

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, January 21, 2018 to Sunday, January 28, 2018

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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

ArtSmart Documents (2)

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

1/22 Team & Yearbook Photos; 1/24 1st Semester Ends, Incoming Freshman Parent Orientation LHS Auditorium 7pm; 2/2 Spring Physicals @ LHS 5-7pm; 2/15 Winter Conferences 5pm-8pm; 2/16 No School/Teacher In-Service; 2/19 No School/Presidents' Day; 3/29-4/2 No School/Spring & Easter Break; 4/9-13 PSSA ELA Exams; 4/16-20 PSSA Math Exams; 4/23-27 PSSA Science Exams; 5/15 School Closed/PA Primary Day; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 6/7 Last Day of School

8th Grade Transition Dates from Nitschmann to Liberty High School

1/24/18 Incoming Freshman Parent Orientation LHS Auditorium 7pm; 2/6/18 LHS Course Selection Orientation During School; 2/12/18 Course Selection During 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

5th Grade Transition Dates from Elementary Schools to Nitschmann Middle School

5th Grade Parent Meeting at elementary schools for introduction to Nitschmann Middle School. Anyone (current 5th graders in BASD, charter, private, or parochial) may attend any of the following meetings at any elementary school.

~~*Hanover Elementary 1/9/18 5:00pm; Calypso Elementary 1/11/18 6:00pm; Asa Paucker Elementary 1/18/18 6:00pm; Clearview Elementary 1/23/18 6:00pm; James Buchanan Elementary 1/25/18 6:00pm*~~

Monday, 1/22 Day 4 Yearbook Photos, NPG Meeting @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, 1/23 Day 5 Clearview 5th Grade Meeting 6pm

Wednesday, 1/24 Day 6 End of 2nd Quarter, Encore Rotation 3 Ends for 8th Grade Only

Thursday, 1/25 Day 1 (No Activity Period) Start of 3rd Quarter, James Buchanan 5th Grade Meeting 6pm, Encore Rotation 3 Ends for 6th & 7th Grade Only

Friday, 1/26 Day 2 Pride of Lions Breakfast

Saturday, 1/27

Sunday, 1/28

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

PE/Health Schedule

Health- Villani 1/16-1/23

Gym Wallace and Wills 1/16-1/23

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](#)

Support our NJHS School-wide Fundraiser for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society:

<http://events.ils.org/pages/epa/Nitschmann-Middle-School-2018>

The National Geographic Bee School Final occurred on Thursday. Finalists were 8th graders; Shayaan Farhad, Maryam Mohamed, Matt Thomas - 7th Graders; Tyler Daley, Riley Hughes, Michelle Walia, and 6th Graders;

Ethan Hawkes, Regine Henry, Luis Maldonado, and Robert Matthews. In a thrilling Championship Round that went to tie breaker questions, the school champion was Michelle Walia and runner-up was Matt Thomas. Next week, Michelle will take a written exam, and if she does well on that, she will move on to the state finals! Congratulations and best of luck on that test, Michelle!

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The January 19, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News can be viewed at [BASD e-News from Dr. Roy](#).

Yearbook Photos will be taken on Monday, January 22 (Ellis) Students- please check the schedule and report to the gym for your picture. Please be on time. We will not wait for students to take a picture. Questions? Contact Mrs. Ellis at lellis@basdschools.org.

Yearbook Sale Online (Ellis) The yearbook sale has been extended. Orders will be accepted through January 31st. Parents are reminded that yearbooks must be pre-ordered. Books cost \$36. Yearbooks can be ordered online or through the order form attached.

1. Go to: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>
2. Type in: 5049 to the "Search by Order Number" box
3. Click on "Buy a Yearbook, Yearbook Packages".
4. Follow the screen as prompted.

ArtSmart Sign-Ups (Lare) The Banana Factory is running its ArtSmart program for the second semester. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to create interesting and unique works of art with local area artists. Nitschmann students are invited to participate on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays after school from February 6 to April 12. Students will be bused directly to and from Nitschmann with parents picking up students at Nitschmann at 6 p.m. A complete class schedule and parent consent form are attached. Please have your child sign up and bring the consent form to ArtSmart advisor Mrs. Lare in Room 317. Spaces are limited so make your choices and get your registration in now!"

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](#)
nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

VP - Deb Clark clark70g@msn.com

Treasurer -

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

PAC Representatives

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

Hello Parents!

Just a friendly reminder we will be having our NPG meeting on Monday January the 22nd @6:30. We will be discussing future events such as teacher appreciation lunch and start planning an end of year family event. Hope you can make it and share your insights. Have a great week.

Erin Coughlin

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Team Lafayette had a short week with MLK Day, an early dismissal, and a snow day! Our 2nd semester ends soon, and report cards will be distributed the week of February 5. Monday, 1/22, we will have group pictures taken for the yearbook. Social studies classes have a quiz on Monday, 1/22, on The Fertile Crescent, Section 2-1. In math we are learning about numeric and algebraic expressions. We are working on Scientific Inquiry in science class.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Yearbook photos are on Monday. Please wear your Team Lehigh gear! Also, a reminder that students should be keeping up with their grades and should not be waiting until last minute to turn assignments in. January 30th is the next National Junior Honor Society tutoring session after school. This is a great opportunity for students to get extra help in any subject area! Take advantage of this Team Lehigh!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) Wear your Team Moravian colors or gear for Monday's Yearbook pictures! Wednesday is the last day of the 2nd quarter. Please make sure all missing work is turned in by then.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) The second marking period ends on January 24. Please have your child check his/her grades to see if any work needs to be made up. Papers were sent home announcing the **Team Kutztown Family Spaghetti Dinner** on Thursday, January 25th from 5 - 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. If you have not done so already, please RSVP as soon as possible. **English** - There will be a quiz on courtroom/legal terms and the Bill of Rights on Wednesday. All classes will continue their reading and discussion of the play, Twelve Angry Men. **Science** - This coming week students will learn about the characteristics that all living things possess.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Student grades should be checked on the grade portal. The second quarter ends January 24th. Please make sure your child is using his/her planner to complete assignments on time. Students please wear your Team Penn State t-shirts on Monday for our yearbook photo. **Science** - We will begin our unit on DNA and cell division this week. **ELA** - vocabulary quiz on Tuesday 1/23, all anchors due Wednesday 1/24, we will be starting a civil rights poetry unit this week. **Math** - All classes are still simplifying algebraic expressions. Period 7 has a quiz on Monday. **Geography** - 2nd quarter notebooks will be checked on Monday and Tuesday. The Preamble to the Constitution must be memorized for this week. Preamble performances will take place on Thursday and Friday.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Student grades should be checked on the grade portal. The second quarter ends January 24th. Please make sure your child is using his/her planner to complete assignments on time. Students please wear your Team Penn State t-shirts on Monday for our yearbook photo. **Science** - We will begin our unit on DNA and cell division this week. **ELA** - vocabulary quiz on Tuesday 1/23, all anchors due Wednesday 1/24, we will be starting a civil rights poetry unit this week. **Math** - All classes are still simplifying algebraic expressions. Period 7 has a quiz on Monday. **Geography** - 2nd quarter notebooks will be checked on Monday and Tuesday. The Preamble to the Constitution must be memorized for this week. Preamble performances will take place on Thursday and Friday.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Next week in ELA, we will be starting our informational writing unit, focusing on facts, opinions, generalizations, topic sentences, and supporting details. Periods 1 and 8 have evidence of their interviews due this week. Periods 3, 5, and 7 should begin the process of finding someone to interview and completing their interviews as their evidence is due by the beginning of February. We will also continue to work on our grammatical concept of introductory elements. Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 will have an elements of fiction quiz on Monday; this has been postponed due to the weather delays. Students in Wallach's period 3 class will be finishing *Manhunt* within a week and will have a test on the novel. Students in Wallach's period 8 class will start pre-reading assignments for *The Contender*, our next novel. Each student will have a packet that follows along with the novel and students will have assignments from this packet. All make-up

work needs to be completed by next Wednesday for the 2nd marking period. Nothing will be accepted after that. Starting Average Speed on Tuesday. Grade 8th Math will continue working on Statistics (Mean, Median, Mode, Range, Stem and Leaf Plot, Box and Whisker Plots, Outliers) Students should continue to check Schoology for IXL assignments, textbook practice problems and watch videos to help with questions and concerns. Algebra 1 students will continue to work through Unit 3. Graded assignment on Function Translations Monday, continue working on Arithmetic Sequences (graded assignment on Friday) and introduction to Scatter Plots. Students should continue to check Schoology for IXL assignments, textbook practice problems and watch videos to help with questions and concerns. History classes will dive into unraveling the mysteries of the the infamous Salem Witch Trials and it's connection to the New England colonies. Excerpts from the novel and movie, The Crucible, will be implemented as part of instruction.

Team Temple (Encore) ([Blog](#)) None at this time.

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

Student Services Updates (Wagner) None at this time.

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 meeting is Monday, January 22 in room 104. Please bring sketches for drawing contest. We will also have some games and prizes.

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) regular rehearsals Monday and Thursday morning

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor Mrs. Lare) The Banana Factory is running its ArtSmart program for the second semester. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to create interesting and unique works of art with local area artists. Nitschmann students are invited to participate on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays after school from February 6 to April 12. Students will be bused directly to and from Nitschmann with parents picking up students at Nitschmann at 6 p.m. A complete class schedule and parent consent form are attached. Please have your child sign up and bring the consent form to ArtSmart advisor Mrs. Lare in Room 317. Spaces are limited so make your choices and get your registration in now!

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice Wed. until 5:30- Attendance is mandatory. The Northeast show is Feb. 2---- Link to purchase tickets: \$8:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-northeast-stomp-show-tickets-41954860116>

Sale starts EXACTLY at 5pm on MONDAY, January 22nd. **This is the only way for you to buy tickets this year! ONLINE ONLY. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE! Ticket DO sell out, please don't wait to buy your ticket!** It is recommended that you update your web browser. You can use CHROME or FIREFOX when ordering. You should be able to pick the seats that you want!

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) None at this time.

French Club (Advisor Mrs. Lare) Eighth grade French students are writing letters in English and French to middle school students in the south of France!

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) Our club has been working hard coming up with ideas and projects. There is still time to join. See Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 if you are interested.

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) Results of the school level competition will be announced later this week, once all students have completed it. The deadline for our annual Wawa hoagie fundraiser is this Thursday, 1/18. This fundraiser is crucial for the continuation of the program because it pays for our registration fees, which are not covered by the district.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs_Nistchmann) Members met on Friday with Felicia Tarantino, campaign manager for the Lymphoma and Leukemia society. She explained to students about our next service learning project scheduled to start in February. We need all members to participate and take leadership to make this campaign successful. We will kick-off our program the first week of February. Members must check their emails and listen to announcements for updates.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) all cast, crew, and house every day until 5:00. Watch for email updates.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We hope the Reading Olympic Students did some reading over the snow day last Wednesday since we did not get to meet. We will meet this Wednesday until 4:00 P.M. in the library. Bake sale donation forms will be sent home this week. Please be sure to ask your child for it! The weeks are flying by and the students are busy reading and writing summaries to prepare for the competition on April 5th! Updated calendars were sent home with them 2 weeks ago. The time for yearbook pictures for Reading Olympics is 10:25 A.M. on Monday, January 22. They should wear a Nitschmann shirt or a Reading Olympics shirt if they are returning 7th and 8th graders. If they do not have one, anything blue is fine.

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) Our first meeting will be Monday evening. Please check in after 5 P.M. to meet up and ski together. Lessons start at 6 P.M. for those taking lessons. Eighth grade helpers should arrive around 4:45 to assist new members with the checking in process.

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will be celebrating Three Kings Day with Calypso Elementary on Friday. Those of you attending the field trip, please make sure you attend our practice meetings on Tuesday and Thursday, and wear your Spanish Club shirts or hoodies the day of the trip.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice Tues and Thurs until 5:30- Attendance is mandatory.

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

Student Council (Advisors Mrs. Ellis) The Winter Semi-Formal Snowball Dance will be held on Friday, January 19th from 6:00-9:00. Break out those fancy clothes and bring your song requests as we dance the night away to the sounds of your favorite hits. There will be a FREE Photo Booth for you to capture your memories of the night! Tickets will be sold at lunch. Cost is \$7

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 - *Early morning rehearsal is canceled if we have a delay.

1/22 Monday - Band 7:15
1/23 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15
1/24 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15
1/25 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
NO DAY 1 JAZZ
1/26 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Yearbook Photos Schedule - Tuesday, January 22

Students need to wear their blue ID shirt (polo shirt). Students, please be ON TIME for your picture. We will not wait for you to take the photo. If you are not in the gym at the scheduled time, the picture will be taken. This means, you need to leave class 2 minutes before the time listed below.

YOU DO NOT NEED YOUR INSTRUMENT

9:40 Band
9:45 Jazz Band
9:50- Orchestra
9:55- String Ensemble
10:00- Woodwind Ensemble
10:05- Brass Ensemble
10:20- Band Front

LESSON SCHEDULE

- Please view the lesson schedule on the Website under the **LESSONS TAB**

IMPORTANT DATES

January 22 - Yearbook photos
January 23 - NIMAS meeting 7:30 PM
January 24 - NYC trip final payment is due.
February 6 - All City Band rehearsal at Nitschmann 7:15 - 11:30 AM

February 7 - All City Band rehearsal at Nitschmann 7:15 - 10:30 AM
February 7 - all City Band Concert at Nitschmann 7:30 PM Tickets are \$3.00. They can be purchased from Mr. Z. or at the door.
February 21 - NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM
February 21 - Winter bandfront performance 8:00 PM Nitschmann Gym.
March 11 - Ice-Skating Night 5-7 PM
April 18 - Mandatory Spring trip meeting - Parent & student going MUST attend 7:00 PM NMS Auditorium

Choral Music

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

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)

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

Boys Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Wills, jwills@basdschools.org
Asst. Coach Mr. Rodenbach, srodenbach@basdschools.org

Girls Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Ortwein, jortwein@basdschools.org
Asst. Coach Mrs. Van Woert, lvannoert@basdschools.org

Boys Liberty HS Freshman Wrestling

Head Coach Mr. Veras, msveras@gmail.com

Mr. Peter Mayes
Principal
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A LEAD School, partnering with The Leader in Me
"Lions Lead the Way!"

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