

**Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, December 3, 2017 to Sunday, December 10, 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 12/4 Parking Lot Opens for Staff & After-school Activities; 12/6 Education Day @ LU 6th Grade; 12/7 Winter Band/Orchestra Concert; 12/8 Elf Dance; Week of 12/11 Parking Lot Opens for Bussing; 12/11 NPG Meeting with Dr. Roy; 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; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 6/7 Last Day of School

Monday, 12/4 Day 3 December Faculty Meeting 3:15pm

Tuesday, 12/5 Day 4

Wednesday, 12/6 Day 5

Thursday, 12/7 Day 6 NMS Winter Orchestra & Band Concert 7pm NMS Auditorium

Friday, 12/8 Day 1 Elf Dance 6-8pm

Saturday, 12/9

Sunday, 12/10

***All athletic events 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 1, 2017, version of the BASD e-News is available for you to view at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/gkfnJqLbjryx4/>.

Parking Lot Changes (Mayes) This week, we will be opening the new Main Parking Lot for Staff Parking Only & After School Activities. Next week, we will be opening the new Bus Lane for Arrival and Dismissal. 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.

Fall Student Conference Make-Ups (Mayes) Students who did not complete their conferences prior to the holiday will receive directions in homeroom this week on how to complete them in the next week.

Elf Dance!! Attention all Nitschmann students! It's that time of the year! Get your Elf on and come on out to the NMS Elf Dance on Friday, December 8th from 6:00 - 8:00PM. We will be selling food, elf hats, jingle bell necklaces and other fun holiday items. Show your holiday spirit by wearing your holiday gear and join us at the Nitschmann Elf Dance!

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. If you choose to participate, return the attached permission slip to Mrs. Ellis or Mr. Kocon in the library and select an ornament (tag) from the Giving Tree located in the NMS library. The tree will be located outside the Book Fair in the Large Group Room on the ground level during conferences. The ornaments will be available beginning November 21st. 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.

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

Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

VP - Deb Clark clark70g@msn.com

Treasurer -

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

PAC Representatives

1) Amy Wuertele

2) Kimberly Marcantonio

3) Therese Gyauch

Happy Sunday parents!!!!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with your families. I would like to thank Therese Gyauch and Tiffany Sondergaard for organizing an amazing Holiday Extravaganza. It was a

great evening with great shopping. A thank you to all the parents that helped out that night. It is so appreciated and without parents we could not host such events.

A few important dates to remember. December 11th is our NPG meeting with Dr. Roy. This is an amazing opportunity to hear and speak with our BASD Superintendent. The meeting starts at 6:30 in the library and we are having Sweets for the Super. Feel free to bring a dessert with you for all to share. December 15th is the next Nitschmann dance. The theme is an Elf Dance so I am looking for a few elves myself. The NPG will be selling pizza, drinks and snacks at the dance. I would only need 3 volunteers and the time would be from 6-8. I am also looking for a few parents to donate snacks. Please contact me if you are available to volunteer and have your clearances at ecogs76@gmail.com. Hope you all have a great week and hoping to see many of you at the meeting on the 11th.

Box Tops! Please send any box tops with your child to school!

NPG Meeting with Dr. Roy (Coughlin) Just a reminder Dr. Roy will meet with our NPG on Monday, December 11, 2017 @ 6:30pm.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) The teachers of Team Lafayette hope that you had a great Thanksgiving break!! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed items for our Holiday Hope Chest. We were able to fill 32 gift boxes to help make Christmas a little brighter for needy children. Our 6th grade finalists for the school Geography Bee are Luis Maldonado, Robert Matthews, Kiana Huskey, Emma Puksyn, Utsav Gowda, Ella Minotti, Henry Weikert, Bryce Fenstermaker, Ava Sabetti, and Aubrey Wylie-Neith. Congratulations! Another competition will be held to determine the top 10 from Nitschmann. Next Wednesday, December 6, the entire 6th grade will be going to Lehigh University to see a college basketball game. Please remember to send a bag lunch with your child unless other arrangements have been made.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) On Friday we did our December Random Act of Kindness. Students made salt-dough ornaments that will be distributed randomly throughout the neighborhood. They also made very creative Holiday Cards. Congratulations to our Mountain Hawk winners for this month, Sean Cunningham and Rylin Terry. Keep up the great work and thank you for being wonderful examples of what it takes to be a Mountain Hawk!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) Last week we went to Moravian for Track and Field Day! We have many track stars that we didn't know about. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for photos from the event. This week we will be going as an entire 6th grade to Lehigh University for their Education Day. The students need to pack a lunch unless they already brought in a slip requesting free or reduced lunch. Flu season is upon us and we would greatly appreciate any tissue donations you wish to make.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) Thanks to all who contributed to make the **2017 Thanksgiving Food Drive a huge success**. We donated 25 boxes of canned goods and 17

large turkeys to New Bethany Ministries. Well done! This **Friday, December 8, 2017, is the School Christmas Dance**. Tickets will be on sale later this week. This is generally one of the most attended dances of the school year. Don't miss out! **Science** (Mr. Pearson) - In the upcoming week, students will continue to learn about the scientific method. We will specifically be focusing on how to organize and analyze data and draw a conclusion. We will also be preparing and reviewing for a unit test on the Scientific Method during the week of Dec. 11th. **English** - All students will continue their study of noun uses with the focus being on objective and possessive case.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Wear your ugly sweaters every Friday in December! Parents and students - please continue to check e-school/parent portal to keep up to date on your grades. The mid quarter is quickly approaching and progress reports will be generated next week! **Science** - we will be using our microscopes this week to do our live cell comparison lab. We will also be learning about the macromolecules in cells via a stations exploration. This exploration ties into Mrs. Getz's unit on the Holocaust. Students will have the opportunity for extra credit (science/ELA) next weekend by participating in a calorie restriction and completing a reflection about it. Information will be sent home with students who request the extra credit. We encourage parents to try and do it with them. As their team of teachers, we participate each year to remember those who suffered. **Reading** - The students are creating a text dependent analysis while studying the criminal justice system. We are using evidence from a situation in the book to support the sentencing of the character. Students seem to be enjoying our study of The Outsiders. **Geography** - Students will participate in a class Geography Bee this week in order to qualify for the school wide Geography Bee. We are continuing our study of the physical geography of North America. **Math** - Eighth period has a quiz on Tuesday. **ELA** - there is a vocabulary quiz on Tuesday. Final copy of Holocaust journals are due on Wednesday.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) History classes will study the growth of Jamestown through the scope of tobacco; plantation economics, slavery, and the 14th amendment. Oral history is due December 18th, please plan accordingly. Reading classes will be starting the novel Soldier X. Notebooks should contain daily Talking to the Text notes as well as a chapter theme analysis. The notebook grade this quarter will be a full 100 point grade so daily maintenance and hard work is critical to earning a good grade this quarter. All students are encouraged to work on the basic skills iXL practice at home when they have time. Algebra 1 will be testing on linear equations. Math 8 will be learning more about solving equations. Please make sure you have completed all written questions for NIGHTJOHN. You should be bringing in any materials that you may need for the projects. Science: In science we will be reviewing everything taught in chemistry to this point. Then we will learn how atoms bond with one-another. There will be a series of labs and notes to be taken during this week.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Next week in ELA, Periods 1, 3, and 5 have the final drafts of their historical fiction narrative accounts due on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 4 pm. These periods will also have a narrative writing test on Friday, Dec. 8. Periods 7 and 8 have the rough draft of their historical fiction narrative accounts due on Monday, Dec. 4. We will spend the week revising them with a due date to be announced for the following week. All

sections will be focusing on Relations and Functions. Periods 1,3,5,7 have their research guided notes due Monday on relations and Functions - this can be done through Google Docs/Slides or hard copy. Period 8 is starting Chapter 3. Chemical Bonding is the topic of instruction next week in Science. Early colonization at Roanoke and Jamestown will be the study of inquiry next week. We will be watching an episode of Expedition Unknown on the "hard data/facts" collected to figure out the 400 year mystery! Our December Celebration THEME is where your "ugliest" sweater and/or a combination of red/green/festive wear!

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

Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp) From the desk of Mrs. Litak:

I would like to let parents know about a positive middle school resource, PA CareerZone! It is not too early to start having these discussions at home with students. The earlier the better. Creating an account and exploring this website is a great place to start. I hope you find it useful.

Pennsylvania CareerZone allows students to explore the world of work through a variety of activities. Pennsylvania CareerZone is designed so students can progress at their own pace. Students will want to ask their parents questions as they explore potential occupations, colleges, and lifestyles and this guide is to help parents and guardians understand how Pennsylvania CareerZone works so they can help their student through the career exploration process.

When students begin using Pennsylvania CareerZone they have the option to create an account to store their activities. By creating this optional account, they can return and continue their exploration where they left off the last time they were on Pennsylvania CareerZone. Most of the activities are available without an account, however, we recommend having an account so students' exploration can be efficient and more than just a one-time event. To create an account, students click the register button on the home page at <https://www.pacareerzone.org/guide/parents> or select the sign in link at the top of the page and then select the create account tab.

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 club meeting is December 18 in room 104. Bring your bookmarks and sketches.

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) There is early morning BANDFRONT rehearsal Monday and Thursday (even though there is no band practice this week due to the orchestra/jazz concert).

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor) The program is finished for the Fall session. The students did a fabulous job working with the various artists! Ceramics will be delivered in the next few weeks. I will give them to the students the day they arrive.

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) practice Wed. until 5:30

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) None at this time.

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) The Holiday Extravaganza went well and was a great fundraiser for our club. Thank you to all who participated and helped out in some way. Our next meeting is December 6 before and after school to review upcoming events. Members must attend ONE of these meetings.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak)

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of the fabulous donations for our Holiday bake sale! We had a wonderful selection of cookies,

cakes, brownies, candy, rice crispy treats, mini pies, marshmallow pops and more! We would not be able to do it without the awesome support of our student's families! The money raised will go towards the fees for the competition on April 5th at Easton High School. We meet this Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. The last meeting before the Holiday break is Wednesday, December 13th. We will be meeting until 4:30 P.M. on that day. We will have some treats to celebrate the upcoming holiday and make sure students have enough books to read over the break. Please encourage your child to read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books! We wish all of our families a Happy Holiday Season! Our first meeting after the holiday is on Wednesday, January 10th until 4:00 P.M.

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) After break, The Lion's Den will be open on Day 1 during team time in addition to the regular Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings it has been open. Please see Nitschmann's Facebook page for examples of the gear that can be found in the store. Prices: Sweatshirts \$20; Long sleeve T-shirt \$15; Short sleeve T-shirt \$10; Sweatpants \$15

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)

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Steppers must have black sneakers and black boots by Dec. 14th. Practice Tues and Thurs until 5:30.

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. Zettle-moyer, Instrumental Music dzettle-moyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

12/4 Monday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM

12/5 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM
String Ensemble 2:00 PM

12/6 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM
Brass Ensemble 2:00 PM

12/7 Thursday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM
Woodwind Ensemble 9:30 AM

12/8 Friday - **NO EARLY MORNING REHEARSAL**

SCHOOL LESSONS WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED

Important Reminders

- **December 6 2nd NYC trip payment is due - \$50.00**
- December 7 Winter Orchestra & Jazz Concert - Tickets are \$3.00
- December 11 Barnes & Noble Book Fair Night (Woodwind, Brass and String Small ensembles)
- December 20 Jazz Performance at LVIA 8:00 AM
- December school lessons schedule. The lesson schedule can be found here:
<http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

Important Upcoming Events

(Details at www.nmsim.org)

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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

December 13-Choral ensembles perform for Nitschmann student body. Dress TBA

December 14-

9:00 AM Glee club walks to B. Braun to perform

3:05-7:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal, pizza dinner, then sing with Calypso and Marvine students at their concert in the Nitschmann auditorium. Dress TBA

December 18-(tentative) 5:30-7:00 PM Caroling for Nitschmann friends and neighbors.
Volunteers needed to walk with us/ Houses needed for us to perform for

December 19-Nitschmann Choral Concert at 7:00 PM. Arrive in choral room at 6:15 PM.
Concert dress-black pants (no jeans or leggings) and plain white shirt. (Nitschmann Singers

must have a collar.) Friends and family pay \$3 at the door. Volunteers needed to collect money and hand out programs.

December 20-3:05-4:00 PM Glee Club party in Nitschmann cafeteria. Volunteers needed to help set up, serve and clean up.

This week Glee Club "sharps" (experienced member buddies) must write an anonymous letter to their "flat" (new member buddy) and deliver it by Wednesday. Sharps and flats will exchange gifts at the concert on December 19. \$10 limit.

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

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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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