

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, March 18, 2018 to Sunday, March 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)

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

3/27/18 8th Grade Visit to LHS During School

Monday, 3/19/18 Day 4

Tuesday, 3/20/18 Day 5 BASD Foundation Dinner

Wednesday, 3/21/18 Day 6

Thursday, 3/22/18 Day 1

Friday, 3/23/18 Day 2 NMS Jazz Festival

Saturday, 3/24/18

Sunday, 3/25/18

***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) The March 16, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News is available at [BASD e-News](#).

LEAD Survey (Mayes) Dear Parents & Guardians, This year, we are collecting parent & guardian survey information as we prepare to kick off our LEAD (Leader in Me) Program next year. We would appreciate your help by completing this quick survey so we know what areas to focus on for our school improvement plan! Thank you!

Mr. Mayes, the Nitschmann Lighthouse Team, & Staff

<https://theleaderinmeonline.org/assessments/assessment/ee2dc96285255317>

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>

Buenos Días - International Night!, Team Temple is hosting Nitschmann's first International Night. Art, Music and Language teachers will be showcasing work completed by Nitschmann students in our classes. We will also have food and souvenirs for sale as form of fundraising. If you would like to donate food to sell, please complete the google form by clicking on the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHcIGCHb0pteO0Gvq9Seb4vTcgs1HEgGv3bH2DjE-yozju1w/viewform?usp=sf_link ¡Muchas gracias!

Students/Parents - Sponsors Still Needed! (Augello) We are still 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@badschools.org by the end of the week. Sponsorship letters are available in the main office or Mrs. Augello's classroom 215. I can also e-mail a sponsor letter to you. 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, from 6:00-8:30, 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 Tuesday, April 3rd. If any students are interested in helping there will be miniTHON meetings EVERY DAY 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.

Penny Wars to benefit pediatric cancer begins this week! Six, seventh and eighth grades will be competing against each other to see who can fill their grade level container with the most change! Pennies and dollars count towards your grade level total. But throw those nickels, dimes and quarters in your opposing grade level containers! Any silver change subtracts from your grade level total! Penny Wars will continue until Wednesday, March 28th. Stay tuned to hear what the grade level with the highest total will win!

Mini THON - The April 6th NMS Mini Thon is quickly approaching. We are looking for donations of baked goods (cut and individually wrapped), packs of hot dogs and rolls, individual snack bags, individually wrapped candy bars, napkins, plates, and cups. If you are able to donate something, please see Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 to sign up or send her an email at gmclaughlin@badschools.org If ALL donations (except baked goods) could be brought to school by April 4th, that would be appreciated. THANKS...

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG
nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

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Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio JK0359@HOTMAIL.com

PAC Representatives

1) Amy Wuertele

2) Kimberly Marcantonio

3) Therese Gyauch

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Field trip permission slips and money was due March 14. Please send this in asap. In social studies class students gave presentations on the Five Themes of Geography. In math they are studying box plots. Science classes are learning how to write Formal Lab Reports.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Thank you to those that participated in the Pretzel sale these past two weeks and all students that attended the dance! Please remember, if you chose the payment option for the field trip, the second payment is due March 28th. We are winding down to the end of the 3rd quarter. Please make sure you are checking in on Home Access Center. Students should not wait until last minute to get assignments turned in.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) We will be taking a walking field trip to Moravian's South Campus on Tuesday this week. Please be sure your child dresses for the weather and brings \$5 for lunch or packs his/her lunch. Medieval Times field trip permission slips and payments were due last week. If you made a partial payment, the final one is due Wed. 3/28! Continue to check parent portal for grade updates. The end of the quarter will be here before you know it!

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) It was nice to have an uninterrupted week with no snow. Team Kutztown was able to get a lot accomplished. Hopefully the next storm misses us as well. Please check the grade portal often to keep up with any work that may need to be made up. Remember, it is your responsibility to make up any work missed during class pullouts for Seminar, Music Lessons, Dramatics, etc. **Science** - After the unit test on Tuesday, we will be starting the next unit on cell transport. Students will be learning how the cell membrane moves substances in and out of the cell. **English** - There will be a short quiz on Wednesday on irregular verb usage. Students should review the verb charts in their notebooks. They should also know the difference between transitive and intransitive verbs. Additionally, Vocabulary List 14 homework is due on Thursday, March 22. The quiz on Lesson 14 will be given on Friday, March 23.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) We give out dozens of pencils on a daily basis. Please check with your child that they have pencils/ erasers for class. We have many students coming unprepared every day to academic classes. **Math** - This week, periods 1,2,5 and 7 are continuing their study of Probability. Period 1 has a quiz Tuesday, Periods 2 and 5 have their Unit Test Thursday, and Period 7 has their Unit Test on Friday. Period 8 is working on Geometry. **Science** - There will be an open note "quest" on Wed. on Evolution/Natural Selection/Classification. **ELA** - vocabulary quiz Tuesday. **Reading-** Students are reading [Spies of Mississippi](#). We are discussing non fiction reading strategies and The Civil Rights Movement. **Social Studies** - We have just finished our unit on Canada and will begin studying Mexico & Central America. **Silly Trivia** - Follow these directions for a special treat. 1) Put your name on a piece of notebook paper. 2) Answer the following question: What is the Penn State mascot? 3) Fold the paper in half, and be the first to secretly give it to your homeroom teacher first thing Monday morning.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) All math classes are working on a checklist of PSSA eligible content to prepare for April's exams. Students should be studying by utilizing their textbooks, notebooks, and the various online resources available to them prior to taking their PSSA Review Mini-Quizzes on Schoology. Mrs. Jarosz is available most days for after school help for anyone who needs it. History class will answer the question: What events led to the Revolutionary War? Reading classes will continue to discuss censorship, the 1st Amendment, individualism, and balance in life as we begin reading Fahrenheit 451.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) None at this time.

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 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) Practice Wed until 5:30- Notable Moves Showcase will be April 27. Parents who wish to volunteer must email Ms. Sierra at tsierra@basdschools.org or contact her via remind or the # sent on remind.... Upcoming events: April 15, BIA Spring Fling: \$10 tickets- must let Ms. Sierra know if you want tickets; April 27, NMS at NMS.

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) All DIY Club members need to check their emails for information about the bake off at the next DIY meeting!

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) Congratulations, members! We collected over \$1400 for LLS. That's almost double our goal!

Thank you to everyone for your hard work and to those of you who made personal donations. We have our next tutoring session on Tuesday in Mrs. Lanzetta's room.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) You can still send in DVD orders! See Mrs. Hriniak's website to sign up for the Cops n Kids event.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) The competition is fast approaching! The students are working hard preparing for it. Two papers were sent home this week. One had all of the competition information and one had the \$3.00 T-shirt payment information. Please send the payment (cash or check, make check out to Nitschmann Middle School with Reading Olympics in the memo), in an envelope with the student's name and homeroom number on it. They can give it to Mr. Pearson or Mrs. Nonnemacher. We will continue to meet until 5:00 P.M. on Wednesdays until 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)

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will be meeting after school on Wednesday to work on International Night decorations and banner. We will also be attending a field trip on April 5th to see Latin American Expressions and Esencia Española dance.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice Tues and Thur until 5:30- Notable Moves Showcase will be April 27. Parents who wish to volunteer must email Ms. Sierra at tsierra@basdschools.org or contact her via remind or the # sent on remind.... Upcoming events: March 28- Buchanan (select steppers); April 14, Competition at Northampton High School; April 27, NMS at NMS; May 8 Glee concert.

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

3/19 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM
3/20 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM
3/21 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM
3/22 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM
Day 1 Jazz 8:26 AM
3/23 Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM

LESSON SCHEDULE - [Lessons](#)

- Normal lesson schedule for Monday and Tuesday.

- Band chair auditions begin on Wednesday

IMPORTANT DATES

March 21 - NIMAS General Membership Meeting 7:30 PM
 March 23 - Nitschmann jazz festival - [DETAILS](#)
 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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"Lions Lead the Way!"*

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