

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**  
**Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2018 to Sunday, January 14, 2018**  
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**Attachments to Review**

2018\_NMS Dramatics Book Fair (Saturday 1/13)

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

*1/9 Team & Yearbook Photo, Spelling Bee 6pm; 1/13 NMS Dramatics Book Fair; 1/15 No School/MLK Day; 1/18 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions; 1/19 PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra Festival, Geography Bee, Winter Snow Ball Semi-formal Dance; 1/24 1st Semester Ends; 2/2 Spring Physicals @ LHS 5-7pm; 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*

**8th Grade Transition Dates from Nitschmann to Liberty High School**

*1/24/18 Incoming Freshman Parent Orientation LHS Auditorium 7pm; 2/6/18 LHS Course Selection Orientation During School; 2/12/18 Course Selection During School; 3/5/18 6:30pm LHS Admin to meet with parents at the Middle Schools; 3/12/18 Mr. Bailey, Principal Visit to NMS During School; 3/16/18 8th Grade Visit to LHS During School*

**5th Grade Transition Dates from Elementary Schools to Nitschmann Middle School**

**5th Grade Parent Meeting at elementary schools for introduction to Nitschmann Middle School.** Anyone (current 5th graders in BASD, charter, private, or parochial) may attend any of the following meetings at any elementary school.

*Hanover Elementary 1/9/18 5:00pm; Calypso Elementary 1/11/18 6:00pm; Asa Packer Elementary 1/18/18 6:00pm; Clearview Elementary 1/23/18 6:00pm; James Buchanan Elementary 1/25/18 6:00pm*

**Monday, 1/8 Day 2** January NMG Meeting 6:30pm

**Tuesday, 1/9 Day 3** Yearbook Group Photos; NMS Spelling Bee 6pm; 5th Grade Hanover Mtg 5pm

**Wednesday, 1/10 Day 4**

**Thursday, 1/11 Day 5** 5th Grade Calypso Mtg 6pm

**Friday, 1/12 Day 6** 8th Grade Ice Skating

**Saturday, 1/13**

**Sunday, 1/14**

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

**PE/Health Schedule**

Jan. 4-11- Wills in Health, Wallace and Villani in Gym

**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](#)*

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**School-wide Announcements**

**BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)** A copy of the January 5, 2018, BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [January 5, 2018, Edition of the BASD e-News.](#)

**Yearbook Photos will be taken on Friday, January 9th (Ellis)** Students- please check the schedule and report to the gym for your picture. Please be on time. We will not wait for students to take a picture. Questions? Contact Mrs. Ellis at [lellis@basdschools.org](mailto:lellis@basdschools.org).

**Nitschmann Annual School Spelling Bee** - The 2018 Nitschmann Spelling Bee will be this Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. Check in and number assignment for contestants begins at 5:45 p.m. in the lobby outside of the auditorium. All participants should return their signed entry form to Mr. Falteich in room 202 if they have not yet done so. **If there is no school on Tuesday due to inclement weather, the spelling bee will be on Wednesday, January 10 at the same time.**

**Interested in Spring Lacrosse at Hanover Township? (Hanover Township)** Believe it or not it is time to start thinking about spring lacrosse. Hanover team sign-ups are active online at the Hanover Township Community Center website. Follow this link - [https://www.activityreg.com/selectactivity\\_tl.wcs](https://www.activityreg.com/selectactivity_tl.wcs) - choose "Winter 2018" and then "Lacrosse Registration Spring 2018." Then select whether you are registering a boy or a girl and fill out the form from there. We will also be holding in person sign ups at the Community Center on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm and Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm. This will be our second season of lacrosse at Hanover Township and we anticipate quite a bit of growth. There will be a lot of changes this season – some big some not so big. The biggest change here in Hanover is the addition of girl's teams. We have joined the Lehigh Valley Girls Youth Lacrosse League and have seen our numbers grow in the off-season programs. We are excited to bring the girl's game to Hanover Township.

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

**Executive Committee**

Pres. - Erin Coughlin [ecogs76@gmail.com](mailto:ecogs76@gmail.com)

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Treasurer -

Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio [JK0359@HOTMAIL.com](mailto:JK0359@HOTMAIL.com)

**PAC Representatives**

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

Don't Forget! Our January NPG Meeting is Monday, January 8, 2018 @ 6:30pm in the Library!

Hi Everyone! I hope you are all staying warm in this horrible cold. Just a quick reminder we will be having a NPG meeting this coming Monday the 8th at 6:30 in the library. Hope you can make it. I am looking for 3-4 8th grade parents to help on January 12th from 12-3. Our 8th grade goes ice skating at Municipal Ice Rink and the NPG makes hot chocolate for the kids while they skate. If you are free and can volunteer please email me at [ecogs76@gmail.com](mailto:ecogs76@gmail.com). Thanks so much and have a great week.

**Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Team Lafayette welcomes our students back to school. We're working on getting into a routine for the new year. This week the students will be given the math SMI test and the reading SRI test. On Tuesday Team Lafayette will be having our team picture taken. Please have your children wear either maroon or gray for the picture.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Yearbook photos are on Tuesday! Let's represent Team Lehigh with your brown and white gear!

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) Looking forward to a full week of school! Second quarter ends in a few weeks. Students should check the Home Access Center for any missing assignments. We are available any day before school at 7:30 AM if your child would like to come in for extra help. We are also available after school some days - check the classroom calendars for availability. This Tuesday is the snow date for the Group Yearbook pictures. If your child has any Nitschmann or Moravian gear, they are encouraged to wear it to school on Tuesday for our Team Moravian picture.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Congratulations to the Team Kutztown students who will be representing our team in this year's school spelling bee on Tuesday evening. The finalists are Kendall Panik, Ritvik Singh, Siddhardh Tekumalla, Christopher Gianarras, and Thomas Fortsch. **Science** - At the beginning of the week, students will be conducting a lab where they will get practice using the microscope. Then, there will be a quiz on Thursday on the names of the parts of a microscope, the uses for each part, and the proper way to use a microscope. **English** - All classes will be finishing and mailing their business letters this week. If it is possible for students to bring in a postage stamp by Friday, it would be appreciated. The students will be writing appreciation letters utilizing full-block business letter style.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) all students should wear their Team Penn State shirts on Tuesday for our team yearbook photo. Please check parent portal regularly. The quarter ends January 24th. Social Studies - "Holiday Traditions Around the World" Folders are due on Monday (if they were not already handed in on Friday's due date). There will be a quiz on the 25 state locations east of the Mississippi River on Tuesday and one on the 25 state locations west of the Mississippi on Wednesday. Math - all classes are working on simplifying expressions and will also be taking the Math Inventory test this week. Reading - We are reading Twelve Angry Men. ELA - The last day for any late work is Monday. There will be a vocabulary quiz on Tuesday. This week we will be starting our informational writing unit.

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

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) With 12 instruction days left until the end of the 2nd quarter, please continue to push and motivate your child to take pride in their work, complete and turn assignments in on time and seek extra help if needed. Students who are absent, it is their responsibility to email the teacher - check Google Classroom and Schoology, as well as stay after school to make up missed work in a timely fashion. Please continue to check Parent Portal so you are up to date on your child's academic progress. Literacy students are beginning their Civil Rights Unit - building background for their next novel, The Contender. History classes are studying The Untold Story Of the Mayflower and it's influence of other migrations to the New England area. Both classes continue to work collaboratively in focusing on using text-based evidence to analyze, infer and make generalizations drawn from the text - a critical component of PSSA testing! Mr Landino's science classes will be taking a QUIZ on the Layers Of the Earth in Thursday. There will be a Unit test in periods 1,3,5,7 on Wednesday in Math - be sure you are keeping up on your Schoology assignments - NO excuses! Mrs Hinkle went over this Friday's ICE SKATING field trip in ALL her classes. Please ask to see the handout that went home with your child - ALL the information is explained. If you have any questions, feel free to email Mrs Hood, the Team Leader.

**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.

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### **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) None at this time.

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

**Bandfront** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) early morning rehearsal Monday and Thursday

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** (Advisor Mrs. Lare)

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

**Dance Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice will be **Tuesday until 5:30**. The Northeast Stomp Show is going to be held on Friday, February 2nd, 7pm. Information regarding tickets will be sent as soon as I get it.

**German Club** (Advisor TBA) None at this time

**Heart & Sole Club** (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) None at this time.

**FCS/DIY Club** (Advisors Mrs. Del Priore & Mrs. Hoffman) The DIY Club will meet this Tuesday, January 9th from 3:15 to 4:45pm. Remember to bring your 1/2 yard of fabric and 4 1/2 yards of cording to make the drawstring bag. If you have questions, email Mrs. Del Priore or Mrs. Hoffman. Also, we will have a club photo taken for the yearbook on Tuesday at 10:45am in the gym. Make sure to be there at or before 10:45am promptly! You will not be called down.

**French Club** (Advisor Mrs. Lare)

**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) The t-shirt order deadline had been extended until Wednesday, 1/10 because we have a few students who have not submitted theirs yet. I have to place the order to have them printed, so please get yours to Miss Novatnak ASAP. Our school competition will take place this Thursday, 1/11 during periods 7 and 8. Afterwards, we will go up to Miss Novatnak's room to do a practice Countdown Round for fun. Passes will be placed in homeroom teachers' mailboxes. Please talk to your 7th and 8th period teachers about make-up work before Thursday. The school level competition determines which students will represent Nitschmann at the Chapter Competition (which we are hosting!) on February 10th. Our annual Wawa hoagie fundraiser runs through January 18th. We need this money to pay for registration fees (\$300) not covered by the district. Without your help, we will not be able to continue the program.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs\_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nistchmann ) None at this time.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) no rehearsal Monday (faculty meeting); Cast/Crew/House Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; small group Friday; Clearview Reading Night Friday! Barnes & Noble event Saturday!

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We meet for the first time this year on Wednesday, January 10th until 4 P.M. in the library. An updated calendar will be handed out this week. The Subway coupon sale will not be until mid March. We do have another bake sale coming up on February 15th. More info to follow on both of these fundraisers as we get closer to these dates. Please continue to have your child read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books! Happy 2018!

**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) The Lion's Den will now be open Tuesday and Thursday before school and Wednesday during lunch in addition to Day 1 Activity Time. We will no longer be open before school on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Come check out the new winter beanies to prepare for the cold weather before they sell out!

**Ski Club** (Advisors Mr. Downey) Information was sent home Friday. Our first meeting is tomorrow! We will meet at Valley Lodge between 5-5:30; we will have several tables grouped for Nitschmann. I like to have sign in to get students together to ski as a group. It is also a good time for parents to discuss carpooling. For more information text @skiclubni to the number 81010.

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) pictures will be taken Tuesday, please wear your club t-shirts or hoodies. All members who are going to Calypso for Three Kings Day must meet after school on Wednesday for rehearsal.

**Step Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Returning members (old members) please let Ms. Sierra know about your participation in the MLK jr. Breakfast event. **Practice will only be Thursday until 5:30.** The Northeast Stomp Show is going to be held on Friday, February 2nd, 7pm. Information regarding tickets will be sent as soon as I get it.

**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](mailto:dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org)

#### **Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule - \*Early morning rehearsal is canceled if we have a delay.**

1/8 Monday - Band 7:15

1/9 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15

**YEARBOOK PHOTOS - See schedule below**

1/10 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15

1/11 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM

LHS band and orchestra auditions - ([SCHEDULE](#))

1/12 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

#### **Yearbook Photos Schedule - Tuesday, January 9**

Students need to wear their blue ID shirt (polo shirt). Students, please be ON TIME for your picture. We will not wait for you to take the photo. If you are not in the gym at the scheduled time, the picture will be taken. This means, you need to leave class 2 minutes before the time listed below.

#### **YOU DO NOT NEED YOUR INSTRUMENT**

9:40 Band

9:45 Jazz Band

9:50- Orchestra

9:55- String Ensemble

10:00- Woodwind Ensemble

10:05- Brass Ensemble  
 10:20- Band Front

**LHS Audition Schedule - [CLICK HERE](#)**

LHS band and orchestra auditions are Thursday, January 11 during school. **DO NOT MISS YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.**

**LESSON SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK - Please Read it has been adjusted due to school activities. Some Thursday lessons were moved to Friday.**

8	D2	9	D3	10	D4	11	D5	12	D6
8:30	1	8:30	Photos	9:15	19	8:30	HS Aud	8:30	38
9:00	2	9:00	Photos	9:45	20	9:00	HS Aud	9:00	39
9:30	3	9:30	Photos	10:15	21	9:30	HS Aud	9:30	25
10:00	4	10:00	Photos	10:45	22	10:00	HS Aud	10:00	26
10:30	5	10:30	Photos	11:15	23	10:30	HS Aud	10:30	27
		1:00	11	1:00	24			1:00	28
1:30	6	1:30	9 & 10	1:30	Br. Ens	1:30	HS Aud	1:30	29
2:00	7	2:00	12 & 13	2:00	17	2:00	HS Aud	2:00	30
2:30	8	2:30	14 & 15 & 16	2:30	18	2:30	HS Aud	2:30	31 & 32

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- January 9 - Yearbook photos
- January 11 - LHS band and orchestra auditions
- January 17 - NIMAS Meeting 7:20 PM
- January 19 - PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra Festival
- January 24 - NYC trip final payment is due.
- April 18 - Mandatory Spring trip meeting - Parent & student going MUST attend 7:00 PM NMS Auditorium

**Choral Music**

Mrs. de Vries, Choral Music Director [ldevries@basdschools.org](mailto:ldevries@basdschools.org)  
 Mrs. Parris, Choral Music Director [jparris@basdschools.org](mailto:jparris@basdschools.org)

Monday-No rehearsals

Tuesday-**Wear navy blue band ID shirts or similar for yearbook pictures**

7:15 AM Glee Club for those not in orchestra

12:00 Glee Club picture in gym

12:05 Nitschmann Singers picture in gym

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Wednesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Nitschmann Singers and Glee members not in jazz band

**3:05-3:30 Star Spangled Banner solo try outs in room 141**

Thursday-7:15 AM Glee Club for those not in band

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Friday- No rehearsals

**Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS\_Athletics)**

Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director [jortwein@basdschools.org](mailto:jortwein@basdschools.org)

**Monday 1/8 vs East Hills Middle School**

2005 Chester Rd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18017

**- Girls at home and Boys away**

**Thursday 1/11 vs Orefield Middle School**

2675 PA-309  
Orefield, PA 18069

**- Boys home and Girls away**

**Boys Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic**

Head Coach Mr. Wills, [jwills@basdschools.org](mailto:jwills@basdschools.org)  
Asst. Coach Mr. Rodenbach, [srodenbach@basdschools.org](mailto:srodenbach@basdschools.org)

**Girls Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic**

Head Coach Mr. Ortwein, [jortwein@basdschools.org](mailto:jortwein@basdschools.org)  
Asst. Coach Mrs. Van Woert, [ivanwoert@basdschools.org](mailto:ivanwoert@basdschools.org)

**Boys Liberty HS Freshman Wrestling**

Head Coach Mr. Veras, [msveras@gmail.com](mailto:msveras@gmail.com)

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*Mr. Peter Mayes  
Principal  
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"Lions Lead the Way!"*

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