

**Parent & Student Weekly Email  
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update  
Sunday, February 11, 2018 to Sunday, February 18, 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 at this time.

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

*2/12 Pep Rally; 2/12-2/15 Spirit Week; 2/15 Winter Conferences 5pm-8pm; 2/16 No School/Teacher In-Service;  
2/19 No School/Presidents' Day; 3/2-4 School Play The Lion King; 3/29-4/2 No School/Spring & Easter Break; 4/9,  
10, & 11 PSSA ELA Exams; 4/16 & 17 PSSA Math Exams; 4/23 & 24 PSSA Science Exams; 5/15 School Closed/PA  
Primary Day; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 6/6 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 7pm @ NMS; 6/7 Last Day of  
School 11:30 Dismissal*

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

**Monday, 2/12 Day 1** Spirit Week: NMS Blue and White Day; Pep Rally, Boys Basketball Semi-Finals @ NMS

**Tuesday, 2/13 Day 2** Spirit Week: Twin Day; Girls Basketball Semi-Finals @ NMS

**Wednesday, 2/14 Day 3** Spirit Week: Show Your Love Day- Wear Red for Valentine's Day

**Thursday, 2/15 Day 4** 11:30pm Dismissal, Evening Conferences 5pm-8pm, Spirit Week: Pajama Day

**Friday, 2/16** No School Teacher In-Service

**Saturday, 2/17**

**Sunday, 2/18**

**\*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*

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**School-wide Announcements**

**BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The February 9, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [BASD e-News February 9, 2018 Edition.](#)**

**Mark your calendar for March 2-4 as Nitschmann Dramatics proudly presents The Lion King Jr.! Tickets are available at <https://goo.gl/forms/zdO3A86aevvhr9MJ2>**

**Winter Conferences (Mayes)** Winter Conferences are scheduled for this Thursday, February 15 (5pm-8pm). Please note that not all students are required to attend Winter Conferences at school. If you DID receive an email, letter, or phone call earlier this week requesting your attendance from the school, please schedule your child's conference ASAP. This is email is not requesting your attendance. If you DID NOT receive an email, letter, or phone call requesting your attendance from the school, you may attend a school conference or complete your conference with your child at home. You may follow the directions for at-home conferences which will be sent home with your child next Monday, February 12, 2018. Please note, this is often a new procedure for our 6th grade parents, who have usually attended both conferences in elementary school. We often use the limited timeframe for Winter Conferences

to help students who are struggling in school, but we absolutely can accommodate you if you would like to have a conference at school. If all time blocks are full, please email your child's team leader, listed below. Conference Scheduling Link: <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/NitschmannMS>

**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.ills.org/pages/epa/Nitschmann-Middle-School-2018>

**Box Tops Competition (NPG)** SUBMIT YOUR LABEL BY 2/26/18 AND WIN A PIZZA PARTY! 1. Cut out the Box Tops from participating products; 2. Place them in a plastic baggie marked with your teacher's name; 3. Send them in to school no later than 2/26/18; 4. The labels will be sorted, organized and counted. The class with the most labels submitted will receive a PIZZA PARTY!! 5. Teachers should collect the Box Tops and turn them in to Mrs. Ellis

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

**Executive Committee**

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

VP - Deb Clark [clark70g@msn.com](mailto:clark70g@msn.com)

Treasurer -

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

**PAC Representatives**

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

**Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) None at this time.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Hard to believe we are already in the 3rd quarter. This is a great time to replenish your supplies. Parents, please ensure that your students have scissors, glue and a calculator. These materials are all used every day. It is also a good time to replace folders that may be falling apart to help students start off the second half of the year organized.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) This week is Spirit Week! We are asking all of Team Moravian to join in and support each theme. Monday is Blue/White Day, Tuesday is Twin Day, Wednesday is Wear Your Red Day and Thursday ends the week with Pajama Day. We look forward to our team showing their spirit to Nitschmann Nation. Continue to check grades on Parent Portal because mid-quarter will be here before you

know it. Remember we are here at 7:30 AM every morning if there is a need for extra help or additional computer work time.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) We would like to see our Team Kutztown students participate in Spirit Week activities. Monday is Blue and White Day! Also, all movie permission slips are due to homeroom teachers as soon as possible. Next, homeroom teachers are still collecting Boxtops for Education; please keep bringing them in. **Science** - On Monday and Tuesday of this coming week, we will be finishing up the material and then reviewing for a test on Wednesday, February 14th. The test will be on the characteristics of living things. **English** - Vocabulary quiz 11 will be given on Monday. 12 Angry Men essays are now overdue. Students will begin the elements of an effective speech this week.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) We will be watching the movie "Lorenzo's Oil" - a true story about an incredible family trying to save their son after learning about a genetic diagnosis. This movie goes along with our genetics unit in science class. A form was sent home - please return the bottom portion ONLY if you DO NOT want your child to be part of this learning experience. In addition - it is Spirit Week! Monday is "Blue & White Day" and a school pep rally. Tuesday is "Twin Day". Wednesday is "Show your love/Valentine's Day". And Thursday is "Pajama Day". We hope to see all students participate in Spirit Week! **Reading**- Students are expected to have a book with them at all times. Our first book review is due 2/28. **ELA** - We will be continuing with our Civil Rights and Poetry Unit. **Math** - There will be a quiz on equations on Tuesday for 8th period. All other classes will have their quiz on Wednesday. **Geography** - we will be finishing up our United States unit including focus topics on the Constitution and cultural exchange/globalization.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will begin reading Part 3 of Soldier X. Math: Period 1 will be continuing their work on "slope." Periods 3 and 5 will be finishing up their work with linear equations. Periods 7 and 8 will be testing on systems of linear inequalities. In social studies Historic Bethlehem will be the focus.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Ice Skating was a blast! A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Hinkel for organizing this event for the entire 8th grade!! You ROCK! Kudos to the Parent Group for volunteering your time to provide hot chocolate for our students! It was a great day to be a LION. Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 have an analyzing worksheet relating to chapter 5 of *The Contender*. This paper will be collected on Monday. Students in period 3 need to have the rough draft of their "Dream" speech for Monday. Students in period 8 should have their *Contender* packets done up to the first half of chapter 4 and these students have a notebook quiz on Monday. Next week in ELA, we will be discussing the organization of our compare and contrast essays. We will also begin the pre-writing phases of the essay. Periods 3, 5, and 8 all have grammar quizzes scheduled for early next week as well. Check your planners for the dates and topics! History classes will be checking out our local history on the Moravians in the next few days. An annual tradition in Hood's History class is having our very own Moravian Historical expert, Mrs. Hriniak, share her knowledge in a unique, hands-on presentation. With 28 years under her belt, she has held positions as a researcher, curator, exhibit writer, education specialist and program writer for the Moravian Historical Society in Nazareth. Also, Students SWT text-based writing pieces will be due on Friday the 16th by noon through Google Classroom. We will be discussing this on Monday, due to the weather delays. Please continue to monitor your child's grades via parent portal, 3rd quarter IPR's are right around the corner! Don't forget to dress up this week for SPIRIT WEEK. Show us your SPARTAN PRIDE!!!! Our Team celebration is this THURSDAY, with of course some Olympic style, off the wall competitions in store!

**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.

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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 meeting is this coming Monday, Feb. 12, in room 104. We will continue with our chopsticks games.

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

**Bandfront** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Regular rehearsals Monday and Tuesday. Extra rehearsals before school Tuesday or Wednesday if your section needs additional time to prepare for our upcoming performance.

**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) Pep rally Monday- Wear dance team shirt (steppers are to wear dance team shirt under their step team shirt), blue jeans (regular blue jeans), black sneakers. Meet Ms. Sierra in the Aux gym at 1:30. \*Be sure to make up any work missed due to pep rally.

**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 Tuesday after school until 4:45 p.m. Please make sure to have transportation arranged and we look forward to seeing you Tuesday!

**French Club** (Advisor Mrs. Lare) Thank you to students and parents contributing food, beverages, and paper products to the Mardi Gras parties this week. Students who have French on odd numbers days will have their party on Tuesday. Even-day students will have their parties on Wednesday. During homeroom students should bring things to the large group room next to the cafeteria, clearly marked with the student's name and class period. Please include a serving utensil, if necessary. If items contain nuts, peanut butter, or shell fish, please make sure this is clearly marked. While we have access to electrical outlets, we are not able to refrigerate or heat up food. Everyone is looking forward to celebrating Mardi Gras - laissez les bons temps rouler - let the good times roll! Merci beaucoup!

**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) We had the honor of hosting the Lehigh Valley Chapter MathCounts Competition in our beautiful new school on Saturday. I would like to thank Mr. Mayes for all the work he did to make that happen. Students from schools in three counties competed, and once again our Nitschmann team made me proud. Seventh grader Chris Giannaras was the 11th Place student, just missing a trophy and a chance to go on stage to compete in the Countdown Round. Other students who competed were Team Members Ritvik Singh, Sid Tekumalla and Wade Wu, Individual Competitors Hadi Ali, Mahdi Ali, Devon Koch, Sean McGuire, Zachary

Schessler and Sruti Tekumalla, and Alternates Helen Dewey, Devin Fibick, Josh Freedman. With so many 6th and 7th graders involved, I can't wait to see what we can do next year! We will not be meeting this week, due to Thursday's early dismissal. Our annual ice cream party will be held next Thursday, 2/22 after school.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs\_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nistchmann ) Our next meeting will be this coming Monday in the morning and then Wednesday after school. Members must attend one of these meetings. All members should have picked up an LLS box to take home for donations from friends and family and all members are expected to participate in our LLS service learning project. Sign-up sheets are in Mrs. Wallach's room. Let's work together to meet our goal of \$750!

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) All Cast, Crew, and House Monday Tuesday Wednesday until 6:00. Thursday pictures in the afternoon. Bring a bag lunch.

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Due to the fact we had a snow day last Wednesday and did not have Reading Olympics, we are asking the students to design a picture for this year's Reading competition T-Shirts at home. We will put the pictures on display and have a private vote on the choice for t-shirt picture for this year! We are looking forward to seeing a lot of fabulous designs! Our bake sale is on Thursday, February 15th, during conferences. Thank you so much to all who have volunteered to donate an item for the sale! Items can be dropped off Thursday morning during homeroom to the teacher lunch room by the cafeteria or brought at 500 P.M. right to the bake sale. We will be in the lobby. Thank you for returning the forms letting us know when you will be dropping them off. We continue to meet on Wednesdays until 4 P.M. in the library. Please encourage your child to read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books! The competition is fast approaching on April 5th. More info about the competition will follow at a later date.

**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) This coming Monday 2/12 will be COOKIE NIGHT! Please send in one batch or box of cookies to be shared with the group. I have replenished the hot chocolate as well. If you prefer tea, feel free to bring that along. See you all around 5:30 at the Base Lodge. Looking ahead--President's Day is a holiday on the mountain, and our passes do not work on 2/19.

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Students attending the Calypso trip will meet for a final rehearsal during activity period on Tuesday, and should make sure to wear their Spanish Club hoodie or t-shirt, or a red top. Members who volunteered to dance during International night will meet Tuesday after school to practice. All members will meet Wednesday after school to start planning International Night.

**Step Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Pep rally Monday- Wear Step team shirt (dancers are to wear dance team shirt under their step team shirt), blue jeans (regular blue jeans), black sneakers. Meet Ms. Sierra in the Aux gym at 1:30. \*Be sure to make up any work missed due to pep rally.

**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.**

2/12 Monday - Band 7:15  
2/13 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM  
Day 1 Jazz band 8:26 AM  
2/14 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM  
2/15 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM  
2/16 Friday - NO SCHOOL

### **LESSON SCHEDULE - [Chair auditions continue this week](#)**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

February 13 - Night Basketball game Report time 4:45 PM - Game stars at 5:30 and ends by 7:00 PM.  
February 21 - NIMAS Meeting 7:00 PM **TIME CHANGE**  
February 21 - Winter bandfront performance 8:00 PM Nitschmann Gym.  
March 9 - Northeast jazz festival  
March 11 - Ice-Skating Night 5-7 PM [PERMISSION SLIP](#)  
March 16 - Broughal jazz festival  
March 23 - Nitschmann Jazz Festival  
April 18 - Mandatory Spring trip meeting - Parent & student going MUST attend 7:00 PM NMS Auditorium  
April 21 - Jazz Cafe 7:00 PM

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Due to the weather and school activities, chair auditions have been extended to Thursday, February 15. If you are recording your sat home you must submit it by 8 PM on 2/15.
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- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter.
- [@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](mailto:ldevries@basdschools.org)*

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

None at this time.

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

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

Winter Sports Pep Rally  
February 12 2:00 PM

**BASD Basketball Championships**

Monday, February 12

Nitschmann Middle School Gym  
Boys Semi-Finals  
5:30 Broughal vs East Hills  
7:00 Nitschmann vs Northeast

Tuesday, February 13

Nitschmann Middle School Gym  
Girls Semi-Finals  
5:30 Broughal vs Nitschmann  
7:00 East Hills vs Northeast

Wednesday, February 14

Freedom High School Gym  
Girls and Boys Finals  
5:30 Winner of the two Girls semi-final games  
7:00 Winner of the two Boys semi-final games

**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*  
*A LEAD School, partnering with The Leader in Me*  
***"Lions Lead the Way!"***

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