drop-off lane in front of the old school (between 8th Avenue & 9th Avenue) will be closing closer to Christmas and parents will be able to drop off in the new drop off zone in the Main Parking Lot. More information will follow in a separate email & posted to our NMS website.

Holiday Gift Tree (Ellis) - The Student Council has adopted the “Holiday Giving Tree” as its community service project. The “Holiday Giving Tree” is decorated with ornaments (tags) that identify the age, gender, and a holiday wish list for local children in need. **There are still several tags to be picked up!** Purchase a gift or gifts from the items listed on the tag, wrap it (please secure multiple boxes together with ribbon or place all of them in a bag), TAPE THE TAG TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGING, and return the wrapped and identified gift to the tree in the Main Lobby no later than December 14th.

ALL BASD Schools Closed May 15 (Mayes) The Bethlehem Area School district noted in their 2017-2018 printed calendar that all schools in the district would be closed for the Primary Elections in May. The PA State Office of Elections has confirmed that Primary Elections will be held on May 15, 2018. Therefore, all schools in the Bethlehem Area School District will be closed on May 15, 2018. Offices and Child Care will remain open as usual on this day.

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](https://twitter.com/NitschmannPG)
nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee

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PAC Representatives

- 1) Amy Wuertele
- 2) Kimberly Marcantonio
- 3) Therese Gyauch

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Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Team Lafayette had a great time last Wednesday at the Lehigh basketball game. Lehigh won!! Two more weeks until Christmas break, and we are very busy! On Thursday, 12/14, students will be presenting their Country Celebration Speeches. Thursday, 12/21, is Ugly Sweater Day. All students should come to

school in their most unattractive sweater. Team Lafayette students are learning about time lines in social studies and coordinates in math. In science they will be investigating jobs in science.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) None at this time.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) Please make sure you check the home access center this weekend for 2nd quarter grades. The midquarter cut-off for IPRs is Tuesday 12/12. Have your child check to see that they aren't missing any assignments so that the grade truly reflects his/her ability! Mrs. Dendrinis and Mrs. Evancho's ELA classes will be making sock snowmen this week and are supplying the materials. However, if students want to bring in any additional items to personalize snowmen, they are welcome to! Any and all donations are welcome. Also, if any of you are looking for stocking stuffer ideas...the students can always use more glue sticks, their own scissors for interactive notebooks, and their own TI-30XIIS calculator. Many started the year with these items, but have since "misplaced" them.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) There are no team announcements at this time. **Science** (Mr. Pearson) - In the upcoming week, we will be preparing and reviewing for a unit test on the Scientific Method. Periods 2, 5, 7, and 8 will have the unit test on Wednesday and due to a holiday assembly, Period 1 will have it on Thursday. Following the test, students will be working on their next lab dealing with the effects of exercise on heart rate and learning the names and uses for the parts of a microscope. **English** - This week students will begin their study of nominative and objective case pronouns. Lesson 10 Vocabulary homework (sentences and definitions) is due on Thursday.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) We are now halfway through the 2nd quarter. Mid quarter progress reports are in the process of being generated. Please check the portal to make sure you are up to date on all assignments. Remember to wear your ugly holiday sweaters on Fridays. **Science** - students will be having a two day test on microscope and the cell on Tuesday and Wednesday....They will be informed on Monday as to which portion of the test they will be taking so they can study accordingly. **Reading** - Students will have a quiz Wednesday on concepts and vocabulary through chapter 7. **Math** - Periods 1,2,5, & 7 have a Unit test on Tuesday. **ELA** - How Jackie Robinson Changed Baseball - due Monday if you did not finish in class / we will continue using textual based evidence in our writing. **Geography** - there will be a test on the physical geography of North America (USA/Canada) on Thursday.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Science: We will be analyzing chemical formulas as well as exploring ionic and covalent bonding. This is located in sections 3 and 4 in chapter 1 of our new books. They will be doing Nitschmann-made station labs Wednesday and Thursday to help them to explore the subject material. We will review and practice again Thursday with a bonding quiz on Friday. Algebra 1 students will be taking an assessment on everything they've learned this year. Math 8 students are going to start learning about slope. History classes will continue our study of English colonization in the New World. Friday is Bill of Rights Day. Reminder: Oral History is due at the beginning of class on Monday December 18th. Reading classes will continue with Soldier X and theme analysis. As the cold

season is upon us, can you please send in boxes of tissues and hand sanitizer for our classrooms. Thank you in advance! ESU FINAL PROJECT on Nightjohn is due Monday, December 11th. We will be watching the movie and having a final test/writing next week.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) Our December celebration is right around the corner (next Friday the 22nd). Start gathering your ugly sweaters and Elf wear to take part in the fun festivities! Anyone who would be willing to donate a gift card, we would be greatly appreciated as always. Please bring it in to your homeroom teacher. Team Northampton would like to thank ALL our students who participated in gathering items for our team's Reverse Advent Baskets - we will be wrapping them up this week to give to those in need! It is awesome to see the sense of belonging of our entire team doing acts of kindness for others - every homeroom will be represented with one or two baskets! You ROCK!! Continue to check your child's planner and parent portal to stay on top of your child's grades. If your child is missing work or has been absent, please encourage your child to make plans this week to stay after and get caught up before the holiday.

Team Temple (Encore) ([Blog](#))

Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp) None at this time.

Student Services Updates (Wagner) None at this time.

Extracurricular Activities

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

AM Basketball (Off. Conley) None at this time.

Anime Club (Advisors Mrs. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Our next meeting is on Monday, December 18 in room 104. Please bring any sketches and bookmarks.

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Regular early morning rehearsals Monday and Thursday.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor) The program is over for the Fall session. Ceramics pieces will be delivered in the next few weeks.

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Dance team shirts are \$10. Money is due by Dec. 20. Dancers must have black sneakers. If you have questions, email Ms Sierra or send her a message via remind.

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) Heart & Sole Runner will meet Thursday 11/7 in Mrs. Bouhana's room (201) to celebrate the end of the season. See Mrs. Hipp if you can not attend.

FCS/DIY Club (Advisors Mrs. Del Priore & Mrs. Hoffman) The DIY Club will meet this Tuesday, December 14th from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. Club members should report to the FCS Kitchens room at 3:15 and make sure to arrange timely transportation home.

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

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) If you're interested in giving back and doing for others, then consider joining the Lion Service Club. We will accomplish these things by organizing donation drives, making crafts, etc. See Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 for an information and permission sheet.

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) None at this time.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) Our next tutoring session is on Tuesday, 12/19 in room 303.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) CHECT YOUR EMAIL FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES! Monday lioness costuming, Tuesday optional crew in Ms. Kozero's room, Wednesday no rehearsal, Thursday no rehearsal, Friday ensemble for costuming.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We will meet this Wednesday, December 13th, from 3:05 - 4:30 P.M. (Bus students will be released at the after school program bus time) This is our last meeting until January 10, 2018. We will make sure students have books to read over the holiday break. Please encourage your child to read, read, read and write summaries over the break. We wish all of our students and their families a happy holiday season!

Recreation Games Club (City of Bethlehem) Activities will be Mondays & Thursdays 3:05pm-4:00pm. All are welcome!

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Mr. Dendrinis & Mrs. Evancho) If you are looking for stocking stuffers, we are currently stocking scissors, erasable pens, mechanical pencils and led for all of your student's needs! Coming soon - Winter beanies, baseball caps, and a new supply of sweatshirts.

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) Our first meeting is scheduled for January 8. You can sign up for updates by texting @skiclubni to 81010

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Spanish class cash wars have begun. Donations will go towards our Three Kings Day Toy Drive. Winning class will get a pizza and movie party. Any class that donates \$30 or more will earn a snack party. Students who have signed up and been selected to dance at international night will be meeting Tuesdays from 3:05 to 4pm for practice in Ms. Bouhana's room.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Step team shirts are \$10. Money is due by Dec. 20. Steppers must have black sneakers and boots by Jan. 5. If you have questions, email Ms Sierra or send her a message via remind.

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) None at this time.

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

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) None at this time

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

Instrumental Music

Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

12/11 Monday - Band rehearsal 7:15
 12/12 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM
 12/13 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM
 12/14 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
 12/15 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Important Reminders

- December 11 Barnes & Noble Book Fair Night (Woodwind 6:30, String 7:10 and Brass 7:50 ensembles)
- December 15 String Ensemble - Retirement home performances during school
- December 20 Jazz Performance at LVIA 8:00 AM & Clearview Elem. 10:00 AM
- December school lessons schedule. The lesson schedule can be found here:

<http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

LESSON SCHEDULE for this week:

<i>I1</i>	<i>D2</i>	<i>I2</i>	<i>D3</i>	<i>I3</i>	<i>D4</i>	<i>I4</i>	<i>D5</i>	<i>I5</i>	<i>D6</i>
8:30	3	8:30	14	9:15	24	8:30	30	8:30	39 Wed 11:15
9:00	4	9:00	Str Ens	9:45	17 & 18	9:00	31	9:00	40 Mon 2:30

9:30	5	9:30	15	10:15	19	9:30	32	9:30	33 Wed 2:00
10:00	6	10:00	16 & 37	10:45	20	10:00	WW Ens.	10:00	34 Mon 1:30
10:30	7	10:30	9 & 10	11:15	39	10:30	25	10:30	35 Tue 11:00
1:00	38	11:00	35 & 36	1:00	21	11:00	26		
1:30	8 & 34	1:30	11	1:30	22	1:30	27	1:30	36 Tue 11:00
2:00	1	2:00	12	2:00	23 & 33	2:00	28	2:00	37 Tue 10:00
2:30	2 & 40	2:30	13	2:30	Br. Ens	2:30	29	2:30	38 Mon 1:00

Important Upcoming Events

(Details at www.nmsim.org)

December 11 - Barnes & Noble Book Fair

December 15 String Ensemble @ retirement homes during school

December 20 - Jazz Performance at LVIA 8:00 AM

December 20 - NIMAS Meeting 7:30 Instrumental Music Room

December 20 - Final Spring Trip payment is due

January 18 - LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions

January 19 - PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra Festival

The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is a part of Amazon Smile. 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

12/11-7:15 AM Choral concert rehearsal in the auditorium for all group members, including those in band

12/12-7:15 AM Choral concert rehearsal in the auditorium for Glee members

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal in the auditorium

12/13-7:15 AM Choral concert rehearsal in the auditorium for all groups except jazz members

After jazz rehearsal, members pick up Singers vest and ties then report to auditorium.

Students will not go to homeroom. Attendance will be taken in the auditorium.

8:35 AM Concert for 7th and 8th graders

9:30 AM Concert for 6th graders

Wear "concert dress" to school: Black dress pants, plain white shirt (Singers' shirt must have collar) and black shoes

12/14-All choral students check in with homeroom and report immediately to choral room.

Wear blue shirt and jeans. Must bring a coat. We will be walking to B. Braun.

9:00-9:15 AM Concert at B.Braun and walk back to Nitschmann

3:05-5:00 PM Nitschmann Singers Pizza and Practice. **Please bring in \$1 for pizza by**

12/13 or provide your own dinner.

(After dinner, **change into "concert dress": Black dress pants, plain white shirt with collar and black shoes.**

Greet and practice with elementary students.

6:45 PM Sing in the Nitschmann lobby before the Calypso and Marvine concert.

7:00-7:15 PM sing on stage with the students.

12/18-3:05-4:00 All choral groups gather in choral room for neighborhood caroling

4:00-6:00 PM Carol in Nitschmann neighborhood. Wear regular school clothes. Be prepared with a warm coat.

12/19-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal in auditorium for all members, including Singers and orchestra members

No afternoon Nitschmann Singer rehearsal

6:15 PM Warm up for concert in Nitschmann choral room

7:00 PM Choral Concert-Wear "concert dress": Black dress pants, plain white shirt, black shoes.

Singers pick up vest and tie in choral room. \$3 charge at door for audience.

12/20-3:05-4:00 PM Winter celebration for all choral groups in Nitschmann cafeteria. "Sharps" and "Flats" exchange gifts.

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)

Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director jortwein@basdschools.org

Boys Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Wills, jwills@basdschools.org

Monday and Thursday

Split upstairs gym 3:05-5:00

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Boys upstairs 3:05-4:10, downstairs 4:10-5:00;

Girls downstairs 3:05-4:10 upstairs 4:10-5:00

Girls Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Ortwein, jortwein@basdschools.org

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Split upstairs gym 3:05-5:00

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Boys upstairs 3:05-4:10, downstairs 4:10-5:00;

Girls downstairs 3:05-4:10 upstairs 4:10-5:00

Boys Liberty HS Freshman Wrestling

Head Coach Mr. Veras, msveras@gmail.com

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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