

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, January 28, 2018 to Sunday, February 4, 2018

Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

All of this information can be downloaded at our Nitschmann Middle School Website!
Stay on top of your child's grades & attendance at BASD Parent Portal

Attachments to Review

None

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

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

Thursday, February 1, 2018 @ 7pm Auditorium New Parent Orientation Visit & Tour/Exploring School

Monday, 1/29 Day 3

Tuesday, 1/30 Day 4

Wednesday, 1/31 Day 5

Thursday, 2/1 Day 6

Friday, 2/2 Day 1 Football Jersey Day

Saturday, 2/3

Sunday, 2/4

***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 January 26, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [BASD e-News](#).

French Club Mardi Gras (Lare) Are you getting the mid-winter blahs? Does spring break seem a long way off? No worries! Mardi Gras is right around the corner! Mardi Gras is Tuesday, February 13. The French Club will be selling purple, gold, and green Mardi Gras beads from Tuesday, January 30 through Mardi Gras, \$1 a strand or 3 strands for \$2. Look for French Club members at lunch the week before Mardi Gras or see Madame Lare in Room 317. Laissez les bons temps rouler! Let the good times roll!

NJHS Fundraiser (Wallach/Lanzetta) The NJHS is beginning a fundraiser during the month of February to raise awareness and support the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. It is a great service project for them and they have set their goal at \$750.00. During the month of February, the honor society members will be making announcements, selling bracelets and blood drops, and informing the school about facts and statistics related to blood cancer. We are also considering a "red out" day to raise awareness. We are asking for your support to make this fundraiser a success. Please consider donating to help the cause. The link is below to make an online donation. Thank you for your support. <http://events.lls.org/pages/epa/Nitschmann-Middle-School-2018>

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. Please email Mrs. Lare for a complete class schedule and parent consent form.. 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!"

Yearbook Sale Online (Ellis) The yearbook sale has been extended. Orders will be accepted through January 31st. Parents are reminded that yearbooks must be pre-ordered. Books cost \$36. Yearbooks can be ordered online or through the order form attached.

1. Go to: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>
2. Type in: 5049 to the "Search by Order Number" box
3. Click on "Buy a Yearbook, Yearbook Packages".
4. Follow the screen as prompted.

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

Hello Parents!

Thank you to all who came out to the meeting this past Monday. We had great discussions and have many things planned. Keep a look out for the minutes and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We will not be having a meeting in February. Our next NPG meeting will be March 5th at 6:30. Have a great week
Go Eagles!!!

Erin Coughlin

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) We are now starting the second semester of the school year. Make sure students are keeping up with their work. Organize! Organize! Organize! Let's start the second semester by helping your child to clean and straighten out book bags and folders! On Wednesday, Team Lafayette will be holding reward day with student-led activities. Students are preparing for Student Led Conferences, which will be held on February 15. Thursday is Football Jersey Day here at Nitschmann. Flu season is upon us - we need tissues, please!

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) This week we worked on another Random Act of Kindness. Students each wrote a note that was passed out to staff members in our Nitschmann Community thanking them for all that they do along with 4 mints, each representingCommit 'MINT', Involve 'MINT', Encourage 'MINT' and Invest 'MINT.'

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) We will be heading to Moravian on Thursday of the this week for our Science Day Field Trip. Please be sure the students are dressed for the weather and for walking. They need to bring \$5 to buy lunch or bring a packed lunch.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) It was nice to see all of the families who attended this year's Team Kutztown Spaghetti Dinner. Now we know where all of this year's well-mannered ladies and gentlemen come from! **Science** - This coming week students will learn about the chemicals that are found in living things. **English** - The students will conclude their study of 12 Angry Men by watching the classic movie. They will also write a text-dependent, analytical response to the following question: With which of the 12 jurors do you have the most in common and why?

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) It's the third quarter!! We still have half a school year left. Upon checking notebooks and binders at the end of the second quarter, we realized MANY students need new ones to get them through the end of the year. Many students are losing papers because rings and covers are broken. Team Penn State teachers no longer have anymore binders to give out. Please check your child's supplies to see what needs to be replaced. Thank you for your attention to this. **ELA** - this week, we are beginning a poetry unit based on the Civil Rights Movement. Students will also receive their new vocabulary words on Monday **Periods 1, 2, 5** - Informational Paper (Positive Impact) due Tuesday by 9pm **Periods 7 & 8** - Informational Paper (Positive Impact) due Wednesday by 9pm. **SCIENCE**: quiz on mitosis(cell cycle) and cancer on Thursday. **Reading**- students will be reading the courtroom drama, Monster by Walter Dean Myers. We will be discussing courtroom procedures and vocabulary. **Math**: All math classes have unit tests this week. Period 8 is taking theirs on Monday, Periods 1, 2 and 5 are Thursday, and Period 7 has their test on Wednesday. The focus of the next unit for all classes is solving equations. **Geography**: We continue to study how the United States experienced both growth and conflict after the American Revolution and eventually emerged as a world power. There will be a quiz on US History on Friday. We will also be taking a deeper look at the Constitution. One more thing.... **GO EAGLES!**

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will continue to read Part 2 of Soldier X and analyze the themes contained in the novel. Period 1 Math is going to test on solving multi-step equations this week. Periods 3 and 5 will be testing on slope. Algebra 1 classes will be learning how to solve systems of equations with the elimination method. History classes will begin our unit on Colonial Living. The major focus will be learning the history of Bethlehem. Science: Next week we will be exploring speed, velocity and acceleration through a series of labs and practice. We will have a quiz on this at the end of the week. Students are encouraged to always have their packet on them upon entering the room. It holds all of the lab procedures and bell ringers for the work days.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) This week in ELA, we will continue working on our informational writing concepts, specifically focusing on topic sentences, supporting details, and bias. We will also start working with participles for our word crime. In Science, we will be continuing the Unit on Motion including Speed, Velocity and Acceleration. Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 & 8 just started our new novel, *The*

Contender. Students received a packet that goes along with the novel that they may have homework to complete or questions to answer. Students must bring this packet with them to class everyday. Reading classes will have a notebook quiz on Thursday and students are encouraged to see Mrs. Wallach after school to organize their notebooks prior to the quiz. Students in period 3 will be watching *The Conspirator* to compare and contrast the movie with *Manhunt*. All Math classes will be working on Scatterplots in textbook and IXL. Instructional videos are available in Schoology if needed. History classes spent this past Friday discussing the transition to LHS - focusing on core and elective class selections, the Vo-tech Fast Track and Honors Application, SMI/SRI/PSSA scores along with how work ethic, current grades and career pathways fit into placement ALL in preparation for the visits from LHS counselors in early February. Please ask your child to share what electives they were interested in taking. You can view the LHS course catalog online. There is a PDF of the program of studies book available at the following website: <http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/liberty/2018-19-program-of-studies-video/>

Team Temple (Encore) (Blog) None at this time.

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

Student Services Updates (Wagner) Parents - just a reminder - submitted vacation requests are not processed until **one week prior** to the requested date/s.

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 will be 2/12/18 in room 104. We will continue working on our chopstick relays and artwork.

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniaik) regular rehearsals Monday and 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 will end at 6pm Wed and Thursday. Turn in permission forms on Monday. Stomp show is Friday: tickets are online. Team is to wear team shirt and black pants on Friday.

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) Are you getting the mid-winter blahs? Does spring break seem a long way off? No worries! Mardi Gras is right around the corner! Mardi Gras is Tuesday, February 13. The French Club will be

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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) Congratulations to the following students, who will represent Nitschmann at the Chapter Competition on February 10th: Team Members: Chris Giannaras (7), Sid Tekumalla (7), Ritvik Singh (7), Wade Wu (6)

Individual Competitors: Sruti Tekumalla (7), Devon Koch (8), Sean McGuire (8), Mahdi Ali (6), Hadi Ali (6), Zachary Schessler (7) Alternates: Josh Freedman (6), Devin Fibick (6), Helen Dewey (6)

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs_Nistchmann) Please support our February blood cancer drive fundraiser. Listen for announcements and ways to donate to the cause. Our next meeting will be on February 7th before and after school. Members must attend one of these meetings. This meeting will focus on our fundraiser. Our next tutoring session will be on Tuesday, January 30th in room 303. If you signed up make sure you attend - 6th graders are counting on your for extra help!

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Everybody Monday to Friday until 5:00

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We continue to meet on a Wednesday until 4:00 P.M. It's soon time again for our second bake sale! It will be on Thursday, Feb. 15th during conferences! Bake sale forms were sent home this past week. Please have your child return it to us no later than Feb. 7. We could not do it without our amazing parents and all of the wonderful baked goods you donate! Our Reading Olympics T-Shirt design contest is coming up on Feb. 7! Ask your child about it! Please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books!

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) We are meeting at the Base Lodge at 5-5:45 on Monday. Sign up for updates, text the message @skiclubni to the number 81010.

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will be rehearsing during our next few meetings, so **ONLY** students attending the Calypso field trip should attend our Wednesday and Thursday after school meeting. Students who will be dancing during International Night will have practice Tuesday after school.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) practice will end at 6pm Tue and Thursday. Turn in permission forms on Monday. Stomp show is Friday: tickets are online. Team is to wear team shirt and black pants on Friday.

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. Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemyer@basdschools.org

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

1/29 Monday - Band 7:15
1/30 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15
1/31 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15
2/1 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
2/2 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM
DAY 1 Jazz 8:36 AM

LESSON SCHEDULE

- Please view the lesson schedule on the Website under the **LESSONS TAB**

* Team Moravian students need to attend a different lesson group this week due to their field trip on Thursday.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 6 - All City Band rehearsal at Nitschmann 7:15 - 11:30 AM
February 7 - All City Band rehearsal at Nitschmann 7:15 - 10:30 AM
February 7 - All City Band Concert at Nitschmann 7:30 PM Tickets are \$3.00. They can be purchased from Mr. Z. or at the door.
February 8 - PJ Whelihan's Dine to Donate Night - ALL DAY NO FLYER NEEDED - Just tell them you are there for the Nitschmann Band & Orchestra
February 13 - Night Basketball game Time TBA
February 21 - NIMAS Meeting 7:00 PM **TIME CHANGE**
February 21 - Winter bandfront performance 8:00 PM Nitschmann Gym.
March 11 - Ice-Skating Night 5-7 PM **PERMISSION SLIP**
April 18 - Mandatory Spring trip meeting - Parent & student going **MUST** attend 7:00 PM NMS Auditorium

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter.
- [@NMSBandOrch](https://twitter.com/NMSBandOrch)
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- The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of the Amazon Smile program. Now you can shop at Amazon, get great deals and support the **Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association** all at the same time. Please share this with your friends and family. [Go here for more information.](#)
- Volunteers are needed for the Nitschmann Jazz Festival on March 23. Contact Karen McLaughlin to volunteer.

Choral Music

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

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

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS_Athletics](https://twitter.com/NMS_Athletics))

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

Monday, January 29

Boys home, Girls at Nazareth
94 Friedenstahl Avenue
Nazareth, PA 18064

Wednesday, January 31

Girls home, Boys at East Hills
2005 Chester Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Thursday, February 1

Girls home, Boys at Raub
102 S. St. Cloud Street
Allentown, PA 18104

Boys Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

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