

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

**All of this information can be downloaded at our Nitschmann Middle School Website!**  
**Stay on top of your child's grades & attendance at BASD Parent Portal**

**Attachments to Review**

1\_Nature\_Nurture Artwork, 2\_Artsmart Artwork, Mock Bedroom, Liberty HS Voices Flyer

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

*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, 4/9/18 Day 2 PSSA Schedule** ELA PSSA Exam (Grades 6-7-8)

**Tuesday, 4/10/18 Day 3 PSSA Schedule** ELA PSSA Exam (Grades 6-7-8)

**Wednesday, 4/11/18 Day 4 PSSA Schedule** ELA PSSA Exam (Grades 6-7-8); Quebec & Spain Trip Meeting 7pm

**Thursday, 4/12/18 Day 5** Quebec & Spain Trip Meeting 8:30am

**Friday, 4/13/18 Day 6** 3rd Quarter Report Card Mailing

**Saturday, 4/14/18**

**Sunday, 4/15/18**

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

**PE/Health Schedule**

During PSSAs all 3 PE teachers will have gym class.

**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*

**Student Artwork! (Lund)** Nitschmann students are invited to visit, *The Nurture Nature Center* , in Easton, to see an awe-inspiring Art Exhibit featuring artwork from 38 of our 8th grade students and the *Science on a Sphere Show*.

**Free Admission Dates:** Thursday April 12th at 7pm or Saturday April 14th at 1pm. **visit:**

[www.nurturenaturecenter.org](http://www.nurturenaturecenter.org) for more information and directions **See attached flyer!**

**Student Artwork! (Lare)** Art Smart at the Banana Factory: Thursday afternoon classes will continue for 2 more weeks, April 12 and April 19. Tuesday afternoon classes are over for this semester. Selected art from this wonderful program will be exhibited on April 21 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the Banana Factory during the Southside Arts & Music Festival. **See attached flyer!**

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## School-wide Announcements

**BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)** The BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [April 8, 2018, 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.

**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 (Getz)**, 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**

[nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com)

### Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin [ecogs76@gmail.com](mailto:ecogs76@gmail.com)

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Treasurer -

Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio [JK0359@HOTMAIL.com](mailto:JK0359@HOTMAIL.com)

### PAC Representatives

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

*Hello Parents!*

*I hope you all had an amazing Easter! We will be having a NPG meeting Monday April 9th at 6:30. We will be having a special presentation for the parents that you won't want to miss. Hope to see you all there!*

*Thanks so much*

*Erin Coughlin*

### **Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) None at this time.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) On Thursday Team Lehigh recognized the Officers of the Bethlehem Police Department. They joined us for the morning and we shared with them writing pieces that we did, as well as video saying thank you to them for all that they do. We also had a question and answer session and learned a lot about the career of a police officer. #backtheblue. Next week we start PSSA's. Rest up and be ready to go!

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) PSSA Testing starts this week. Please have your child get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. We want them to do their very best on the tests.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) None at this time.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) PSSA testing starts next week. Please make sure you are rested and ready to give your very best! Thank you to the team Penn State students that helped prepare for our mini-mini thon. **Math**-all classes are working on geometry. **Science**- all classes have a quiz on viruses on Friday. **Social Studies**- students are continuing their studies on Central America and the Caribbean. **ELA**-Students are continuing to read Drums, Girls and Dangerous Ple.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)).Students will be taking PSSA tests in the morning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure our students get plenty of rest and a good breakfast. In History class we will continue our study of the American Revolution, students will be memorizing the 1st sentence of the 2nd paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. Reading classes will continue to read and analyze part 1 of Fahrenheit 451.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) In ELA we will be starting our argumentative unit this week. We will be creating presentations on bias. Please start researching your essay topic. Topics need to be picked by April 16. **PLEASE ASK YOUR CHILD about what topic they have chosen or are planning to choose.** Both Math, Literacy and Science classes are working on PSSA review. History classes will be looking to finish up the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. We will be digging into propaganda in connection to the Boston Massacre as well as viewing perspectives on the Boston Tea Party - was it Activism or Vandalism? Literacy and History classes will be working together next week to compare/contrast Paul Revere's Midnight Ride with Longfellow's poem about the historical event. Our team will be taking a field trip to NCACC on April 13th. NCACC has set up an exciting day for us - touring the campus, small group discussions on career pathways, and a hands-on problem solving exercise. Students will be eating lunch at NCACC. Students who miss PSSA testing this coming week will be unable to attend. Our next TEAM CELEBRATION is on April 17th - theme is MISMATCH day - find your best strips and pair with some plaid or polka dots! The crazier, the better! A shout out to all our SPARTAN UP nominees - you make us proud!!!! HERSHEY PARK FORM and PAYMENT is DUE MAY 4th. NO LATE EXCEPTIONS - both students and parents were given notice in January.

**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.**

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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 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) 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. Parents can buy tickets at the door: 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](mailto: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.** 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/qPUNNWFVabpzX5rl2>

**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 check your email!! There is important information there about our activity this Tuesday, April 10th from 3:15pm to 4:45pm.

**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 ) There are several important reminders: Induction is on April 12 in the auditorium. All members must be there by 5:30 to help set up and are expected to help by donating, serving, and cleaning up. April 18 is our Olive Garden luncheon in the large group room in the cafeteria during 8th grade lunch. May 3 is Special Olympics at Liberty- more details will follow. Our next tutoring session is April 17.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) DVD deadline to order is MONDAY. Sign up to participate in the Cops n Kids event. More hints for next year's show are on the website!

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Congratulations to all three teams! They did an outstanding job at the competition! The Reader's Apprentices placed first, The 12 Bookaneers placed second, and The Wonders placed third! They worked hard all year and it showed! They did a wonderful job representing Nitschmann Middle School! We received a trophy for each team and an author autographed book for each student. Our Ice Cream Sundae competition discussion is this Wednesday until 4:00 P.M. in the large group room. The pizza / rewards party is next Wednesday, April 18th until 5 P.M. in the large group room. Information was sent home last week about them both. There is a sign up genius to donate for the pizza / awards party. The address is on the paper that was sent home. You can also email Mr. Pearson or myself if you would like to donate. Things like fruit, veggies, soda, ice tea, cookies, brownies, cupcake or cake, etc, would be great. Students are to return all of their Reading Olympics books to the library as soon as possible.

**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 1:15 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. Reserve PARENT tickets: <https://goo.gl/forms/veSxWJcAu4JACQOF3> \*\*\*Parents who are interested in volunteering for the NMS event on April 27 are to send Ms. Sierra an email: [tsierra@basdschools.org](mailto: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. 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/qPUNNWFVabpzX5rl2>

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

**Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule**

4/9 **Monday - Band - 7:15 AM**

4/10 **Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM**

4/11 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM  
Jazz Band 3:05 - 4:00 PM  
4/12 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM  
4/13 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 13 - NIMAS Bingo 6-9 PM  
April 18 - Mandatory Spring trip meeting - Parent & student going MUST attend 7:00 PM NMS Auditorium  
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  
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)

**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)

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#### 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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