

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, April 29, 2018 to Sunday, May 6, 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)
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, 4/30/18 Day 5 Clearview 5th Grade Shadow Visit
Tuesday, 5/1/18 Day 6
Wednesday, 5/2/18 Day 1 Spring Orchestra & Jazz Concert 7pm
Thursday, 5/3/18 Day 2 Special Olympics (NJHS); 6th Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times
Friday, 5/4/18 Day 3 Book Fair; James Buchanan 5th Grade Shadow Visit
Saturday, 5/5/18
Sunday, 5/6/18

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

PE/Health Schedule

PSSA/Keystone Schedule
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

French Pen Pal Letters - 8th Grade French students enjoyed receiving personal letters from France this week. Letters came in response to those that the 8th graders sent earlier in the semester.

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available to view at [BASD e-News](#).

Take Your Child to Work Day (Mayes) Please return the form to your child's homeroom teacher on Monday.

8th Grade International Food Fair - The Annual 8th grade international food fair is May 9. Students in French, German, and Spanish will be participating in this project. Be sure to ask your son or daughter about their assignments for this.

Quebec Trip (Lare) Spaces are available for Nitschmann's 4-day trip to Quebec, Canada in February 2019. The complete itinerary, cost, and registration instructions are attached. If interested, please contact Madame Lare at alare@basdschools.org.

Spain Trip - Below is our flyer for our 2019 trip to Spain. Click on the link below to open the newsletter and then again to go to our tour page, where you can see a detailed itinerary, pricing, and register for the trip. Monthly and weekly payment plans are available; a \$95 deposit will secure your spot. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so ensure your spot by registering soon. Parents who wish to accompany their child, or who wish to bring a sibling along for the trip as a fellow traveler, can do so. Each traveler must register individually on our tour website, and make sure to fill in the information based on your Passport information in order to ensure the tickets are printed correctly. Email to Ms. Bouhana if you have any questions. [NMS Spain Trip 2019](#)

Nitschmann Souper Lunch (NPG) Every year, the parents of Nitschmann students host a fabulous lunch for the faculty and staff to show appreciation for the fantastic work that they do for our children. We provide delicious soups, salad, desserts and more. This year our Souper Lunch will be held on May 8, 2018. We ask your help in providing soup; you can bring your favorite. It is always nice to end your meal with a sweet treat. Can you bring a dessert? We can also use some rolls, sodas or salad. Last, but not least, you can with help set-up, hosting or clean-up? Link to Sign Up to Volunteer or Donate

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054dafad2ca6fe3-nitschmann1>

Date: 05/08/2018 (Tue.)

Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm EDT

Location: Nitschmann Middle School

Cell Phones (Mayes) Just a reminder to all students that cell phones will be confiscated if seen during the school day without teacher permission in a classroom.

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG

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Executive Committee

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PAC Representatives

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

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Team Lafayette has a busy week ahead. On Wednesday, we will have a presentation on the country of Egypt. Students will learn about the Egyptian pyramids, the mummies, the culture, and more. They will taste food from the country, and various artifacts brought back from Egypt will be shown to the students. On Thursday the entire 6th grade will go on the Medieval Times field trip. We will be entertained by Kings, Queens, and knights. There will be delicious food served, but no utensils are provided. Back then people ate with their hands! It should be a fun day. In science students are observing the flowers they planted. They are collecting data every day. Students are investigating how King Tut died in social studies. Math classes are solving equations.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) None at this time.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) Thursday we will be going on our 6th grade field trip to Medieval Times. Book bags should be left at home but students can bring a small sling bag to put a snack and drink in for the bus ride if they want. Students should make a plan with you for getting home in case we get back after dismissal. Mid-quarter is right around the corner. Please be sure to check Home Access Center for missing assignments before it is too late.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Our students seemed excited Friday when they received papers detailing **Team Kutztown's first Career Day on May 25.** We hope that many parents are able to share details of their occupations with our students on this day. If you are able to be a guest presenter on Career Day, please fill out the second page of the Career Day handout, and have your child **return it to his/her homeroom teacher by May 7.** Someone on the team will contact you with more details if you are able to help. **Thank you! Science** - This coming week students will continue to learn about photosynthesis. We will be conducting a lab where students will investigate how different factors like temperature, light, and carbon dioxide affect the rate of photosynthesis. Once the lab is complete, we will then begin the next section on Cellular Respiration. **English** - This week students will continue the reading and discussion of John Steinbeck's, The Pearl. Foreshadowing, irony, and literary motifs will be our focus topics

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) **Science-** We will be observing protists through the microscopes and begin our overview survey of the invertebrate animals this week. **Reading-** Students will be delivering speeches on Monday and Tuesday. Please practice with your child. **Geography-** Students have begun their unit on South America. There will be map quiz on the countries of South America on Wednesday. We will be looking at the history of these countries through their flags. Students must bring their own colored pencils to class, as I am completely out of colored pencils. Students will need them for some of our classwork. **Math-** 8th period is starting a unit on data analysis. Periods 1,2,5 and 7 are working on geometry. It is important for students to bring their calculators to class every day. **ELA-** Classes will have a vocabulary quiz on Tuesday. We will be finishing our novel and have a novel test.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) History classes will begin our study of American government, the Articles of Confederation and government systems will be covered this week. The week of May 7th history classes will have lunch at the Steel Stacks and walk back to Nitschmann through historic Bethlehem. Details will be shared in class. Reading classes will begin part 2 of Fahrenheit 451. Students who are in Mrs. Jarosz's Period 1 class are going to be finalizing their games and learning how to use probability to create a scoring/prize schedule to evaluate the fairness of their games. Math 8 students will be learning more about how to solve systems of equations. Algebra 1 classes will be learning how to factor polynomials.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Students in Wallach's periods 1,3,5,& 7 just finished a critical analysis of Paul Revere's ride. We compared and contrasted his actual historical account with the narrative poem. This assignment counted for two grades: Reading and Social Studies. Students in periods 1,5,7 are also working on reading *Curveball* and working on their character cards. Students in period 3 are continuing to read *Fahrenheit*. Students in period 8 are just beginning to read *Curveball*. These students will be introduced to the character card project next week. Students in both periods 3 and 8 will have a notebook quiz next week. History classes will be playing the Dating Game this week with the Signers of the Declaration as well as working on the Revolutionary war through themed concepts and student driven project ideas based on personal interest. In ELA this week, we will be drafting our argumentative essays on our social issue. Rough drafts will be due for all classes by the end of the week. Last week to bring in HERSHEY PARK FORM and MONEY - NO late payments will be accepted.

Team Temple (Encore) ([Blog](#)) None at this time.

Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp) None at this time.

Student Services Updates None at this time.

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 May 21 in the library from 3:05-4:00. Please bring your Cosplay costume with you for the fashion show.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) Art club meetings are over for this school year. The last kiln firing will take place this week. Some student work will be retained for end of year shows. See Mrs. Lund or Ms. Kozero if you have any concerns.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Early morning rehearsal Monday and Thursday for spring trip participants.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

Cheerleading (Advisor Mrs. Guerrieri) Try out practices will be held in the Nitschmann gymnasium on: Monday May 7th-Thursday May 10th 3:15-5pm; Friday May 11th- OPTIONAL review night 3:15-4:15; Tryouts are after school on Monday May 14th! Make sure to bring a copy of the latest report card and a signed intramural paper! If you missed the meeting and would like information see Miss Wallace.

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Thank you to parents and members for a great show. I appreciate all the time and commitment you have for the team. We will have practice Wednesday ONLY TIL 5... the next performance is. May 18: Calypso Carnival starts at 5 (for those in the talent show we will be done by 6). *TBA maybe end of year staff/ student basketball game. *TBA SABOR FESTIVAL in June.

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 Club members please check your emails and respond to vote for which activity you would like to do 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) We had a change to our NJHS meeting for this week. It will be Tuesday after school only to meet with Mrs. Prodes about Special Olympics.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Thank you to everyone who performed at the Cops n Kids event on Saturday! Fantastic performance and excellent community outreach!

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We met this past Wednesday for the last time for the year. After a brief discussion about the book, "Wonder", The students watched the movie "Wonder". It was one of their Reading Olympics books. It was a great way to end our year! We wish the 8th graders the best of luck at Liberty in the Fall. The 2018-2019 book lists are out for our 6th and 7th graders. They can stop by the library to pick one up. Make sure all of this year's Reading Olympics books are returned. They can not check next year's books out of our library due to end of the year inventory. The books are available at the public library. Please encourage the students to read and write summaries over the Summer. Thank you to our students and their families for an amazing year!

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.

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) None at this time.

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will have our Hispanics game day Wednesday during our weekly meeting. You may bring snacks or something to drink.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Thank you to parents and members for a great show. I appreciate all the time and commitment you have for the team. We will have practice Tuesday and Thursday ONLY TIL 5... the next performance is May 8 at NMS' choral concert which starts at 7pm. Then, May 18: Calypso Carnival starts at 5 (for those in the talent show we will be done by 6). *TBA maybe end of year staff/ student basketball game. *TBA SABOR FESTIVAL in June.

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

4/30 Monday - Band - 7:15 AM (ONLY Spring trip students)

5/1 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM (FULL ORCHESTRA)

5/2 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM (FULL JAZZ BAND)

ORCHESTRA /JAZZ CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL 7 PM

5/3 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM (ONLY Spring trip students)

5/4 Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM (ONLY String orchestra spring trip students)

LESSON SCHEDULE -

Lessons

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1 - Trip medication forms are due

May 2 - Spring Orchestra Jazz Concert - 7:00 PM - Students report at 6:15 (Doors open at 6:15 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](https://twitter.com/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 Rehearsal Schedule

4/30-No rehearsal

5/1-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for everyone not involved in an instrumental rehearsal
3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

5/2-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for everyone not involved in an instrumental rehearsal
8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for everyone not involved in an instrumental rehearsal

5/3-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for everyone not involved in an instrumental rehearsal
3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

5/4-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal in auditorium for all choral groups

May 7, 7:15 AM- Spring choral concert rehearsal in auditorium for all choral groups. This includes those in instrumental groups like band. (Mr. Z has approved this.)

May 7, 3:05-4:00 PM- Nitschmann Singers rehearsal in the auditorium.

May 8, 7:15 AM- Spring choral concert rehearsal in auditorium for all choral groups. This includes those in instrumental groups. (Mr. Z has approved this.)

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.

May 11 to 12- Spring competition trip for Nitschmann Singers who have arranged to go on this trip. Direct questions to Mr. Zettlemyer.

May 18, 7:00 PM- Lion's Got Pride talent show, sponsored by Glee Club in the Nitschmann auditorium. Glee Club will also perform at this event. \$4 charge at the door for friends and family. Adult volunteers needed to help take money at the door and assist acts backstage.

June 6, 7:00 PM- Glee and Singers perform at 8th grade Moving Up Ceremony. 6:15 PM warm up in choral room. More details to follow.

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, sgrodenbach@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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