



# NITSCHMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Principal: Peter Mayes

Nitschmann Middle School is a community school located in picturesque West Bethlehem. We are committed to cultivating a respectful community of learners and we value social competence. Home to a dedicated staff, committed and respectful students, and a variety of activities and academic options, Nitschmann is a thriving community where students find their own unique path. We are committed to working with our students towards finding their niche within the school.

**School Enrollment: 850 | Number of Faculty: 70 | Mascot: Lions**  
**School Colors: Blue and White | School Day: 8:05am-3:05pm**  
**Our students move on to Liberty High School.**



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Nitschmann Middle School is a community where your child can explore, learn, and develop through a rich set of experiences so they can find their unique path towards their future. We pride ourselves on building the next generation of leaders and learners for Bethlehem!"

### NITSCHMANN IN THE COMMUNITY

- Collaborations with local colleges support core and encore teams with real-life.
- Program collaborations include our local educational partners: Lehigh University, Lafayette University, Moravian College, Kutztown University, Penn State University, East Stroudsburg University, and Northampton Community College.
- Partnerships with Wildlands Conservancy, PA Department of Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and the Specialized Foundation provide outdoor experiences such as hiking, canoeing, and mountain biking to all students.
- Volunteer organizations such as New Bethany Ministries and Mary's Shelter encourage students to give back to our local community and serve others.

- We share our student's talents in the arts by providing musical instrumental, dramatics, dance, and vocal music performances for our community at LV Airport, nursing homes, and local businesses.
- We serve our local neighborhood through "Nitschmann Cares"; a program to thank our neighbors for being a part of our school community.
- We support fundraisers and our goal of engaging adolescents in service, such as our BASD Mini Mini THON supporting pediatric cancer research.

### WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING

"The amazing thing about Nitschmann is all of the opportunities that are available to my daughter! They truly helped her find her passion in the arts after exploring lots of different activities!"

"Nitschmann Middle School helps my daughter grow in all ways as a young adult, whether it is academic classes, learning about new experiences in extracurricular activities, making new life-long friends, or exposing her to new adventures. They really look at the whole child and make sure each person gets exactly what they need to grow!"

"We love Nitschmann Middle School! Our son is the 3rd generation of our family to attend Nitschmann. We are happy with the way Nitschmann focuses on the whole child. The faculty has a special way of encouraging his academics, relationships with others, staying involved in activities, and getting ready for life after high school!"

### CONNECTING FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS

- We honor our students and families monthly through our Pride of the Lions program.
- We have organizations to support our students, including our Nitschmann Parent Group, Nitschmann Band & Orchestra Parent Association, Nitschmann Dramatics, and Nitschmann Choral Groups.
- There are opportunities to volunteer at school-sponsored events, such as monthly school dances, team events, athletic events, and performances.
- Parents can chaperone at school-sponsored field trips and overnight events, including our team field trips and Nitschmann Music Department Trips.
- Parents can be guest speakers to student groups about careers and experiences.
- Parents and families participate in community service activities and events.
- There are opportunities to connect with local organizations like Valley Youth House and Center for Humanistic Change.



**BETHLEHEM**  
 AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



### ATHLETICS

- Interscholastic Sports
- Baseball at Liberty High School
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Soccer
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Wrestling at Liberty High School

### INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Mountain Biking
- Morning Open Gymnasium
- Morning Workouts
- Ski Club
- Strength & Conditioning
- Tennis

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Chess & Strategy Club
- DIY Club
- French Club
- German Club
- Heart & Sole Club
- History Day
- International Travel to Quebec
- Lehigh Education Day
- No Place for Hate Activities
- Mathcounts
- Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science(PJAS)

- Reading Olympics
- Robotics Club
- Riding for Focus
- Lion's Pride Online Newspaper
- School Dances & Activities
- Spirit Week & Pep Rallies
- Yearbook

### SERVICE LEARNING

- Bethlehem Area Junior Police Academy
- Holiday Volunteerism
- Leadership Council
- Lion Service Club
- Lion's Den School Store
- Mary's Shelter
- National Junior Honor Society
- New Bethany Ministries
- Principal Advisory Council
- Special Olympics

### THE ARTS

- All City Chorus, Band, & Orchestra
- Anime Club
- Art Club
- ArtSmart at the Banana Factory
- Dance Team
- Glee Club
- Jazz Band
- Lion's Mane Boys Choir
- Marching Band and Bandfront
- Nitschmann Dramatics
- Nitschmann Dramatics Stage Crew
- Nitschmann Dramatics Sound Crew

- Nitschmann Singers
- Orchestra
- PMEA Band & Chorus
- Small Instrumental Ensembles
- Stage Band
- Step Team

### TEAMING

- Bike & Boat on Lehigh River
- Environmental Field Trips
- Historical Walking Tours of Bethlehem
- Team Service Projects
- Team Curriculum Field Trips
- Yearly Local College Visits



## Nitschmann Middle School

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