

## **Parent & Student Weekly Email**

### **Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**

**Sunday, September 24, 2017 to Sunday, October 1, 2017**

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#### **Attachments to Review**

September NPG Minutes, Dr. Roy Letter re. Puerto Rico

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

*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, 9/25 Day 1**

**Tuesday, 9/26 Day 2** KU Bike & Boat

**Wednesday, 9/27 Day 3** KU Bike & Boat

**Thursday, 9/28 Day 4** KU Bike & Boat; District PAC Meeting

**Friday, 9/29 Day 5**

#### **Physical Education Classes**

9/25 to 10/11/17

Mr. Villani & Ms. Wallace (Gymnasium)

#### **Health Classes**

9/25 to 10/11/17

Mr. Wills Class (Room 012)

#### **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 22, 2017, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed <https://spark.adobe.com/page/nHNFtNKUaoGQ4/>.

### **School-wide Announcements**

**PINK OUT (Hood)** PINK OUT Fridays have been a tradition at Nitschmann for the past 13 years. We are looking to continue our support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month by encouraging our students and staff to wear PINK on every Friday in October. We will be selling t-shirts next week for \$7.00. T-shirts will be sold before and after school and during lunch time. IF you would like to buy a T-shirt, please have your child bring in cash or make a check to Nitschmann Middle School. The following is the design of the Pink Out T-shirts for this year. Get your PINK ON! #LIONSTRONG

**Congratulations!** (Ellis) We are happy to congratulate the new 2017-2018 Student Council Executive Board: President: Sarah Park, Vice President: Christine Colvin, Secretary: Clarisse Irapaye, Treasurer: Evan Shieh, Board Members: Anthony Sarkozy, Denise Cano, Mia Lobach, Monica Bruno

### **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 was well attended and we welcome anyone else to come join us for our next meeting on October 16th in room 104 from 3:05-4:00 when we will get to know each other, share our talents, and work on an anime bookmark! See you then!

**Art Club** (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) The after school art club will be starting in October. The club will meet from 3:15 to 4:15 on Thursdays. Applications for art club are available now in the art room. Space is limited so sign up ASAP.

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

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher & Mrs. Loupos) The program starts this week on Tuesdays or Thursdays. All students accepted into the program received a form in homeroom telling them what day and what class they are in. They are to report to room

114 after school. We ask that all students are picked up here at Nitschmann by 6:00 P.M. sharp. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to a great 8 weeks of art classes!

**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) H&S practices are Tuesday and Thursday this week. Make sure to bring a water bottle.

**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](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](#)) We will hold our elections this Thursday, September 28, during team time in the library. All

members who are running for an elected position should have their speeches ready for Thursday morning. Look for emails and listen to announcements for more updates.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday cast until 4:30, Tuesday crew until 5:00, Wednesday principal characters & understudies until 4:30, Thursday principal characters & understudies until 4:30, Friday cast until 4:30

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Registration Forms are still coming in. They are available in Student Services. We have a brief meeting Wednesday, September 27th till 3:25 P.M. in the library so students can begin checking out the books, if they haven't started already, and get the book list. We officially start meeting on Wednesday, October 18th until 4:00 P.M. We are looking forward to a fabulous year of reading the 45 books, writing summaries, and honing in on our comprehension skills as we prepare for the competition on April 5th!

**The Lion's Den School Store** None at this time

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

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) As of September 15th we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Every school day we will be recognizing a Hispanic person who has made a contribution or excelled in their field.

**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) Strategy Club will begin this Thursday, 9/28. We will be meeting in the large group room next to the cafeteria from 3:05 pm until 4 pm, every Thursday that we have school until late May. All are welcome (parents and faculty, too) to come and play some new games and some of your old favorites.

**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](https://twitter.com/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 - Rita Smith [ritasmith3@rcn.com](mailto:ritasmith3@rcn.com)

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

### **PAC Representatives**

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

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

**September Meeting Minutes** Attached to this email.

**From our President** (Coughlin) Hi Everyone! Happy Fall! Our first bookfair of the year brought in a \$752.95 profit for the NPG. Thanks again to all the parents who helped volunteer. Our next NPG meeting is October 9th at 6:30pm. Hope to see some new faces that night. Have a great week!

Erin Coughlin  
[Ecogs76@gmail.com](mailto:Ecogs76@gmail.com)

### **Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates**

#### **Instrumental Music**

*Mr. Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music* [dzettlemyer@basdschools.org](mailto:dzettlemyer@basdschools.org)

#### ***Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule***

9/25 *Monday - Band Rehearsal 7:15 AM*

*Day 1 Jazz Band 8:26 - What to prepare for Monday- Click [HERE](#)*

9/26 *Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM*

9/27 *Wednesday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM*

9/28 *Thursday - Band Rehearsal 7:15 AM*

9/29 *Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM*

#### ***Important Reminders***

- *Mum Flower pick-up on Oct. 3, 5:30-7:30 PM*
- *School instrumental lesson begin. The lesson schedule can be found here: <http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>*

## ***Important Upcoming Events***

*(Details at [www.nmsim.org](http://www.nmsim.org))*

*October 3 MUM Flower Pick-up 5:30-7:30 PM*

*October 18 NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM*

*October 21 Nazareth Parade*

*October 22 Saucon Valley Parade*

*October 25 Fall Pep Rally - BAND wears blue ID shirts*

***October 25 Middle School Night football game \*Date Change***

*October 29 Bethlehem Parade & Band picture*

*The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is a part of Amazon Smile. 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](http://smile.amazon.com) and select the Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association as your charity.*

## **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)*

Love to sing? It's not too late to join Glee Club! No formal audition is required, just a commitment to rehearsals and a love of singing. Members learn about warming up, posture, diction and score reading while making some awesome harmony. See Mrs. de Vries for more information.

## **Choral Rehearsals**

Monday 9/25-Activity period rehearsal for Glee and Nitschmann Singers members

Tuesday 9/26-7:15 AM rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Wednesday 9/27-7:15 AM rehearsal for Glee and Nitschmann Singers members not in jazz band

Thursday 9/28-7:15 AM rehearsal for Glee members not in band

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Friday 9/29-No rehearsal

## **Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) None at this time.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) None at this time.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) Please continue to check your child's planner and Home Access Center on a regular basis for homework assignments. There have been multiple missed assignments already this year. We will be determining September Reward participants this week and holding our celebration on Friday!

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) This week Team Kutztown's students will be attending a Bike and Boat Field Trip. Your child knows whether they will be attending the trip on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. The trip is from 9:30-2:15. The students will need a bagged lunch and a draw-string bag for their belongings. Last year students brought extra plastic bottles of water along. Mr. Hess will be explaining all other aspects of the trip to your children in school on Monday. (clothing, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, etc.). Please email Mr. Hess if you have any questions about this week's Bike and Boat Trip. **Science** (Mr. Pearson) - This coming week we will continue to learn about metric conversions. Due to the Bike & Boat trips this week, the quiz on the structure of the metric system (base units, prefixes, abbreviations, & values) and metric conversions will be delayed until Tuesday, October 3rd. However, in the meantime, we will be discussing the different types of measurement, starting with using a ruler and meter stick to measure length. **English** (Mr. Falteich) The students will have a Lesson 3 vocabulary quiz on Monday. Also, we will be completing our punctuation unit, and all classes will have their first unit test late next week. The test will be given Wednesday or Thursday depending on which day your child is attending the Bike and Boat Field Trip. (This week's unit test includes the following: compound sentences, complex sentences, conjunctions, clauses, comma usage, underlining, colons, and quotes for titles. Extra help is always available after school.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Students will be informed this week as to which day next week (Oct 3,4,5) that they will be attending the bike and boat trip. Please inquire with them which day they are going. Parents should be checking the portal as all classes have input grades for items at this time. Reading- Book reviews are due on 9/29 for students who are reading books that are shorter than 300 pages. ELA- Be ready for your Two Voices poetry reading on Tuesday. Math- Keep up with your daily math practice. This is important for students to be successful.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) TEAM ESU OUTING! JOIN US AS WE HEAD TO ESU FOR A FOOTBALL GAME. OCTOBER 21st IS THE DATE OF THE HOMECOMING GAME vs. BLOOMSBURG. TICKETS ARE FREE. WE ARE WORKING ON PROCURING A BUS, BUT THAT IS NOT A DEFINITE. IF YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS TO ANYBODY WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO DONATE FOOD FOR OUR TAILGATE PARTY, PLEASE LET MISS LOUPOS KNOW ASAP. FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE RETURN YOUR PAPER IMMEDIATELY AS TICKETS ARE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. THERE IS NO NMS FOOTBALL GAME THAT DAY. JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN, FOOD, FOOTBALL, AND ESU FAMILY! ELA - We are continuing with our Writer's Notebooks, honing our paragraph writing skills. In grammar, we are heading into the exciting world of participials! Reminder: Midquarter is approaching quickly! Please make sure you check HAC and are not missing any assignments! Reading classes will begin *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. Our focus will continue to be on quality Talking to the Text notes. Math students will be taking a quiz on Lesson 1-2. Students may also retake a quiz on Lesson 1-1 if they complete the ramp-up work and want to improve their grade. History class will be resuming our study of Native Americans, there will be a Friday Quiz. Science: This week we will be covering physical and chemical changes with a few experiments to pair with them. We'll start with vocabulary on Monday and finish with a chemical vs. physical change quiz on Friday. Pending on how far we get, we may cover states of matter as well.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Start gathering your NEON clothing or anything that sparkles or glitters for Friday's September celebration! The brighter the better! Culture is shaped by the environment will be the theme as we continue our exploration into Native American culture historically as well as present day, focusing on the Arctic and Northwest regions this week. In ELA next week, we will continue to read our novel NightJohn, focusing on theme and point of view. We will also continue to work on our noun uses with a quiz scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29. Finally, we will start to think about our first major writing project, the historical fiction narrative account. Grade 8 Math topic is Exponent Rules and Scientific Notation. There will be a Quiz on Tuesday on sections 1-1 to 1-7. Algebra 1 students will be Solving Linear Equations, Literal Equations, Inequalities, and Absolute Value. Quiz will be Tuesday on sections 1-1 to 1-4. Students in Wallach's periods 1,5,7, and 8 will all begin reading *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* on Monday so students need to bring their book every day to class. We will also start working on literary elements/devices as well as primary sources in literature. Students in period 3 will be presenting their jigsaw reading and begin reading *Manhunt*. These students will also be starting current events Fridays so be ready to present the selected current event article with the written worksheet. In Science, we will be moving to Physical and Chemical Changes leading up to a Chapter test on 10/4. IF you are not on Mrs.



Hood's daily email and would like to be, please feel free to email her at [thood@basdschools.org](mailto:thood@basdschools.org). Please continue to be diligent checking parent portal.

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

### **Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS\_Athletics)**

*Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director [jortwein@basdschools.org](mailto:jortwein@basdschools.org)*

### **Cross Country**

Head Coach Mrs. Schwartz, [lschwartz@basdschools.org](mailto:lschwartz@basdschools.org)

Assistant Coach Ms. Wallace, [kwallace@basdschools.org](mailto:kwallace@basdschools.org)

### **Field Hockey**

Head Coach Mr. Burzynski, [bburzynski@basdschools.org](mailto:bburzynski@basdschools.org)

Assistant Coach Mrs. Hood, [thood@basdschools.org](mailto:thood@basdschools.org)

[www.tinyurl.com/nitschmannfieldhockey](http://www.tinyurl.com/nitschmannfieldhockey)

### **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](mailto:lehighvalleysparx@gmail.com)

[www.lvsparx.com](http://www.lvsparx.com)

### **Football**

Head Coach Mr. Villani, [mvillani@basdschools.org](mailto:mvillani@basdschools.org)

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

Football Families,

I took pictures of the game on Saturday against Northeast. Here are the links through Shutterfly, there are 2 sets because there was over 600 pictures including both games and the boys getting Coach Villani soaked at the end. There is no charge for you to save digital images.

Part 1: [pix.sfly.com/YFXH9fzn](http://pix.sfly.com/YFXH9fzn)

Part 2: [pix.sfly.com/djneqfE](http://pix.sfly.com/djneqfE)

Enjoy...Anna O'Neill

### **Volleyball**

Head Coach Mrs. Hinkel, [ahinkel@basdschools.org](mailto:ahinkel@basdschools.org)

Assistant Coach, Mrs. Van Woert, [ivanwoert@basdschools.org](mailto:ivanwoert@basdschools.org)

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*Mr. Peter Mayes*

*Principal*

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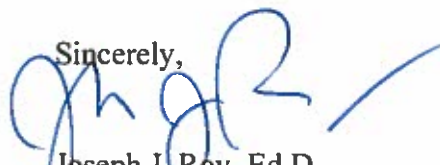
Dear Bethlehem Area School District Community,

I would like to extend my thoughts and prayers to the Bethlehem Area School District families and employees who have relatives in Puerto Rico. I know that as of this writing, many Bethlehem Area School District community members have been unable to contact their loved ones. Please know that we stand with you.

As the devastation to the island of Puerto Rico becomes clear, and in the aftermath of the hurricanes that struck Texas and Florida, I want to make parents aware that our school counselors are available to speak with children who may have relatives or family friends in any of the affected areas and who may be experiencing significant anxiety or grief.

On behalf of the Bethlehem Area School District, we pray for the safety of all family members.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Roy, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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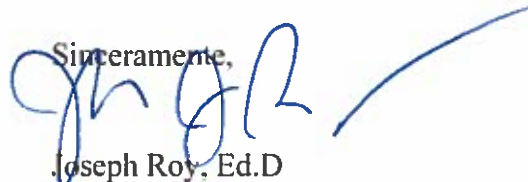
Querida comunidad del Distrito Escolar de Bethlehem,

Quiero extender mis pensamientos y oraciones a las muchas, muchas familias del Distrito Escolar de Bethlehem y empleados que tienen familiares en Puerto Rico. Yo sé que al partir de este escrito, todavía muchos miembros de la comunidad del Distrito Escolar de Bethlehem no han podido comunicarse con sus seres queridos. Por favor, sepa que estamos con ustedes.

Según la devastación a la isla de Puerto Rico se hace mas evidente en conjunto a la secuela de los huracanes en Texas y Florida, quiero que los padres estén conscientes que nuestros consejeros escolares están disponibles para hablar con los niños/as que puedan tener familiares o amigos de la familia en las zonas afectadas, los cuales puedan estar experimentando sentimientos de ansiedad y/o dolor profundo relacionados a estos incidentes.

En nombre del Distrito Escolar de Bethlehem, oramos por la seguridad de todos los miembros de la familia.

Sinceramente,



Joseph Roy, Ed.D  
Superintendente de Escuelas

Nitschmann Parent Group

September 11, 2017 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Erin Coughlin

Welcome by Erin Coughlin, introduction of executive committee.

**Erin Coughlin** – President ([ecogs76@gmail.com](mailto:ecogs76@gmail.com))

**Deb Clark**- Vice President ([clark70g@msn.com](mailto:clark70g@msn.com))

**\*Rita Smith** – Treasurer **By prior agreement Scott Walters will be the 2017/2018 Treasurer**

**Kimberly Marcantonio** - Secretary/Volunteers - ([jk0359@hotmail.com](mailto:jk0359@hotmail.com))

Rita Clark presented 2016/2017 NPG budget. (a hard copy of budget is attached) During the discussion of the budget several NPG initiatives and old business were addressed. Decisions are bolded.

Recent September 2017 **Book fair** profits are pending. Last year's box tops were under budget. Reasons may include only one campaign for the collection of box tops. There may be a collection of box tops located somewhere. Erin to look into locating any box tops from last year. Discussion of prizes, is it necessary to have a ice-cream party, this is an expense that cuts into profits. Concerns about children with allergies not being able to participate.

**Agreed: prizes for the top three students only , no class prize.**

Box tops still needs a chairperson.

**Holiday Extravaganza:** The NPG earned 1065.12 from the 2016 Holiday Extravaganza. The Extravaganza is a vender fair held at Nitchmann in November. Venders purchase tables and sell products. In addition to the money for a table each vender donates an item for the basket raffle.

**Therese Gyauch and Tiffany (LNU) have volunteered to chair this year's extravaganza.** Sasha Graver was the chairperson last year. NPG to reach out to Ms. Graver.

**Shoparoo:** This an app that allows individuals to photograph their shopping receipt and send to Shoparoo. Shoparoo will send Nitschmann a check based on amount collected. The shopper does not need to live in PA so friends and family far away may also participate. Karen (LNU) will provide a short blurb so Mr. Mayes can send out the information in the Sunday newsletter.

A discussion commenced concerning the NPG becoming a more formal organization. **Scott Walker has volunteered to establish a 503** . There is a 275.00 registration fee for a 503.

**Kimberly Marcantonio and Therese Gyauch will write the bylaws.**

Several names for the group were discussed. No clear front runner. Discussion to continue.

Mr. Mayes discussed the NPG becoming the group responsible for the concession stand at the school dances. Currently the cheerleaders run the concession stand at all the dances. If the NPG were to be responsible the income stream from the concession stands could better serve the needs of the school, field trips, specifically the college field trips each team makes every year. There are 6 dances, NPG can ask for donations of food/water. Parents group would need to staff the concession stand at the dances. All individuals who volunteer must have their clearances. Community service volunteers from the high school could also be used.

**NPG is in agreement with operating the concession stand.** (First dance scheduled for September 22, 2017 will be operated by the cheerleaders.) Dance dates are November 3, 2017, (drama), December 8, 2017 (Elf), January 19, 2018 (snowball), February 23, 2018. There is also mini-thon scheduled for April 6, 2018.

Discussion concerning other avenues of revenue, bingo (band does a bingo). A suggestion was made for an **outside movie night**. Nitschmann now has a beautiful outdoor space to hold this event. There would be no charge for the movie but the NPG could sell popcorn, soda, glow sticks, etc. NPG will **organize an spring outdoor movie night**. Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited.

Budget review continued: last year NPG provided 510.00 dollars for PSSA gifts. **NPG will continue to provide PSSA gifts for the upcoming school year.**

**No monies were needed for American Education week**. Volunteers are needed at the "welcome table". American Education week is scheduled for Tuesday October 10, Wednesday October 11, and Thursday October 12, 2017.

Budget review continued: Author Day, last year NPG budgeted \$2,000 for author day and the actual amount was 1864.35. Amount depends on author chosen. **NPG to continue to fund Author day.**

2016-2017 NPG budget operated at a deficit. There is an existing balance of 4034.00 in the account. There was a discussion concerning having a balance that exceeds more than one year's worth of operating expenses. **The 2016-2017 budget was accepted by the NPG.**

NPG agreed to fund the 6<sup>th</sup> grade college field trips this year. Team Moravian will not need a bus, they walk. Team Lehigh and Lafayette will need 2 busses per team.

**PAC representatives:** Four individuals volunteered to be the Nitschmann representatives for the BASD Parent Advisory Council. Kimberly Marcantonio, Therese Gyauch, Amy Wuertele and Peter McLeod will be the PAC reps.

Next PAC meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2017 at Nitschmann. PAC representatives should arrive early and be available to show attendees to meeting location.

Souper Luncheon: held during teacher appreciation week. This year's luncheon will be on Tuesday May 8, 2018. According to Mr. Mayes the teachers always look forward to this day, it's a highlight of the

year. NPG assists in soliciting soup donations and help with the set-up/clean-up. **Therese and McKenzie will assist in decorating for this event.**

NPG will provide a 500.00 for donation for the carnival held each spring.

NMS future participation in a Halloween parade was discussed. Maybe Nitschmann could have a float? Ride behind the band? NPG will reach out to Ms. Loupus.

Mr. Mayes would like to host a volunteer breakfast in the spring to thank all the school volunteers.

Ms. Hood has asked if the NPG could assist in covering the cost of a NYT magazine subscription for her class. Mr. Mayes will provide the necessary monies for the instructional material needed. Kimberly Marcantonio will let Ms. Hood know.

Mr. Mayes addressed the NPG. Very pleased with the opening of the new school. Students and teachers are very excited, only minor bumps.

**NPG will meet on a monthly basis.** Next Meeting October 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm.