

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, May 6, 2018 to Sunday, May 13, 2018
Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

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Attachments to Review

2018_May NMS Middle Years Newsletter

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

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

Nitschmann Staff Appreciation Week!

Monday, 5/7/18 Day 4 Hanover 5th Grade Shadow Visit; April Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, 5/8/18 Day 5 National Teacher Day; Souper Luncheon; Spring Choral Concert 7pm

Wednesday, 5/9/18 Day 6 National School Nurses Day; 8th Grade International Food Fair

Thursday, 5/10/18 Day 1 Softball Night Game vs. EHMS @ Lafayette Field @ LHS; Soccer Night Game vs. Broughal @ Freedom High School

Friday, 5/11/18 Day 2 Spring Music Trip to Washington DC & Virginia

Saturday, 5/12/18

Sunday, 5/13/18 Mother's Day

***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

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) This week's edition of the BASD e-News can be view at [BASD e-News from Dr. Roy.](#)

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. <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. www.eftours.com/2119250HV

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

BOGO Book Fair (Ellis) The Buy One Get One Free Book Fair is being held in the library through Friday, May 11th. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to stock up on books for summer reading!

Please join us on May 8 at 7:00 PM in the Nitschmann auditorium for the 2018 Nitschmann Spring Choral Concert. Members of Glee Club, Nitschmann Singers and Lions Mane will be performing music of many styles, including pieces by Antonio Vivaldi and Cesar Franck. Highlights include Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody* as well as music from *The Greatest Showman* and the Broadway smash *Hamilton*. There will even be a special guest appearance by Nitschmann's own step team! Tickets are \$3 at the door.

World Languages Food Festival - Our annual food festival is on May 9th. Students must bring in the food through the auditorium doors to drop them off, and we will be there to organize. Students must make sure to make 25 servings, bring the food in disposable containers, and bring serving utensils. Food that is meant to be warm, should be heated before being brought in. Students who are not participating will be in a different room.

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

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

VP - Deb Clark clark70g@msn.com

Treasurer -

Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio JK0359@HOTMAIL.com

PAC Representatives

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

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Students on team Lafayette have a lot of projects due within the next few weeks. Mr. Ortwein, Mrs. Schultz's and Mrs. Hackman's language arts classes are working on Survival Guides. They are due the week of May 14. In science class, all students should be keeping records of their plants. The Planting Project is due May 14. In math students are learning about inequalities and integers.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Congratulations to our Mountain Hawk award recipients Genesis Rivera and Hailey Vasquez! Keep up the great work ladies!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) Today is the 1st day of the 2nd part of the 4th quarter! Please be sure to continue to check planners for homework through the end of May. Although the end is near, it is not here. We still have several weeks of instruction and grades for the students. They need to finish strong in order to be ready for 7th grade. Thank you for your support in making sure this happens!

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Monday is the final day for **Career Day Volunteer Forms**. If you are able to share a block of time with our students on May 25, please have your child return the form to his/her homeroom teacher. It is awesome that we have a nurse, graphic designer, pilot, and a general contractor willing to come in, but we would like many more parents to get involved. If you need more time to check with your employer, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hess at jhess@basdschools.org. **English** - The vast majority of students are doing very well at mid-quarter. I hope they enjoyed their little mid-quarter reward in English class after Friday's quiz! (Who's on First or Swingin' the Alphabet) This week students will finish their reading of John Steinbeck's, The Pearl. The wrap up will include the discussion of the novel's theme, Steinbeck's use of symbolism, foreshadowing, irony, literary motif, dynamic/static characters, and allegory. There will be a quiz on Friday, and a test on the entire novel will be the following week on a day to be determined. **Science** - We will begin a new section on Cellular Respiration at the beginning of the week and start a lab where students will investigate how exercise affects the raw materials and products of cellular respiration at the end of the week. Students should wear comfortable, but appropriate, clothes to exercise in the first day of the lab. This will be announced to students the day before.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) We are now at the mid quarter point for the fourth quarter. Mid quarter reports will be generated this week. As the weather is getting nicer it is imperative that students stay the course. Parents - please check the portal. **Social Studies:** On Tuesday we will be having a Latin American Food Festival as one of the culminating events for our unit on Latin America. All students have signed up to bring in something. Please check with your child over the weekend to see what they have offered to bring to school on Tuesday. **Math:** Periods 1,2,5,and 7 have a quiz on Tuesday on similar figures and scale factor, angle relationships and area and circumference applications. Period 8 has their Mini-Unit Test on Data Analysis on Thursday. **ELA:** Periods 1,2,5,and 7 have a quiz on Tuesday on similar figures and scale factor, angle relationships and area and circumference applications. Period 8 has their Mini-Unit Test on Data Analysis on Thursday. **Science:** The students have been working with a partner and discovering the diverse adaptations/general information of the invertebrates. We will be dissecting the earthworm and identifying the internal and external adaptations that make this animal successful and an important part of the soil.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will continue reading Fahrenheit 451. The possible solutions to the dystopian society problems will be discussed. Math 8 students will finish learning about systems of equations. Algebra 1 students will continue to work on polynomials and will begin Keystone Exam review. In Social Studies classes will be traveling to Steel Stacks . Bring your lunch, sunscreen and water.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) None at this time.

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) In anticipation of the portrait of David Nitschmann which has been commissioned for the school lobby, art club and art classes have been working on portraits too. Students worked in a variety of styles and materials, depicting people they have learned about in school or people who are important to them. Parents and students are invited to view the show which opens May 10th in the school main lobby.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) spring trip rehearsals Monday & Thursday; spring trip Friday!

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 on Wednesday will be only for those who performing at the Calypso Carnival and Talent Show on 5/18. Practice ends at 5pm.

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) The final activity for DIY Club will be this Tuesday, May 8th from 3:15 to 4:45. Please let Mrs. Del Priore know if you plan to attend!!

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

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) Our Lion Service Club is over for the year. Thank you to everyone who participated. I look forward to everyone returning next year and always welcome new members.

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) none at this time

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We are finished meeting for the year. The new book lists are out! Students can pick them up in the library. Please encourage your 6th and 7th grade child to read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books over the Summer! They are available at the Bethlehem Public Library. It has been a great year! We wish all of our students and their families a safe, fun and relaxing Summer!

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

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 next Wednesday during our weekly meeting. If you would like to bring snacks or something to drink, you may.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Please report to the auditorium at 7:55 on Monday and Tuesday morning for show rehearsal. Practice for the choral concert will be Tuesday after school. The concert is Tuesday at 7 pm. The concert ends about 8:30 (but steppers can leave at 8). Steppers are to wear step shirt, blue jean shorts, and black sneakers. Practice on Thursday will be only for those who performing at the Calypso Carnival and Talent Show on 5/18. Practice ends at 5pm on Thursday.

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

- 5/7 **Monday** - Band - 7:15 AM (ONLY Spring trip students)
- 5/8 **Tuesday** - Orchestra 7:15 AM (ONLY String orchestra spring trip students)
- 5/9 **Wednesday** - Jazz Band 7:15 AM (ONLY Spring trip jazz students)
- 5/10 **Thursday** - Band 7:15 AM (ONLY Spring trip students)
Day 1 Jazz band (ONLY Spring trip jazz students)
- 5/11 **Friday** - SPRING TRIP - NO EARLY MORNING REHEARSAL or LESSONS

LESSON SCHEDULE -

[Lessons](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

May 10 - Trip medication is due to the nurse between 5-7 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

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Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

5/7-7:15-9:00 AM Concert rehearsal for all members of choral groups, including instrumental students. Meet in the auditorium.

5/8-7:15-8:30 AM Concert rehearsal for all members of choral groups, including instrumental students. Meet in the auditorium.

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

6:15 PM Warm up in choral room for 7:00 PM concert. Concert dress. See email for details.

5/9-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for those not in instrumental rehearsals

5/10-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for those not in instrumental rehearsals

8:25 Activity period rehearsal

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal for those going on trip only

5/11-Spring competition trip for some members of Nitschmann Singers

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, vrodenbach@basdschools.org

May 1 @ East Hills (2:50 Dismissal)

May 7 @ Broughal (2:50 Dismissal)

May 9 @ Northeast (2:50 Dismissal)

We will play in the consolation game, likely against Broughal, Thursday night, May 10, at 6:30 at Freedom High School.

Girls Nitschmann Softball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Kocon, ekocon@basdschools.org

Asst. Coach Mr. Downey, cdowney@basdschools.org

May 4 @ Orefield (2:20 Dismissal)

May 7 Springhouse

May 8 @ LMMS (2:20 Dismissal)

We will be playing in the Championship Game on May 10, @ Liberty High School's Lafayette Field, at 5:00. We will be playing East Hills.

Boys Liberty HS Freshman Baseball

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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