

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, September 10, 2017 to Sunday, September 17, 2017

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Attachments to Review

None at this time.

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

9/11 NMS Patriot Day (Wear Red/White/Blue); 9/11 Nitschmann Parent Group Meeting 6:30pm;
9/11 Menchie's Airport Center Dine to Donate Event - [FLYER](#); 9/11-9/17 BASD Helps Heals
Houston Bracelet Sale; 9/15 School Pictures; 9/17 Constitution Day; 9/20 NIMAS meeting 7:30
PM; 9/21 School Closed - Rosh Hashanah; 10/9 No School/Teacher In-Service; 10/10-13 BASD
Education Week; 10/18 NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM; 10/21 Nazareth Parade; 10/22 Saucon Valley
Parade; 10/26 Middle School Night football game; 10/27 Bethlehem City Trick or Treat 6pm;
10/29 Bethlehem Parade; 11/7 No School/Teacher In-Service/Election Day; 11/20 Fall
Conferences 12pm-3pm; 11/21 Fall Conferences 5pm-8pm; 11/22-27 School
Closed/Thanksgiving Break; 12/25-1/2/18 No School/Winter & Holiday Break; 1/15 No
School/MLK Day; 1/24 1st Semester Ends; 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; 5/28 No School/Memorial Day; 6/7 Last Day of School

Monday, 9/11 Day 4 NMS Patriot Day (Wear Red/White/Blue), Band Menchie's Night, NPG
Parent Group Meeting @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, 9/12 Day 5

Wednesday, 9/13 Day 6

Thursday, 9/14 Day 1

Friday, 9/15 Day 2 Fall Pictures Day for Students & Staff

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](#)

7th Grade Parents/Guardians (Hess/Miller) - Check out the amazing trip your child will be
going on this fall on the Lehigh River! <https://buff.ly/2guRJCx>

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) A copy of this week's BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available for you to view at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/oWvzJydHILMQL/>.

School-wide Announcements

NEW! BASD Helps Heal Houston (Mayes) Students from Freedom and Liberty have united to help the Houston area by putting together a BASD district wide fundraiser. The fundraising initiative will benefit the Houston Independent School District and its families as they begin to recover from Hurricane Harvey. Bracelets with the message "BASD Helps Heal Houston" will be available for sale starting September 11 at all BASD schools. The cost of the bracelets are \$3. The sale of the bracelets will be from September 11 - 19, 2017. Checks can be made out to the Liberty High School Student Council. Order forms will be distributed to students on Monday morning. Students who wish to donate money for a bracelet and this fundraising effort should return the form to their homeroom teacher. Orders will be filled and returned to the students in homeroom.

NEW! 7th Grade Bike & Boat Trip (Hess/Miller) At the end of September and the beginning of October, each 7th grade student will be biking on the Lehigh Canal towpath and then canoeing back down the Lehigh River with the Wildlands Conservancy. More about this will be shared at Open House on Thursday and official paperwork will be sent home on Friday. Until then, here is a short video that gives you an idea of what students will be doing.

https://youtu.be/YeBsL_LuAN8

Celebrated Puerto Rican graphic novelist comes to the Bethlehem Area Public Library, September 16th 3pm (BAPL) - Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez is the creator of *La Borinqueña*, a new and original comic book character that has grown into a cultural phenomenon and a nationally recognized symbol of Puerto Rican patriotism, social justice, and equality for all. Miranda-Rodriguez will be speaking about his work and signing books at the Bethlehem Area Public Library (11 W. Church St) at 4pm on September 16th in an event scheduled to celebrate the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The event is free of charge and open to audiences of all ages. Miranda-Rodriguez is a well-known figure in the comic book world. He is the Art Director/Owner at Somos Arte as well as a writer at Marvel Entertainment. He is also the editor-in-chief of "Darryl Makes Comics," an independent comic book imprint launched in 2014 by Darryl McDaniels of famed hip-hop group, Run-D.M.C. *La Borinqueña* is an Afro-Boricua woman who tackles issues rather than villains. "She doesn't fight crime, per se. She's a symbol of hope," says Miranda-Rodriguez. A book signing will follow the presentation.

Extracurricular Activities

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

Anime Club (Advisors Mrs. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) None at this time.

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) None at this time.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher & Mrs. Loupos) Artsmart is a wonderful free arts program held at the Banana Factory. The program is held for 8 weeks on Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning Tuesday, September 26th. It runs from 3:05 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. We are able to take up to 14 students each day. Students are given some time to do homework here at Nitschmann. A bus picks them up, takes them to the Banana Factory for the classes. It then brings them back here for a parent to pick them up. If this is something your child would be interested in, have them pick up a registration form in Student Services, bring it home, fill it out and return it to the yellow folder in student services a.s.a.p. Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. As of Friday, there were only a few spots left.

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

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) Strategy Club will be starting in Sept. Date and room to be announced.

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

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

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

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

History Day (Advisor Mrs. Mendez) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) None at this time

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) MathCounts is a nationwide enrichment and competition program for students who excel in math. Nitschmann typically does very well at this competition, coming in first place last year. This activity is open to students in all grades.

Students have an opportunity to work together and compete against each other, and may earn the right to represent Nitschmann against other schools in February. Our first meeting will be this Thursday, 9/14 in room 213 after school until 3:50. After that, we will meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:35 and Thursdays after school. Students do not have to attend all meetings if they have conflicts. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Novatnak, nnovatnak@basdschools.org.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter [@nms_njhs](https://twitter.com/nms_njhs))
Welcome back! We will have our first meeting on September 6 both before (7:45 am) and after (3:05 pm) school in room 104 to review expectations and elected positions. Please listen for announcements as well. Summer hours are due to Mrs. Wallach by September 8 but you can hand them in at any time before. See you soon:)

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Workshops are this week. See Mrs. Hriniak's website for the workshop schedule, information, and links to register for auditions.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Do you love to read and compete against other schools over the books you have read? Then Reading Olympics is for you! Reading Olympics is a reading competition held at Easton High School every Spring. We are given 45 books to read. We meet all year on a Wednesday to read, write summaries, discuss books and prep for the competition. Permission forms are available in Student Services. Have it filled out and returned to the red folder in Student Services. We have an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 27th in the library until 3:25 P.M. Reading Olympics will begin meeting weekly on Wednesday, October 18th. The Reading Olympics books for this year are already available for check out in the library. The list and books are in the small room in the back of the library. We placed first, third and seventh out of 40 schools last year and are looking forward to another fabulous year!

The Lion's Den School Store None at this time

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

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) None at this time.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Returning members will be meeting in the Auxiliary gym during activity period. Tryouts for new members will be announced in October.

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

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) None at this time

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

Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

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Treasurer - Rita Smith ritasmith3@rcn.com

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

PAC Representatives 2

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Monthly Meetings: **9/11 6:30pm Library!**

Welcome back parents! My name is Erin Coughlin and I am the Parent Group President. We have our first Bookfair starting September 5th through the 8th. I am looking for anyone that would be willing to volunteer some time to help at the bookfair. If you are interested please email me at ecogs76@gmail.com. Thanks for your time and let's make this year awesome!

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

Instrumental Music

Mr. Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

9/11 Monday - Band Rehearsal 7:15 AM

9/12 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

9/13 Wednesday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM

9/14 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM

Day 1 Jazz band - 8:26-9:00 AM

9/15 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Important Reminders

Menchie's dine to donate event this Monday, September 11 form 10 AM-11PM at the Menchie's Airport Center location. Bring the [FLYER](#) with you and give it to the cashier at checkout to have 20% of you check donated to the band and orchestra.

Important Upcoming Events

(Details at www.nmsim.org)

September 11 Menchie's Airport Center Dine to Donate Event - [FLYER](#)

September 20 NIMAS meeting 7:30 PM

September 20 Mum Flower orders are due

October 18 NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM

October 21 Nazareth Parade

October 22 Saucon Valley Parade

October 26 Middle School Night football game

October 29 Bethlehem Parade & Band picture

The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of Amazon Smile. Now you can shop at Amazon, get great deals and support the Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association all at the same time. Log onto smile.amazon.com and select the Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association as your charity.

Choral Music

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

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

None at this time.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Team Lafayette had a great turnout for the Nitschmann Open House on Thursday. We enjoyed meeting all of you. Monday is Patriot's Day at Nitschmann. All students should wear red, white and blue on Monday. Friday is student picture day. In social studies we are continuing with map skills. We are doing a review in math. In science we are learning how to observe and infer.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) None at this time.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) None at this time.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) Thank you for attending Thursday's Back-to-School Night. It was nice to see such a high number of attendees. We appreciate you working with us to make this a great year for your child. On Friday, students should have brought home papers to explain the **2017 Bike and Boat Trip**. The liability and lunch forms need to be returned immediately. Please direct any questions about the liability form to Mr. Mayes. Money for the **Team Kutztown tie-dye t-shirts** is now overdue. Those who are buying a

shirt for tie-dying must bring in \$6 to their homeroom teacher. **Science** (Mr. Pearson)- We will be discussing the safety rules for the laboratory with a test on lab equipment and safety coming up either late in the week of September 11th or early in the week of September 18th. **English** (Mr. Falteich) - This week students will be learning how to compose complex sentences with adverbial clauses. They will be combining simple sentences to complete this task. Students will also complete their writing-level assessment. The students are composing anecdotes about a memorable childhood experience. While it is ungraded, I want to see what each student's strengths and weaknesses are with their written composition.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Thank you for coming to Open House this week. We enjoyed meeting so many supportive parents. Math and Reading baseline testing will be administered this week. Please return Wildlands Conservancy forms asap. Thank you. Orders for Team Penn State shirts are due on Monday.

Science- Lab equipment test Tuesday ELA- First vocabulary words coming home on Monday Reading- Literacy History essays will be due this week. Students will have homework if they did not take advantage of time in the classroom. Math- 8th period has a quiz on Monday Geography - Students just took a quiz on continents and oceans.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Follow us on Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#) What a 2nd week for Team ESU! We would like to extend a thank you to all parents who attended Open House, our student leaders who helped us out, and the others who made donations. It was a truly special night, and we are so proud of our student leaders! As flu/cold season begins, we would appreciate any donations of tissues and hand sanitizer. Reading classes will be reading a short passage on Abraham Lincoln and then we will begin the non-fiction book, Chasing Lincoln's Killer. The first comprehension quiz will be on Monday or Tuesday. IT is based on the short passage, Reflections on the Civil War. In math we will finish our benchmark testing and begin our first topic from the textbook. History class will read letters from family members that lost loved ones in 9/11. The rest of the week will begin the study of Native Americans. We have begun the exciting world of grammar in ELA! We are doing a review of grammar concepts taught in 6th and 7th grade, and continuing on with our writing. Next week in science we will be doing labs to finish off our mixtures/compounds/elements portion. We will review what we did this week on Monday. The rest of the week we will fine-tune and apply this vocabulary to careers in Bethlehem. We will also set up Google classroom and have a Quizlet Battle.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) None at this time.

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

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)

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

Cross Country

Head Coach Mrs. Schwartz, lschwartz@basdschools.org

Assistant Coach Ms. Wallace, kwallace@basdschools.org

Field Hockey

Head Coach Mr. Burzynski, bburzynski@basdschools.org

Assistant Coach Mrs. Hood, thood@basdschools.org

www.tinyurl.com/nitschmannfieldhockey

Football

Head Coach Mr. Villani, mvillani@basdschools.org

Assistants: Mike Shemanski, Sam Boyer, Joe Coryell & Angelo Fattore

Volleyball

Head Coach Mrs. Hinkel, ahinkel@basdschools.org

Assistant Coach, Mrs. Van Woert, ivanwoert@basdschools.org

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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