

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, October 1, 2017 to Sunday, October 8, 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](#))

10/9 No School/Teacher In-Service, NPG Meeting 6:30pm; 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, 10/2 Day 6

Tuesday, 10/3 Day 1 PSU Bike & Boat

Wednesday, 10/4 Day 2 PSU Bike & Boat, Community Open House 7pm

Thursday, 10/5 Day 3 PSU Bike & Boat, Thursday AM Basketball (Sign up required!)

Friday, 10/6 Day 4 **School-wide Pink Out!**

Physical Education Classes

9/25 to 10/2 Mr. Villani & Ms. Wallace (Gymnasium)

10/3 to 10/10 Mr. Wills & Ms. Wallace (Gymnasium)

Health Classes

9/25 to 10/2 Mr. Wills Class (Room 012)

10/3 to 10/10 Mr. Villani (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 29, 2017, edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available for you. To view the e-News [Click Here](#).

School-wide Announcements

PINK OUT (Hood) It is officially October and that means Nitschmann Nation is gearing up for their first PINK OUT this Friday, October 6th. T-shirts will be sold for \$7.00 starting This Tuesday!



Car Magnets (Mayes) Looking for a way to show your Lion Pride? Pick up a car magnet for your car! Magnets are 1 for \$2 or 2 for \$3! Magnets are on sale at either the Main or Student Services Office.



Office Hours (Mayes) Just a reminder that although staff may be in the building, our Student Services & Main Offices are staffed from 7:30am to 3:45pm.

American Education Week (Mayes) Our American Education Week schedule will be sent via email tomorrow, Monday, October 2, 2017.

AM Basketball (Off. Conley) Thursday morning basketball will be this Thursday at 7am to 7:45am. ALL students will then be required to attend school breakfast. The program will be held in the main gym. Any student involved in a fall sport may not participate due to injury concerns. All students that participate must not be failing more than one class. Academic eligibility will be confirmed prior to each session. If you have any questions please see Officer Conley.

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 next meeting is October 16 from 3:05-4:00 in room 104. Please bring your books and sketches.

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

Basketball (Advisor Off. Conley) Thursday AM basketball will be this Thursday at 7am to 7:45am. ALL students will then be required to attend school breakfast. The program will be held in the main gym. Any student involved in a fall sport may not participate due to injury concerns. All students that participate must not be failing more than one class. Academic eligibility will be confirmed prior to each session. If you have any questions please see Officer Conley.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher & Mrs. Loupos) The first week went well and the students loved their various art classes! Please continue to pick your child up promptly at 6 P.M. We look forward to a great 8 weeks of art fun!

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

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Dance Team tryouts will begin Wednesday after school from 3:30-5:30 (no school transportation). Contact Ms. Sierra with any questions.
(tsierra@basdschools.org)

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) Heart & Sole Runners will practices Tuesday and Thursday this week. Please 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 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 would like to congratulate our newly elected board members: President: Fallon Ingram, Vice-President: Sarah Neiman, Secretary: Hemani Patel, and Treasurer: Kaia Reenock. Our next meeting take place on October 4 in room 104 in the morning (7:45) and after school (3:05). Members must attend ONE of these meetings.

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) We had a brief meeting on Wednesday, September 27th to explain what Reading Olympics is and to show the students where the books are so the students can check them out. We officially begin meeting on Wednesday, October 18th until 4 P.M. We will be sending home a calendar for the next three months at the first meeting. Please encourage your child to read, read, read the Reading Olympics books! We are

looking forward to a fabulous year of reading, writing summaries and preparing for the competition in April!

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Mr. Dendrinis & Mrs. Evancho) None at this time

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) Ski club sign ups will take place in October. More information will be forthcoming.

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will be hosting a Día de Los Muertos Café at the end of October. Students are working hard to come up with decorations and recipes for the event. We have also created a website to showcase our work and events; this month we are focusing on Hispanic Heritage Month. The website is linked below
<http://nitschmann-middle-school-spanish-club.webnode.com/>

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice will be Tuesday and Thursday until 5:30 (no school transportation). Contact Ms. Sierra with any questions. (tsierra@basdschools.org)

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
nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

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 Gyauch

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

September Meeting Minutes Attached to this email.

From our President (Coughlin) Hello parents! Just a quick reminder our next NPG meeting will be October 9th at 6:30. Hope you can attend. October 10-12th is American Ed week and we like to have a table at the entrance to welcome parents and guardians. If anyone would like to help out at the table for an hour it would be really appreciated. If you are interested please email me at ecogs76@gmail.com Have a great week!

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

Instrumental Music

Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

10/2 Monday - Band Rehearsal 7:15 AM

10/3 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Day 1 Jazz Band 8:26 - What to prepare for Tuesday & Wednesday - [HERE](#)

10/4 Wednesday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM

10/5 Thursday - Band Rehearsal 7:15 AM

10/6 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)

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 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 held their first Team Reward Day on Friday. Students who qualified through our Chips Ahoy rubric watched The Lego Movie. We also celebrated September birthdays: Xavier Riddle and Elijah Quan. Team Lafayette honored the Pride of the Lions students at a breakfast on Friday: Katelyn Mast, Alex Cardona, and Sophia Csatari. This coming week Nitschmann staff will be selling pink out shirts for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The cost is \$7.00 a shirt. Next week students will be studying decimals in math, land forms in social studies, and safety symbols in science.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Team Lehigh will be taking our first trip to Lehigh university in the weeks to come. Be on the lookout for details coming soon. Also, keep up the hard work earning your points for our reward activity at the end of the week.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) We will have our Moravian Kickoff on Tuesday morning. Moravian students, athletes and possibly the mascot will be joining us to give us some background and answer questions as we enjoy the traditional sugar cake and chocolate milk with them. This will then get us ready for our upcoming tour of the college.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) We wish to thank all of the students for their good behavior and attentiveness on the Bike and Boat trip. While the low water level of the Lehigh River shortened the canoe portion of the trip, the students were still able to learn how to paddle a canoe and briefly and safely paddled across the river. **Math** - Students in Period 2 and 5 will be taking their first Unit Test on Monday October 2. Students in periods 7 and 8 are working on Radicals and Irrational Numbers and Students in Period 1 are learning more about working with fractions. **Science**- This coming week there will be a test on the structure of the metric system (base units, prefixes, abbreviations, & values) and metric conversions on Tuesday, October 3rd. Afterwards, we will be discussing the different types of measurement, starting with

using a ruler and meter stick to measure length and using a triple beam balance to measure mass. **English** - Vocabulary Quiz #4 on Tuesday - This week begins Unit 2 in English ,The Author Study. The students will begin a unit on author, H.H. Munro. They will learn about his life, writing style, and begin reading several of his popular short stories. Terms that will be discussed this week - (irony, genre, foreshadowing, and theme).

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Students will be attending the Bike and Boat trip on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week. Students have been informed as to which day they will be going and were expected to write the date in their planner. Students need to remember to pack a lunch, drink, a change of shoes/clothes, bug spray/sunscreen if needed, and a drawstring bag to carry their lunch in. Students should wear old shoes or water shoes, but no slides or flip flops! In addition - students should dress appropriately for the weather. Since we will be riding boats and canoeing on the river, absolutely no phones will be allowed on the trip! **ELA** - all classes have a vocabulary quiz on Monday. **Science** - We are going to science court to learn about data collection, interpretation and presentation, **Math** - 8th period will be starting a new unit. Other classes will continue working on operations of rational numbers. **Reading** - Book reviews were due on Friday 9/29. If your child did not turn in a book review, there will be no grade at this point because your child is reading a book longer than 300 pages. The next book review is due on 10/25. **Geography** - students completed a unit on map skills this past Friday with a test. All students need to bring colored pencils to social studies class for notes, map work, etc... They will also need them periodically for homework. There are still many students not bringing this required school supply. Please make sure your child has colored pencils.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) LAST CALL FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE FOOTBALL GAME ON OCTOBER 21st at ESU. TURN YOUR FORMS TO MISS LOUPOS! Parents - we need your help! We are looking for donations of gift cards for our monthly celebrations! We brainstormed ideas and came up with the following requests: Five Below, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Dollar Tree, Target, iTunes, GooglePlay, or anything else! Thank you in advance! Follow us on Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#) Reading classes will continue reading Chasing Lincoln's Killer/Manhunt. All classes will be watching Gettysburg on Friday. History class will look at the growth, development and collapse of native American cultures. We will then study native tribes of the United States by regions. ELA continues its venture into participles and writing working toward the historical narrative. Math: We will be moving on to Lesson 1-4 and retaking quizzes. Science: States of Matter and the energy associated. We will do a series of labs and the dry ice will be coming out this week!

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) In ELA next week, we will continue reading our novel *NightJohn*. We will also be introducing our historical fiction narrative account project in Periods 1,3, 5, and 8, so students can start to brainstorm and find the right time period for their project as we finish our novel. Our word crime this week will focus on subject pronouns. In History we will continue our learning about the art of the Totem and the great leadership among the Great Plains Indians. We will finish our Native American Unit over the next week or so on the Iroquois Nation and show the connection to Democracy over 500 years later. Thank you to our Spartan Nation for another AWESOME celebration! The Neon Storm was out in full force! Check out the pictures @TeamSpartanNMS. Get your PINK out gear ready to go for October!

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

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, lvanwoert@basdschools.org

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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