

**Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, March 11, 2018 to Sunday, March 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)

3/11 Music Ice Skating Night; 3/16 NMS School Dance, Sponsored by 6th Grade Teachers; 3/23 NMS Jazz Festival; 3/26 International Night; 3/28 8th Grade NYC Trip; 3/29-4/2 No School/Spring & Easter Break; 4/6 NMS Mini-Thon; 4/9, 10, & 11 PSSA ELA Exams; 4/13 NIMAS Bingo; 4/16 & 17 PSSA Math Exams; 4/18 Mandatory Music Spring Trip Meeting; 4/21 Jazz Cafe; 4/23 & 24 PSSA Science Exams; 4/26 Spring Band Concert; 5/2 Spring Orchestra & Jazz Concert; 5/11-12 Music Department Spring Trip; 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

3/12/18 Mr. Bailey, Principal Visit to NMS During School; 3/27/18 8th Grade Visit to LHS During School

Monday, 3/12/18 Day 5 Mr. Bailey, LHS Principal, Visit to NMS (8th Gr Science Classes)

Tuesday, 3/13/18 Day 6

Wednesday, 3/14/18 Day 1

Thursday, 3/15/18 Day 2

Friday, 3/16/18 Day 3 Wearing of the Green, School Dance 6pm

Saturday, 3/17/18

Sunday, 3/18/18

***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

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) None at this time.

Nominate a NMS Teachers for the BEST Award (Mayes) The Bethlehem Educational Scholastic Trust (B.E.S.T.) Fund at the Lehigh Valley Community rewards excellence in teaching at the K-12 levels in the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD). Please consider nominating your child's favorite teacher no later than April 2, 2018! Vote at the following link!

<http://www.lehighvalleyfoundation.org/grants/Award-Funds/Best-Awards-2018>

Students/Parents - Sponsors Needed! (Augello) We are looking for sponsors for our NMS mini mini THON t-shirts so that every student who purchases a miniTHON ticket gets a free THON t-shirt. Last year several businesses paid for over 325 shirts for our students! If you own a business, would like to contribute or know anyone who has a business who might be willing to contribute please contact Mrs. Augello saugello@basdschools.org. Sponsorship letters are now available in the main office or Mrs. Augello's classroom 215. Sponsors will be listed on

the back of the tshirts. Our sponsor levels are as follows: "Lead the Way Sponsors" \$150; "Lion Sponsors" \$100; "Cub Sponsors" \$50

Students (Augello): Save the date & help needed! - Please plan on attending our second annual NMS Mini Mini THON on Friday evening, April 6th, for our second annual Nitschmann mini miniTHON! All students who purchase a ticket ahead of the dance will receive a free NMS Mini THON T-shirt. Tickets will go on sale on Monday April 2nd. If any students are interested in helping there will be miniTHON meetings Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday after school this week to work on preparations for the event. Meetings will be in Room 215 from 3:05-4:00. Please join us. We will be painting signs this week. All students are welcome.

All Grades (6th Grade) Pretzel sales have been extended due to our snow day. Please turn orders and money in to your homeroom teachers by Wed. 3/14 at the latest. Pretzels will be delivered 8th period on Friday 3/16.

For 8th grade (Kehler) Deadline for all Vo-Tech Fast Track Applications is Wednesday, March 14th. Applications can be acquired in Student Services. Mr. Kehler will be sending over all applications at the end of the day on that Wednesday. After that day, Applications can be submitted directly to Vo-Tech via the US Post Office.

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG
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Executive Committee

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

Hello Parents!

Thank you to all who came out the meeting this past Monday. We have a dance next Friday the 16th to benefit the 6th graders. I am looking for 2-3 parents to help the night of the dance also if anyone wants to donate candy bars or snacks that would be amazing. Please join us for our next meeting on April 9th at 6:30. Have a great week.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Permission slips and money are due on Wednesday, March 14 for the 6th grade Medieval Times field trip. Orders and money for our 6th grade pretzel fundraiser are due on Wednesday, March 14. Sixth grade will be holding a St. Patrick's Day dance next Friday, March 16 from 6:30 to 8:30. Tickets are \$7.00. Please check your child's grades. Mid-quarters are posted on the Parent Portal. We are still in need of tissues for the classrooms.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) A special congratulations to Mrs. Hriniak, and all of Team Lehigh students, that made the production of the Lion King Jr. an outstanding performance! Thank you Mrs. Hriniak for pulling together an amazing show!!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) Pretzel sales are going well. Please make sure to get all orders in by Wednesday. They will be delivered 8th period on Friday this week. Also, 6th grade field trip permission slips and first payments are due by this Wednesday 3/14. Please have students turn these in to their homeroom teachers.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Absences/illnesses have been up the past two weeks. Please check your grades on-line to see what work needs to be made up. You can make an appointment to see most teachers before school or **all** teachers after school. **Science** - Due to this past week's weather, the Plant and Animal Cell lab has been pushed back to this week. Students will look at cells under the microscope and examine the differences between plant and animal cells. We will also begin preparing for a big unit test next week. **English** - Last week's snow day did not allow us to finish our persuasive speeches by Friday. There are only a few more to be presented in each class. Next, we will begin a grammar unit on some common errors with verb usage. Finally, Vocabulary Lesson 13 homework is due on Thursday and the vocabulary quiz will be given on Friday.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) We continue to encourage students and parents to check the portal and keep a proactive approach on assignments and grades! For the upcoming week: **MATH**: all classes are working on probability. Period 8 will have their unit test on Thursday. **GEOGRAPHY**: Students will begin their Canadian Postcard project on Monday. They will be given some time to complete research on a Canadian city of their choice in class. Postcards are due on Friday. **ELA**: all classes continuing our novel this week **SCIENCE**: We are finishing our investigation into natural selection/evolution and will begin looking at how taxonomists classify all the life on our planet.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will have a final essay on Soldier X on Monday. Book reports due March 28. We will begin building background knowledge on the Cold War. Communism, censorship, and the 1st Amendment in preparation for reading Fahrenheit 451. History class will begin to study the events that led to the American Revolutionary War. Taxation without representation, violations of English Common Law, and Parliament's actions against the colonists will be studied. In math all students are currently studying Functions and will soon begin preparing for the PSSA exams. Thank you to all of the students who turned their papers in in a timely manner. Next week we will be reviewing all verbals: gerunds, infinitives, and participles. The final test will be on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Have a nice weekend!

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 should have up to chapter 16 read in *The Contender* and answered all questions related to the chapters. Students in period 3 are working on a collaborative reading project and should check with group members to see what work needs to be completed. These students will also have an elements of fiction quiz on Wednesday. Students in period 8 should have read up to chapter 12 in *The Contender* and complete chapter 12 questions and written response paragraph in their packets. In ELA next week, all students have drafts of their compare and contrast essays due on Monday, March 12. Periods 1, 3, 5, and 8 all have final drafts due at 8:30 am Monday morning. Period 7 has their rough drafts due on Monday. Periods 1, 3, 5 and 8 also have informational writing tests scheduled for next week. In Science, we will be finishing Newton's Laws of Motion. Quiz will be on Friday. All 8th grade math sections are starting Unit 6 - Transformations. Algebra 1 will be Graphing Absolute Value and Piece-Wise Functions. History classes will be focusing on the reasons why WAR broke out between Britain and France as we lead into the Revolutionary War. LHS Transition TRIP has been moved to March 27th. Our NCACC trip is Friday, April 13th. Students who are absent from school and miss the PSSA testing that week will not be able to attend unless ALL PSSA testing is completed prior to Friday.

Team Temple (Encore) ([Blog](#)) We will be hosting International Night on March 26th from 6 to 8pm. We will be showcasing student work in the arts, music, and languages. Souvenirs, snacks, and drinks will be available for sale. Please join us!

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

Student Services Updates (Wagner) If your child has a doctor appointment scheduled during the school day, please send a note with your child **stating the child's name and time of early dismissal**. If your child is returning to school **after** the appointment, please provide the school office with a note from the doctor's office. If your child has an appointment **prior to the start of the school day**, please provide the school office with a note from the doctor's office. **If the student returns to school without a doctor's note, the student's attendance will be recorded as an unexcused tardy to school.**

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, March 19 in room 104.

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Regular early morning rehearsals Monday and Thursday.

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

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Wed practice til 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) DIY/FCS Club will meet again Tuesday, March 13th from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. Please arrange for transportation. Club members, please check your email for more information.

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 had a great meeting this past week. We've gather a lot of great new ideas for projects to complete and we started on our Nitschmann Closet. We have a nice group of students. If you are interested in joining, it's never too late. See Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 for a permission form.

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) None at this time.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs_Nistchmann) Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, the 14th, after school only. We are meeting with Terri from LLS to review and discuss our fundraiser and take pictures.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Congratulations on a fantastic performance weekend! We will strike the set and clean up on Tuesday.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We missed meeting this past Wednesday due to the snow day. We have 4 more meetings until the competition! Over the next few weeks we will be reading, writing questions and quizzing each team, and using google "hangouts" to have a mock practice of the competition with Broughal. Due to the fact that we did not raise enough money with the second bake sale, The students will have to pay \$3.00 towards their Reading Olympics T-Shirt. (actual cost is \$6.50 each) Forms will be coming home this week and money is due asap. It can be given to Mrs. Nonnemacher or Mr. Pearson. We meet until 5:00 P.M. from now until the competition. Attendance is now mandatory each week to compete. (Exceptions for Dr. Appts, make up testing with teacher) We are very proud of the students! They are working very hard and now that teams are selected, they are learning how to work as a team! Info will be sent home this week about the competition.

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) If you have any ski passes that you have not used, you may utilize your pass ANY DAY in order to finish the 6 passes on your card.

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) we will have a meeting Wednesday after school with all members. Also, if any member is bringing in empanadas or aperitivos to sell at International Night, you'll need to let me know on Wednesday. I'll need to know what food is being brought in and how much.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Tues and Thurs practice til 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. Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

3/12 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM
3/13 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM
3/14 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM
Day 1 Jazz 8:26 AM
3/15 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM
3/16 Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM

LESSON SCHEDULE - [Lessons](#)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

March 11 - Ice-Skating Night 5-7 PM [PERMISSION SLIP](#)

March 16 - Broughal jazz festival [DETAILS](#)

March 23 - Nitschmann jazz festival

March 26 - International Night (String Ensemble)

March 28 - 8th Grade NYC trip

April 4 - PMEA Intermediate festival

April 13 - NIMAS Bingo

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

May 11 & 12 - Music department spring trip

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Volunteers are needed for the Nitschmann Jazz Festival on March 23. Contact [Karen McLaughlin](#) to volunteer.**
- 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.](#)

Choral Music

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

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

March 26, 6:00-8:00 PM-Glee Club performs at International Night in the Nitschmann Cafeteria. \$3 admission charge for non-performers or \$10 for a family of five. There will be student work displayed & international food for sale. Glee will be selling "worldly" squishies and erasers, as well as doing face painting. **Meet in room 141 for warm up. Wear jeans and navy blue ID shirt or similar.** Please promote this event as this will be a fundraiser for us. String players will join us in room 141 after their performance.

April 20, 7:00 PM-Glee Club performs at Nitschmann talent show in Nitschmann auditorium. This is a fundraiser for Glee Club. Details to follow.

May 8, 7:00 PM-Spring choral concert (Glee/Singers/Lion's Mane) in Nitschmann auditorium. Concert dress (Black dress pants, plain white shirt, black shoes). Meet at 6:15 PM for warm up in choral room. \$3 admission charge for friends and family at the door. Volunteers needed to take money at door and help N.Singers with their vests.

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

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

Co-Ed Nitschmann Soccer, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach, sgodenbach@basdschools.org

Girls Nitschmann Softball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Kocon, ekocon@basdschools.org

Asst. Coach Mr. Downey, cdowney@basdschools.org

Boys Liberty HS Freshman Baseball

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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