

## This Week's Major Headlines

- **Congratulations to Dr. Mayes, who successfully defended his dissertation on Friday!**
- **The Open House Walkthrough will be held on Thursday, August 22 at 7 pm in the Auditorium.**
- **Start of School information has been posted to our website. See the information below.**
- **The first day of school is Monday, August 26, 2019 (8:05 am for 6th graders, 11:05 am for 7th/8th).**

## Parent & Student Weekly Email

**Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update, [Home of the Nitschmann Nation!](#)**

**Sunday, August 18, 2019, to Sunday, August 25, 2019**

**All of this information can be viewed at our**

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

## Attachments to Review

*None*

## Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

*8/22 Open House & Summer Walkthrough 7pm Auditorium; 8/26 First Day of School (6th grade @ 8:05am, 7th/8th @ 11:05am); 8/28 8th Grade BASD Empower Chomebook Presentation 7pm 9/2 Labor Day/No School; 9/16 NMS Back to School Night 6pm; 9/19 School Photo Day; 9/23 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 10/9 Yom Kippur/No School; 10/14 Teacher In-Service/No School; 10/15-18 BASD Education Week 10/29 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 10/30 End of 1st Quarter/School Photo Make-Up Day; 11/3 Daylight Savings Time Ends; 11/5 Election Day/Teacher In-Service/No School; 11/18 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences; 11/11 Veteran's Day; 11/19 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences; 11/27-12/2 Thanksgiving Holiday/No School; 12/23-1/3/20 Christmas/Winter Break/No School; 1/20 MLK Day/No School; 1/23 End of 2nd Quarter; 2/14 Teacher In-Service/No School; 2/17 Presidents' Day/No School; 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins; 3/11 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 3/27 End of 3rd Quarter; 4/7 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 4/8 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 4/9-4/13 Easter/Spring Break/No School; 5/TBA Primary Election Day/No School 5/25 Memorial Day/No School; 5/29 8th Grade Dance 6pm @ Ice House; 6/4 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 6pm; 6/8 8th Grade HersheyPark Trip; 6/9 Last Day of School/End of 4th Quarter*

## Weekly Schedule & Highlights

**Monday, 8/19/19**

**Tuesday, 8/20/19**

**Wednesday, 8/21/19** No School for Students, Teacher In-Service

**Thursday, 8/22/19** No School for Students, Teacher In-Service, Open House Walkthrough 7:00 pm for all students

**Friday, 8/23/19** No School for Students, Teacher In-Service

**Saturday, 8/24/19**

**Sunday, 8/25/19**

## Next Week Weekly Schedule & Highlights

**Monday, 8/26/19 Day 1 **Adapted Schedule**** (6th Grade @ 8:05 am; 7th & 8th Grades @ 11:05 am); 1st Day of School

**Tuesday, 8/27/19 Day 2**

**Wednesday, 8/28/19 Day 3** BASDEmpower 8th Grade Parent Meeting 7:00 pm Auditorium

**Thursday, 8/29/19 Day 4**

**Friday, 8/30/19 Day 5** 8th Grade BASDEmpower Laptop Distribution to 8th Grade students

**Saturday, 8/31/19**

**Sunday, 9/1/19**

## Important Links

[BASD Dining Services Menu & Website](#)

[NMS Staff Email Directory](#)

**PE/Health Schedule ([Villani](#), [Long](#), [Weinert](#))**

**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](mailto:ni-attendance@basdschools.org), as long as the email on your child's account matches the email address. Please note: If you are submitting a written or doctor's note do not submit an email. It should be one or the other. Please keep your email address up-to-date by emailing our Student Services Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at [sscott@basdschools.org](mailto:sscott@basdschools.org)! Please note that this is **ONLY** for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!*

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### **School-wide Announcements**

**BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)** None at this time.

**Open House Walkthrough (Mayes)** Please join us on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium with your child to walk around Nitschmann Middle School with your child's schedule to orientate yourself with the school. This is a great opportunity to make sure you have all of your questions answered for the first day of school! [Facebook Event Page](#)

**First Day of School (Mayes)** The 2019-2020 school year begins on Monday, August 26, 2019. 6th graders will report at 8:05 am for orientation. 7th & 8th graders will report at 11:05 am (busses will be 3 hours delayed for 7th & 8th!)

**Bus Transportation (Mayes)** Bus passes & transportation information is mailed directly to you at your home. This often will often be delivered on Friday or Saturday before school begins. Questions about transportation should be directed to the BASD Transportation Department at 610-861-0360.

**8th Grade BASD Empower Chomebook Presentation (Mayes)** Parents & Guardians of 8th grade students! Please come and meet with Dr. Mayes about our new 1:1 laptop initiative for all 8th grade students. We will talk about the purpose of the program, plans for rollout, logistics for students, and answer all of your questions! [Facebook Event Page](#)

**Crash Course for Parents Nitschmann Technology 101(Mayes)** Parents & Guardians! Want to learn how to keep an eye on your child's grades & assignments? Want to learn how all of your child's tech systems work together? Dr. Mayes will be reviewing Schoology, eSchool, our NMS Website, Social Media, BASD App, and more! Come in to the Auditorium on Wednesday, 9/11 at 1pm or 7pm to learn how to stay ahead of your Lion! [Facebook Event Page](#)

**School Supply List (Mayes)** The 2019-2020 school supply list has been posted on our NMS website at <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/nitschmann/parent-resources/>.

**Student Dress Code (Horlick)** The 2019-2020 NMS dress code has been posted at <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/nitschmann/parent-resources/>.

**Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG)** (Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](#))  
[nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com)

**Executive Committee**  
**PAC Representatives**

### **Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) None at this time.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) None at this time.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#))  
None at this time.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) None at this time.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) We are looking forward to an exciting year with your children! Please check this email weekly for Team Penn State news and curriculum updates.

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

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) With all class textbooks online this year, it is ESSENTIAL that your child has a pair or two of earbuds with them daily! Students will be able to use the text to speech feature, be able to watch videos as part of the curriculum, and create their own WeVideo projects. Earbuds are sold at the school store if needed. We look forward to our students taking ownership of their learning and seeking out leadership opportunities! Go Spartans!

**Counseling Corner (Stewart, Kehler, Hipp)**

Contact your child's counselor by email: [6th Grade Mrs. Stewart](#); [7th Grade Mr. Kehler](#); [8th Grade Mrs. Hipp](#)  
None at this time.

**Student Services Updates (Mr. Horlick)**

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email: [Mr. Horlick, Assistant Principal](#); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](#); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](#)  
None at this time.

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**Extracurricular Activities**

*Is your child interested in an after-school club or activity? Email the advisor for more information!*

**AM Basketball Open Field/ Gym** (TBA) None at this time.

**Anime Club** (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#)) None at this time.

**Art Club** (Advisors [Mrs. Kozero](#)/[Mrs. Lund](#)) None at this time.

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) None at this time.

**Dance Team** ([Advisor Ms. Sierra](#)) None at this time.

**German Club** ([Advisor Ms. Schwartz](#)) None at this time

**Heart & Sole Club** (Advisor TBA) None at this time.

**Fitness Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) None at this time.

**FCS/DIY Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Hoffman](#)) None at this time.

**French Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) None at this time.

**Intramurals** ([Advisor Mr. Ortwein](#)) None at this time

**Leadership Council** ([Advisor Mrs. Ellis](#)) None at this time.

**Lion Service Club** ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) None at this time.

**Lion's Pride (online school newspaper)** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) None at this time.

**Mathcounts** ([Advisor Ms. Novatnak](#)) None at this time.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs\\_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs\\_Nistchmann](#)) None at this time.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Sign up here to join Nitschmann Dramatics!

<https://forms.gle/Q4UfswXNOBnsPbkW8>

This year's show is Alice in Wonderland Jr. Check Mrs. Hriniak's website for updates, calendar, and information. Mark your calendar for a MOVIE AFTERNOON in the auditorium Wednesday 8/28 after school until 4:30 and our FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING in the auditorium Friday 8/30 after school until 4:30.

**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. Roufakis](#) & [Mrs. Evancho](#))  
**[Online order form....click here.](#) Orders will not be processed until payment is received!**

**Ski Club** ([Advisors Mr. Downey](#)) None at this time.

**Spanish Club** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) None at this time.

**Step Team** ([Advisor Ms. Sierra](#)) None at this time.

**Strategy Club** ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) 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. Dan Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music](#)

**Color Guard:** It's not too late to join Color Guard! We are still looking for students to join Honor Guard to march with the band and color guard and carry honor equipment like the American flag, Pennsylvania flag, City of Bethlehem flag, and Nitschmann Banner. Contact Mrs. Hriniak for more information [shriniak@basdschools.org](mailto:shriniak@basdschools.org)

**Choral Music** (Twitter [@ldevriesmusic](#))

[Mrs. Linda de Vries, Choral Music Director](#)

[Mrs. Jody Parris, Choral Music Director](#)

**Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates** (Twitter [@NMS\\_Athletics](#))

[Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director](#)

**Fall Interscholastic Sports begins Monday, August 12, 2019.**

**Sports Physicals (Ortwein)** Please make sure your child has their physical completed before Monday, August 12, 2019. This can be dropped off at the Nitschmann Student Services Office for the St. Luke's Trainer. Always keep a personal copy

of this document! The form can be found on our NMS website at <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/nitschmann/athletics-general-information/>.

### **Year-long**

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long [kllong@basdschools.org](mailto:kllong@basdschools.org))

Practice: Tuesday, Aug. 20th- 9-11am

Thursday, Aug. 22nd 3:05-5pm

The first home football game is Saturday, Aug. 31st at 9 am. Meet at 8:15 am to warm up.

### **Fall**

**Boys Football** (Head Coach [Mr. Villiani mvilliani@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr. Villiani mvilliani@basdschools.org))

Practice begins on Monday, August 12 on the turf field from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Practices continue on this schedule until Tuesday, August 20, 2019, then return to the normal school year schedule. See the [NMS Calendar](#) for details.

**Co-Ed Cross Country** (Head Coach [Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org](mailto:Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org))

Practice begins on Monday, August 12 outside the gymnasium entrance from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Practices continue on this schedule until Tuesday, August 20, 2019, then return to the normal school year schedule. See the [NMS Calendar](#) for details.

**Girls Volleyball** (Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org](mailto:Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org))

Practice begins on Monday, August 12 in the gymnasium from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Practices continue on this schedule until Tuesday, August 20, 2019, then return to the normal school year schedule. See the [NMS Calendar](#) for details.

**Girls Field Hockey** ([Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org))

Practice begins on Monday, August 12 on the turf field from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Practices continue on this schedule until Tuesday, August 20, 2019, then return to the normal school year schedule. See the [NMS Calendar](#) for details.

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***"Lions Lead the Way!"***

*Our Collective Vision Nitschmann Middle School is committed to cultivating a respectful community of innovative learners who are socially competent citizens ready to meet the challenges of their future.*

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