

## Parent & Student Weekly Email

### Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, April 22, 2018 to Sunday, April 29, 2018

### Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

All of this information can be downloaded at our [Nitschmann Middle School Website!](#)

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### Attachments to Review

None

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

*4/23 & 24 PSSA Science Exams; 4/26 Take Your Child to Work Day; 4/26 Spring Band Concert; 4/27 Step/Dance Team Notable Moves Showcase 7pm; 5/2 Spring Orchestra & Jazz Concert; 5/8 Spring Choral Concert 7pm; 5/11-12 Music Department Spring Trip; 5/15 School Closed/PA Primary Day/Teacher In-Service B-Flex Day #1; 5/18 Lions Got Pride Talent Show; 5/21 & 5/22 Grade 8 Algebra 1 Keystones; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 6/1 8th Grade Dance; 6/6 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 7pm @ NMS; 6/8 Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal; 6/11 Teacher In-Service Day; 6/12 Teacher Record Day; 6/13 Teacher In-Service B-Flex Day #2*

**Monday, 4/23/18 Day 6** Science PSSA Exam (Grade 8)

**Tuesday, 4/24/18 Day 1** Science PSSA Exam (Grade 8)

**Wednesday, 4/25/18 Day 2** Secretaries Day; Asa Packer 5th Grade Visit

**Thursday, 4/26/18 Day 3** Take Your Child to Work Day ([See note below](#)); Orchestra & Band Concert 7pm

**Friday, 4/27/18 Day 4** Pride of the Lions; Calypso/Private & Charter 5th Grade Visit; Notable Moves Showcase 7pm

**Saturday, 4/28/18** Nitschmann Dramatics Cops & Kids Event

**Sunday, 4/29/18**

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

### PE/Health Schedule

PE/Health

4/23- Wills in health, Wallace and Villani in gym

4/24-4/27- Villani in health, Wallace and Wills in gym.

### PSSA/Keystone Schedule

*4/23 & 24 Grade 8 Only PSSA Science Exams*

*5/21 & 5/22 Grade 8 Algebra 1 Keystones*

### 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](#)*

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### School-wide Announcements

**BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)** The April 20, 2018, BASD e-News is available to view at [BASD e-News from Dr. Roy](#).

**Take Your Child to Work Day (Mayes)** If you are planning on having your child attend your place of business for Take Your Child to Work Day, please sign up online at <https://goo.gl/forms/03a2vNR0wGJuXORH2>. In addition, the forms are available in our Student Services Office or on our website. Forms must be picked up before the day!

**Nitschmann Souper Lunch (NPG)** Every year, the parents of Nitschmann students host a fabulous lunch for the faculty and staff to show appreciation for the fantastic work that they do for our children. We provide delicious soups, salad, desserts and more. This year our Souper Lunch will be held on May 8, 2018. We ask your help in

providing soup; you can bring your favorite. It is always nice to end your meal with a sweet treat. Can you bring a dessert? We can also use some rolls, sodas or salad. Last, but not least, you can with help set-up, hosting or clean-up? Link to Sign Up to Volunteer or Donate

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054dafad2ca6fe3-nitschmann1>

**Date:** 05/08/2018 (Tue.)

**Time:** 8:00am - 3:00pm EDT

**Location:** Nitschmann Middle School

**Spain Trip** - If you are interested in attending our 8 day trip to Madrid, Córdoba, and Seville June 2019, click on the following link for all information pertaining to the trip, as well as registration. Any student currently at Nitschmann may attend the trip, and we have opened up registration to parents and older siblings who would like to accompany a student as a fellow traveler.

[www.eftours.com/2119250HV](http://www.eftours.com/2119250HV)

**Bike Donations (Mayes)** Are you spring cleaning your garage or shed? Do you have an old bicycle that could be used by a middle school student? Then please consider donating an old or well-loved bicycle to Nitschmann Middle School! For the 2018-2019 school year, it is our hope to gather a small fleet of 30-40 bicycles so our physical education classes can expand their program to include bicycling for all students during our PE period! Please contact Mr. Mayes if you have a bike to donate.

**Bookbags (Mayes)** Just a reminder to all students that bookbags are to be stored in your lockers during the school day, except for 6th Grade when they go to Encore periods at the end of the day.

**Cell Phones (Mayes)** Just a reminder to all students that cell phones will be confiscated if seen during the school day without teacher permission in a classroom.

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

[nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com)

**Executive Committee**

Pres. - Erin Coughlin [ecogs76@gmail.com](mailto:ecogs76@gmail.com)

VP - Deb Clark [clark70g@msn.com](mailto:clark70g@msn.com)

Treasurer -

Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio [JK0359@HOTMAIL.com](mailto:JK0359@HOTMAIL.com)

**PAC Representatives**

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

## **Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) This week 6th grade students completed the PSSA testing. On Friday, we held an Earth Day event. All 6th graders planted flower seeds in empty 2 liter bottles. They will continue to collect data on the growth of the flowers and complete two well developed paragraphs about what they observed. Students also did a variety of Earth Day activities for much of the day. In social studies class, Lafayette is studying the country of Egypt, and in math we are studying equations.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Team Lehigh celebrated Earth Day on Friday with several different activities, including planting flowers in a terrarium. We also had the DaVinci Science Center come to do a presentation for our 6th graders. ! Great job Team Lehigh with all your hard work on the PSSA's!

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) Thank you for all of the plastic bottles and seeds. The Earth Day activities were a success. Be sure to ask your son/daughter about them. Remember that Thursday is

"Take Your Child to Work" day. If your child will be participating, make sure you go to the link Mr. Mayes sent and fill out the paper work before Thursday.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Now that the Spring weather is upon us, we kindly ask that our students re-read the school dress code policy in the Code of Conduct section of their planners. One of the best features of our new school is the more than adequate cooling system, therefore, the students should be comfortable in their usual school attire. **Science** - On Monday of this coming week, we will be finishing the Gummy Bear lab. On Tuesday, we will be reviewing for the Cell Transport unit test on Wednesday. Finally, on Thursday, we will be starting a new unit and will be discussing Photosynthesis. **English** - This week students will continue reading John Steinbeck's, *The Pearl*, with emphasis on Steinbeck's use of figurative language.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) On Friday, a team celebration will be a movie of choice (civil rights theme) in the afternoon. Students in good academic standing will be invited. Those students who need extra help with work will be assisted by teachers on the team. **Reading**- Students will have a quiz on key information from the book, *Spies of Mississippi*. Each student will research a topic from the book for a speech to be delivered on Friday. **Geography** - Students are learning about the construction of the Panama Canal and why it is important to diversify a country's economy. Later in the week we will begin our unit on South America. **Science** - We will know by Tuesday....where the most bacteria are lurking at the new NMS...the formal lab report on our hunt for microbes will be due Thursday evening to be submitted on google classroom. **ELA** - phrases quiz on Tuesday (noun phrase, verb phrase, prepositional phrase). **Math** - Periods 1,2,5 and 7 have a quiz on Tuesday on circumference and all the area formulas we have used. Period 8 has their Unit 10 geometry test on Wednesday.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) 8th Grade students will be taking the Science PSSA on Monday and Tuesday. Free Time Essays for reading class are due on Monday. We will read and discuss to p.66 in *Fahrenheit 451*. Science: We will be learning about energy conversions in the world around us. There will be more energy drawings for students to get signed after we cover them together. We will have a lab on energy generation/conversion that will definitely link some of the prior information together. There will be a quiz next Friday on Energy types. An Energy Sales project will also begin the following week. Math 8 classes are beginning to learn about systems of equations. Algebra 1 classes are going to start learning about operations with polynomials. History classes will finish the American Revolution unit, the unit test will be on Friday April 27th.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) In Science this week, the students will be learning about the different forms of energy and how they transform from one to another. This week in ELA we will finish researching for and begin drafting our argumentative essays. Research for all classes will be due on Wednesday, April 25. We will also finish our grammar units. Periods 3, 5, and 8 will have a quiz on infinitives on Wednesday, and Period 7 will have quiz on misplaced modifiers on Wednesday. Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7 just started the new novel, *Curveball*. Students have been reading, writing, and working on vocabulary related to the novel. They will have a notebook quiz next Friday. Also, we will be working on analyzing a poem for a reading and social studies grade. Students in period 3 have started reading *Fahrenheit*. They are each assigned a book from the library to take home to complete homework. All students should be keeping up with the questions. Additionally, these students are still presenting current events and have a media log due Sunday night. Students in period 8 are working on their Contender projects that are due Monday. They will be presenting these on Monday as well. In History, we will take a look at the Declaration of Independence and it's ties to Thomas Paine's Common Sense. Students will be working on their Declaration Writing Assessment and will be choosing a signer to research. In our 2018 version of the Dating Game (from the 1970's), students will be taking on the persona of their DOI Signer. All Math 8 sections - Unit 7 Pythagorean - Book work, IXL and Math XL assignments and Quiz. Algebra 1 - Unit 7 Polynomials - Book work, IXL and Math XL assignments and Quiz. 10 more days to bring in the Hershey Form and payment. Late payments and forms will not be accepted.

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

**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.**

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### **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 will be May 21. It will be our annual Cosplay fashion show. Please be sure to bring your costumes with you to school and you can change before we start our meeting. We will have this take place in the library at 3:05.

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

**Bandfront** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) early morning rehearsal Monday, dress rehearsal Wednesday evening, early morning rehearsal Thursday, concert Thursday evening

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

**Cheerleading** (Advisor Mrs. Guerrieri) Try out practices will be held in the Nitschmann gymnasium on: Monday May 7th-Thursday May 10th 3:15-5pm; Friday May 11th- OPTIONAL review night 3:15-4:15; Tryouts are after school on Monday May 14th! Make sure to bring a copy of the latest report card and a signed intramural paper! If you missed the meeting and would like information see Miss Wallace.

**Dance Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Reserve your tickets for NMS before 5 pm April 27. Tickets bought at the door are \$10. Click on link <https://goo.gl/forms/qPUNNWfVabpZX5rl2> Practice Wednesday until 6:30. \*\* SHOW FRIDAY: MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE TO STAY FOR PRACTICE (We will provide hotdogs, chips and drink). Practice times will change after April 27.

**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) Thank you to our Bake Off participants and congratulations to the winners MJ, Amelia, and Shakya! Please mark your calendars for the final DIY Club activity of the year which be held on Tuesday, May 8th.

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

**Intramurals** (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

**Lion Service Club** (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) The Lion Service Club has been busy helping Mrs. Augello get ready for the Thon and helping prepare our "Clothing Closet". If you are interested in joining, you are always welcome. See Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209.

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

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs\_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nistchmann ) Our next meeting is scheduled for May 2; however, it depends on Mrs. Prodes and if she can

attend. Listen for updates as usual. Special Olympics will take place on May 3 and we will meet at Liberty at 8:30 on Elizabeth Avenue. Please remember to bring your lunch (if needed), money, and wear your t-shirt. Members are responsible for any work missed that day. Our Olive Garden luncheon was delicious and a great treat for our members after a month of collecting for LLS. We are proud of our accomplishments!

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) rehearsals for the Cops n Kids event Wednesday and Friday, Cops n Kids event Saturday

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We celebrated our hard work all year and placing at the competition this past Wednesday! Team members were given a certificate, medal and a large box of Mike and Ikes! Eighth grade students who were in Reading Olympics all three years received a trophy. Five students, our largest amount to date, read all 45 books! They were given a Barnes and Noble gift card. Thank you to all of the parents who donated a food or beverage item! The students enjoyed eating pizza, snacks and desserts together! We finished the party with a few minute to win it games. Thank you to our 5 High School Community service volunteers! We recognized them as well with a small gift to thank them for helping all year! A fun time was had by all! We meet for the last time this Wednesday, April 25, to discuss the book Wonder, one of our Reading Olympics books that many read this year. We will then watch the movie Wonder. We will be here until 5 :00 P.M. The new Reading Olympics book list is out for 2018 - 2019! We handed some out at the party. If your 6th or 7th grade student did not get one, they can pick one up in the library. We can not check the new books out in the library this year due to doing inventory. The public library does have them. Students will be able to check them out in our library when they come back in August.

**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.

**Ski Club** (Advisors Mr. Downey) None at this time.

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will have our Hispanics game day next Wednesday during our weekly meeting. You may bring snacks or something to drink.

**Step Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Reserve your tickets for NMS before 5 pm April 27. Tickets bought at the door are \$10. Click on link <https://goo.gl/forms/qPUNNWfVabpzX5rl2> Practice Tuesday and Thursday until 6:30. \*\*SHOW FRIDAY: MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE TO STAY FOR PRACTICE (We will provide hotdogs, chips and drink). Practice times will change after April 27.

**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](mailto:dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org)*

### **Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule**

4/23 Monday - Band - 7:15 AM

4/24 Tuesday - Orchestra 7:15 AM

4/25 Wednesday - Jazz Band 7:15 AM

### **BAND CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL 7-8:30 PM**

4/26 Thursday - Band 7:15 AM

### **BAND CONCERT 7:00 PM**

4/27 Friday - Orchestra 7:15 AM

Brass & Woodwind ensemble 2 PM Rose Garden

### **LESSON SCHEDULE -**

#### **Lessons**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 25 - Band Concert Dress Rehearsal 7-8:30 PM

**April 26 - Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:15 PM & tickets are \$3)- Students report at 6:15 in uniform NO HAT**

April 27 - Brass and Woodwind ensembles Arbor Day performance (FULL UNIFORM)

May 1 - Trip medication forms are due

May 2 - Spring Orchestra Jazz Concert - 7:00 PM

May 11 & 12 - Music department spring trip

May 19 - Brass and Woodwind ensembles Armed forces day performance 10 AM

June 6 - String ensemble Moving up ceremony performance 7 PM

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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](mailto:ldevries@basdschools.org)*

*Mrs. Parris, Choral Music Director [jparris@basdschools.org](mailto:jparris@basdschools.org)*

### **Weekly Rehearsal Schedule**

4/23-No rehearsal

4/24-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for those not in orchestra

8:25 Activity period rehearsal for **all 6th and 7th grade Glee and Singers** (8th graders will be doing PSSA)

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

4/25-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for **all Glee and Singers** not in Jazz Band

4/26-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for those not in band

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

4/27-No rehearsal

**May 4, 7:15 AM**-Spring choral concert rehearsal in auditorium for all choral groups. Those involved in instrumental rehearsals will go there instead.

**May 7, 7:15 AM**- Spring choral concert rehearsal in auditorium for all choral groups. This includes those in instrumental groups like band. (Mr. Z has approved this.)

**May 7, 3:05-4:00 PM**- Nitschmann Singers rehearsal in the auditorium.

**May 8, 7:15 AM**-Spring choral concert rehearsal in auditorium for all choral groups. This includes those in instrumental groups. (Mr. Z has approved this.)

**May 8, 7:00 PM**-Spring choral concert (Glee/Singers/Lion's Mane) in Nitschmann auditorium. Concert dress (Black dress pants, plain white shirt, black shoes). Meet at 6:15 PM for warm up in choral room. \$3 admission

charge for friends and family at the door. Adult volunteers needed to take money at door and help N. Singers with their vests.

**May 11 to 12**-Spring competition trip for Nitschmann Singers who have arranged to go on this trip. Direct questions to Mr. Zettlemoyer.

**May 18, 7:00 PM**-Lion's Got Pride talent show, sponsored by Glee Club in the Nitschmann auditorium. Glee Club will also perform at this event. \$4 charge at the door for friends and family. Adult volunteers needed to help take money at the door and assist acts backstage.

**June 6, 7:00 PM**-Glee and Singers perform at 8th grade Moving Up Ceremony. 6:15 PM warm up in choral room. More details to follow.

**Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates** (Twitter @NMS\_Athletics)  
*Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director [jortwein@basdschools.org](mailto:jortwein@basdschools.org)*

**Co-Ed Nitschmann Soccer, Interscholastic**  
Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach, [sgrodenbach@basdschools.org](mailto:sgrodenbach@basdschools.org)

Monday Game vs. Trexler MS  
Tuesday Practice  
Wednesday Game vs. Raub MS  
Thursday Practice  
Friday Game vs. Nazareth MS

**Girls Nitschmann Softball, Interscholastic**  
Head Coach Mr. Kocon, [ekocon@basdschools.org](mailto:ekocon@basdschools.org)  
Asst. Coach Mr. Downey, [cdowney@basdschools.org](mailto:cdowney@basdschools.org)

**Boys Liberty HS Freshman Baseball**

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*Mr. Peter Mayes  
Principal  
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