

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, August 26, 2018 to Sunday, September 2, 2018

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Nitschmann Middle School Website under **Weekly Announcements (Click Here!)**

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Attachments to Review

[2018-2019 NMS School Supply List Link](#)

[2018-2019 Back to School Letter Included with Student Schedules](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

(All dates are listed from our [NMS Website](#), [BASD Event Calendar](#), & [BASD Academic Calendar](#))

8/27 First Day of School (6th Grade 8:05am Arrival, 7th & 8th Grade 11:05am Arrival); 9/3 Labor Day - Schools Closed; 9/17 Back to School Night 6:30pm; 9/19 Yom Kippur - Schools Closed; 9/11 Patriot Day; 9/18 Founder's Day; 9/26 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 10/8 Teacher In-Service - Schools Closed; 10/9-12 BASD Education Week; 10/31 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service & End of 1st Quarter; 11/6 Teacher In-Service - Schools Closed; 11/19 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences (Evening); 11/20 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences (Afternoon); 11/21-26 Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools Closed; 12/24-1/2/19 Winter Holiday; 1/21 MLK Day - Schools Closed; 1/24 End of 2nd Quarter; 2/15 Teacher In-Service Schools Closed; 2/18 Presidents Day - Schools Closed; 3/12 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 3/29 End of 3rd Quarter 4/9 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 4/15-26 PSSA ELA Exams (exact dates TBA); 4/29-5/3 PSSA Math Exams (exact dates TBA); 4/18-4/22 Spring & Easter Break - Schools Closed; 5/13-24 Keystone Exams (exact dates TBA); 5/27 Memorial Day - Schools Closed; 6/5 Tentative LHS Graduation; 6/6 Tentative 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony; 6/7 Tentative Last Day of School & End of 4th Quarter

Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 8/27/18 Day 1 First Day of School Schedule First Day of School (6th 8:05am, 7th & 8th 11:05am)

Tuesday, 8/28/18 Day 2 Extended Period Schedule

Wednesday, 8/29/18 Day 3 Extended Period Schedule Code of Conduct Assemblies

Thursday, 8/30/18 Day 4 Extended Period Schedule Code of Conduct Assemblies, Seminar Courses Begin

Friday, 8/31/18 Day 5 Extended Period Schedule

Saturday, 9/1/18

Sunday, 9/2/18

BASD Dining Services Menu & Website <https://bethlehemareasd.sodexomyway.com/landing/mid>

PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert) All students report to the gym for Physical Education.

Recent Nitschmann News! (Always posted on our Social Media sites too!)

Twitter [@NitschmannMS](#); Facebook [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Instagram [@BASDNitschmannMS](#); [NMS School Website](#); [YouTube](#)

Is your child sick? You can submit your child's sick note by email to ni-attendance@basdschools.org, as long as the email on your child's account matches the email address. Please keep your email address up-to-date by emailing our Student Services Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org! Please note that this is ONLY for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)

6th Graders - First Day of School (Mayes/Horlick) All 6th grade students should arrive at Nitschmann Middle School for **8:05 am** on Monday, August 27, 2018 and enter through the **gymnasium doors** to report to homeroom. Staff will assist students who may not be sure of their homerooms when they enter the building. 6th graders will go through orientation with their teachers throughout the day. Official academic schedules will begin on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. If your child does not have their schedule, we will assist them when they arrive.

7th & 8th Graders - First Day of School (Mayes/Horlick) All 7th & 8th grade students should arrive at Nitschmann Middle School for **11:05am** on Monday, August 27, 2018 and enter through the **Main Entrance** to report to homeroom. Please note busses for 7th & 8th grade students will be running on a 3 hour delay. Staff will assist students who may not be sure of their homerooms when they enter the building. 7th & 8th graders will go through orientation with their teachers throughout the day. Official academic schedules will begin on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. If your child does not have their schedule, we will assist them when they arrive.

Cell Phones & Smart Watches (Mayes/Horlick) We remind all parents & guardians to review our NMS cell phone policy with your children before school begins, especially if your child has a new device. Cell phones and smart watches may only be used in the classroom setting with a teacher's permission as a part of the instructional program. Students who are seen using their cell phone or smart watch during class, in bathrooms, or in common areas will have their device confiscated. The first confiscation is for 24 hours, second confiscation is for one week, and any further confiscation will require a one week confiscation, then turned into the Student Services Office for one month each day during school.

Back to School Paperwork & Forms (Mayes/Horlick) This year, all parents & guardians will notice a significant reduction in the amount of paperwork & forms that will be send home. Instead, the BASD has moved to an online submission of this paperwork. More information will be coming as the site is opened after Labor Day.

Electronic Submission of Absence Notes (Rhiel) This year, all parents & guardians are permitted to submit illness excuses electronically to Mrs. Rhiel at our new attendance email, ni-attendance@basdschools.org. They will only be accepted if the email on your child's account matches the email address on the illness excuse, so make sure to keep your emails up-to-date with our Student Service secretary Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org.

Sunday Emails (Mayes) Not getting our Sunday emails? Make sure to keep your emails up-to-date with our Student Service secretary Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org. Remember this system can only accept one email per family. You can always view them on our website weekly at [Weekly Announcements \(Click Here!\)](#) The BASD will also be launching a new app just after Labor Day for phone alerts!

LANTA Bus Passes (Mayes) Does your child need a bus pass to use LANTA transportation? These are available in the Main Office on sale for only \$1 each. Your child may purchase them as needed during the school year.

Spain Trip (Miss Bouhana) 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 get more detailed information, and to register for the trip and save your spot. www.eftours.com/2119250hv

Quebec Trip (Mme Lare) Nitschmann will going on its first-ever winter trip over Presidents' Weekend in 2019. This trip is open to all 6th graders, to 7th and 8th grade students in French, and space permitting, to all other students. Information meetings will be scheduled for students and parents later in September. If you're interested, please contact Madame Lare at alare@basdschools.org.

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG
nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

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Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) On behalf of the staff at Nitschmann Middle School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! Team Lafayette is excited about the opportunity to get to know you and your child, and we're looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Welcome Mountain Hawks. Hope you all had a good summer. We are looking forward to getting started and an exciting first week of school. See you bright and early Monday morning!!!!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) Team Moravian can't wait to meet our new students!

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) Team Kutztown's teachers are excited to start the year. We are looking forward to another great year with Bethlehem's finest students. As always, we expect that with open communication among parents, students, and teachers our year will be productive and enjoyable. Welcome 7th grade students! We look forward to meeting you on Monday. (Mr. Hess, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Van Woert, Mr. Pearson, Mrs. McLaughlin & Mr. Falteich)

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)) Team Penn State welcomes all of our new 7th grade students for the first day of school!

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamESU)) Go Warriors! Welcome back to school!

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](https://twitter.com/TeamSpartanNMS)) Go Spartans! Welcome back to school!

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/Color Guard (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) There is still time to sign up for Honor Guard! These are the students who march with the school banner, American flag, state flag, and military flags. See Mrs. Hriniak or Mr. Zettlemoyer if you're interested in joining Honor Guard. Flags, Majorettes, and Rifles should be practicing routines at home. There is no early morning practice on the first day of school.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor Mrs. Lare) ArtSmart classes at the Banana Factory are open to all Nitschmann students on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from September 26 through November 15. These classes are free to students in the BASD. Students may sign up for one or both days. Parents must be able to pick students up at Nitschmann at 6 p.m. An after school information meeting will be announced for students as soon as the final schedule has been determined. Information will also be available at Open House. Classes will include: Ceramics, Painting, Mosaics, Creative Writing, Fiber Arts and more. Because space in these classes is extremely limited, it is important that students are committed to attending all 8 weeks of the program. Interested students and parents should contact Mrs. Lare at alare@basdschools.org

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Returning members are to contact Ms. Sierra through remind- We will be discussing back to school night.

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Weinert) None at this time.

FCS/DIY Club (Advisor Mrs. Hoffman) None at this time.

French Club (Advisor Mrs. Lare) Day One French Club will be starting in September. Students should listen for announcements.

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. Druckenmiller) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) None at this time.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Our show this year is *Singin' In The Rain Jr.*! See Mrs. Hriniak's website for audition information: <https://sites.google.com/a/basdschools.org/mrs-hriniak/dramatics> . Mark your calendar for our informational meeting Friday August 31 after school in the auditorium.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) None at this time.

Riding for Focus (Advisors Mr. Miller & Mr. Hess) None at this time.

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Ms. Rufakis & Mrs. Evancho) Come visit the Lion's Den for your Nitschmann hoodies, t-shirts and beanies! This year we are also stocking the NMS school approved calculator for \$10. Be sure to stop and browse on your way to lunch!

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

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Returning members should stop by and speak to Ms. Bouhana this week. We will be discussing and planning Back to School Night.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Returning members are to contact Ms. Sierra through remind- We will be discussing back to school night and There is a possible performance November 3.

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

[Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music Website \(Click Here!\)](#)

Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

SCHEDULE: Auditorium entrance doors will open at 7 AM

8/27 No early morning band rehearsal / No Day 1 Jazz band

8/28 No early morning orchestra rehearsal

8/29 Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM

8/30 Early morning band 7:15 AM

8/31 Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM

If you were unable to attend uniform distribution night on August 21 for BAND, ORCHESTRA, and JAZZ BAND, we are having a second night on August 30 from 6-8 PM in the instrumental music room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- School instrumental lessons will begin on Tuesday, September 4. More information to follow.
- Take a look at all the fundraising opportunities we currently have going to [HERE](#)
- 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

Fall Sports

Cross Country, Boys & Girls

Head Coach [Ms. Schwartz](#)

Field Hockey, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Burzynski](#)

[NMS Field Hockey Website \(Click Here!\)](#)

Football

Head Coach [Mr. Villani](#)

Volleyball, Girls

Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel](#)

We have had two great weeks of practice so far. This week we will **not** have practice on Monday, August 27 or Friday, August 31 as we adjust to the new school year and enjoy our three day weekend. Our first game is Friday, September 7, 2018 at 4 pm here at Nitschmann. We hope to see everyone there!

Intersession Intramurals

Lacrosse Intramurals

Coordinator [Ms. Weinert](#)

Volleyball, Boys Intramurals

Coordinator TBA

Tennis

Coordinator TBA

Winter Sports

Basketball, Boys

Head Coach Mr. Wills

Basketball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Ortwein](#)

Wrestling @ Liberty High School

Head Coach

Spring Sports

Soccer, Boys & Girls Co-Ed

Head Coach [Mr. Rodenbach](#)

Softball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Kocon](#)

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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