

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
100 Years of Learning @ Home of the Nitschmann Nation

Sunday, August 22, 2021, to Sunday, August 29, 2021

Download the BASD App and select "Nitschmann" to receive all alerts to your phone.

BASD Covid Mitigation Level - Tier 3 (Universal masking for all students & staff, grades PreK-12)

- **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 - new families should come at 6:30pm for the introduction, all others between 7pm-8pm. 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.
- **Registration Gateway Back-To-School Portal** - The Back-To-School Portal is now open for all parents to complete. All parents must complete the Back-To-School Portal even if they do not have changes to their child's information. There are a number of items parents need to review related to information from the district on the portal. The annual letter regarding the Back To School portal, Home Access Center, etc. is in the process of being sent via mail. This will provide you the credentials to login into these systems. There has been a change from last year regarding the password for Registration Gateway.
- **Home Access Center** - You can use your BASD login information to view your child's schedule & bussing information. Directions are posted on the BASD website.
- **Grading Rx Survey** - The district is preparing for a change in the way we approach grading. Please participate in our BASD district-wide survey about your opinions about grading & homework. Click the link! [GradingRx survey](#)

*****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	8/23	None	No School for Students Teacher In-Service (New Teacher Orientation)
Tuesday	8/24	None	No School for Students Teacher In-Service
Wednesday	8/25	None	No School for Students Teacher In-Service
Thursday	8/26	None	No School for Students Teacher In-Service NMS Evening Walkthrough 6:30pm-8:00pm Auditorium Entrance (MASKS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY FOR ALL PEOPLE) Brand New Families report at 6:30pm; All others report anytime between 7-8pm

Friday	8/27	None	No School for Students Teacher In-Service
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*****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](#) [Library Equity](#) [A Quiet Place](#)
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!](#)

Team Pitt: (Encore Health and PE, and All 30 day rotation classes) (Team Leader [Mrs. Long](#)) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#))
[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.

*****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](mailto:mshemanski@basdschools.org); Asst. Coach Mr. Villani mvillani@basdschools.org)

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

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

- Due to previously scheduled commitments, there will be NO VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE on Monday, August 23, 2021.
- Practices will resume on Tuesday, August 24 from 3-5 pm.
- Practices will continue Monday - Friday from 3-5 pm for the duration of the season.

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

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Winter

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach Mr. Wills)

Girls MS Basketball (Head Coach [Mr. Ortwein jortwein@basdschools.org](mailto: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](mailto:srodenbach@basdschools.org))

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

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

Mr. Daniel Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 23 - Uniform Distribution Night 6-9pm

Tuesday, August 24 - None

Wednesday, August 25 - None

Thursday, August 26 - None

Friday, August 27 - None

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 1 - 7:15am Jazz band interest meeting

Thursday, September 2 - 7:15am First day of early morning band

Friday, September 3 - 7:15am First day of early morning orchestra

Wednesday, September 15 - 7:30pm NIMAS general membership meeting

Saturday, October 16 - Nazareth Parade

Thursday, October 21 - NMS night football game

Sunday, October 24 - Saucon Valley Parade

Wednesday, October 27 - FHS/LHS performance rehearsal (Raindate - Thursday, Oct. 28 7:30am)

Saturday, October 30 - FHS/LHS football game performance

Sunday, October 31 - Bethlehem Halloween Parade (Raindate - November 7)

NIMAS INFORMATION

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION NIGHT (BAND)

An email with a Google form for Uniform Distribution Night (marching band members only) has been sent to you. Your responses are due by Sunday night so we can update your account for UDN. This is the link in case you can't find the email. <https://forms.gle/AC24XP29uZSuPDfJ9>

Your responses on the form will be used to create financial obligations on your Cut Time profile to provide you the ability to pay for your items in advance. You can also pay by check on UDN. If you are paying by check, make the check payable to NIMAS.

Please complete the form even if you are unable to attend on August 23 as the information will still be added to your Cut Time profile.

If there is a financial hardship, contact me at dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org and I will contact you about the options we have available to assist you.

SHOE & BOOTS (BAND)

If you have not completed the band shoe/boot survey please complete it by Sunday evening, August 22.

<https://forms.gle/aYvgRu4swytU79nX8>

PARENT VOLUNTEER ID SHIRTS

If you plan to volunteer or just want to support the band with NMS band wear, complete the form below to order a blue ID shirt. Please use a for each individual order. Parent volunteers need a blue ID shirt for public events such as parades, bingos, jazz fests, etc. to identify them as volunteers with the organization. If you already have an ID shirt you do not need a new one.

The cost of the shirt will be added to your Cut Time parent account under financial obligations. You can pay by credit or debit card using Cut Time or send in a check with your name (so it matches the shirt order). If you are paying by check, please make the check payable to NIMAS.

Parent volunteer blue ID shirt order form. <https://forms.gle/z7S3kV1XkNibxXiO9>

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

FALL MUM FLOWER SALE - [ORDER FORM](#)

We will be working with Lehigh Valley Home and Garden Center for our plant fundraiser. We are offering a wonderful variety of fall mums. If you've ordered from LVHGC before, you know their products are BEAUTIFUL!

Please take orders on the back of this sheet. On the bottom, please record your totals. Return the bottom portion only of this sheet and your money due by Friday, September 3rd. We would like one check or cash per complete order. Checks can be made out to NIMAS. Late orders will not be accepted. Return all orders to the box in Mr. Zettlemoyer's room. A \$2.75 profit is made on each plant sold and will be added to your student's fair share account.

Pick-up will be Monday, September 20th from 4:30-6 PM at NMS. It is VERY important you remember to pick up your order. Please be prompt. We cannot “save” plants.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you for supporting NMS Band students.

Stephanie Cramer
717-360-8675
scramer90@gmail.com

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Instrumental Music**
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- Sold in \$100 increments
- \$4.00 of every \$100 purchased goes to your fair share account

AMAZON SMILE

The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of the Amazon Smile program.

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1. Log on to Amazon Smile. <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. If you can search for a charity from your home page type in: Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association.
3. If you cannot search from the home page click on YOUR ACCOUNT.
4. Under Settings, look for Change your Charity.
5. Click on Change your Charity.
6. In the search box type Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association.
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