

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

Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

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Attachments to Review

2018 March Middle Years Newsletter

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

3/5/18 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, 3/5/18 Day 1 March Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, 3/6/18 Day 2

Wednesday, 3/7/18 Day 3

Thursday, 3/8/18 Day 4

Friday, 3/9/18 Day 5

Saturday, 3/10/18

Sunday, 3/11/18

***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

Thank you to everyone who contributed to The Race for Adam Fundraiser. Nitschmann Middle School raised \$650!

Thank you to everyone who came to see The Lion King Jr. this weekend! Congratulations to Nitschmann Dramatics!

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>

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 at saugello@basdschools.org. I will send you a sponsor letter with further information. Sponsors will be listed on the back of the t-shirts. Our sponsor levels are as follows: "Lead the Way Sponsors" \$150; "Lion Sponsors" \$100; "Cub Sponsors" \$50

Students (Aguello): There will be miniTHON meetings Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school this week to begin preparations for our NMS mini mini THON. Meetings will be in Room 215 from 3:05-4:00.

Co-Ed Soccer Tryouts (Rodenbach) Attention 7th & 8th grade students! Tryouts for NMS Coed Soccer 2018 will be held beginning Tuesday, March 6th. Weather permitting, we will be outside from 3:15 to 5:00 pm. If we cannot go outside, practice will be held in the main gym from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Outside practice wear soccer cleats, shin guards, and proper outside gear for the weather. Indoor practice wear sneakers or indoor soccer shoes, shin guards, and proper indoor clothing. NO JEWELRY! Girls & boys are to change in the team rooms located on the ground floor of are building. The rooms are found across the hall from the auxiliary gym. Remember, your physical paperwork MUST be turned in prior to the tryout date!! If you or your parents have any questions, contact me via email. (srodenbach@basdschools.org)

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.

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

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

Hello Parents !

Thank you again to all that came out to our discussion on school safety. Great questions were asked and it was a nice setting to express our concerns.

Reminder we will be meeting Monday March 5th @ 6:30. We have lots to talk about. Planning for a Talent Show in April and also beginning to plan for our great Carnival in May.

Hope to see you Monday night and have an amazing weekend.

Erin Coughlin

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Sixth grade students were given permission slips for our field trip to Medieval Times. The trip is scheduled for May 3. Please read the form thoroughly and return the form and money to school before March 28. On Friday we celebrated "Read Across America." Students rotated to each teacher. Mrs. Schultz did a lesson on context clues, Mr. Ortwein did Reader's Theater, and Mrs. Hackman had students doing Mad Libs. We also had a silent reading period, and made book marks.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Congratulations to our Mountainhawk award recipients that we announced on Friday at our team celebration, Logan Mousley and Julia Medaska. Keep up the great job! Also, special thanks and congratulations to our very own Mrs. Hriniaik for an outstanding production of the Lion King Jr! Way to go Team Lehigh !

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) Permission slips were sent home today for the 6th grade field trip. Please be sure to note the deadlines and return as soon as possible so that we can purchase tickets. In addition, to keep the price down, we will be having a pretzel fundraiser this week and a St. Patrick's Day dance next week. Help support our efforts!

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Student mid-quarter reports will be available later in the week. Please be sure to check your child's mid-quarter grades. Science - This coming week we will be reviewing for the Cell Organelle quiz on Thursday and working on a lab where students will look at cells under the microscope and examine the differences between plant and animal cells. **English** - This week students will be presenting their 3.5-5 minute persuasive research speeches. Grading focuses on two separate aspects: - 1 research/preparedness and 2. presentation. Students are NOT to read but rather present a speech. Many students have selected interesting and highly debatable topics; it should be a great week.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Mid-quarter reports have been processed. We are now halfway through the third quarter. Please continue to check your grades regularly. Any Team Penn State students interested in helping out with miniTHON should report to Mrs. Augello's Room 215 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. **Reading**- Students should acquaint themselves with We Video. We will be editing our projects on Monday and Tuesday. Periods 2 and 5 have a unit test on Wednesday. The test for periods 1 and 7 will be on Thursday. Period 8 is continuing their work with probability. **ELA** - Period 1, 2, 5 - completed webquest and journal #1 due Monday, vocabulary quiz on Tuesday Period 7 & 8 - vocabulary quiz on Tuesday. **Geography** - We are currently studying Canada. Students will have a map quiz on Canada on Thursday and begin working on a postcard project of Canada.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will be finishing Soldier X. Book reports are due March 28. Students will be starting Unit 5 in History class: the focus is the Pre-Revolution, we will be looking at the American colonies as they pull away from the empire of England. All classes will begin learning about functions. Science: We will be taking a quiz on Monday regarding Newton's Laws of Motion. Students are encouraged to study from their notes and all the resources on [amenstem.com](#). We will be starting a unit on simple machines and energy next week. Students will be creating websites to hold their educational portfolio from now on.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) In ELA, rough draft on compare and contrast essay for periods 1,3,5,8 are due MARCH 12th. Students have been working on this in class. PLEASE ask to see this to make sure it is being done the correct way and it is turned in on-time through Google Classroom. Students in Science are working on Newton Laws on Motion. All station labs are being completed via Schoology. Math periods 3,5,7 have their benchmark Units 1-5 Test on Monday. Period 8 is taking their chapter test on Systems. Literacy students in periods 1,5,7 may have to complete Muhammad Ali non-fiction analysis worksheet IF NOT completed in class this past Friday. Period 3 is beginning a fiction unit of Fahrenheit 451. History classes will be finishing up their in depth research on the Abolition Movement and First Amendment & Thirteenth Amendment website work; Then will be heading into the French and Indian War. Our team cannot emphasize this enough that students need to stay on top of their work especially if they are absent even for one day. IF you are not on the daily email list and would like to

be included, please email Mrs. Hood, Northampton Team Leader at thood@basdschools.org HERSHEY PARK forms and payment are being accepted. Final payment is due Friday, May 4th, no exceptions. Finally, CONGRATS to our SPARTAN UP nominees this week Maryam Mohammad, Matt Thomas, Jiaming Wang and Joey Kowalski!

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 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) We met our goal for LLS! Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication. We will have exact totals after the fundraiser is complete at the end of the month. Our next meeting will be March 7th; however, it is an **after school meeting only** as we will have Felicia from LLS here to meet with us and discuss the fundraiser. We will have a check for her and we will reflect upon our successes and challenges and take some pictures. All members should attend.

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) The three teams have been picked! Congratulations to all of the Reading Olympic students! Our Co-Captains for each team for this year are Monica Bruno and Chris Giannares, Roxanne Henry and Luke Diagnault, and Kensey Shaw and Katrina Zheng! At our first meeting as teams this past week, the students came up with and voted on their team name for each team! We have the Reader's Apprentices, The Wonders, and The 12 Bookaneers! All are fabulous team names! We had a lot of great entrees for the T-Shirt design contest! The students voted and the winning designs were drawn by Roxanne Henry, (She had the most votes and her design will be on the back of the shirt) and Luke Diagnault! (He had the second most votes and his design will be on the pocket area on the front of the shirt! Congratulations to them both! We begin meeting this week until 5 P.M. each Wednesday. We look forward to reading, writing questions, skyping and preparing for the competition on April 5th at Easton High School! More info to follow in a few weeks with all of the competition information.

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 will be having pizza to celebrate our last night this Monday, 3/6. Let it snow.

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

3/5 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM

Day 1 Jazz 8:26 AM

3/6 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM

3/7 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM
3/8 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM
3/9 Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM

LESSON SCHEDULE - [Lessons](#)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

March 9 - Northeast jazz festival - [DETAILS](#)
March 11 - Ice-Skating Night 5-7 PM [PERMISSION SLIP](#)
March 16 - Broughal jazz festival
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

None at this time.

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, srodenbach@basdschools.org

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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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