

**Parent & Student Weekly Email  
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update  
Sunday, March 25, 2018 to Sunday, April 1, 2018**

**Home of the Nitschmann Nation!**

**All of this information can be downloaded at our Nitschmann Middle School Website!  
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**Attachments to Review**

None at this time.

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

*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; 4/11 Evening Parent Meeting for 2019 Quebec & Spain Trips; 4/12 Day Parent Meeting for 2019 Quebec & Spain Trips; 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 Take Your Child to Work Day; 4/26 Spring Band Concert; 5/2 Spring Orchestra & Jazz Concert; 5/8 Spring Choral Concert 7pm; 5/11-12 Music Department Spring Trip; 5/15 School Closed/PA Primary Day; 5/18 Lions Got Pride Talent Show; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 6/1 8th Grade Dance; 6/6 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 7pm @ NMS; 6/8 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, 3/26/18 Day 1** International Night  
**Tuesday, 3/27/18 Day 2** 8th Grade Visit to LHS  
**Wednesday, 3/28/18 Day 3** Music Department Trip to NYC  
**Thursday, 3/29/18** No School - Easter & Spring Break  
**Friday, 3/30/18** No School - Easter & Spring Break  
**Saturday, 3/31/18**  
**Sunday, 4/1/18**

**Monday, 4/2/18** No School - Easter & Spring Break  
**Tuesday, 4/3/18 Day 4** School Reopens

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

**PE/Health Schedule**

Health 3/26-3/28 and after break 4/3-4/5- Wallace  
Gym 3/26-3/28 and after break 4/3-4/5- Wills and Villani

**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 BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [March 23, 2018, Edition of the BASD e-News.](#)

**Last Day of School Date Change (Mayes)** The last school day for students in Kindergarten through Grade 11 is now Friday, June 8, 2018. Please note that spring break will not be affected. Graduation dates for Freedom and Liberty will remain unchanged. Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – Freedom High School, Thursday, June 7, 2018 – Liberty High School. The Nitschmann 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony will still be held on Wednesday, June 6 at 7pm.

**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>

**Upcoming Foreign Travel (Mayes)** In 2019, Nitschmann Middle School will be travelling to two international locations to Quebec City and Spain! Join us on Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm or Thursday, April 12 at 8:30am for more information! RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2pFsSR4>.

**Quebec:** Our bi-annual summer French trip to Quebec will be moved to take advantage of the winter season Canadians love so much and will occur over Presidents' Day Weekend in February, 2019. Discover the beauty and excitement of Quebec province in winter! In Quebec City we'll be tubing, snow shoeing, x-country skiing, skating, and dog sledding while experiencing the Quebec Winter Carnival, shopping in Old Québec, and dining at an authentic *cabane à sucre*! Our return trip will include a stop in amazing Montreal.

**Spain:** In addition, our 8 Day trip to three distinct cities reveal the many sides of Spain. Madrid is the country's regal capital; its Royal Palace has more than 2,000 rooms. In Cordoba, history and architecture have been shaped by many influences? Moorish, Roman, Jewish and Christian. And Seville is the cultural center of Spain's Andalusia region, home to flamenco shows, bullfights and the original Don Juan.

**International Night (Mayes)** Please join us for International Night on Monday, March 26 from 6-8 in the Nitschmann cafeteria. The \$3 entrance fee supports NMS foreign language, art, and music programs. There will be delicious food for sale, beautiful student art on display and performances by the string ensemble and Glee Club. Glee Club will have "worldly" squishies and Japanese erasers for sale. Children and the young at heart will enjoy face painting, playing a game from Puerto Rico and learning some African American body percussion.

**Lions, do you have talent? (deVries)** Audition for the Lions Got Pride talent show at 7:00 PM on May 18 in the Nitschmann auditorium! Auditions will be held in room 141 on April 18 and April 20 from 3-5:00 PM. Interested students can sign up and get more information in room 141.

**Students/Parents - Last call for Sponsors! (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. 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](mailto:saugello@basdschools.org) by TUESDAY 3/27. 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. Thank you to all are sponsors!

**Students (Augello):** Tickets to our 2nd Annual NMS mini mini THON go on sale on Tuesday, March 27th. Tickets are \$7.00. The mini THON dance will take place on Friday, April 6th from 6:00-8:30 PM and is a mini version of the Penn State University and the BASD mini THON. Students will dance and participate in events for 2.5 hours. All proceeds will support the Four Diamonds Fund which assists families dealing with pediatric cancer. The first 100 students to purchase their miniTHON tickets will receive a special surprise. The first 350 students who purchase a ticket will receive a free Nitschmann Mini THON t-shirt. In addition, if any students are interested in helping prepare for this event, there will be miniTHON meetings EVERY DAY after school this week and next week. Meetings will be in Room 215 and Mrs. Miller's room from 3:05-4:00. Please join us. We will be painting signs and counting pennies. All students are welcome.

**Penny Wars to benefit pediatric cancer is in full swing! (Augello)** Seventh grade is in the lead!! Sixth grade is in second place with eighth grade not far behind!! Six, seventh and eighth grades are competing against each other to see who can fill their grade level container with the most money! 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 our NMS mini mini THON dance. The winning grade level will earn a special event determined by the grade level students and Mr. Mayes.

**Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](https://twitter.com/NitschmannPG)**

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### **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)) The second installment of \$15 for the 6th grade field trip to Medieval Times is due by March 28th. Next week is Spring Break from Thursday, March 29 through Monday, April 2. PSSA testing will begin on April 9. In social studies we are studying Egypt. In math we are reviewing types of data collection. We'll be doing the Penny Lab next week in science.

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

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) Reminder: Final payments for the Medieval Field Trip are due by Wednesday 3/28. 3rd quarter ends April 4th. Please check the Home Access Center for missing assignments this week so that students don't need to spend their time off doing make up work. We would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Spring Break.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) All tests and quizzes missed during class absences should be made up prior to Spring break. Please check your e-school account. Science - We will continue with the next unit on cell transport, where students will be learning how the cell membrane moves substances in and out of the cell. **English** - Vocabulary Lesson 14 homework is due on Monday, and the Lesson 14 quiz be given on Tuesday.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)) will be having a team day on Wednesday which includes team breakfast, groups competing to design and construct a raft, and finally, we will be watching an inspiring movie (SPARE PARTS) based on an amazing true story about 4 high school students who enter a robotics competition--which no one believes they have a chance of winning....They are inspired by their new substitute teacher to be the best they can be and he shows them the power of never giving up. The movie rating is PG-13. Please let Mrs. Miller know if you would not like your child to view the movie. **Science**- we will begin our study of viruses this week.....and hopefully we can say good bye to Influenza this time of the school year :) **Math** - Periods 2 and 5 have their test Monday and Period 7 has theirs on Tuesday. Period 8 is continuing their geometry unit and Period 1 is still working on probability. **Geography** students are studying the geography of Mexico and its historical development. **ELA** - All classes have a Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie test on Tuesday on chapters 1-8. Review your class notes and stages of grief worksheet to help you study. If you missed the vocabulary quiz from Tuesday 3/20 you MUST make it up by the end of the day Wednesday. **Reading**- Students are reading Spies of Mississippi. We are discussing non-fiction reading strategies and The Civil Rights Movement.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamESU)) All students should spend some time over spring break taking some of the PSSA mini-quizzes that can be found in Schoology. Book reports are due Wednesday, March 28. History classes will have a test on Monday, 1756 through 1774. Tuesday we visit Liberty High School, students will be touring the school in their career pathway. Students will eat at Liberty. Enjoy the Spring vacation.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](https://twitter.com/TeamSpartanNMS)) With 5 days left until the end of the 3rd Quarter, please continue to stay on top of your child's grades especially any missed/late work that still needs to be handed in. There are 35 more school days left to hand in Hershey form and payment. LATE payments will not be accepted as students/parents were given this information in January. Our NCACC trip is later for April 13th. Our next team

celebration is Tuesday, April 16th - our theme will be determined by our students! This Tuesday we are heading to LHS as part of our transition. Science classes are designing EGG Drop contraptions - please ask your child about this! History classes will continue discussing the causes of Revolutionary War. We will be taking a close look at the Writings of Assistance and how students rights in school are affected. Make sure your online assignments are complete in Math.

**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.**

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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 April 16 in room 104.

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

**Bandfront** (Advisor Mrs. Hrinik) 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) Notable Moves Showcase @Nitschmann will be April 27. BIA- Spring Fling is April 15. Behavior Attendance (to practice) and Grade will be reviewed with regards to continuing to participate with the team

**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 be holding a Bake-Off for the April meeting. Please remember to send Mrs. Hoffman (jhoffman@basdschools.org) or Mrs. Del Priore (edelpriore@basdschools.org) your recipes!! We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, April 10th.

**French Club** (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

**Intramurals** (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

**Lion Service Club** (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) The Lion Service Club has been busy helping Mrs. Augello get ready for the Thon and helping prepare our "Clothing Closet". If you are interested in joining, you are always welcome. See Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209.

**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 is April 4 in room 104 before and after school to sign-up for induction donations. All students are expected to attend our induction ceremony on April 5 at 6:00 in the gym. Please be early (5:30) to set up for the ceremony and please dress appropriately. If you can't make the meeting, please come see me to sign up for a donation.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) We can still accept DVD orders! Sign up on Mrs. Hriniak's website if you are planning on performing at the Cops n Kids event.

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Due to missing Reading Olympics last Wednesday due to the snowstorm, Mrs. Nonnemacher will be in the library Tuesday after school until 4 p.m. This will allow any Reading Olympic students a chance to check Reading Olympic books in or out or work on their questions. Our google hangout competition practice session with Broughal has been moved to this coming Wednesday, March 28th. Students are to report to the library promptly after school. Don't forget to send in the \$3.00 for the Reading Olympics T-Shirts. Hoping they are here Wednesday to hand out. Our competition is approaching quickly on April 5 at Easton High School! Information was sent home with students on March 14th with what you need to know about the competition. If they have not showed you, ask them for it. They are working hard! We are so proud of all of the them and look forward to a great competition! If students are going home with a parent from Easton High School, we need a note from a parent.

**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) None at this time.

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) 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) Notable Moves Showcase @Nitschmann will be April 27. Competition at Northampton High school is April 14. Steppers will audition for the competition- Behavior Attendance (to practice) and Grade will be taken into account.

**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](mailto:dzettlemyer@basdschools.org)*

### **Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule**

3/26 Monday Band 7:15 AM  
Day 1 Jazz 8:26 AM  
3/27 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM  
3/28 Wednesday - NONE  
3/29 Thursday - NONE  
3/30 Friday - NONE

### Chair audition Schedule

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

March 26 - International Night (String Ensemble) - Report time 5:30 / Finished 6:30  
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**

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

### Weekly Choral Schedule

Mon. 3/26-8:30 Activity period rehearsal for all members of Glee and Singers  
6:15 PM Warm up for International Night performance in room 141. Wear blue ID shirt or similar and jeans. Officers report 4:45 for set up. See email for more details.  
Tues. 3/27-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in orchestra  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal  
Wed. 3/28-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz band  
Tues. 4/3-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for members not in orchestra  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal  
4:00 Dance practice for Wed. auditions  
Wed. 4/4-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee and Singers not in jazz band  
3:05 Dance auditions for It Don't Mean a Thing  
Thurs. 4/5-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for members not in orchestra  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

**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](mailto:jortwein@basdschools.org)

**Co-Ed Nitschmann Soccer, Interscholastic**  
Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach, [sgodenbach@basdschools.org](mailto:sgodenbach@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  
Nitschmann Middle School  
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**"Lions Lead the Way!"**

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