

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, April 1, 2018 to Sunday, April 8, 2018
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Attachments to Review

2018_April NMS Middle Years Newsletter; NMS PSSA Letter

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

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/Teacher In-Service B-Flex Day #1; 5/18 Lions Got Pride Talent Show; 5/21 & 5/22 Grade 8 Algebra 1 Keystones; 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; 6/11 Teacher In-Service Day; 6/12 Teacher Record Day; 6/13 Teacher In-Service B-Flex Day #2

Monday, 4/2/18 No School - Easter & Spring Break

Tuesday, 4/3/18 Day 4 School Reopens, Baseball Jersey Day

Wednesday, 4/4/18 Day 5 End of 3rd Quarter

Thursday, 4/5/18 Day 6 Start of 4th Quarter

Friday, 4/6/18 Day 1 Mini Mini Thon, PIAA Spring Sports Grade Check,

Saturday, 3/31/18

Sunday, 4/1/18

***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

PSSA/Keystone Schedule

4/9, 10, & 11 All Grades (6, 7, 8) PSSA English Language Arts (ELA) Exams

4/16 & 17 All Grades (6, 7, 8) PSSA Math Exams

4/23 & 24 Grade 8 Only PSSA Science Exams

5/21 & 5/22 Grade 8 Algebra 1 Keystones

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 27, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available to view at [BASD e-News March 27, 2018](#).

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.

Students (Augello): Tickets to our 2nd Annual NMS mini mini THON are on sale each day before school and during lunch. 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 while remaining on their feet 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. 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! 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.

Students--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@basdschools.org. If ALL donations (except baked goods) could be brought to school by April 4th, that would be appreciated.

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.

David Tuck, Holocaust Survivor, to speak at Steel Stacks on April 12th at 7pm. Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance. In November, Mr. Tuck shared his experiences with the current Team Penn State and last year's Team Penn State. Click here for information: [David Tuck, Holocaust Survivor, at Steel Stacks](#)

Intramural Field Hockey(Burzynski) practices on Thursdays starting on April 12th until May 10th, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Intramural Field Hockey is open to any student with an interest in learning how to play field hockey. Students will be taught basic field hockey skills. This is a time to learn the sport; I do not expect any prior knowledge. This is great opportunity to try the sport in a low-commitment, low-stress way. Interested girls will be encouraged to try-out for the regular season in the fall. 7th and 8th-grade students that have played before are welcome to participate to sharpen their skills and help mentor 6th graders.

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

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee

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

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

Hello Parents!

We have a few things coming up. Next Friday April 6th is Mini mini thon and the NPG will be handling the food. This is a very popular event and donations and help would be super appreciated. Assorted candy bar boxes are a huge hit. I am looking for 2-3 parents to help the night of also. Feel free to email or text me if you are available. Our next NPG meeting will be Monday April 9th at 6:30. Hope you can make it out. Happy Easter!

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) The third quarter ends on Wednesday, April 4. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, April 13. Tuesday, April 3, is Baseball Jersey Day. Wear your favorite team shirt! Team Lafayette would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Easter and Spring Break!

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) We hope you enjoy spring break with your family and friends! The team has been working hard on our next Random Act of Kindness for the City of Bethlehem Police Department. We are still in need of donations of packaged snacks and treats to put together a basket of goodies for the police officers. If you would like to donate, we will need them by Wednesday April 4th. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) We would like to wish everyone a happy Spring Break. Please use this time to get caught up on any missing work because 3rd quarter ends Wednesday 4/4. In addition, this is the final call for payments for the Medieval Times field trip. We will be ordering tickets next week. Thank you to all that have already sent in the money.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Students will continue to learn how the cell membrane moves substances in and out of the cell. In addition, we have visitors from the Lehigh Gap Nature Center coming in on Wednesday to do some environmental science activities with the students.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)) We welcome Lehigh Gap Nature Center on Tuesday. We continue our study of the environment and the watershed that began with our Bike and Boat Trip. Reminder - we begin PSSA Testing next week. Please check the parent portal as we are now beginning the 4th and final quarter of the year! **ELA** - we will continue to read our novel, [Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie](#). **Math:** Period 1 will have a unit test on probability on Friday. All other class are working on Geometry. **Reading-** Students are reading [Spies of Mississippi](#). **Geography:** Students are continuing a unit on Mexico and Central Mexico.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamESU)) None at this time.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) Science will be performing the Egg Drop Lab on Wednesday. All vehicles and design plans are due on Tuesday! History will continue its unit study on the causes of the Revolution. We will be working in clips from The Sons of Liberty and John Adams along with having Officer Connelly in to discuss how the 4th Amendment affects students in school. In ELA, we will start our unit our argumentative writing this week. We will begin brainstorming and researching for our current social issue. We will also start working on infinitives. 8th grade math 1,3,5,7 will be finishing Unit 6 on Transformations and Angle Relationships. There will be an assessment on this material the following week. Algebra 1 will be finishing exponential functions. Please remember that Schoology provides video resources to use and review ALL topics. Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 have started presentations on their Contender projects. They are also prepping for PSSA English. Students are learning the strategies that will help them be successful on this upcoming test. For Tuesday, all students in these classes should be prepared to present (if they have not yet presented) and have their PSSA passage read with all 7 questions answered. Students in period 3 are working on critical analysis of "The Hitchhiker" on Google Classroom. This assignment is due Friday at 11:59pm and should be turned in on Google Classroom. These students will start PSSA prep next week. Students in period 8 are also starting PSSA prep. They should have their reading passage completed and all 7 questions answered.

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

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 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) Permission forms have been given for the April 15 show at the Ice House in Bethlehem. Tickets are \$10. Students are to be dropped off at the ice house: 56 River st, Bethlehem pa. **Students must be at the ICE HOUSE by 1pm.** (The show is over about 4 pm. Students must be picked up at the Ice House). ***Parents who are interested in volunteering for the NMS event on April 27 are to send Ms. Sierra an email: tsierra@basdschools.org or send a message through remind. Information about the NMS event and tickets will be given shortly. Please do not confuse all the events.

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) Please send your recipes to Mrs. Del Priore or Mrs. Hoffman ASAP! Check your emails for information on the bake off that will happen during our next activity, 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) We are excited to be a part of Special Olympics again this year. Please return forms to me ASAP to Mrs. Wallach in room 104 so we can have accurate numbers. No late forms/payments will be accepted. Also, welcome to the 22 new members who will be inducted on Thursday, April 12. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4, before and after school to discuss details of induction and Special Olympics.

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) We did well with our practice session with Broughal! Many of our eighth grade students were on the NYC trip, but the remaining students stepped it up and did a fabulous job! Our competition is this Thursday, April 5th at Easton High School, beginning at 3:00 P.M. Information was sent home with the students with all the information about the competition. Please ask them for it if they have not given it to you. Our last practice is this Wednesday, April 4th. It is mandatory. We meet until 5 P.M. The T-Shirts were handed out this past Wednesday to all the students who turned in their \$3.00. If your child has not paid yet, please have them bring the \$3.00 this Tuesday or Wednesday and give it to Mr. Pearson or Mrs. Nonnemacher. They will get their T-Shirt at that time. We are so proud of the students and look forward to an amazing competition! Remember, they need to bring a bottle of water and bag lunch for 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) 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) Permission forms have been given for the April 14 show at Northampton. Tickets are \$10. Students will take a bus to Northampton High school, but there is no transportation back to NMS.

Students must be at NMS by 11:15 am for dismissal. Students must be picked up at Northampton high school: 1619 Laubach Ave (Doors open at 4pm, show starts at 5 pm **show is over about 7pm.**) Northampton, PA 18067.

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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

4/2 Monday - NONE
4/3 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM
4/4 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM
4/5 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM
4/6 Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM
Day 1 Jazz band 8:26 AM

LESSON SCHEDULE - [Lessons](#)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

Weekly Choral Schedule

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

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

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Co-Ed Nitschmann Soccer, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach, srodenbach@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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