

**Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, February 25, 2018 to Sunday, March 4, 2018**

Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

**All of this information can be downloaded at our Nitschmann Middle School Website!
Stay on top of your child's grades & attendance at BASD Parent Portal**

Attachments to Review

None at this time.

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive! (All dates are listed on our NMS website)

3/2-4 School Play The Lion King; 3/11 Music Ice Skating Night; 3/23 NMS Jazz Festival; 3/26 International Night; 3/28 8th Grade NYC Trip; 3/29-4/2 No School/Spring & Easter Break; 4/6 NMS Mini-Thon; 4/9, 10, & 11 PSSA ELA Exams; 4/13 NIMAS Bingo; 4/16 & 17 PSSA Math Exams; 4/18 Mandatory Music Spring Trip Meeting; 4/21 Jazz Cafe; 4/23 & 24 PSSA Science Exams; 4/26 Spring Band Concert; 5/2 Spring Orchestra & Jazz Concert; 5/11-12 Music Department Spring Trip; 5/15 School Closed/PA Primary Day; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 6/6 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 7pm @ NMS; 6/7 Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal

8th Grade Transition Dates from Nitschmann to Liberty High School

3/5/18 6:30pm LHS Admin to meet with parents at the Middle Schools; 3/12/18 Mr. Bailey, Principal Visit to NMS During School; 3/16/18 8th Grade Visit to LHS During School

Monday, 2/26 Day 2

Tuesday, 2/27 Day 3

Wednesday, 2/28 Day 4

Thursday, 3/1 Day 5 The Lion King, Jr. Play 10am Preview Show for Elementary Schools

Friday, 3/2 Day 6 The Lion King, Jr. Play 7pm

Saturday, 3/3 The Lion King, Jr. Play 2pm, 7pm

Sunday, 3/4 The Lion King, Jr. Play 2pm

***All athletic information are listed at the bottom of this email ***

PE/Health Schedule

2/26-3/2

Health- Wallace

Gym- Villani and Wills

Recent Nitschmann News! (Always posted on our Social Media sites too!)

Twitter [@NitschmannMS](#); Facebook [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Instagram [@BASDNitschmannMS](#); Google+ [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Pinterest [@NitschmannMS](#); [NMS School Website](#) ; [YouTube](#)

PJAS Winners! (Amen) Congratulations to all of our future scientists with their award-winning presentations this weekend at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science!

Category 1st Place Finishers: Monica Bruno, Jiaming Wang, Hemani Patel, Alina Keshodkar

Category 2nd Place Finishers: Madelyn Pham, Sarah Park, Nathan Schlegel, Matthew Thomas

Category 3rd Place Finishers: Angelina Haas, Jacob Orrico

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available to view at [BASD e-News February 23, 2018, Edition](#).

Nitschmann Dramatics proudly presents The Lion King Jr! Friday 3/2 at 7:00 pm, Saturday 3/3 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Sunday at 2:00 pm. Tickets available at the box office.

Save the Date! (Augello) The 2nd Annual Nitschmann mini-miniTHON will take place on Friday, April 6th. We hope to have as many students as possible participate from all three grades. Please listen to the morning announcements for volunteer opportunities.

Sponsors Needed! (Augello) We are looking for sponsors for our NMS mini mini THON t-shirts so that every student who purchases a miniTHON ticket gets a free THON t-shirt. Last year several businesses paid for over 325 shirts for our students! If you own a business, would like to contribute or know anyone who has a business who might be willing to contribute please contact Mrs. Augello at saugello@basdschools.org. Sponsors will be listed on the back of the t-shirts. Our sponsor levels are as follows:

"Lead the Way Sponsors" \$150; "Lion Sponsors" \$100; "Cub Sponsors" \$50

Book Drive (Bouhana) - If you have any books that you no longer want or read, please bring them in to donate. The donated books would be used to create library trunks for summer camps. We will be accepting donations until March 10th.

NJHS Fundraiser (Wallach/Lanzetta) The NJHS is beginning a fundraiser during the month of February to raise awareness and support the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. It is a great service project for them and they have set their goal at \$750.00. During the month of February, the honor society members will be making announcements, selling bracelets and blood drops, and informing the school about facts and statistics related to blood cancer. We are also considering a "red out" day to raise awareness. We are asking for your support to make this fundraiser a success. Please consider donating to help the cause. The link is below to make an online donation. Thank you for your support. <http://events.lls.org/pages/epa/Nitschmann-Middle-School-2018>

Box Tops Competition (NPG) SUBMIT YOUR LABEL BY 2/26/18 AND WIN A PIZZA PARTY! 1. Cut out the Box Tops from participating products; 2. Place them in a plastic baggie marked with your teacher's name; 3. Send them in to school no later than 2/26/18; 4. The labels will be sorted, organized and counted. The class with the most labels submitted will receive a PIZZA PARTY!! 5. Teachers should collect the Box Tops and turn them in to Mrs. Ellis

Lacrosse with BTAA - Interested in trying the fastest game on two feet? The BTAA Bulldogs have a few spots left on the girls 5/6 team for this Spring, and this would be the perfect time to try this exciting game.

Lacrosse is a fantastic team sport, and no matter your skill level, everyone can contribute. This team is geared towards teaching the game, getting players tons of playing time, and having fun, so **no** experience is needed. There are lots of new players every year and we really enjoy showing them what a great game this is. Sign-ups on-line at www.btaabulldogs.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact head coach Erik Broesicke at ebroesicke@hotmail.com We look forward to seeing you on the field!

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG

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Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

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Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio JK0359@HOTMAIL.com

PAC Representatives

- 1) Amy Wuertele
- 2) Kimberly Marcantonio
- 3) Therese Gyauch

Thank you to all of our parents who came out on Friday evening to sit and talk about the recent school shootings in Florida & about our own safety procedures & training for Nitschmann!

Erin & Mr. Mayes

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Reflection sheets from student led conferences were due on Friday, February 23. Please return them asap if they were not yet returned to school. It's almost the mid-quarter. Check your child's grades on parent portal. If you have any questions or concerns, contact a teacher on our team. Please send in tissues. Flu season isn't over!

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

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) None at this time.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Student/Parent Conference reflection sheets are now overdue. For those who already held a conference, we hope that you enjoyed a positive experience with your child discussing their academics and goals for the remainder of the school year. **Science** - This coming week students will continue to learn about the names for the individual parts of a cell, the location, the structure, and the function each one has within the cell. **English** - There will be a vocabulary quiz on Lesson 12 words on Monday. (This was postponed from Friday.) Students should be busy researching information for their Persuasive Speeches. The 2 speech outline sheets that they received last week are due on Tuesday. This week students will finish composing their speeches, and they will learn several tips for a positive public speaking experience. If students can bring in their own note cards for their speech, it would be appreciated. There will be a brief quiz later this week on persuasive speeches and effective public speaking. Their actual delivery of the 3.5-5 minute persuasive speech begins the week of March 5.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) We have almost reached the third marking period mid quarter point. Mid quarter progress reports will be processed soon. Please check your grades and make up any missed work. In addition, please don't forget to hand in your student led conference response forms if you have not already done so. **Science** - Genetics test is on THURSDAY. ELA - Periods 1, 2, 5 & 7 - Civil Rights/Human Rights poem due on Google Classroom by 9pm on Wednesday, Poem questions and picture due Thursday at the beginning of class. Period 8 - Civil Rights/Human Rights poem due on Google Classroom by 9pm on Thursday, Poem questions and picture due Friday at the beginning of class. We will be starting the novel, Notes from the Midnight Driver. **Reading**- Students will be working on final projects for the book we finished this past Friday, Monster. **Math** - Period 8 has their Unit Test on Tuesday. The next unit of study will be about probability. The other classes are still working with equations and inequalities. **Geography** - Students will have a quiz on regional specialization in the United States on Tuesday. We will then be studying Canadian culture and history.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will finish Soldier X and write a theme based essay for a final assessment. All students should be starting their 2nd book report or be halfway through their 300 page book. Students will complete their walking tour of Bethlehem this week. Students should be working on the assignment each night for homework: planning, research, building, refining. Essay test on Friday.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 took a test on chapters 1-10 of the novel. We are also working on a simile project that is due on Tuesday. Students in period 3 are continuing with current events with critical thinking skills. We are still in our Civil Rights unit and will start our new novel shortly. Students in period 8 are working on *The Contender* chapters 7-9 and have a short writing assignment due on Monday for chapters 8-9. In ELA this week, we will be finalizing our compare and contrast essays. Periods 1, 3, 5, and 8 will all have rough drafts due Tuesday, Feb. 27. Final draft due dates will be assigned for the following week. We will also continue to work on dangling and misplaced modifiers and gerunds with quizzes to be scheduled for later in the week depending on our understanding. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Hriniak for sharing her expertise on Moravian history and culture during the colonial times! Check out our Twitter pages for some great photos! We are finishing up our in depth look into how slavery shaped the fundamental beliefs of Americans in regards to race using primary sources and original historical materials throughout the past 350 years. We will be

heading into Colonial Government next week - looking to analyzing the First Amendment and then apply it to real world cases today. hershey Park Forms and payment are currently being accepted. IF you were planning of pay in TWO installments, the first payment is due THIS FRIDAY, March 2nd. IF you have not even seen the PINK Hershey Form, please ask you child about it asap! CONGRATS to Matt Thomas and Jiaming Wang for their efforts and success in the PJAS competition this past weekend! Our future engineers are in the making and Spartan Nation is so very proud! Congrats also goes out to Denise Cano, Jin Kussamaul, Tori Panik and Xavier Urban for receiving a "SPARTAN UP" award! Please continue to check PARENT PORTAL. The public Library offers FREE TUTORING from 4-7 on Monday thru Thursday. PLEASE have your child take advantage of this IF they are not getting their work done and are not choosing to stay after school CONSISTENTLY.

Team Temple (Encore) (Blog) We will be hosting International Night on March 26th from 6 to 8pm. We will be showcasing student work in the arts, music, and languages. Souvenirs, snacks, and drinks will be available for sale. Please join us!

Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp) None at this time.

Student Services Updates (Wagner) If your child has a doctor appointment scheduled during the school day, please send a note with your child **stating the child's name and time of early dismissal**. If your child is returning to school **after** the appointment, please provide the school office with a note from the doctor's office. If your child has an appointment **prior to the start of the school day**, please provide the school office with a note from the doctor's office. **If the student returns to school without a doctor's note, the student's attendance will be recorded as an unexcused tardy to school.**

Extracurricular Activities

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

AM Basketball (Off. Conley) None at this time.

Anime Club (Advisors Mrs. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Our next club meeting is March 19 in room 104.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) None at this time.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hrinik) Regular early morning rehearsals Monday and Thursday.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

Cheerleading (Advisor Mrs. Guerrieri) None at this time.

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) practice Wednesday until 5:30

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) None at this time.

FCS/DIY Club (Advisors Mrs. Del Priore & Mrs. Hoffman) The DIY Club will meet Tuesday after school until 4:45 p.m. Please make sure to have transportation arranged and we look forward to seeing you Tuesday!

French Club (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) Our club had a great meeting this past week. We've gather a lot of great new ideas for projects to complete and we started on our Nitschmann Closet. We have a nice group of students. If you are interested in joining, it's never too late. See Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 for a permission form.

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) None at this time.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs_Nistchmann) We met our goal for LLS! Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication. We will have exact totals after the fundraiser is complete at the end of the month. Our next meeting will be March 7th; however, it is an **after school meeting only** as we will have Felicia from LLS here to meet with us and discuss the fundraiser. We will have a check for her and we will reflect upon our successes and challenges and take some pictures. All members should attend.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hrinia) Monday Tuesday Wednesday rehearsal until 6:00. Thursday is Preview Show Day (see email for details). Friday call time 5:00; performance 7:00. Saturday call time noon; performances 2:00 and 7:00. Sunday call time noon; performance 2:00; party until 6:00. Break a leg!

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) It's been a great school year to date preparing for the Reading Olympics Spring Challenge competition at Easton High School on April 5th! We will be picking the three teams and they will be posted on Tuesday morning during homeroom on February 27th on the library doors. We begin meeting as teams on Tuesday, February 28th. This will be our last meeting until 4 P.M. Thank you to all the students who entered drawings for the T-Shirt contest! They are being voted on and will be announced to Reading Olympics students this week. We will be doing a Subway coupon sale fundraiser in the near future. Information to follow within the next few weeks.

Recreation Games Club (City of Bethlehem) Activities will be Mondays & Thursdays 3:05pm-4:00pm. All are welcome!

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Mr. Dendrinis & Mrs. Evancho) The Lion's Den will now be open Tuesday and Thursday before school and Wednesday during lunch in addition to Day 1 Activity Time. We will no longer be open before school on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Come check out the new winter beanies to prepare for the cold weather before they sell out!

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) We have 2 Mondays left for ski club. If there is any cancellation, I will announce in school and on Remind. To join: Text the message @skiclubni to the number 81010.

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will not have an after school meeting this week.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) practice Tuesday and Thursday until 5:30

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

Student Council (Advisors Mrs. Ellis) None at this time.

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) None at this time

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

Instrumental Music

Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

2/26 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM

2/27 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM
2/28 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM
3/1 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM
3/2 Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM

LESSON SCHEDULE - [Lessons](#)

Monday lesson students need to join another instrument group for lessons this week.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 9 - Northeast jazz festival
March 11 - Ice-Skating Night 5-7 PM [PERMISSION SLIP](#)
March 16 - Broughal jazz festival
March 23 - Nitschmann jazz festival
March 28 - 8th Grade NYC trip
April 4 - PMEA Intermediate festival
April 13 - NIMAS Bingo
April 18 - Mandatory Spring trip meeting - Parent & student going MUST attend 7:00 PM NMS Auditorium
April 21 - Jazz Cafe 7:00 PM
April 26 - Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM
May 2 - Spring Orchestra Jazz Concert - 7:00 PM
May 11 & 12 - Music department spring trip

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Volunteers are needed for the Nitschmann Jazz Festival on March 23. Contact Karen McLaughlin to volunteer.**
- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter.
- [@NMSBandOrch](#)
- The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of the Amazon Smile program. Now you can shop at Amazon, get great deals and support the **Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association** all at the same time. Please share this with your friends and family. [Go here for more information.](#)

Choral Music

Mrs. de Vries, Choral Music Director ldevries@basdschools.org

Mrs. Parris, Choral Music Director jparris@basdschools.org

None at this time.

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS_Athletics](#))

Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director jortwein@basdschools.org

Co-Ed Nitschmann Soccer, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach, srodenbach@basdschools.org

Girls Nitschmann Softball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Kocon, ekocon@basdschools.org

Asst. Coach Mr. Downey, cdowney@basdschools.org

Boys Liberty HS Freshman Baseball

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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