

**Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, April 8, 2018 to Sunday, April 15, 2018
Home of the Nitschmann Nation!**

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Attachments to Review

None

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

4/16 & 17 PSSA Math Exams; 4/18 Mandatory Music Spring Trip Meeting 7pm; 4/21 Jazz Cafe 7pm; 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, 4/16/18 Day 1 PSSA Schedule Math PSSA Exam (Grades 6-7-8)

Tuesday, 4/17/18 Day 2 PSSA Schedule Math PSSA Exam (Grades 6-7-8)

Wednesday, 4/18/18 Day 3 Spring Music Trip Mandatory Meeting 7pm

Thursday, 4/19/18 Day 4

Friday, 4/20/18 Day 5

Saturday, 4/21/18 Jazz Cafe 7pm

Sunday, 4/22/18

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

PE/Health Schedule

All classes will have one more 6 day cycle (4/16-4/23) in the gym due to PSSAs. PSSA days you do not need to change, non-testing days you do need to change!

4/24- Wills goes to health

PSSA/Keystone Schedule

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 BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available to view at [BASD e-News April 13, 2018, Edition.](#)

Cheerleading (Ms. Wallace) Anyone interesting in Nitschmann cheerleading for the 2018-2019 school year should attend a meeting after school with Miss Wallace in room 012 (the health room) on Thursday April 19th. All information about tryouts will be handed out at the meeting.

Take Your Child to Work Day (Mayes) If you are planning on having your child attend your place of business for Take Your Child to Work Day, please sign up online at <https://goo.gl/forms/03a2vNR0wGJuXORH2>. In addition, the forms are available in our Student Services Office or on our website. Forms must be picked up before the day!

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

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

Hello Parents!

Thank you to all who made out to Monday nights meeting I am hoping the presentation was eye opening and very informative. For those that couldn't make it we will be having a similar presentation next school year so stay tuned.

I can't believe the school year is almost at an end. Thank you to everyone who helped the NPG this year. We were able to grow a lot this year and I can't wait to see what next school year brings. Volunteering your time and services are greatly appreciated. We have amazing parents at Nitschmann Middle School.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) This week students will be taking the Math PSSA on Monday and Tuesday morning. Please make sure our students get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. Next Friday, the DaVinci Science Center will be coming to Nitschmann to present a science show to the entire 6th grade class. We are doing a planting activity in science class. Every student must bring in an empty 2 liter plastic bottle by April 20. The bottle should be washed and the label should be taken off of it.

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

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) Remember to bring your clean, clear, plastic 2 liter bottle with lid and your packet of flower seeds to Mr. Rodenbach by Thursday 4/19. We will be using them Friday as we celebrate Earth Day.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) Congratulations to the 10 Team Kutztown Students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Well done! **Science** - This week we will finish our unit on cell transport. This includes a lab at the end of the week that uses gummy bears to demonstrate how the cell membrane moves substances in and out of the cell. We will also be preparing for a test on this material during the week of April 23rd. **English** - This week begins our novel study - John Steinbeck's, The Pearl. There will be a unit test this Thursday on Vocabulary words from Lessons 11-15.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)) Welcome to the 4th Quarter! Let's finish the year strong! Thank you for having very good attendance during PSSA's this past week. Let's continue our good attendance this week, make sure to be well rested, and eat a well balanced breakfast. **ELA** - All classes have a vocabulary quiz on Thursday, April 19th. **Math** - All students will be doing an activity where they set goals for the end of the year and determine what grades they need in each class to achieve their goals. Later in the week, we will be continuing our work with geometry. **Reading**- Students will be finishing our non fiction reading selection, The Spies of

Mississippi. There will be a book test on Friday, 4/14 (possibly Monday, 4/16). **Geography** - Students will be finishing up their unit on Middle America including Central America and the Caribbean. There will be a map quiz on Friday.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) PSSA Math testing will take place this Monday and Tuesday. History class will be analyzing the Declaration of Independence, discussing how the document shaped our vision of what our country should be and the current status of the idea of "all men are created equal". We will watch the movie The Crossing to understand the events of December 1776 related to the Battle of Trenton and Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware river. In reading class we will continue with Part 1 of Fahrenheit 451. Free Time Analysis projects should be completed on Wednesday. Final essay is due Monday, April 23. Math: Good luck to all students on the math PSSA testing this week! When testing is over we will resume our regular curriculum.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Team Northampton had an AMAZING trip to NCACC this past Friday! Our team of teachers can not THANK YOU enough for ALL the planning and coordinating that began in October and came to fruition this past Friday! The NCACC staff was knowledgeable and relatable to our middle school students. Upon return to school, our students wrote thank you notes and their responses blew us away! Just a few of the comments range from the awesome and fun team building event, to the informational tours and outstanding facilities NCACC has, to rethinking what major our students may want to pursue, to the great food in the cafe, to the hands-on activities that took place in the break out sessions, to understanding how higher education is affordable to all. Each student walked away with a NCACC string bags - there is no doubt they will be proud to use them in school! We will be posting some pictures on our Twitter pages tomorrow - please check them out! Team celebration is this TUESDAY after the last Math PSSA test! The theme is mix-match day - the crazier the better! There are less than 40 instruction days left of school. Please continue to stay on top of your child's assignment in Schoology and Google Classroom. MATH unit test this week in all classes. Did you ask your child about what topic they are choosing for their argumentative essay in ELA class yet? If you are not on the daily email this, it is not too late. Please email Mrs. Tanya Hood at thood@basdschools.org More information will continue to be relayed as so many events take place in May and June. Thank you for your continued support. From day one, our team have been about making your child's 8th grade year a fun and challenging one! Many of our students have learned that working hard day in and day out pays off!

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 on April 16 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) Cheerleading- anyone interesting in Nitschmann cheerleading for the 2018-2019 school year should attend a meeting after school with Miss Wallace in room 012 (the health room) on Thursday April 19th. All information about try outs will be handed out at the meeting.

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice Wed until 6:30- ALL DANCERS must attend... April 27 is NMS night- be sure to get your tickets! ***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. Reserve your tickets for NMS April 27! Code for two tickets @\$5 is your child's first and last name. click on link <https://goo.gl/forms/qPUNNWFVabpzX5r12>

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) Thank you to our Bake Off participants and congratulations to the winners MJ, Amelia, and Shakyra! Please mark your calendars for the final DIY Club activity of the year which be held on Tuesday, May 8th.

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) Congratulations to our 22 new inductees and soon a farewell to our wonderful 8th graders. It will soon be time to pass the torch. Thank you to everyone for a special induction ceremony. We are now looking forward to Special Olympics on May 3 at Liberty. Students should check emails for more updates. Additionally, we will have a meeting on May 2 to review but listen to announcements as this date may change depending on when Mrs. Prodes can come to Nitschmann. Our next tutoring session is April 17 in room 303.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Nitschmann Dramatics is proud to announce next year's show, Singin' in the Rain Jr.! See the website for more information.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Our pizza / awards celebration is this Wednesday, April 18th! We will be meeting until 5:00 P.M. in the large group room directly after school. Thank you to all who are donating for the celebration! A form was sent home with info about donating. You can do it on sign up genius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848a8a82ba2f85-pizza>

or email Mr. Pearson or Mrs. Nonnemacher. Students can bring their donation to the Faculty room near the cafeteria during homeroom on Wednesday. Mrs. Nonnemacher will be there to collect them. We will be meeting for the last time for this year on Wednesday, April 25th until 5 P.M. in the library. One of the books we read for Reading Olympics this year was Wonder. We will be watching the movie and discussing how it compares to the book. As soon as the book list for the 2018 - 2019 competition is out, I will make an announcement for the students to pick them up in the library. It usually comes out in mid May.

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) None at this time.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice Tues and Thursday until 6:30- ALL STEPPERS must attend... April 27 is NMS night- be sure to get your tickets! ***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. Reserve your tickets for NMS April 27! Code for two tickets @\$5 is your child's first and last name. click on link <https://goo.gl/forms/qPUNNWFVabpzX5r12>

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. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

4/16 Monday - Band - 7:15 AM
4/17 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM
4/18. Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM
Jazz Band 3:05 - 4:00 PM
4/19 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM
4/20. Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM

LESSON SCHEDULE - Lessons

The lessons for this week are different due to the PSSA Schedule. Take a moment to look at the revised lessons schedule

IMPORTANT DATES

April 18 - Mandatory Spring trip meeting - **Parent & student going MUST attend 7:00 PM NMS Auditorium** - FORMS needed for meeting can be found here: <http://www.nmsim.org/spring-trip-may-11-12-2018>

April 21 - Jazz Cafe 7:00 PM

April 25 - Band Concert Dress Rehearsal 7-8:30 PM

April 26 - Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM

April 27 - Brass and Woodwind ensembles Arbor Day performance

May 2 - Spring Orchestra Jazz Concert - 7:00 PM

May 11 & 12 - Music department spring trip

May 19 - Brass and Woodwind ensembles Armed forces day performance 10 AM

June 6 - String ensemble Moving up ceremony performance 7 PM

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

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

Lady Lions Softball

Tuesday 4/17 vs. East Hills

@ Northwest Little League

1500 Kaywin Avenue

Bethlehem, PA 18018

Thursday 4/19 vs. Dieruff

@ South Mountain Middle School

709 W. Emmaus Ave.

Allentown, PA 18103

Friday 4/20 vs. Whitehall

@ Whitehall Middle School

2930 Zephyr Blvd.

Whitehall, PA 18052

Co-Ed Nitschmann Soccer, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach, sgodenbach@basdschools.org

Lions Soccer

Monday 4/16 vs. East Hills

@ East Hills Middle School

Tuesday 4/17 vs. Harrison-Morton

@ Harrison-Morton Middle School

224 N. 3rd Street

Allentown, PA 18102

Wednesday 4/18 vs. Nazareth

@ Nazareth Intermediate School

355 Tatamy Rd.

Nazareth, PA 18064

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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