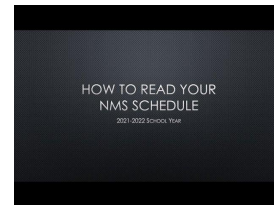


Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
100 Years of Learning @ Home of the Nitschmann Nation
Sunday, August 15, 2021, to Sunday, August 22, 2021

Download the [BASD App](#) and select "Nitschmann" to receive all alerts to your phone.



- **2021-2022 Student Schedules were mailed to your homes this week!** Need help understanding how to read your schedule? [Check out Dr. Mayes' video on YouTube!](#)
- **Start of School Important Dates** (PLEASE check the [NMS Calendar on the BASD Website](#) - we ALWAYS post to this site first rather than send home a paper calendar!)
 - **Evening Walk-Through on Thursday 8/26 from 6:30pm-8:00pm.** We invite all families to join us in the auditorium for a quick welcome by Dr. Mayes & Mrs. Woodson, then time to explore the school building prior to the first day of school. No sign ups needed for this event. Masks are required inside of Nitschmann Middle School for everyone.
 - **First Day of School 8/30 (6th Graders report at 8:05am, 7th & 8th Graders report at 11:05am).** Review our Welcome Back Letter when posted with your child's schedule for more information. 6th Grade Orientation will be held during the morning of the first day of school. Masks are required inside of Nitschmann Middle School for everyone.
- **Upcoming Activities**
 - **Fall sports begin on Monday, August 16 for 7th & 8th graders only, by PIAA law.** A BASD Physical is REQUIRED to try out & participate.
 - BASD Vaccination Clinic will be held Tuesday, August 17 @ Broughal MS. [Sign up here!](#)

*****Links to Review *******

[BASD Parent Portals Link \(Schoology, Home Access Center, SchoolCafe, etc.\)](#)

[BASD 2021-2022 Calendar](#)

[NMS School Supply List](#)

*****Weekly Schedule & Highlights @ [BASD NMS Event Calendar](#)*******

See all long-term events on our [BASD NMS Event Calendar on the BASD Website](#)

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes
Monday	8/16	None	NMS Summer Band Camp 7:30am-12:30pm (mask required indoors) Fall Sports Begin (see times below) *(Girls Volleyball - masks required indoors)
Tuesday	8/17	None	NMS Summer Band Camp 7:30am-12:30pm (mask required indoors) Fall Sports Practices *(Girls Volleyball - masks required indoors) BASD Vaccination Clinic will be held 8/17 @ Broughal MS. Sign up here!
Wednesday	8/18	None	NMS Summer Band Camp 7:30am-12:30pm (mask required indoors) Fall Sports Practices *(Girls Volleyball - masks required indoors)
Thursday	8/19	None	NMS Summer Band Camp 7:30am-12:30pm (mask required indoors) Fall Sports Practices *(Girls Volleyball - masks required indoors)
Friday	8/20	None	NMS Summer Band Camp 7:30am-12:30pm (mask required indoors) Fall Sports Practices *(Girls Volleyball - masks required indoors)

*****School-wide Announcements**

Schoolwide Library Services (Werkheiser) werkheiser@basdschools.org for help with books or services.
[The library website is full of resources for students.](#)

*****Student Services Updates** *****

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email: [Mrs. Woodson, Assistant Principal](#); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](#); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](#)

6th Grade: [Mr. Kehler's Counseling Google Site for Students](#)

7th Grade: [Mrs. Hipp's Counseling Google Site for Students](#)

8th Grade: [Ms. Stewart's Counseling Google Site for Students](#)

*****Core & Encore Team Updates** *****

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

Team Kutztown (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

Team DeSales (8th) (Team Leader [Mrs. Pogue](#)): Instagram [@NMSTeamDSU8](#) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

Health and Fitness:[See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

Team Bloomsburg (Encore World Language and Library) (Twitter [@NMSBloomsburg](#) / Team Leader [Dr. Sierra](#))-[See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

*****Extracurricular Activities** *****

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

AM Basketball (Advisor Dr. Mayes) None at this time.

Anime Club (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#))

Art Club (Advisor [Mrs. Lund](#)) None at this time.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#))

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

Environmental Club ([Advisor Ms. Stewart](#)) None at this time.

French Club - ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) Nothing at this time.

German Club ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#))None at this time.

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

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

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

Lacrosse Intramurals: ([Advisor Ms. Weinert](#)) None at this time.

Leadership Council ([Advisor Mr. Kocon](#)) 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 Mrs. Novatnak Lafey](#)) 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](#)) None at this time.

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

Photography Club ([Advisor Ms. Krause](#))

Reading Olympics ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#))

Riding for Focus (Advisors [Mr. Miller](#) & [Mr. Bellucci](#)) None at this time.

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors [Ms. Roufakis](#) & [Mrs. Evancho](#))

****Ski & Snowboard Club** ([Advisors Mr. Downey](#) and [Mrs. Druckenmiller](#))

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

Student Lighthouse ([Advisors Mr. Kocon](#) / [Mrs. McLaughlin](#) / [Miss Bouhana](#)).

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

Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) None at this time.

Yearbook (Advisor [Mrs. Markovic](#) & [Mrs. Gomez](#)) None at this time.

*****Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates*******

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

[Mr. Daniel Zettlemyer: Instrumental Music](#)

*****Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)*******

Year-long

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long kllong@basdschools.org)

Fall

Boys Football (Head Coach Mr. Shemanski mshemanski@basdschools.org; Asst. Coach Mr. Villani mwillani@basdschools.org)

- Practice begins on Monday, August 16th from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. A BASD Physical is REQUIRED! Please email Mr. Shemanski or Mr. Villani with any questions.

Co-Ed Cross Country (Head Coach Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org)

- Practice begins on Monday, August 16th from 9:00am to 10:30am. A BASD Physical is REQUIRED! Please email Ms. Schwartz with any questions.

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org)

- Practice begins on Monday, August 16th from 8:00am to 10:00am. A BASD Physical is REQUIRED! Please email Mrs. Hinkel with any questions.
- The Liberty High School girls volleyball team is hosting a skills clinic Saturday, August 14, the weekend before tryouts. Mrs. Van Woert and Mrs. Hinkel will not be there and are not a part of the clinic, but it's a great opportunity for some extra practice before tryouts. Please use the link to a google form for more information and contact information for Coach Swigart, the head coach at Liberty, if you are interested in attending. There is a fee associated with this clinic.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ep9Ws7fayEb02P2irel9RgKoUHvnArBS83HOkZ9XaP4/viewform?edit_requested=true

Girls Field Hockey (Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org)

- Practice begins on Monday, August 16th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. A BASD Physical is REQUIRED! Please email Mr. Burzynski with any questions.
- I am excited for the start of the field hockey season this coming Monday August 16, 2021. I wanted to let you know some details before the first day. Practices start at 10 AM on the turf at Nitschmann. Please be there by 9:50 AM fully equipt for practice. If you have not done so already, you MUST have a current PIAA [sports physical](#) dated after 6/1 to start practice. (If you can't get an appointment from your primary doctor I suggest calling a walk-in center to get the PIAA physical and bring with you 8/16.)
- Things to bring:
 - Weather appropriate clothing
 - Field hockey stick (preferably the height of the top of your hip bone)
 - Mouth guard
 - Goggles
 - Cleats
 - Shin guards
 - Water bottle
 - Any other braces, hair ties, wraps, etc. you may need.
- If you are just getting started and need equipment Dick's Sporting Goods sells a [starter kit](#) that is popular. Dick's [Discount](#). I suggest getting outside a few times this week for a run and some basics to get heat acclimated. This [link](#) has videos of beginner drills we will review the first few days. You can see the full field hockey schedule by clicking this [link](#). The schedule is subject to change so bookmark the calendar and check regularly. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. If anything changes, I will let you know as soon as possible. See you soon!

Winter

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach Mr. Wills)

Girls MS Basketball (Head Coach Mr. Ortwein jortwein@basdschools.org)

Boys & Girls LHS HS Wrestling (Head Coach Mr. Hall)

Spring

Girls MS Softball (Head Coach Mr. Kocon ekocon@basdschools.org)

Co-Ed MS Soccer (Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach srodenbach@basdschools.org)