

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**  
**Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**  
**Sunday, February 18, 2018 to Sunday, February 25, 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)

*2/19 No School/Presidents' Day; 3/2-4 School Play The Lion King; 3/29-4/2 No School/Spring & Easter Break; 4/6 NMS Mini-Thon; 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**

*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, 2/19 No School Presidents Day**

**Tuesday, 2/20 Day 4**

**Wednesday, 2/21 Day 5**

**Thursday, 2/22 Day 6**

**Friday, 2/23 Day 1** February Pride of the Lions, Bayou FCS Field Trip

**Saturday, 2/24**

**Sunday, 2/25**

**\*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 16, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [February 16, 2018, Edition of the BASD e-News](#)**

**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>**

**Book Drive (Bouhana)** - If you have any books that you no longer want or read, please bring them in to donate. The donated books would be used to create library trunks for summer camps. We will be accepting donations until March 10th.

**Attention Nitschmann Nation! (Augello)** As is typical of the Nitschmann Nation Philosophy of giving, we are asking you to help us again. One of our own BASD students is suffering from a rare disease known as Neimann-Pick. To help the Race for Adam Foundation, an organization which researches a cure for Neimann-Pick, we are having a raffle to raise money. The prizes are an Apple Watch, a Fitbit Charge, and an Amazon Echo.

Tickets will be sold before school and during lunch. Cost for the tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for a dollar. Please help this great cause!!!! Tickets will only be sold on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Thank you in advance!

**Save the Date! (Augello)** The 2nd Annual Nitschmann mini-miniTHON will take place on Friday, April 6th. We hope to have as many students as possible participate from all three grades. Please listen to the morning announcements for volunteer opportunities.

**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

*Happy Sunday Parents!*

*Just wanted to say a big Thank You to the parents that were able to help with hot chocolate for the 8th grade ice skating. Thank you Dan, Corey and Lori you guys made the afternoon run very smoothly. Our next NPG meeting will be March 5th. We have a lot to discuss and plan for then end of the year. Attention 8th grade parents!!!! The principal from Liberty High School, Mr. Bailey will be attending our meeting so please try to come out and ask any questions/concerns you may have. Hope you all have a great week!*

**Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Last week we held student led conferences. Please return the reflection sheet to school by Friday, February 23. There will be a quiz in social studies this Thursday, February 22, on Chapter 2, section 3: The Legacy of Mesopotamia. In math, we're working on equations and inequalities. We did three labs in science last week. Now students will create a packet for the labs. This project is worth 100 points and is due Friday, February 23.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Thank you to those that came to conferences. Please remember, if you did not attend a Student Led Conference at school, then your child brought home their conference folder and should hold a conference at home with you. Both you and your child should also complete the reflection sheet which should be turned in by next Friday the 23rd.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) Please be sure to hold your student led conferences and complete the reflection sheets to be returned on Tuesday!

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Just a reminder to check your son/daughter's grades on parent portal. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the team. **Science** - Starting on Tuesday, February 20th, students will be learning about how cells were discovered, the names for the individual parts of a cell, and the location and function each one has within the cell. **English** - This week we will continue our public speaking unit. The students must submit 3 possible persuasive speech topics on Tuesday. They must include their position for each of the topics. Also, Vocabulary Lesson 12 definitions and sentences are due on Thursday.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Student Led Conference forms were sent home with students on Thursday. Students - please be sure to hold your conference with your parents and return the form on by the end of the week. Math - Periods 1,2,5 and 7 are continuing to work on solving equations. In period 8, we will be solving inequalities. Reading- Students will be finishing their closing arguments in class on Tuesday. The witness quiz is on Wednesday. ELA - vocabulary quiz Tuesday (the day we return!!), we will complete our Civil Rights poetry unit with writing our own poem. Geography - students should have questions prepared about the Bill of Rights for Officer Conley's visit to our classroom on Wednesday. We are finishing up our unit on the United States by looking at regional specialization. Homework due Tuesday includes a regional map and the Northeast outline.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will continue with Part 3 of Soldier X and begin building background on the aftermath of WWII. Students will be building their walking tour of Bethlehem this week. A quick tour of the historic part of the city over the weekend would be great. Final copies of your narrative will NOT be due on Tuesday. We will be working on revisions this coming week, and we will start verbals. Science: Tuesday, we will be taking our quiz on Forces, Gravity, and Friction. We will engage and explore into the realm of Newton's laws for the remainder of the week. Please look to [AmenSTEM.com](#) to study for the quiz! Algebra 1 is studying for their next Keystone Prep Exam for Topics 2 and 4. Periods 3 and 5 are completing their open notebook tests that are due on Tuesday. Period 1 is studying slope.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Team Northampton had an Olympic Size celebration on Thursday! Check out some photos of our Twitter pages. With the IPR deadline approaching for the 3rd quarter, our team took some time and reflected on personal goal setting and academics for the rest of the quarter. We are continually challenging our students to push themselves to reach new heights, while integrating the importance of creating good character. Thank you to the on-going support of our parents! We appreciate the open communication that is so essential to school success. Please continue to check your child's planners and if there are any questions, encourage your child to reach out to the teacher.

**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) optional rehearsals Tuesday and Wednesday mornings if your section needs it. Performance is Wednesday night! Report time is 7:00pm to the main gym on Wednesday night. Thursday morning is band only.

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

**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) 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) None at this time.

**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) Our final meeting of the year will be this Thursday's ice cream party. It will be held after school down in the large group room near the cafeteria.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs\_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nistchmann ) Please support our NJHS fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma society. We have an online link to donate and/or students can buy blood drops and bracelets to show their support. Additionally, we have an upcoming fundraiser at Chipotle on Airport Road on 2/22 from 10am-10pm. You can bring a hard copy of the flyer, show the flyer electronically on your phone, or just mention LLS (Nitschmann) at the register when you pay. 50% of proceeds go to our fundraiser. Please come join us!

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Mandatory rehearsals start Tuesday! BE PREPARED!

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We gave an extra week to submit t-shirt designs for the Reading Olympics 2018 T-shirt design contest. We will be voting on them on Wednesday, February 21st. We will also be reviewing how many books each student has read. The team lists will be announced on Tuesday, February 27th. We will meet as teams beginning Wednesday, February 28th. We will begin meeting until 5 PM on Wednesday, March 7. Thank you to all of the parents who donated candy or baked goods for our bake sale on Thursday, February 15th! We will be doing a Subway coupon sale in mid March. More information will be sent home about it in early March. Please continue to encourage your child to read / 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) No ski club Monday due to the holiday.

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Our Three Kings Trip to Calypso was great, and the students did an amazing job. We will now be working on making International Night a success. We will be selling aperitivos or tapas to fundraise for the club.

**Step Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) 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. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music [dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org](mailto:dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org)*

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

2/19 Monday - NO SCHOOL  
2/20 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM  
2/21 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM  
2/22 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM  
2/23 Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM  
Day 1 Jazz band 8:26 AM

### **LESSON SCHEDULE - [Lessons](#)**

Monday lesson students need to join another instrument group for lessons this week.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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  
April 26 - Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM  
May 2 - Spring Orchestra Jazz Concert - 7:00 PM

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The NIMAS meeting time for this Wednesday has been moved up to 7:00 PM due to the Winter Band Front performance.
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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)

**Co-Ed Nitschmann Soccer, Interscholastic**

Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach, [vrodenbach@basdschools.org](mailto:vrodenbach@basdschools.org)

**Girls Nitschmann Softball, Interscholastic**

Head Coach Mr. Kocon, [ekocon@basdschools.org](mailto:ekocon@basdschools.org)

Asst. Coach Mr. Downey, [cdowney@basdschools.org](mailto:cdowney@basdschools.org)

**Boys Liberty HS Freshman Baseball**

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Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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