



BETHLEHEM

AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NITSCHMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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August 1, 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians of Nitschmann Middle School students,

In just a few short days, we will be welcoming your children to Nitschmann Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year! **Our faculty & staff are very excited to begin our school year on the First Day of School on Monday, August 26, 2019.** Please note on the First Day of School, 6th grade will begin at 8:05 am, and 7th & 8th grade will start on a 3-hour delay at 11:05 am to allow for the 6th-grade orientation. Bus information will follow in US Mail from the BASD Transportation Department just before school begins.

Included with this mailing is a tentative copy of your child's academic schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. Please carefully review your child's schedule and the accompanying information on the reverse of this letter.

Please make sure the Student Services Office has your updated email address before the start of school. We use email frequently to communicate important information and weekly updates, rather than sending papers home with your child. Please email our Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org with your name, your child's name, and your updated email.

Please remember to check our school website & social media sites for the 2019-2020 supply lists that your child will need for the first day of school.

Please read our Sunday Weekly Information, available through email, our website, social media sites, and the Bethlehem Area School District app for information about the start of school and school calendar.

Please mark your calendars for our Open House Walkthrough Night on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. This is a great evening to meet new families, walk around the school with your child, and get answers to some of your last-minute questions. We will begin in the Auditorium promptly at 7 pm.

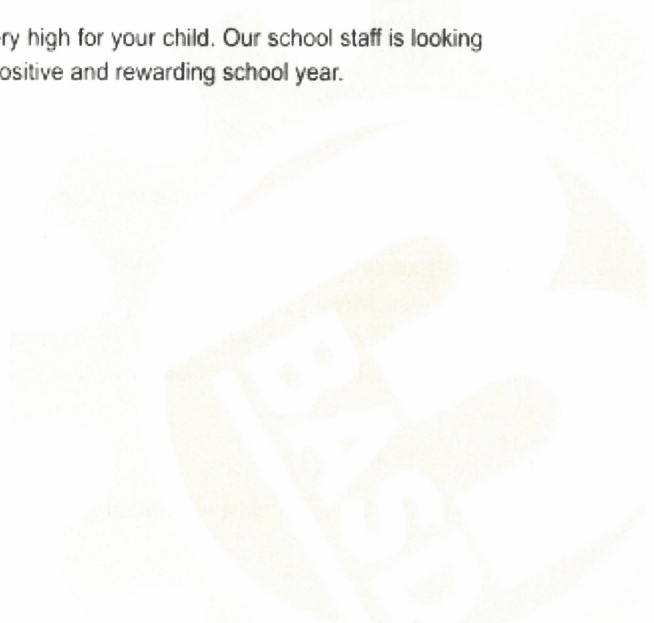
Please mark your calendars for our Annual Back to School Night on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Please plan on attending to meet your child's team of teachers and participate in a preview of the 2019-2020 school year.

As the new school year approaches, our expectations and hopes are very high for your child. Our school staff is looking forward to working collaboratively with you to make sure your child has a positive and rewarding school year.

Lions Lead the Way!

Mr. Peter Mayes
Principal

Mr. Brandon Horlick
Assistant Principal



Reading your Nitschmann Middle School Tentative Schedule

Nitschmann Middle School runs on a 6-day cycle schedule. Next to each course, you will see how frequently it meets (some are 1/2/3/4/5/6, some are 1/3/5, some are 2/4/6).

At the top of your child's tentative schedule, you will find a "House/Team" assignment. Your child will have all core classes with the same group of students on their grade level team, just in different groups for each class.

6th Grade Team Lehigh (Team Leader Mrs. Oliver joliver@basdschools.org)

6th Grade Team Lafayette (Team Leader Mrs. Hackman dhackman@basdschools.org)

6th Grade Team Moravian (Team Leader Ms. Roufakis eroufakis@basdschools.org)

7th Grade Team Kutztown (Team Leader Mr. Hess jhess@basdschools.org)

7th Grade Team Penn State (Team Leader Mrs. Miller lmiller@basdschools.org)

8th Grade Team NCC (Team Leader Mrs. Hood thood@basdschools.org)

8th Grade Team East Stroudsburg (Team Leader Mr. Amen kamen@basdschools.org)

All students are scheduled for Citizenship (homeroom where your child reports each morning when arriving at school for attendance) and LEAD (our Leader in Me program instruction, which meets 2x per cycle).

Core Courses

All students are scheduled for the following academic core courses, which meet daily:

English (Reading & ELA combined over two periods)

Social Studies

Science

Math

All students are scheduled for either Math (MA6002/MA7002/MA8002), Advanced Math (MA6001/MA7001/MA8001) or Algebra 1 (MA8010). This course is a tentative placement. No changes will be made by the administration until approximately 30 days into the school year to allow teachers to get to know their students, collect data, and confirm the summer placement for all 6th grade & new students. 7th & 8th should be continuing on their current math course program, which was established in 6th grade.

Encore Courses

All students are scheduled for six, thirty-day rotations of the following encore courses:

Art (6, 7, or 8)

Family/Consumer Science (6, 7, or 8)

Engineering Fabrication & Design (6, 7, or 8)

Integrated Art or Integrated Music (6, 7, or 8)

Music (6, 7, or 8)

Technology (6, 7, or 8)

Students with a GIEP will be scheduled for an every-other-day Seminar class.

All students are scheduled for Health/Physical Education every other day (either 1/3/5 or 2/4/6)

Most 6th grade students are scheduled for Exploratory World Language courses, which include a 60-day rotation of Spanish, French, and German. Most 7th grade students are scheduled for one world language, Spanish, French, or German. This course selection is based on student prioritized ranking of their choice in language from May. Most 8th grade students are scheduled for one world language, Spanish, French, or German. This is a continuation of their world language course.

or

Students with an IEP may be scheduled for an every-other-day Academic Support class.