

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, February 4, 2018 to Sunday, February 11, 2018

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Attachments to Review

informED Parent Newsletter

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

2/8 Band PJ Whelihans's Dine & Donate, Spring Sports Physicals @ LHS; 2/9 No One Eats Alone Day, 8th Grade Ice Skating; 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; 3/29-4/2 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; 6/6 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

2/6/18 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

Monday, 2/5 Day 2 2nd Quarter Report Card Distribution, February Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, 2/6 Day 3 LHS Course Scheduling Orientation; Middle School All City Band Practice

Wednesday, 2/7 Day 4 Middle School All City Band Practice; Middle School All City Band Concert 7pm

Thursday, 2/8 Day 5 Spring Sports Physicals @ LHS

Friday, 2/9 Day 6 No One Eats Alone Day; 8th Grade Ice Skating

Saturday, 2/10 Lehigh Valley Mathcounts @ Nitschmann

Sunday, 2/11

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

PE/Health Schedule

Health- Wills 2/2-2/9

PE- Wallace and Villani 2/2-2/9

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 BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [BASD e-News February 2, 2018, Edition](#). The Winter 2018 issue of informED, a publication from our school district and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to keep parents informed regarding the education issues affecting students is attached to this e-mail for you.

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>

Yearbook Sale Online (Ellis) The yearbook sale has been extended. **The yearbook sale has been extended until 2/7.** 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.

Student Council (Ellis) Student Council will sell carnations at lunches from Monday 2/6-2/9. The cost of a flower is \$1. Flowers will be delivered on Wednesday, 2/14. Flowers will be sold during lunch.

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

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

Happy Superbowl Sunday Parents! Please keep sending your Box Tops in we will be collecting and mailing them the end of this month. I would love to hit our goal of \$500.00. Thank you to the NPG parents that can volunteer their time on Friday the 9th for the 8th grade ice skating. We will be meeting at Municipal Ice Rink at 11:30 to get the hot chocolate going. A carnival committee will be getting together shortly so if you would like to be part of it please send me an email or text. Ecogs76@gmail.com or 484-223-9334. Thanks for everything! Go Eagles!!!!

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Team Lafayette celebrated student rewards day on Friday. Everybody had fun playing games in the gym. Students are completing preparations for student led conferences. Parents, look for report cards in the mail this week. In social studies we will be learning about the Legacy of Mesopotamia. In science we'll be doing experiments. In math we are writing and evaluating algebraic expressions and equations. Parents, please check planners every night. Many students are not completing their homework. Also, make sure your child has all of the supplies they need for school, such as pencils, colored pencils, scissors, glue sticks, and calculators.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) None at this time

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) Please see our Facebook page for pictures from Science Day at Moravian last week. Everyone had fun learning about such things as optic lenses and magnetism. We have 1 trip left in March for Art/Music Day on South Campus. Flu season is upon us. Tissue donations are always welcome!

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Your child will be receiving a permission form to see a movie as a way of rewarding them for a successful first semester. The students on Team Kutztown will have the opportunity to see the movie, Hoosiers. Please have them return the signed permission form and return it to their homeroom teacher. **English** - All students will begin a public speaking unit. Eventually, the students will do research and deliver a 3-5 minute persuasive speech. I always begin the unit by having students deliver 60 second impromptu speeches. Additionally, there are 2 assignments due this week. The final draft of the Twelve Angry Men essay is due on Wednesday for periods 1,2, and 5; and on Friday for periods 7 and 8. All classes have vocabulary definitions due on Thursday. A quiz on Lesson 11 vocabulary words will be given on Friday. **Science** - This coming week students will continue to learn about the chemicals that are found in living things, as well as, review for their upcoming test at the beginning of next week.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Hope you all had an awesome Super Bowl Weekend! Let's start February off on the right foot! **SCIENCE:** There will be a quiz on genetics Thursday, Feb. 8....students will be applying the terms learned while completing dominant/recessive inheritance problems. Your child will be asking family members (parents and siblings) about various traits you possess. Please help assist them in the collection of this data for their "ALL IN THE FAMILY" take home lab due FRIDAY, Feb. 9. **READING:** Legal vocabulary test is Tuesday. Students should have a personal reading book in school every day. **ELA** - vocabulary quiz Tuesday / This week, we will be continuing our civil rights poetry unit. **Geography:** Students will be taking a closer look at the Constitution and then focusing on the unique regions of the United States.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Ice Skating this Friday. Algebra students are going to start learning about systems of inequalities. Math 8 students are learning about slope and y-intercept. They have a quiz on Monday. Period 1 math class is learning about the constant of proportionality. Reading classes will finish Part 2 of Soldier X. Science: We will be covering balanced and unbalanced forces in class. There will be labs to go along with this. GO EAGLES! History class will complete a look at life in Historic Williamsburg and will begin our mini-unit on Historic Bethlehem.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) In ELA next week, we will continue working on our information writing skills, which includes creating coherence with verbal and logical bridges. We will then begin to examine the structure of a compare and contrast essay to prepare for the drafting phase of our projects. We are also studying a variety of word crimes in our classes. Periods 1, 3, and 5 will have quizzes on participles. Period 7 will have a quiz on introductory elements, and Period 8 will have a quiz on gerunds. Quiz dates will be discussed at the beginning of week once our mastery of the concept has been determined. Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 just finished chapter 4 in *The Contender*. Students should have all responses to chapter questions in their notebooks. There will be a quiz on chapters 1-4 on Tuesday and notebooks will also be collected. Students in period 3 are working on movie analysis with *The Conspirator*. They are comparing and contrasting based on our novel *Manhunt*.

They will also have a notebook quiz on Thursday. Students in period 8 are working on reading chapter 3 in *The Contender* and have a guided packet of interactive questions that should be answered after reading the chapter. These will be checked and graded. These students will have a notebook quiz on Wednesday. History Classes analyzed primary and secondary documents from the Salem Witch Trials as they write text-based response essays. We will also finish our colonization unit studying how geographic location played important roles in economic and population development and growth throughout the 13 colonies.

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

Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp) Nitschmann Students will be participating in the National "No One Eats Alone Day" this Friday February 9th, 2018: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cg-PmwP7T4E> This would be a great time to talk to your student at home about social inclusion and ways they can contribute to a more inclusive community. Thank you.

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 meeting is in room 104 on 2/12/18. We will continue with our chopsticks games.

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hrinik) regular early morning 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) None at this time. Friday's Video <http://youtu.be/wu8ncjexWvw>

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) French students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be celebrating Mardi Gras on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13 and 14. They have requested "real Mardi Gras food" for the celebrations! If you can, please consider contributing a dish reflecting Louisiana cuisine or party plates, napkins, or cutlery. Students will be getting more information this week. 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) Our t-shirts came in this week and they were distributed to students who ordered them. He included a few extra size small t-shirts and 1 additional medium t-shirt. They are available on a first come, first served basis for \$5.50 (the same price that students who placed orders paid) and the money will go towards next year's competition fees. The Chapter Competition is next Saturday, 2/10 (snow date Sunday, 2/11) here at Nitschmann. Students should arrive by 8:15 Saturday morning. Additional information will be emailed to students participating and their parents later this week.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs_Nistchmann) Our next meeting is on Wednesday, February 7, in room 104 before and after school. Members must attend ONE of these meetings. Please support our fundraiser for blood cancer by making an online donation or buying bracelets and blood drops during the month of February. We want to meet our goal of \$750.00 for cancer research. <http://events.lls.org/pages/epa/Nitschmann-Middle-School-2018>

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday no rehearsal (faculty meeting, Tuesday stage makeup clinic, Wednesday optional work day, Thursday everybody until 6:00, Friday everybody until 6:00

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We continue to meet Wednesdays until 4:00 P.M. in the library. We are collecting the bake sale donation forms. This week we will be starting the t-shirt design contest! The students can design our t-shirt to wear for the competition! They will be shown past t-shirts and can work on their design after school this Wednesday. They can continue working on them at home and bring them back on the 14th! We will vote on the winner on February 14th! Please continue to have your students 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) None at this time. Video from Friday <http://youtu.be/zFsh-3BMVns>

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.

2/5 Monday - Band 7:15

2/6 *Tuesday - All-City band Rehearsal - Selected students only 7:15 AM

2/7 *Wednesday - All City Band Rehearsal - Selected students only 7:15 AM

2/8 Thursday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM

2/9 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

LESSON SCHEDULE - Chair audition week

- Please view the lesson schedule on the Website under the [LESSONS TAB](#)

- Please look closely at the lesson schedule. Groups have been moved around due to the school activities this week.

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](#)

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

- **PJ Whelihan's dine to donate event Thursday, Feb. 8 ALL DAY no flyer needed.**
- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter.
- [@NMSBandOrch](#)
- 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

None at this time.

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS_Athletics](#))

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

Basketball:

Monday, February 5

Boys home, Girls at Harrison-Morton
137 N 2nd St.
Allentown, PA 18101

Tuesday, February 6

Boys home, Girls at Broughal
114 W Morton St.
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Thursday, February 8

Girls home, Boys at Easton Middle School
1010 Echo Trail
Easton, PA 18040

Spring Sport Physicals
2/8/18
5pm - 7:30pm
LHS in the Auxiliary Gym
Cost is FREE!!

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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