



## Nitschmann Middle School

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Dear Parents & Guardians of Nitschmann Middle School students,

In just a few short days, we will be welcoming your children to Nitschmann Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year in our new school! **Our staff is very excited to begin our school year on the First Day of School on Monday, August 27, 2018.** Please note on the First Day of School, 6<sup>th</sup> grade will begin at 8:05am and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on a 3 hour delay at 11:05am to allow for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation. Bus information will follow in US Mail from the BASD Transportation Department just before school begins.

**Included with this mailing is a tentative copy of your child's academic schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.** Please carefully review your child's schedule and the accompanying information on the reverse of the schedule.

**Please make sure the Student Services Office has your updated email address prior to the start of school.** We use email frequently to communicate important information and weekly updates, rather than sending papers home with your child. Please call or email our Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at [sscott@basdschools.org](mailto:sscott@basdschools.org) with your name, your child's name, and your updated email.

**Please remember to check our school website & social media sites** for the 2018-2019 supply lists that your child will need for the first day of school and new arrival & dismissal procedures.

**Please mark your calendars for our Annual Back to School Night on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** Please plan on attending to meet your child's team of teachers and participate in a preview of the 2018-2019 school year, including several new programs and opportunities for your child!

As the new school year approaches, our expectations and hopes are very high for your child. Our school staff is looking forward to working collaboratively with you to make sure your child has a positive and rewarding school year.

**Lions Lead the Way!**

Mr. Peter Mayes  
Principal

Mr. Brandon Horlick  
Assistant Principal

### Reading your Nitschmann Middle School Tentative Schedule

Nitschmann Middle School runs on a 6 day cycle schedule. Next to each course, you will see how frequently it meets (some are 1/2/3/4/5/6, some are 1/3/5, some are 2/4/6).

At the top of your child's 2018-2019 tentative schedule, you will find a "House/Team" assignment. Your child will have all core classes with the same group of students on their grade level team, just in different groups for each class.

- 6th Grade Team Lehigh (Team Leader Mrs. Oliver [joliver@basdschools.org](mailto:joliver@basdschools.org))
- 6th Grade Team Lafayette (Team Leader Mrs. Hackman [dhackman@basdschools.org](mailto:dhackman@basdschools.org))
- 6th Grade Team Moravian (Team Leader Mrs. Dendrinis [edendrinis@basdschools.org](mailto:edendrinis@basdschools.org))
- 7th Grade Team Kutztown (Team Leader Mr. Hess [jhess@basdschools.org](mailto:jhess@basdschools.org))
- 7th Grade Team Penn State (Team Leader Mrs. Miller [lmiller@basdschools.org](mailto:lmiller@basdschools.org))
- 8th Grade Team Villanova (Team Leader Mrs. Hood [thood@basdschools.org](mailto:thood@basdschools.org))
- 8th Grade Team East Stroudsburg (Team Leader Mr. Miller [ctmiller@basdschools.org](mailto:ctmiller@basdschools.org))

### Organizational Courses

All students are scheduled for Citizenship (homeroom where your child reports each morning when arriving at school for attendance) and LEAD (our Leader in Me program instruction, which meets 2x per cycle).

### Core Courses

All students are scheduled for the following academic core courses, which meet daily:

- English Language Arts (6, 7, or 8)
- Reading (6, 7, or 8)
- Social Studies (6, 7, or 8)
- Science (6, 7, or 8)
- Math (See below)

All students are scheduled for either Math (MA6002/MA7002/MA8002) or Math Advanced (MA6001/MA7001/MA8001 is Algebra 1). This course is a tentative placement. ***No changes will be made by administration until approximately 30 days into the school year to allow teachers to get to know their students, collect data, and confirm the summer placement for all 6th grade & new students. 7th & 8th should be continuing on their current math course program, which was established in 6th grade.***

### Encore Courses (Formerly called Related Arts Courses)

All students are scheduled for six, thirty day rotations of the following encore courses:

- Art (6, 7, or 8)
- Family/Consumer Science (6, 7, or 8)
- Engineering Fabrication & Design (6, 7, or 8)
- Integrated Art or Integrated Music (6, 7, or 8)
- Music (6, 7, or 8)
- Technology (6, 7, or 8)

*Students with a GIEP will be scheduled for an every-other-day Seminar class.*

- All students are scheduled for Health/Physical Education every other day (either 1/3/5 or 2/4/6)
- Most 6th grade students are scheduled for Exploratory World Language courses, which include a 60 day rotation of Spanish, French, and German. Most 7th grade students are scheduled for one world language, Spanish, French, or German. This course selection is based on student prioritized ranking of their choice in language from May. Most 8th grade students are scheduled for one world language, Spanish, French, or German. This is a continuation of their 7th grade world language course.  
**or**
- Students with an IEP may be scheduled for an every-other-day Academic Support class..