

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, December 17, 2017 to Sunday, December 24, 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](#)**)

12/19 Winter Vocal Music Concert; 12/20 Jazz Performance at LVIA 8:00 AM; NIMAS Meeting 7:30 Instrumental Music Room; Music Trip Final Spring Trip payment is due; 12/25-1/2/18 No School/Winter & Holiday Break; 1/5 Team & Yearbook Photo; 1/15 No School/MLK Day; 1/18 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions; 1/19 PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra Festival ;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, 12/18 Day 1

Tuesday, 12/19 Day 2 Vocal Music Concert 7pm

Wednesday, 12/20 Day 3

Thursday, 12/21 Day 4

Friday, 12/22 Day 5 Elf Day!

Saturday, 12/16

Sunday, 12/17

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

PE/Health Schedule

All 3 classes will be in the gym 12/18-12/22 and 1/3/2018

1/4/18- Wills will begin health.

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) Dr. Roy's BASD e-News for this week can be found at

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/0beRG45yzYtRg/>.

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 AM Band/Chorus practice & 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.

Elf Day (Mayes) We encourage all students to join us in their best “elf wear” on Friday to celebrate Elf Day!

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.

Spanish Classes (Bouhana & Sierra) **Spanish Grade 7:** Flag Project information is in Schoology. Do not procrastinate! **Spanish Grade 8:** Spanish Restaurant Skits are due next week. Information about the Menu project was given in class and is found on Schoology. Do not procrastinate! **Cash wars will end on Friday. Ms. Bouhanna's eighth grade class is in the lead.**

Geography Bee (Hess) The results for the preliminary rounds of the National Geographic Bee are in. Nine students scored a perfect 7 out of 7. They were:
8th Graders - Shayaan Farhad, Maryam Mohamed, Matt Thomas
7th Graders - Tyler Daly, Riley Hughes, Michelle Walia
6th Graders - Regine Henry, Luis Maldonado, and Robert Matthews
Those nine automatically move on to the school final on January 18th. There were 67 students that scored a 6 out 7. Those students competed in a tiebreaker round that lasted 6 questions. The winner of that was 6th grader Ethan Hawkes, so he will be the final contestant in the school final. Seventh grader Owen Haas finished second and will be the alternate. Congrats to these students! If you see them, wish them luck and ask them a geography question.

NJHS Tutoring (Lanzetta & Wallach) The National Junior Honor Society will be holding their next tutoring session on Tuesday, December 19th from 3:05 to 3:30 in Mrs. Lanzetta's room. This is a great opportunity for 6th grade students to get some extra help on any assignments or projects they are currently working on! Students can sign-up during social studies class. Honor society members are ready to help and hope to see you there!

Basketball Games (Mayes) Starting Monday, December 18, students may attend varsity basketball games only. Students will be required to leave the gymnasium/lobby after the varsity game finishes. Students may not stay for JV games.

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

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Executive Committee

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

PAC Representatives

1) Amy Wuertele

2) Kimberly Marcantonio

3) Therese Gyauch

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) This week Team Lafayette students began presenting their Holiday Country speeches. Students will continue presenting through next week. The entire 6th grade held another spelling bee to choose eleven finalists. These finalists will complete with 7th and 8th grade finalists for the school level winner. Don't forget, next Thursday is ugly sweater day. Only one more week until our holiday break. Here are some suggestions for stocking stuffers: pencils, colored pencils, highlighters, and TI-30X IIS calculators.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Team Lehigh has been working hard preparing for their Holiday presentations next week. Presentations will take place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and your child has already been assigned their date to present. Please note, they can bring food to go along with their country but it is not necessary. It will be considered Extra Credit should they choose to do that. The National Junior Honor Society will be holding their next tutoring session on Tuesday, December 19th from 3:05 to 3:30 in Mrs. Lanzetta's room. This is a great opportunity for 6th grade students to get some extra help on any assignments or projects they are currently working on! Students can sign-up during social studies class. Honor society members are ready to help and hope to see you there!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) We would like to congratulate our Spelling Bee finalists: Kush S., Mahdi A., Jaydis L., and Janbey O. Our reward day will be Thursday to celebrate for November and December. We encourage the students to dress for Elf Day on Friday as we get ready for the break.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Mid-Quarter Grades will be available on-line Tuesday. Please be sure to check your son or daughter's grades often. If your son or daughter did not hold a student-led conference with you in November, they should do so at home this week. Mr. Mayes has asked that all evaluation sheets be returned to homeroom teachers by this Friday.

Science (Mr. Pearson) - This coming week, students will be learning the names and uses for the parts of a microscope and how to use a microscope safely. **Math** - Mrs. Van Woert -Period 2 and 5 will have a UNIT TEST on Thursday December 21st **English** - Tuesday - quiz on possessive nouns and nominative and objective case pronouns ----- Thursday - Review Vocabulary Test on all words from lessons 6-10

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Friday is Elf Day! Show your holiday spirit and wear your favorite holiday gear. If you are looking for stocking stuffer ideas for your child, please consider #2 pencils and colored pencils. Students are required to have these basic supplies in class everyday. Many are students are without both. Mid-quarter grades will be available on Tuesday. If your son or daughter did not hold a student led conference with you in November, Mr. Mayes has asked that all evaluation sheets be returned to homeroom teachers by this Friday. **Reading**- We will have 'Greaser Day' on Wednesday. We will have our final test for The Outsiders novel on Thursday and wrap up the week on Friday by watching the movie. **Math** -Periods 2,5 and 7 will have a short quiz on order of operations and writing expressions on Thursday, Period 1 will have a quiz on the same topic Friday. **Science** - This week we will be using gummi bears to demonstrate osmosis. **ELA** - vocabulary quiz on Tuesday. **Geography** - We began working on a unit entitled "Christmas Around the World." We are studying holiday traditions around the world. Students will be creating a scrapbook page/tri-fold on an assigned country.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) None at this time.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) In ELA next week, we will be reading and discussing a short play entitled "Forever Dorian." Periods 1, 3, 5 also have a quiz on gerunds on Monday, Dec. 18. Periods 7 and 8 will have a quiz on appositives on Tuesday, Dec. 19. In History, students will have an assessment on Wednesday on the early attempts at colonization: Roanoke and Jamestown. After the holiday, we will be looking into the New England, Middle and Southern colonies, focusing on how the environment shaped each regions economy and culture. Continue to check Schoology daily for updated classroom assignments in Math. The 3rd annual Element Fashion Show will take place this Thursday. Students will "walk the red carpet" showing off their "Elementware". **PLEASE talk to your child about this project.** They may need some help coming up with **creative ideas** to display their chosen element along with an original description that will be read aloud! IF students are absent, they will be expected to still walk the red carpet on Friday! Our team celebration is this FRIDAY! We are looking forward to recognizing many of our students for a job well done in December!!! Our theme is Ugly Sweater/Elfware/Red and Green. We hope all of our students and families have a wonderful and safe holiday!

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

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. Hriniaak) regular early morning rehearsals Monday and Thursday.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor) The Fall program is over at this time. Ceramics should be delivered next week, hoping on Monday. Students will be called to get them when they arrive.

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Shirt money due Dec. 20 (\$10). Practice until 5:30 Wed. You need black sneakers.

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana)

FCS/DIY Club (Advisors Mrs. Del Priore & Mrs. Hoffman)

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

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) We have several new members and are excited to welcome them this Tuesday from 3-4 in room 209. If anyone else is interested in helping others and the community, consider joining and see Mrs. McLaughlin.

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) T-shirt orders and payment are due by Thursday, 12/21. I will also be distributing fundraising information this week. We are selling Wawa hoagie coupons again. This fundraiser is critical to pay for competition registration fees that are not covered by the school district. The school level competition will be held on Thursday, January 11th during school. This will determine which students get to represent Nitschmann at the Chapter Competition in February.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) The National Junior Honor Society will be holding their next tutoring session on Tuesday, December 19th from 3:05 to 3:30 in Mrs. Lanzetta's room. This is a great opportunity for 6th grade students to get some extra help on any assignments or projects they are currently working on! Students can sign-up during social studies class. Honor society members are ready to help and hope to see you there!

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday costuming for ensemble and hyenas, Tuesday optional crew in Ms. Kozero's room, Wednesday all cast, Thursday all cast, Friday no rehearsal

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) After picking out books to read over the holidays, We took a break from reading to play a few holiday "Minute To Win It" games and enjoy cookies and milk! The students had a great time and enjoyed the different games and snacks! We do not meet again until Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 from 3:05 - 4:00 P.M. in the library. Please encourage your child to read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books over the break! We wish all of our students and their families a Happy Holidays!

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) Shirt money due Dec. 20 (\$10). Practice until 5:30 Tues and Thurs. You need black sneakers and boots.

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

- 12/18 Monday - Band rehearsal 7:15
Day 1 Jazz Band 8:26
- 12/19 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM
- 12/20 **Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM RPORT TO THE AIRPORT 7:15 AM**
- 12/21 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
- 12/22 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Important Reminders

- 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:

18	D1	19	D2	20	D3	21	D4	22	D5
9:15	2	8:30	11 & 12	8:30	21M 1:00	9:15	29 & 19	8:30	36
9:45	3 & 23	9:00	13 & 14	9:00	22 M 10:45	9:45	30	9:00	37
10:15	4	9:30	9 & 10	9:30	23 M 9:45	10:15	31	9:30	38
10:45	5	10:00	15	10:00		10:45	32	10:00	39
11:15	6	10:30	16	10:30				10:30	40
1:00	20 & 21	1:00		1:00	17 F 1:00	1:00	25	1:00	17
1:30	7	1:30	Jada	1:30	18 M 2:30	1:30	26	1:30	33
2:00	8	2:00	Jaydn	2:00	19 R 9:15	2:00	27	2:00	34
2:30	1 & 18	2:30		2:30	20 M 1:00	2:30	28	2:30	35

Important Upcoming Events

(Details at www.nmsim.org)

- 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 5 - Yearbook pictures - **Instrumental students wear their blue polo ID shirts**
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.

Choral Music

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

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

12/18-

8:25-9:01AM Activity period rehearsal in the auditorium for all choral group members, including jazz

3:05 All choral groups meet in room 141 for warm up and a short practice. We will try out our songs in the building first, then get ready to head outside.

4:00-6:00 PM Neighborhood caroling. Come prepared with a warm coat and appropriate shoes. Flashlights might be a good idea too. Parent volunteers, please meet us at the auditorium entrance just before 4:00 PM.

12/19-

7:15 AM Final concert rehearsal in the auditorium for all choral group members, including orchestra

No Nitschmann Singer rehearsal

6:15 PM Meet in choral room for warm up. Please be on time :) Wear concert dress: Black dress pants (no jeans or leggings), plain white shirt (Nitschmann Singers' shirts must have a collar) and black shoes. Nitschmann Singers will pick up vests and ties when they arrive.

7:00-8:00PM Winter Choral Concert in Nitschmann auditorium. Auditorium doors open at 6:30PM. Audience charged \$3 at the door.

Parent volunteers, please arrive at 6:00 PM.

12/20-

3:05-4:00PM Choral group celebration in the Nitschmann cafeteria. Flats will find out the identity of their Sharp. Sharps and Flats exchange gifts with \$10 limit. Please sign up to bring food or drink to the party. Parent volunteers please arrive at 2:45 to set up the party. See me in the choral room.

12/21 Glee and Nitschmann Singers rehearsals cancelled

12/22 No rehearsals

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

This Week in NMS Basketball:

Monday 12/18 vs Trexler Middle School

851 N 15th St
Allentown, PA 18102

- Girls at home and Boys away

Wednesday 12/20 vs Eyer Middle School

5616 Buckeye Rd
Macungie, PA 18062

- Boys home and Girls away

Thursday 12/21 Lower Macungie Middle School

6299 Lower Macungie Rd
Macungie, PA 18062

- Girls home and Boys away

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Boys Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Wills, jwills@basdschools.org
Asst. Coach Mr. Rodenbach, sgrodenbach@basdschools.org

Girls Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Ortwein, jortwein@basdschools.org
Asst. Coach Mrs. Van Woert, ivanwoert@basdschools.org

Boys Liberty HS Freshman Wrestling

Head Coach Mr. Veras, msveras@gmail.com

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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