

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, September 17, 2017 to Sunday, September 24, 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](#))

9/17 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, 9/18 Day 3 Immunization Information Due to School Nurse

Tuesday, 9/19 Day 4 Immunization Exclusions Begin

Wednesday, 9/20 Day 5

Thursday, 9/21 No School, School Closed/Rosh Hashanah

Friday, 9/22 Day 6 School Dance 6pm-8pm (See information below)

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](#)

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The September 15, 2017, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/DLwJoWivUc9UC/>.

School-wide Announcements

School Dance This Friday (Mayes) - We have our first School Dance of the year this Friday night from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Students may purchase a ticket later this week (Wednesday to Friday) during lunch periods. Exact amount for tickets is preferred. Parents often ask do student

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

Q - Does my child need to dress up?

A - Not for this dance! (Only for the semi-formal in January). Casual clothes are appropriate. Students must still comply with the BASD Code of Conduct.

Q - Does my child need a date?

A - Absolutely not! Middle school dances are designed for dancing & hanging out.

Q - Does my child need money?

A - Only if they would like to purchase snacks from the Snack Stand. Students often like to purchase food and drink during the dance.

Q - Where is the dance?

A - Dances are always held in the cafeteria.

Q - Are there chaperones?

A - Yes, we have many faculty chaperones who assist with each dance. In addition, Mr. Mayes, Mr. Wagner, & Officer Conley are always present. Students are always supervised by adults.

Q - My child has another activity to go to at 7pm. Can I pick them up early?

A - No. Once a child is in the dance, they must stay until 8pm. If they need to leave early, they should not attend. This is because it is extremely difficult to make sure we have everyone!

Q - Where do I meet my child after the dance?

A - A good plan is to park your car and meet your child at the front of the school after the dance. Students may walk home. Everyone must cross safely at the crosswalks. It will be dark, so plan ahead!

Please review the rules & procedures below:

1. Student attendance at Nitschmann Middle School dances is a privilege for Nitschmann Middle School students only and are subject to all rules and regulations outlined in the Bethlehem Area School District Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy and Student Code of Conduct. Students may be removed from the dance at any time for violations of the Code of Conduct by administration.

2. Dance and student supervision will begin at **6:00 pm.** and end at **8:00 pm.** No students will be permitted to enter school prior to 5:45 pm. All students must enter and depart Nitschmann Middle School through the Main Front Doors. Doors close @ 6:15 pm and no students will be admitted after 6:30 pm. Students attending the dance will not be permitted to depart the dance until the conclusion of the dance at 8:00 pm. Students will be required to leave outerwear (coats, etc.) near the front entrance during the dance. Students are responsible for their items.

3. All students attending the dance must have a ticket. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time or at the door. All students must attend school on Friday for the full day to attend the dance.

4. Students must comply with the BASD dress code in order to be admitted to the dance. No hats are permitted.

5. Students will be able to purchase snacks at the dance. No outside food or drink will be permitted.

After School Bus Runs (Mayes) The after school bus runs are available to any student who is eligible for bus transportation. The buses pick up at 10th Avenue & Genoa St at about 4:15pm.
116 - LHS, NMS, NEMS South
66 - LHS, NMS, NEMS West

BASD Transportation (Mayes) Just a reminder that only students who are issued a bus pass may ride a BASD school bus. We do not permit guests who are not eligible to ride with students who are eligible due to insurance reasons.

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) Our first informational meeting will be held this coming Monday, September 18, from 3:05-3:45 in room 104. We have many ideas planned for this year!

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

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Early morning rehearsals Monday.

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. The classes are Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning Tuesday, September 26th and Thursday September

28th. It runs from 3:05 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Students meet in room 114 after school on those days. All students in the program received a note in homeroom explaining what day / class they are in and when it begins. All classes are full at this time. We look forward to a fun eight weeks!

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

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Girls on the Run) (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) Practice this week on Tuesday and Friday due to the holiday, any questions see Mrs. Hipp.

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) We held our first meeting on Thursday afternoon. New students are still welcome, we meet Wednesday mornings at 7:35 and Thursdays after school in room 213. You can get involved even if you can't attend all sessions. In the fall, MathCounts is run as an enrichment activity. We will hold a school competition (it should be some time in January, I'll tell you the date once it gets closer) to determine which students will represent Nitschmann at the Lehigh Valley Chapter Competition, which is usually held on a Saturday in February (date TBA). Everyone is still welcome to attend meetings to get stronger for next year and to support those students selected to compete. I also hope to send two teams (one of 7th graders and one of 8th graders) to the Mu Alpha Theta competition at Allen High School towards the end of the school year (last spring, it was actually the first day of our break!). This is a more laid-back competition, run by high school students, and a really fun day. MathCounts parents are asked to fill out this information form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJHy-Kxzk7P671AmiuTvflZPZu7PPaqsuC8SPXOcSxj_x-Yw/viewform?usp=sf_link To sign up for (very occasional) alerts of schedule changes or reminders of important dates, please text code @nitschmc to 81010. MathCounts students and parents may do this. You will be asked to identify yourself, students please reply with your name and parents please reply with the student's name followed by mom or dad so I know who the messages are going to.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter [@nms_njhs](#))
All intentions to run for an elected position should have been emailed to Mrs. Wallach by this past Friday (9/15). Our elections will take place on October 28, during team time, in the library. If you are running, start preparing your speeches.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Thank you to everyone who auditioned for The Lion King! The list will be posted after school on Tuesday. Wednesday will be a meeting for scripts and paperwork, and Friday will be a read thru.

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. We will meet from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.** 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.

The Lion's Den School Store None at this time

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

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) After school meetings will begin on Wednesday Sept. 20 from 3:05 to 4pm. All members must attend.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) To sign up for step team, see Ms. Sierra for information. Tryout practice begins Oct. 3 until 5:30.

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) We will begin meeting on Thursdays for this school year in the Large group room next to the Cafeteria Starting on Thursday September 28th. We'll have some new games to try as well as your old favorites. Bring a friend or invite a teacher to challenge head to head. See you then.

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](#)

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Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

VP - Deb Clark clark70g@msn.com

Treasurer - Rita Smith ritasmith3@rcn.com

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

PAC Representatives

1) Amy Wuertele

2) Kimberly Marcantonio

3) Therese Gryauch

4) Peter McLeod

Thank you (Coughlin) Thank you to all who made our first meeting so amazing. We heard great ideas and informative feedback. Our next NPG meeting will be October 9th at 6:30. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me anytime. Thanks.

Box Tops! Please send any box tops with your child to school!

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

Instrumental Music

Mr. Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

9/18 Monday - Band Rehearsal 7:15 AM

9/19 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

9/20 Wednesday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM

9/21 Thursday - NO SCHOOL

9/22 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Important Reminders

Mum flower orders due on Wednesday 9/20.

Important Upcoming Events

(Details at www.nmsim.org)

September 20 NIMAS meeting 7:30 PM

September 20 Mum Flower orders are due - [Order Form](#)

October 18 NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM

October 21 Nazareth Parade

October 22 Saucon Valley Parade

October 25 Middle School Night football game *Date Change

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

Congratulations to all of our new Nitschmann Singers and Glee Club members! I was so excited to hear the group already singing in two and three parts.

Any student who is still interested in joining Glee Club should come see me as soon as possible to be placed in a section. **This week will begin the full choral rehearsal schedule**, with the exception of Thursday which is a day off from school. Normally the Thursday rehearsal schedule is the same as Tuesday, with band members rather than orchestra members excused from Glee.

Choral Rehearsal Schedule:

Monday 9/18: No rehearsal

Tuesday 9/19: 7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee members not in orchestra; 3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Wednesday 9/20: 7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee members and Nitschmann Singers not in Jazz band

Thursday 9/21: No school for Rosh Hashana

Friday 9/22: No rehearsal

Monday 9/25: Day 1 activity period rehearsal. Members of all choral groups must attend.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Team Lafayette students had their pictures taken last Friday. This week we will continue working with decimals in math. In science we are

studying vocabulary terms, and in social studies we continue to work on map skills. Please make sure your child has a scissor, colored pencils, a glue stick, and a calculator. Tissues for the classroom are always appreciated.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Team Lehigh will be learning about our founder, David Nitschmann this week in Reading. Parents, please continue to check planners for homework, as well as the students' rating scores. They are working hard towards earning our end of month celebration.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) We are quickly approaching the end of our 1st month of school. Please review your child's Oreos scores to see how they are doing with earning the first monthly reward. Also, we are approaching cold and flu season. We greatly appreciate any donations of tissues! Be sure everyone on Team Moravian has completed his/her email assignment found in Google classroom for Mrs. Evancho. We are looking to establish a group email by classes for the team teachers to use and are still missing many. This was a homework assignment in Math from last Tuesday.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) None at this time.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Science - We will be wrapping up our unit on measurement and the laboratory equipment with a lab assessment next week. Students will be using rulers, various glassware, and balances to demonstrate proficiency with the metric system and lab equipment. ELA- vocabulary quiz on Tuesday, Two Voices Poetry readings on Wednesday ; Reading- Literacy History papers are due Monday. Geography - students are continuing to work on map skills and current events. Team - We will be having a friendly tug of war competition with team Kutztown on Tuesday during team time.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Monday is the 230th Anniversary of our nation's Constitution being presented to We the People for ratification. We will be diving into some amendment scenarios. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will focus on the Real World Problem projects. Students will be working on these projects for the next 8 months: an in-depth study of a problem they have a passion about. Reading classes will build background knowledge on Abraham Lincoln and will begin the novel Chasing Lincoln's Killer. The 1st book report should be handed in by Wednesday in order to be on schedule to complete three for the quarter. Science: Next week we will enter Unit 1 Section 2 of our studies. This includes measuring matter. We will cover mass, volume, density, and we will hold a Metric Olympics. Those labs will take place Tuesday and Wednesday and a quiz will be Friday to pair with current events in science. All students will be taking their first quiz in math on Monday. Then we will move into Lesson 1-2. We are also finishing the SMI benchmark testing. ELA: It's hard to believe that

we've finished three weeks of school already! On Monday, we will have our adjective assessment. We will then continue on with verbs, leading us into participles. We are continuing with our Writer's Notebook weekly entries. Please make sure you have a MINIMUM of one page for History of the Name and 9/11. This week will be lists. Also, a focus on good paragraph writing will occur this week.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) Next week our Spartans will be investigating measurement with the metric system and participating in the Metric Olympics. Iconic Image Project is due in History next week. Adaption to environment and how environment shapes cultures will be the key points as we study early Native American culture. We will also formulate educated opinions on pressing issues today like drilling in the arctic, casinos, mascots and protection of the environment that affect our Native American roots. Grade 8 Math will be working of the laws of exponents. Algebra 1 students will be solving linear equations. Next week in ELA, we will finish discussing our historical context presentations. We will then begin reading our novel, NightJohn. We will also start our next word crime unit, which is the uses of the noun. Students in all Literacy classes will be starting our unit on nonfiction with a focus on the Civil War and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. All students should have their own novel signed out from the library on Friday and are responsible to bring the novel with them each day to class. We will also begin to focus on literary elements and figurative language within the text as well as using text-based evidence to prove responses. September's Celebration theme is Neon Storm - start rounding up anything that is bright, glitters, or sparkles!

Team Temple (Encore) ([Blog](#))

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

Monday: Picture day at Lafayette Field followed by practice. If it rains will take pictures at Nitschmann and practice in the Aux gym. Order your pictures from the handed out forms or order online: <http://www.prepaysystems.com/private/18/christmas-city-studio> then use School Code: nmsfall17

Tuesday: Nazareth @ Nitschmann: Wear white socks

Wednesday: Practice as scheduled

Thursday: No practice/no School

Friday: Nitschmann @ Lower Mac. Blue socks. Girls will be bused back to Nitschmann after the game. This will also be the evening of the First Nitschmann School Dance in the new building and proceeds will benefit the Sports Programs including Field Hockey. The dance will be from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Reminder - Lehigh Valley Sparx - How can I register for the Lehigh Valley Sparx Field Hockey Club?

Go to our online registration site – <http://lehighvalleysparx.myonlinecamp.com/index.cfm>

Registration Instructions

- Click Register
- Enter participant Name & Click Appropriate Option
- Click Save & Checkout – This will take you to your shopping cart
- Click Proceed to Checkout – This will take you to the participant registration input.
- The next page, you will input your billing information.
- The page following will be payment information (transaction page).
- Once finished, click “submit payment”
- When registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email J

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Lehigh Valley Sparx Field Hockey Club

lehighvalleysparx@gmail.com

www.lvsparx.com

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, lvannoert@basdschools.org

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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