

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, May 27, 2018 to Sunday, June 3, 2018
Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Please review the attachment about 13 Reasons Why, a recent TV show on Netflix which deals with student suicide. Staying informed with your child about current media trends around suicide may help you with an impromptu conversation with your child and keeping a close eye on their mental health during these turbulent early adolescent years. If you need any assistance, please email your child's guidance counselor immediately!

Thank you!

Mr. Mayes

Attachments to Review

13 Reasons Why Flyer; Rocket Camp Flyer

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

2017-2018 School Year

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, 5/28/18 No School Memorial Day

Tuesday, 5/29/18 Day 6 8th Grade Trip to Hershey

Wednesday, 5/30/18 Day 1

Thursday, 5/31/18 Day 2 8th Grade Track Meet

Friday, 6/2/18 Day 3 Team PSU Monocacy Trip; 8th Grade Dance @ Ice House

Saturday, 6/3/18

Sunday, 6/4/18

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) The BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [May 25, 2018, Edition of the BASD e-News](#).

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.**

- 1) Thank you to all the families who have signed up to donate items for the 8th Grade Dance! It would be easiest if the donations were dropped off at the Ice House the day of the dance between 10am and 2pm. If this does not fit your schedule please email Mr. Kocon or Mrs. Ellis to arrange drop-off at NMS prior to June 1.
- 2) Any items donated that are Hot or must be refrigerated, can be brought when your child is dropped off for the dance.
- 3) We are still in need of a few parent volunteers for during the daytime setup (maybe 1 or 2 more) and also parents to help with the teardown when the dance concludes at 9pm. If we would have 3-4 parents after the dance it would help dramatically to speed up the cleanup process.

Reminder to Parents - Home Access Center Down In Summer (Mayes) A reminder for parents that Home Access Center will be down for the summer as we conduct system rollovers. While a notice will be placed on the Parents and Students website from the district website, many parents may have a favorite set to the direct Home Access Center URL.

Yearbooks (Ellis) 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.

Spain 2019 (Bouhana) Join us next summer in Spain during our 8 day trip to Madrid, Córdoba, Toledo, and Seville; where we will experience the culture first hand with an authentic cooking class and flamenco lesson. We will visit El Palacio Real and El Prado Museum among other amazing locations. 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>

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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- 3) Therese Gyauch

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Next week there is a lot of activity on Team Lafayette! On Wednesday and Thursday science classes will be presenting a Rock Fashion Show. Students chose a rock to research. They will be dressing like the rock and walking down the runway. The entire 6th grade will be holding the Greek Olympics on June 6. Students will be divided into Greek city-states and will compete in a number of athletic activities. Keep checking your child's planner and grades. There is still much work to be done before summer vacation.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Reminder that Science Planet Projects are due on Tuesday. We are nearing the end. With just about 8 days left, be sure to check in on Home Access Center to check your grades! Enjoy your long weekend!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) None at this time.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) Well done! Our students had a great day at the Monocacy Creek on Friday. They completed water studies, learned about macro invertebrates, enjoyed an art class, and heard a little about trout fishing. Overall, the students were very well-behaved and enjoyed their environmental field trip. Next, congratulations to our Team Kutztown students who raised \$873.29 for Mary's Shelter in Bethlehem. Mrs. Duddy from the shelter was amazed at how much was collected in just 2 weeks. She also commented on how polite our students are. We agree; our students are great! - A special thanks to student, Kaitlyn James, who made a beautiful presentation check for the morning assembly. **Science** - The schedule for this coming week: Monday - No School, Memorial Day, Tuesday - Wrap up field trip to Monocacy Creek, analyze data collected, Wednesday - 30 pt. quiz on field trip that counts toward Science grade, Thursday & Friday - Continue section on cell division, **English** - The student packet on [The Pearl](#) and [The Gods Must Be Crazy](#) is due on Tuesday, May 29. Students will begin a poetry unit with the narrative poem, "The Highwayman," by Alfred Noyes.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)) We will be walking to the Illick's Mill Park on Friday, June 1 for our environmental field trip. Your child must wear sneakers as we will be walking 2 miles to the Park. Your

child **must** bring his/her packed lunch and may want to bring sunscreen and bug spray. Students have been informed if they will be entering the creek for the macrobiotic survey. Those students **MUST** bring an extra pair of old sneakers to go in the creek and a towel. **Science:** Ecology quiz on Wednesday. **Geography** - Students will be giving short presentations on their African countries beginning Tuesday. All students should be sure to bring their African posters to school on Tuesday if they took them home over the weekend to make final adjustments. We will end the week exploring Australia. **Math** - Periods 1,2,5 and 7 are working on statistics and data analysis and have their last quiz of the year on Thursday. Period 8 is learning about slope and y-intercept and they also have their last quiz on Thursday. **ELA** - all students need to bring in a Forever Stamp, or bring in \$0.50 to purchase one from Mrs. Getz for the 5 year letter project

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) None at this time.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) We are looking to celebrate a great day at Hershey on Tuesday. All instructions were gone over on Wednesday in History class - what to bring, appropriate dress, lunch/extra money, if you get sick or hurt, etc. Hopefully, your child shared this information with you if you had any questions. This week, History projects are due at the end of class on Wednesday. QR Codes can be added during class in preparation of our "Showcase" on Friday, June 1st. ELA classes are finishing their presentations this week as well. Students will be finishing their ABC booklets this Friday in Science. Our celebration is next Wednesday - our theme is "Beachwear!" Our team wanted to extend our thanks to our parents/guardians whom supported our team's high expectations at home and kept an open line of communication throughout the school year. It was GREATLY appreciated! We wish our students the VERY BEST and know that if any student needs anything - Spartan Nation will help in any way we can!

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) None at this time.

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Congratulations to our new band front members for next year! No early morning band front practice this week. Captain tryouts are Wednesday after school 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-- TEAM CELEBRATION 5/30 after school.

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 is Thursday after school. See Mrs. Hriniak's website or the update email for information on our Rose Garden performance on June 9.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) The books and trophy came in for our third place Reading Olympics Team Wonder! The trophy is in the trophy case in the lobby with our other awards. We made an announcement during homeroom for those students who did not get a prize book to come to the library to get one. We are still waiting on 2 students to pick their book up. The book list for the 2019 competition is in the library! The students can pick one up at their convenience. They can not check books out of our library due to end of the year inventory. They are available at the Public Library. Please encourage your 6th or 7th grade child to read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books over the Summer. We wish our 8th grade students the best of luck in high school next year! We wish all of our students and their families a safe, 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-- TEAM CELEBRATION 5/30 after school.

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

5/28 **Monday** - NO SCHOOL

5/29 **Tuesday** - Band & Orchestra Officers 7:15 AM

5/30 **Wednesday** - Jazz Band

Day 1 Jazz Band 8:26 AM

BANDFRONT captain try-outs in the band room after school.

5/31 **Thursday** - NONE

6/1 **Friday** - NONE

LESSON SCHEDULE - This is the last week for school lessons

[Lesson Schedule](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

May 31 Jazz master class at Broughal

May 31 Jazz master class performance 7:30 Levitt Pavilion

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

All early morning band and orchestra rehearsals have ended for this school year.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENT RETURN - Any student who has a school owned instrument AND will not be continuing in band, orchestra or jazz next year, needs to return the instrument immediately.

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

Nitschmann Singer Auditions: Do you love to sing? Try out for Nitschmann Singers! Nitschmann Singers is a small, auditioned group that rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:05-4:00 PM. They also participate in Glee Club on Wednesdays at 7:15 AM and activity period. Nitschmann Singer auditions for next year will continue on Tuesday, 5/29 from 7:15-8:05 AM and Wednesday, 5/30 from 3:05 until finished. Anyone may audition and no preparation is necessary. Students may leave when they are done auditioning. Current Nitschmann Singers are required to re-audition.

[Choral Rehearsals](#)

5/29-7:15 AM Nitschmann Singer auditions for next year

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singer rehearsal

5/30-7:15 AM Glee Club rehearsal in auditorium for all choral members with no instrumental rehearsal

8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal with all choral members

3:05 until finished-Nitschmann Singer auditions for next year

5/31-No morning Glee rehearsal

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singer rehearsal

6/1-No rehearsal

6/5-7:15 AM Glee club rehearsal for choral members with no instrumental rehearsal

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singer rehearsal

6/6-7:15 AM Glee Club rehearsal in auditorium with all choral members

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

6th and 7th graders Wear concert dress (black pants/white shirt). 8th graders may wear what they wish. More details to follow.

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)
Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director jortwein@basdschools.org

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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 mwillani@basdschools.org

Volleyball Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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