

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, September 2, 2018 to Sunday, September 9, 2018

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Nitschmann Middle School Website under [Weekly Announcements \(Click Here!\)](#)

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Attachments to Review

[How to Stay Connected to BASD](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

9/3 Labor Day - Schools Closed; 9/11-9/18- Book Fair; 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, 9/3/18 School Closed Labor Day

Tuesday, 9/4/18 Day 6 Extended Day Schedule

Wednesday, 9/5/18 Day 1 Regular Schedule First Day of Activity

Thursday, 9/6/18 Day 2 Regular Schedule First Day of LEAD

Friday, 9/7/18 Day 3 Regular Schedule First Day of Rotating Core Classes

Saturday, 9/8/18

Sunday, 9/9/18

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) We are excited to share the first edition of the BASD e-News with you. You can view it at [BASD e-News August 31, 2018](#).

Superintendent Dr. Roy is excited to announce new ways to stay connected to the BASD. Please view his message at [Dr. Roy's How to Stay Connected to the BASD Message](#).

Transportation Issue Reporting (Rhiel) If any families have transportation issues, please direct them to the below web link to report any concerns so we can efficiently document and respond to every single issue.
<https://goo.gl/forms/INKnJ9PhTjRzJCS11>

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

Spain Trip Car Wash (Miss Bouhana) We will have a car wash on Sunday September 16th from 10am to 2pm. Tickets cost \$5 if you buy them in advance, and \$6 if you buy the day of. Students who buy or sell tickets will have the opportunity to win a prize that will be raffled off after the car wash; there will be a total of three prizes. If you're interested in selling or buying tickets, please see Ms. Bouhana.

Spain Trip Bingo (Miss Bouhana) We will have a Bingo event on Sunday September 23rd from 12pm to 5pm. Tickets cost \$20 if you buy them in advance, and \$25 if you buy at the door. Students who buy or sell tickets will have the opportunity to win a prize that will be raffled off after the bingo night; there will be a total of three prizes. If you're interested in selling or buying tickets, please see Ms. Bouhana.

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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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](#)) Team Lafayette had a great first week of school. Please make sure your child has his/her supplies by Tuesday, 9/4. Papers to be signed should also be turned in by that date. Get into the habit of checking your child's planner every night - there are a few homework assignments due this Tuesday. Lastly, Team Lafayette teachers would appreciate boxes of tissues so we can deal with the upcoming cold and flu season. Have a great weekend!

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Mrs. Druckenmiller's email address is now officially adruckenmiller@basdschools.org. Please contact her there instead of her old email address. Your Million Words Or Less assignment is due on Tuesday. Bookmark the G-Suite link on your home computer so you can access your school files at home: <https://sites.google.com/a/basdschools.org/google/>. Remember to bring in your supplies for each class. We had a great first week on Team Lehigh. Have a great weekend, Mountain Hawks!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) Team Moravian teachers are super excited to welcome our new students! Please have all of your color coded materials by next week. Start looking for OREO scores in the planners as our team has learned the OREO cookie rubric expectations. We strive for 3's every period! Our goal is for our whole team to earn the monthly reward!

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Our team enjoyed our first week of school with our new 7th graders and are looking forward to another great week next week. **Coming Soon!** - Team Kutztown Tie Dye Shirts! Be watching for your child to bring home an order form to fill out with the size tee shirt they need. Shirts cost \$5 We will be wearing our shirts on field trips and during special school days. Stay tuned for more information. Any parents who may be able to volunteer during that day in Mrs. Van Woert's class can email her directly. ivanwoert@basdschools.org. **ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - I am very pleased with the positive attitudes, classroom participation, and good manners shown by the new 7th grade class. All students in periods 2, 5, 7, & 8 should have submitted their essays on the story, "Man from the South." The first vocabulary homework assignment is due Thursday, 8/6. Friday will be the first vocabulary quiz in English class. **Reading (Mrs. Gomez)** - Please remember that all students in Mrs. Gómez's Reading class are required to have an SSR book beginning Tuesday, September 4. Having an SSR book counts toward the student's grade. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - We will begin our first chapter on Lab Equipment and Safety next week. Students will learn the names and uses of various pieces of lab equipment, as well as, important safety rules that they will need to follow during laboratory experiments. Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

Team Penn State (7th) **Follow us on social media!!** (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)) (Instagram [pennstatenms](#)) Team Penn State had a great first week! We did several team activities including: Teacher Trivia, This or That, Animal Sounds, PSU letters, and Partner Match Up. Next week on Team Penn State... **Science**-students have set up their binders with the three necessary sections. We are reviewing some lab equipment and learning about several new pieces that we will be using this year. Next week we will be focusing on lab safety in science. **ELA**-students will be reading the short story, Seventh Grade. Students will also have vocabulary words for the story. **Reading**-Students are writing literacy histories. This project is designed for students to conclude why they have developed their skills and feelings about reading. They may/should have asked about reading experiences when they were very young.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Amazing 1st week for Team ESU. Positive attitudes and lots of participation. It is going to be a great year. History classes will begin learning about English colonization and the growth of capitalism in America. Reading classes will read *The Lie* by Kurt Vonnegut. Every student should have a novel or non-fiction book by Tuesday. Science: We will be introducing ourselves to chemistry. Please see Amenstem.com/curriculum to see a preview. We will begin "Section 2: Introduction to Matter." Links are available that take you to the lesson's labs and supplemental videos. I will continually update this site as the lessons are recreated in digital format. Next week in ELA, I will begin my nonfiction unit where students will explore history in context and how history has a narrative where some groups of people are more represented than others. This will give students a historical context for our next unit on historical fiction. Students will be receiving

their math textbooks. Parents can encourage their children to work on their iXL Diagnostic tool for up to 15 minutes each night if there is internet access at home.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) Spartan Pride was in full effect as we ended our first week with a most spirited team celebration. Thanks to our Assistant Principal Mr. Horlick for a guest appearance and participation! History classes will begin their Colonization Unit next week - exploring the mysteries of Roanoke and the expansion of Jamestown. Algebra 1 will focus on Solving Equations and Inequalities. Grade 8 Math will be looking into Real Number Systems. All students have IXL assignments that will be due next Friday. They can be found in the review folder in Schoology. Speaking of Schoology, all students have had use with this online instruction tool this week. ELA classes 11,3,5,8 will be starting a Sherlock Holmes Mystery Unit. Period 7 will be starting their Historical Fiction Novel, Night John. All students received their journal project - first entry is due September 7th through EdMoto. Reading classes will starting their non-fiction novel unit. States of Matter is the topic on hand next week! Students should return their Field Trip Permission Form and Framework of Citizenship Parental Sheet on Tuesday. Day 1 SSR starts on Wednesday - please make sure your child has a book by then! Our Spartan students should have all their supplies by next week - especially headphones. The teachers of Team Northampton are very excited about this upcoming school year!

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) We will have an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 5th after school in room 104 for about 10 minutes. Please plan on attending if you are interested in joining the club.

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 Monday due to Labor Day. Our next rehearsal is Thursday before school at 7:15 am.

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) Practice Tuesday and Thursday this week! Please note my email has now changed to KLLong@basdschools.org.

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Returning members are to meet in room 217 (Ms. Sierra's room) during Activity pd 9/5. 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

Library (Advisor Mr. Ellis) Mrs. Ellis is looking for student volunteers to work in the library during Day 1 Activity Period. Please complete this [form](#) if you are interested. Students who are already involved in a Day 1 Activity are not eligible to apply.

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

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) Returning members who are interested in helping out for back to school night on 9/17 should email Miss Novatnak. Our first meeting will take place in late September.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Druckenmiller) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistehmann) All service hours are due to Mrs. Wallach in room 104 by Friday, September 7. Also, our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 6 in room 104 either before (7:45) or after school. Members must attend ONE of these meetings.

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> . This week is workshops to prepare for auditions. Tuesday movie workshop until 5:00, Wednesday singing workshop until 4:30, Thursday dancing workshop until 4:30, Friday acting workshop until 4:30.

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Nitschmann School Newspaper (Advisor Miss Bouhana) If you're interested in joining the school newspaper as a writer, photographer, editor, layout, and field reporter, speak to Miss Bouhana in room 201 to get information.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We will begin meeting this year on Wednesday, October 10th from 3:05 -4:00 P.M. in the library. (The book lists and books are already available in the library to check out!) Permission forms are available in the library or online under Library / Reading Olympics on the Nitschmann website. Please return the form to the library, Mrs. Nonnemacher or Mr. Pearson no later than October 3rd. Come visit our table on back to school night on September 17th for more information. Returning Reading Olympics students are welcome to help out that night. You just need to email Mrs. Nonnemacher if you are interested.

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) We will have more information at Open House. We will be skiing on Monday nights in January and February.

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Returning members will have an after school meeting on Tuesday September 4th. We will be discussing and planning Back to School Night.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Returning members are to meet in room 217 (Ms. Sierra's room) during Activity pd 9/5. There is a possible performance November 3.

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) Strategy Club will meet in the Large Group Room next to the cafeteria on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:10 until 4:00 this year and will begin Monday, September 10th. Thank you to those who have donated their time and/or games. We will take donations of incomplete games as we can frequently use the parts of one game for the missing parts of another. There is always room for more. Parents and faculty are always welcome to attend.

Student Council (Advisors Mrs. Ellis) **8th grade students** Mrs. Ellis will be at lunch on Tuesday, September 4th to share information on running for class president, vice president, treasurer or secretary. Students who are interested in running should pick up an application from Mrs. Ellis in the library. Elections will take place on September 18th.

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) Do you like to take pictures? Mrs. Ellis is looking for a few students to take pictures of after school sporting events and school events for the yearbook. See Mrs. Ellis if you are interested.

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 7AM.

9/3 NO SCHOOL

9/4 Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM

9/5 Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM

Day 1 jazz band 8:25-9:01

9/6 Early morning band 7:15 AM

9/7 NO EARLY MORNING REHEARSAL

We will have large group lessons on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for band and orchestra students to review for their chair auditions. You can view the lesson schedule at: <http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

Chair audition schedules will be sent out next week.

- [Band chair audition information](#)
- [Orchestra chair audition information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- School instrumental lessons will begin on Tuesday, September 4. [Click here for the schedule.](#)
- Colorguard Logo clothing information can be found here:
<http://www.nmsim.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/colorguard-clothing-order.pdf>
- Instrumental music logo clothing can be found here:
<http://www.nmsim.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/NITSCHMANN-INSTRUMENTAL-CLOTHING-ORDER.pdf>
- 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

Welcome back! I'm looking forward to another great year of singing with Glee Club and Nitschmann Singers. Although we haven't started our usual rehearsal schedule yet, here is some basic information about the groups:

Glee Club is open to anyone who likes to sing and attends rehearsals regularly. Our usual rehearsal schedule is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:15 AM in room 141. Please enter the building through the auditorium doors. Instrumental students are excused to attend their morning band/orchestra/jazz rehearsals. Glee also rehearses during day 1 activity periods. No formal audition is required, but students will need to have their voice range evaluated by Mrs. de Vries. Please listen to announcements to find out when Glee Club begins.

Nitschmann Singers is a small group open to those who successfully audition. Singers learn more challenging repertoire and sometimes compete in adjudications. Singers are also members of Glee Club and must attend Wednesday morning Glee in addition to Tuesday and Thursday singer rehearsals in room 141 (3:05-4:00 pm). Auditions for open spots will be announced soon. Please direct questions to Mrs. de Vries.

Current Nitschmann Singers: We will rehearse on 9/4 (3:05-4:00), 9/5 (7:15 AM) and 9/6 (3:05-4:00) to prepare for a performance at back to school night on 9/17 at 6:00 PM.

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)

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

Cross Country

9/6 At Freedom

Field Hockey

9/4 PV Home

9/5 Eyer Away

9/7 Northampton Home

Football

9/8 Whitehall Away

Volleyball

9/7 Northampton Home

Fall Sports

Cross Country, Boys & Girls

Head Coach [Ms. Schwartz](#)

There will be no practice on Monday, September 3. Our first season meet is Thursday, Sept. 6 at Freedom HS. Hope to see everyone there!

Field Hockey, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Burzynski](#)

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

Football

Head Coach [Mr. Villani](#)

Volleyball, Girls

Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel](#)

Uniforms were handed out last week, so please make sure you have your navy spandex as well as we prepare for our first game! We will not have practice on Monday, Sept. 3, so please enjoy extended 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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