

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, May 20, 2018 to Sunday, May 27, 2018
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Attachments to Review

None at this time.

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

2017-2018 School Year

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; 6/22 Report Card Mailing for the 4th Quarter

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, 5/20/18 Day 1 - Algebra Keystones

Tuesday, 5/21/18 Day 2 - Algebra Keystones

Wednesday, 5/22/18 Day 3

Thursday, 5/24/18 Day 4

Friday, 5/25/18 Day 5

Saturday, 5/26/18

Sunday, 5/27/18

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

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) None at this time.

Library- All library books are past due. Please ask your child if they owe any books to the library. Bills for books that have not been returned will be mailed in the next week. Many students have indicated that their overdue books are at home and are simply not being returned to the library.

8th grade dance- Tickets for the 8th grade dance will be sold during Activity period and/or homeroom in the 8th grade Common Area on the following dates: Thursday, May 24, Friday, May 25, Wednesday, May 30, and Thursday, May 31st. **The cost of a ticket is \$10.**

Yearbooks- Students who pre-ordered yearbooks will receive their yearbook on Monday, June 4th. **Extra yearbooks are available for purchase beginning on June 4th in the library. The cost of a book is \$40.** Books will be sold to 8th grade students first, then 7th, then 6th. Students who want to purchase a book are advised to bring money on the 4th to purchase a book.

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) Buenas Tardes, We have three weeks left before the end of the school year, and I would like to get a quick meeting in during the last week of school. All students and parents who are enrolled for the trip should attend, and all who are interested in attending but haven't enrolled yet are more than welcome. We will be discussing our fundraising ideas and events, as well as planning our monthly meetings for the upcoming school year. All Nitschmann students are welcome on this trip, as well as siblings who are under the age of 18 and over the age of 11 during the time of travel. Parents are welcome to accompany their children as fellow travelers. If you are interested in the trip and haven't already enrolled, click on the following link in order to register for the trip and save your spot. www.eftours.com/2119250hv Please RSVP to our June 5th meeting at 3:15 by completing the google form below. <https://goo.gl/forms/fEmplCSBORJ6Ug4K2> Hope to see you all there.

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

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Executive Committee

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- 2) Kimberly Marcantonio
- 3) Therese Gyauch

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) There are not many school days left until summer vacation. Let's finish strong! Check your child's grades, look at planners every night, and make sure all of their work is turned into their teachers completed correctly and on time!

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Congratulations to Team Lehigh's very own Julia Medaska! Julia won third prize in the Steelworkers Archives Legacy poetry contest. She read her poem at a special award ceremony attended by Dr. Roy, the School Board, and other distinguished guests. Congratulations, Julia!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) Please be sure to continue checking planners and Home Access Center to make sure your child is not missing any assignments. The quarter will be over before we know it. We will be attending the 8th grade Career Day fair on Thursday morning to explore different careers and what opportunities are out there. In addition, the mounted horses and police officers of Bethlehem will be visiting this week to discuss what they do for the community and explain how the horses help to keep us safe.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) This Friday is Team Kutztown's Final Environmental Field Trip. We will be walking to the Monocacy Creek for field studies. Students were given a letter explaining what to bring and what to wear. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Mr. Hess. Tuesday is the Final Day to bring in Baby Bottles and change for Mary's Shelter. Please be sure to return the baby bottle to your H.R. Teacher, so they can be reused for other organizations.

Science - This coming week we will be beginning the next section on cell division, as well as, getting ready for our team's field trip to Monocacy Creek on Friday, May 25th. **English** - Unit Test on John Steinbeck's, The Pearl - (250 pts.) Monday.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)) Make sure your child has shown you the information for the June 1 trip to the MONOCACY. The forms were due on Friday, May 18. We are getting all medical/nurse and lunch information together. **Science:** We have started our study of ecosystems (interaction of organisms, energy flow, necessary components). **Math:** Students in all classes will be taking the Math Inventory test this week. These scores will be used in determining course placement next year, so it is important that students do their best. Periods 1,2,5 and 7 will be working on statistics and data analysis and Period 8 will be learning about slope and linear equations. **ELA - Periods 1, 2, 5 & 8** - Monday - notecards due, practice day for presentation, Tuesday - argumentative presentations start / **Period 7** - job applications due Tuesday (will be collected as is -- NO late applications will be accepted), mock interviews will be held Wednesday and Thursday. **Geography:** Students have chosen a country in Africa and will be conducting research and completing a poster on their chosen country. The project is due on Friday, May 25th.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will begin Part 3 of Fahrenheit 451. This week in Social Studies we will focus on Constitutional rights and economic issues. Algebra 1 students are taking their Keystone Exams. Math 8 students are going to start learning about interest, income, and debt, in conjunction with their social studies curriculum.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) In ELA next week, all classes will begin presenting their speeches on Tuesday, May 22. All students have a preassigned day. Please make sure your student is prepared to present their speech and their visual on their day. Science classes are working on their ABC Booklets covering this year's topics. Research should be finished on History projects - checkpoint grade on Monday. Mrs. Laura Martin will be joining us on Tuesday for using QR Codes to "showcase" online projects along with other techy questions. HERSHEY PARK trip is next Tuesday, the 29th. We will go over specifics on Thursday this week. Our theme for our June celebration is "FUN in the SUN". Dress like you are heading to the beach or a luau! Any parent who has not sent in a baby picture please feel free to still that by THIS THURSDAY. We are also accepting any gift cards towards our celebration.

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 meeting is Monday, May 21, in the library. Bring your costume with you to school for the fashion show.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) None at this time.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Congratulations to our new Nitschmann Majorettes! Tryouts continue this week for flags, rifles, and main guard. All tryout practices are 4:00-5:00 in the band room.

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

Cheerleading (Advisor Mrs. Guerrieri) None at this time.

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) ***NO PRACTICE WEEK OF 21. END OF YEAR CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD after school May 30 until 5. Team meeting Monday 5/21 during activity pd. in aux gym.

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) None at this time.

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) Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 30, after school ONLY with both our 7th and 8th grade members to reflect and add suggestions for next year's group.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Movie afternoon Thursday May 31. Come see Singin' In The Rain so you know what to expect for next year's show!

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) None at this time.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) ***NO PRACTICE WEEK OF 21. END OF YEAR CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD after school May 30 until 5. Team meeting Monday 5/21 during activity pd. in aux gym.

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

- 5/21 **Monday** - Band
No DAY 1 Jazz Band
- 5/22 **Tuesday** - Orchestra - STRINGS ONLY
- 5/23 **Wednesday** - Jazz Band
- 5/24 **Thursday** - Band
- 5/25 **Friday** - Orchestra - STRINGS ONLY

LESSON SCHEDULE -

[Lessons](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

May 22 - New 9th grade Liberty band and orchestra parent meeting 6:60-7:00 PM LHS choral room
May 22 - New 9th grade band members (instrumentalists, pipes, majorettes, color guard) must attend - LHS band room 6:30-8:30 PM
June 5 - NIMAS General membership meeting - All new 5th grade parents are invited to attend. 7:30 PM NMS instrumental room.
June 6 - String ensemble Moving up ceremony performance 7 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL INSTRUMENT RETURN - 8th grade students and studnets that will not be continuing in band or orchestra should return their school instruments this week.

BAND UNIFORM RETURN - Band students who have not returned their uniform should do so on Monday morning before school.

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

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@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@badschools.org
Football Mr. Villani mvillani@badschools.org
Volleyball Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@badschools.org

Mr. Peter Mayes
Principal
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Our Collective Vision Nitschmann Middle School is committed to cultivating a respectful community of innovative learners who are socially competent citizens ready to meet the challenges of their future.

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