

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, May 13, 2018 to Sunday, May 20, 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

Bethlehem City Lacrosse Flyer, Lehigh Camps Flyer

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

2017-2018 School Year

5/13 Mother's Day; 5/15 School Closed/PA Primary Day/Teacher In-Service B-Flex Day #1; 5/16 & 17 Seminar Junior Craftsman; 5/18 Lions Got Pride Talent Show; 5/21 & 5/22 Grade 8 Algebra 1 Keystones; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 5/29 8th Grade Field Trip to Hershey Park; 5/31 8th Grade Track & Field Meet @ LHS; 6/1 8th Grade Dance & LHS Physicals 5:45pm; 6/4 Student/Staff Basketball Game; 6/5 ACES Day, FHS Physicals, LHS Graduation; 6/6 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 7pm @ NMS & 6th Grade Greek Olympics; 6/7 8th Grade Cookout; 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;

2018-2019 School Year

8/5 First Day of Band Camp; 8/10 Fall Sports Meeting @ NMS; 8/13 First Day of Fall Sports Practice; 8/23 New Student Walkthrough 7pm; 8/27 First Day of School (6th Grade 8:05am Arrival, 7th & 8th Grade 11:05am Arrival); 9/17 Back to School Night 6:30pm; 9/11 Patriot Day; 9/18 Founder's Day;

Monday, 5/14/18 Day 2

Tuesday, 5/15/18 Day 3 No School/School Closed - Pennsylvania Primary Election Day

Wednesday, 5/16/18 Day 4 Seminar Junior Craftsman

Thursday, 5/17/18 Day 5 Seminar Junior Craftsman

Friday, 5/18/18 Day 6 May Pride of the Lions; Lions Got Pride Talent Show

Saturday, 5/19/18

Sunday, 5/20/18

PSSA/Keystone Schedule

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

8th Grade End of Year Activities

5/29 8th Grade Hershey Park Field Trip

5/31 8th Grade Track & Field Meet, Liberty High School

6/1 8th Grade Dance, Ice House, Sand Island (Information to Follow)

6/5 ACES Day, Nitschmann Middle School

6/6 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, 7pm (Tickets & Information to Follow)

6/7 8th Grade Cookout 1pm

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 all parents and guardians of 8th graders who helped make the Annual Eighth Grade International Food Fair a success! The food was absolutely delicious! Students learned so much about international cuisine, and yes, we all ate too much!

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The May 11, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News can be viewed at [BASD e-News from Dr. Roy.](#)

8th Grade Parents, Please consider helping our student council make this years 8th Grade Dance a success by signing up for a volunteer position or donation using the following link.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4FAFAE23A3FF2-8thgrade Thank you! Mr. Kocon & Mrs. Ellis

Quebec Trip (Lare) Attention: parents of current 7th grade French students and parents of current 6th grade students who plan to take French next year: Registrations are now being taken for Nitschmann's first winter trip to Quebec City, Canada, which will happen over Presidents' Day weekend in 2019. If you are interested in getting information about the trip, what's included, the cost, and how to reserve your place, please email Mrs. Lare at: alare@basdschools.org. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93DWtaEbV7s>

Spain Trip (Bouhana) We will be traveling to three amazing cities next summer. If you are interested in attending our 8 day trip to Madrid, Córdoba, and Seville next June, click on the following link for all information pertaining to the trip, as well as registration. Any student currently at Nitschmann may attend the trip, and we have opened up registration to parents and older siblings who would like to accompany a student as a fellow traveler. Enroll today with a \$95 deposit and save your spot.

www.eftours.com/2119250HV

Spanish Class (Bouhana) 8th Grade students will be starting their Final Exams next week. 8th graders should be using their study guides and reviewing their vocabulary in order to prepare.

Coke Caps (Burzynski) A reminder that Nitschmann is still collecting Coke product caps and 12-pack box Coke Reward codes. Coke gives Nitschmann \$0.05 for caps and \$0.15 for 12-pack codes. Coke is doubling the value until May 18th. So if you have codes laying around your house, now is the time to clear them out before school's out for summer!

Athletics (Ortwein)

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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.

Gum (Mayes) Just a reminder to all students that gum is not permitted in school.

Dress Code (Mayes) Just a reminder to all students that Mr. Mayes reviewed the end of the year dress code with all students in assemblies.

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

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee

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

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) It's almost the end of the year, but there is still a lot of work to do. Please check your child's grades. It is the mid-quarter. Check planners every night and make sure your child is doing their work. In science, the Planting Project is due Monday, May 14. For reading and language arts, Survival Guides are due next week for Mr. Ortwein, Mrs. Hackman, and Mrs. Schultz. Mrs. Ortwein's are due May 16, Mrs. Hackman's are due May 17, and Mrs. Schultz's are due May 18. This is worth 100 points! Nitschmann is closed Tuesday, May 15, for elections.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) We are winding down to the end of the school year. With a little less than a month left, it is critical that students stay on top of their grades and assignments. Please make sure you and your child are logging in to the Home Access Center frequently for updated grades. A reminder that there is no school for students on Tuesday, May 15th. Lastly, on behalf of Team Lehigh, we would like to wish all Mother's a very happy Mother's Day!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) We wanted to thank all of the parents that helped to make Teacher Appreciation Week so special. The Souper luncheon was delicious as always! We are truly lucky to be a part of Nitschmann Nation. Be sure to continue checking Home Access Center for missing assignments so that your child stays caught up as the next few weeks become extremely busy.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) We would like to thank the 5 parents who volunteered to speak at **Career Day**. Unfortunately, the overall response was not sufficient enough for us to hold Career Day this year. Next year we will make contacts earlier in the school year; this was our mistake. We believe this was the reason for so few volunteers. Thank you again! **Team Kutztown's Annual Charitable Fundraiser** is in full swing. (**Our Baby Bottle Campaign**) You may have seen your child's baby bottle to collect loose change. All proceeds go to help would-be homeless mothers and their babies at Mary's Shelter on Broad Street in Bethlehem. So far the response has been great. Keep that spare change coming in! **Science** - This coming week we will finish the lab on Cellular Respiration on Monday and then finish the Cellular Respiration section on Wednesday. As a result, we will be reviewing on Thursday for a test on Photosynthesis and Cellular Respiration on Friday, May 18th. **English** - There will be a Vocabulary quiz on Wednesday on the remaining words from **The Pearl**. Students will conclude their discussion of John Steinbeck's novel - its theme, foreshadowing, irony, motifs, dramatic and static characters, tragedy, and symbolism. Looking ahead - The final test on the novel will be Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Students will be bringing home their permission form for the Monocacy Environmental Field Trip. Please complete all of the information and sign. Return the second page only by Friday. The date of this trip is Friday, June 1st. Permissions forms must be returned by Friday, June 18th. **Math**: Periods 1,2,5 and 7 have their Geometry Unit Test on Friday. Period 8 is going to be working with linear equations. **Science**: Vertebrate google slide research presentation is due via google classroom by Thursday at 9 pm. We will be starting our ecology unit next week. **ELA** (Period 1, 2, 5, & 8) - the students are working on argumentative presentations (Period 7) - the students are working on "occupation projects" and will be experiencing a mock interview. **Geography**: We are studying the physical features of Africa. Students will be selecting a country in Africa in order to complete a project. **Reading**: Students in class 1 are reading the allegory tale, [Animal Farm](#). Other classes are reading the dystopian fiction story, [The Giver](#).

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) History class will focus on the Constitution this week: convention, formation and structure. Periods 3 and 5 students will be tested on Systems of Equations. Period 1 students will be finalizing their Games of Chance. Periods 7 and 8 will be reviewing for the Keystone Exams. Reading classes will continue to analyze the themes in Fahrenheit 451 as we begin reading part 3.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) Students in periods 1,5,7 just finished chapter 12 of *Curveball* and are working on their character card project. Students in period 3 took a quiz on Part 1 of *Fahrenheit* and working on an "Open Mind" assignment that is due on Monday. Students in period 8 are reading *Curveball* and working on their character card projects. All students took the SRI on Friday. All students must take the SRI (reading assessment) by the end of the week if they were absent. All 8th grade math (periods 1,3,5,7) will be working on a Geometry unit and will have a quiz on Thursday next week. Algebra 1 students will be working on a quadratic unit and will have a quiz on polynomials next week. In Science, Monday we will be having a quiz on Properties of waves. History students have some work to complete on the Constitution that is due Monday - Students who are on the band trip will be given this information upon return. In ELA class this week, students will be transforming our argumentative essays into speeches. We will spend the week working on presentation techniques. Students should be working on their visuals as they do not have time in class to prepare it. Due dates will be assigned by the end of the week.

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. Please bring your Cosplay costume to school with you.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund)

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Congratulations on a great spring trip performance! Nitschmann Bandfront Tryouts start this week: Monday informational meeting for all bandfront sections, Wednesday/Thursday/Friday Majorette tryouts, next week flag/rifle/main guard tryouts. All tryout activities are 4:00-5:00 in the band room. More info and registration on Mrs. Hriniak's website.

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) Practice for the Calypso Carnival and talent show is Wednesday until 5. The carnival will be FRIDAY the 18th at 5 and the talent show will be at 7 (\$4 for spectators) ---**Dancers must arrive to Calypso by 430** (those who stay at NMS will have hotdogs and chips after school and walk to Calypso at 4. - We will then walk **back to NMS by 6:15** for the talent show-- parents who attend the Calypso Carnival can drive their child to NMS for the talent show). ***NO PRACTICE WEEK OF 21. END OF YEAR CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD after school May 30 until 5.

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 all who participated in DIY Club activities this year!

French Club (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) None at this time

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) None at this time.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs_Nistchmann) Thank you to everyone involved in Special Olympics! We had a very rewarding (and hot) day! Members were working with their athletes and then we were able to enjoy some ice cream at The Cup. Our final meeting is scheduled for May 30 after school to meet with the new members and share ideas/insights for next year. .

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Save the date for a movie afternoon Thursday May 31 to see Singin' In The Rain!

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We are done meeting for the year. The book list is out for the 2019 competition and can be picked up in the library. Books can no longer be checked out for this year but the Reading Olympics books are available at the public library. We are still waiting on our 3rd place team trophy and books. I have been assured by the people that run the competition that they will be here before the end of the school year. The students who did not yet receive a book will be called to the library when they arrive to get one. We wish our 8th graders the best of luck next year! We hope our 6th and 7th graders continue to read and write summaries over the Summer. We wish all of our students and their families a safe and fun filled, happy Summer!

Recreation Games Club (City of Bethlehem) None at this time.

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Mr. Dendrinis & Mrs. Evancho) None at this time

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

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will have our end of year dinner on Thursday May 17th after school. Students should sign up to bring in food and/ or beverages with Ms. Bouhana by Monday May 14th.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice for the Calypso Carnival and talent show is Thursday until 5. The carnival will be FRIDAY the 18th at 5 and the talent show will be at 7 (\$4 for spectators) --- **Steppers must arrive to Calypso by 4:30** (those who stay at NMS will have hotdogs and chips after school and walk to Calypso at 4. - We will then walk **back to NMS by 6:15** for the talent show-- parents who attend the Calypso Carnival can drive their child to NMS for the talent show). ***NO PRACTICE WEEK OF 21. END OF YEAR CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD after school May 30 until 5.

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

5/14 **Monday** - No Band or Lessons
5/15 **Tuesday** - No School
5/16 **Wednesday** - Jazz Band
5/17 **Thursday** - Band
5/18 **Friday** - Orchestra - STRINGS ONLY
Day 1 Jazz band

LESSON SCHEDULE -

Lessons

IMPORTANT DATES

May 16 - NIMAS General Membership Meeting
May 16 - BAND UNIFORM RETURN NIGHT 6-8 PM
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

Please join us in the Nitschmann auditorium on May 18 at 7:00 PM for the Lions Got Pride Talent show. There will be 16 acts competing in front of a panel of expert judges. Prizes will be awarded to the highest scoring acts. Students will amaze you with their singing and dancing skills! Our own Glee Club and Step Team will also be performing. \$4 entrance fee goes to support Nitschmann choral groups.

**Talent Show Contestants, remember that there are mandatory rehearsals in the auditorium on:
Make sure you have your music and equipment ready.**

Choral Rehearsals 5/14-5/18:

Monday 5/14-No Glee rehearsal

3:05-5:00 PM Mandatory talent show rehearsal for contestants only

Tuesday 5/15-No school, no rehearsals

Wednesday 5/16-7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in an instrumental rehearsal & not in Jr. Craftsman

3:05-5:00 PM Mandatory talent show rehearsal for contestants only

Thursday 5/17-No Glee or Singers rehearsals

Friday 5/18-7:05 AM rehearsal for all Glee and Singers and talent show contestants (This is a change from last email)

May 18 at 7:00 PM Talent Show: All Glee and Singers will perform. 6:15 arrival. Wear jeans and blue ID shirt.

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS_Athletics](https://twitter.com/NMS_Athletics))

Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director jortwein@basdschools.org

2017-2018 was a successful athletics year for Nitschmann! We would like to thank all of the parents who made sure their children were prepared for competition, picked up after practices, supported during games, and prepared for their academic work. Although this year is just finishing, many of the coaches have already begun their planning for NEXT year. Cheerleading tryouts will begin this week, Mr. Villani and Mr. Burzynski have started intramurals for football and field hockey, and plans are made for volleyball and cross country to meet in preparation for this upcoming fall.

Please note a few of these important dates.

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Questions over the summer would be best directed to the coach of your child's sport.

Cross Country Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org

Field Hockey Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org

Football Mr. Villani mvillani@basdschools.org

Volleyball Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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