

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**  
**Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**  
**Sunday, January 14, 2018 to Sunday, January 21, 2018**

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**Attachments to Review**

Yearbook Order Form

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

*1/15 No School/MLK Day; 1/18 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions; Geography Bee; 1/19 PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra Festival, Winter Snow Ball Semi-formal Dance; 1/22 Team & Yearbook Photos; 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, 1/15 MLK Holiday No School**

**Tuesday, 1/16 Day 1**

**Wednesday, 1/17 Day 2**

**Thursday, 1/18 Day 3** Geography Bee; Asa Packer Parent Meeting 6pm;

**Friday, 1/19 Day 4** Student Council Snow Ball Semi-Formal Dance 6pm

**Saturday, 1/20**

**Sunday, 1/21**

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

**PE/Health Schedule**

Health- Villani 1/16-1/23

Gym Wallace and Wills 1/16-1/23

**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)** The January 12, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [BASD e-News](#).

**Tide Pods (Mayes)** Parents - please watch this quick video and review with your child the dangers of ingesting Tide Pods or any other soap/detergent

<https://www.yahoo.com/gma/teens-consuming-laundry-detergent-pods-viral-challenge-170012390--abc-news-topstories.html>

**Yearbook Photos will be taken on Friday, January 22 (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).

**ArtSmart Sign-Ups (Lare)** The Banana Factory is running its ArtSmart program for the second semester. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to create interesting and unique works of art with local area artists. Nitschmann students are invited to participate on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays after school from February 6 to April 12. Students will be bused directly to and from Nitschmann with parents picking up students at Nitschmann at 6 p.m. A complete class schedule and parent consent form are attached. Please have your child sign up and bring the consent form to ArtSmart advisor Mrs. Lare in Room 317. Spaces are limited so make your choices and get your registration in now!"

**B&N Book Fair for Nitschmann Dramatics (Hriniak)** Thank you to everyone who supported Nitschmann Dramatics at the Barnes & Noble book fair on Saturday! You can still use the book fair code 12265138 for online purchases this week.

**Semi-Formal THIS FRIDAY! (Ellis)** The Winter Semi-Formal Snowball Dance will be held on Friday, January 19th from 6:00-9:00. Break out those fancy clothes and bring your song requests as we dance the night away to the sounds of your favorite hits. There will be a FREE Photo Booth for you to capture your memories of the night! Tickets will be sold at lunch. Cost is \$7

**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\\_t1.wcs](https://www.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t1.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**

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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

*Hi Parents! This coming Friday the 19th is the Snowball dance. This dance normally has a good attendance so I am looking for 3 other parents that can help me the night of the dance. I also would super appreciate any parent that has a Sam's club or BJ's membership that could pick up a box of candy bars we could sell at the dance. If you can volunteer or candy donate please email me at ecogs76@gmail.com or call me at 484-223-9334. Thanks so much ! Have a great week.*

## **Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Monday, 1/15 is Martin Luther King Day. There is no school that day. Next Friday is the Snowball Dance at 6PM. In social studies, students are studying about The Fertile Crescent. There will be a quiz on it next Friday. In science, students are presenting their Scientist projects to Team Lafayette and Team Moravian pupils. Lafayette students are starting greatest common factor and least common multiple, and will be moving forward to evaluating algebraic expressions.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) This past week all Team Lehigh students checked their grades and did a second quarter reflection. Please continue to check parent portal and check in with your student on their grades. We are approaching the end of the quarter and students should not wait until last minute to make up missing work.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) We took the Reading and Math Inventory last week for the 2nd time this year. Be sure to ask your child how they did with growth. We had some students grow as much as 200 points for Reading and 500 points for Math! Let's keep up the hard work as we finish the 1st half of the year and get ready for the 3rd quarter to start. Reminder - We are available for extra help in the morning starting at 7:30 AM. We are available after school until 3:25 PM based on our classroom calendars. Please take advantage of this time. We are here for you.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) The second marking period ends on January 24. Please have your child check his/her grades to see if any work needs to be made up. Papers were sent home announcing the **Team Kutztown Family Spaghetti Dinner**. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 17. **English** - This week we will continue our study of The Bill of Rights with emphasis on the 5th, 6th and 7th amendments as we prepare to begin a literature unit on the play, Twelve Angry Men. **Science**- Due to all the time lost from cancellations, early dismissals, and delays and school being closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, the Microscope quiz originally scheduled for this past Thursday, January 11th has been rescheduled for this coming Wednesday, January 17th. The quiz is on the names of the parts of a microscope, the uses for each part, and the proper way to use a microscope. Following the quiz, students will learn about the characteristics that all living things possess.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) The end of the second quarter is upon us! Please check the portal to be sure all work is handed in. Our Team Penn State photo is rescheduled for Monday, January 22nd. Please wear your Team Penn State shirts. Science - Yeast/Fermentation Lab due Tuesday. Quiz on Photosynthesis/Respiration on THURSDAY. Reading - 12 Angry Men character analysis is due Friday. In math, all classes are continuing to simplify algebraic expressions. Period 8 will be taking quiz on Wednesday and the other classes will have a quiz Thursday. ELA: Period 7 & 8 Graphic Organizer due Tuesday. All classes - this week, we will begin the drafting stage for informational writing. Social Studies - we are studying the human geography and history of the United States. Students will be asked to memorize the preamble of the Constitution.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) History classes will reflect on Dr. King with a readings from his letter from the Birmingham Jail on Tuesday. Wednesday through Friday will complete our study of English Colonization. If the weather is nice students should complete the extra credit available. Reading classes will finish Part 1 of Soldier X. Notebooks will be checked for a 50 point grade based on the criteria for Talking to the Text and Theme Analysis for each chapter in the novel. Book reports are due on January 22. Math 8 students are learning about proportional relationships in tables, graphs, and equations. Algebra 1 students are learning how to solve

systems of equations. Science: We will be exploring the rock cycle and finishing our short rock unit. We will take a more in depth look at the interior layers of our Earth.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 need to have their "dream" speech completed in Google Classroom by Sunday night. All students should have a completed handout to help guide them in their speech. Also, these students have an elements of fiction quiz on Wednesday. Students have an interactive note handout to use to study. Students in period 3 need to finish reading chapter 9 in *Manhunt* for Tuesday. All students finished current event presentations which were well done with facts, details, and visuals. Students in period 8 are also working on their "dream" speech which is due by Sunday night in Google Classroom. These students will begin pre-reading for our next novel, *The Contender*. In ELA this week, we will be brainstorming for and beginning our unit on informational writing. Periods 1 and 8 have evidence of their interviews due the week of Jan. 22. Students should check the homework board for their class' specific due date. In addition, Periods 3 and 5 have the final version of their "Forever Dorian" comics due on Wed. Jan. 17. Finally, we will also start to work on punctuating introductory elements. Science classes will be focusing on Forces in Motion unit in the upcoming week. In History, we will be watching excerpts of the History Channel's "Untold Story of the Pilgrims" to debunk any untruths about the historical roots of our nation. Classes will also be integrating current events into the lives of three Native Americans whom were essential to the survival of the Pilgrims (Squanto, Samoset and Massasoit). We will begin the research on this writing assignment at the end of next week. Continue to check Schoology for any missed math assignments.

**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) Our next club meeting is Monday, January 22 in room 104. Please bring sketches for our drawing contest. We will also play some fun games for prizes!

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

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

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** (Advisor Mrs. Lare) The Banana Factory is running its ArtSmart program for the second semester. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to create interesting and unique works of art with local area artists. Nitschmann students are invited to participate on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays after school from February 6 to April 12. Students will be bused directly to and from Nitschmann with parents picking up students at Nitschmann at 6 p.m. A complete class schedule and parent consent form are attached. Please have your child sign up and bring the consent form to ArtSmart advisor Mrs. Lare in Room 317. Spaces are limited so make your choices and get your registration in now!

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

**Dance Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice is Wednesday until 5:30. Northeast Show is Feb. 2 at 7pm (doors open at 6:30). Info about tickets will be shared soon.

**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) None at this time.

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

**Intramurals** (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

**Lion Service Club** (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) Our club has been working hard coming up with ideas and projects. There is still time to join. See Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 if you are interested.

**Mathcounts** (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) Results of the school level competition will be announced later this week, once all students have completed it. The deadline for our annual Wawa hoagie fundraiser is this Thursday, 1/18. This fundraiser is crucial for the continuation of the program because it pays for our registration fees, which are not covered by the district.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs\_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nistchmann ) We will also hold a special meeting with the director of the Leukemia and Lymphoma society on 1/19 during team time in the library. This meeting will prepare us for the responsibilities of a new service learning project this year starting in February. All donations will benefit the blood cancer society and we are hoping to make this a yearly service learning opportunity. All members are expected to attend the meeting and to participate in some way with the campaign. Our next tutoring session is 1/30. Our next monthly meeting will be 2/7 before and after school. Parents can check the weekly emails for updates and members should be checking their emails for updates.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) all cast, crew, and house Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday until 5:00

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We sent home calendars updated through April with the students this past Wednesday. The students are doing a great job of reading, writing summaries and logging the Reading Olympics books they have read. Our next bake sale is February 15th during conferences. Donation information will be sent home in two weeks.

**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) Ski Club will not meet this Monday. Our first meeting will be 1/22. See you in the Base Lodge around 5.

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will be celebrating Three Kings Day with Calypso Elementary on Friday. Those of you attending the field trip, please make sure you attend our practice meetings on Tuesday and Thursday, and wear your Spanish Club shirts or hoodies the day of the trip.

**Step Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) practice Tuesday and Thursday until 5:30. Northeast Show is Feb. 2 at 7pm (doors open at 6:30). Info about tickets will be shared soon.

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

**Student Council** (Advisors Mrs. Ellis) The Winter Semi-Formal Snowball Dance will be held on Friday, January 19th from 6:00-9:00. Break out those fancy clothes and bring your song requests as we dance the night away to the sounds of your favorite hits. There will be a FREE Photo Booth for you to capture your memories of the night! Tickets will be sold at lunch. Cost is \$7

**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.**

1/15 Monday - NO SCHOOL  
1/16 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15  
DAY 1 Jazz Band 8:26  
1/17 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15  
1/18 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM  
1/19 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM  
NO LESSONS TODAY

#### **Yearbook Photos Schedule - Tuesday, January 22**

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

#### **LESSON SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK WILL BE POSTED ON 1-15-18.**

- The schedule has been adjusted to include Monday and Friday lessons.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 17 - NIMAS Meeting 7:20 PM  
January 19 - PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra Festival  
January 22 - Yearbook photos  
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)*

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

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

**This Week in NMS Basketball:**

Tuesday 1/16 vs Harrison-Morton Middle School  
137 N 2nd St, Allentown, PA 18101  
- Boys home and Girls away

Wednesday 1/17 vs Easton Middle School  
1010 Echo Trail, Easton, PA 18040  
- Girls home and Boys away

Thursday 1/18 vs South Mountain Middle School  
709 W Emmaus Ave, Allentown, PA 18103  
- Girls home and Boys 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*  
*Nitschmann Middle School*  
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