

## Parent & Student Weekly Email

### Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, October 15, 2017 to Sunday, October 22, 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](#))

*10/18 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, 10/16 Day 3**

**Tuesday, 10/17 Day 4**

**Wednesday, 10/18 Day 5 NIMAS Meeting**

**Thursday, 10/19 Day 6 [Walk-A-Thon Money Due](#); BASD Field Hockey Championship 7pm vs. EHMS**

**Friday, 10/20 Day 1 [School-wide Pink Out & Walk-A-Thon!](#) BASDCares Collection Ends**

**\*All athletic events are listed at the bottom of this email \***

#### PE/Health Schedule

Villani- In Gym.

Wallace- Health 10/12/17-10/19/17

Wills- Gym until 10/20/17

#### 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 Friday, October 13, 2017, edition of the BASD e-News can be viewed at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/cytrKg9qFH6Np/>

## **School-wide Announcements**

**ESU vs. BLOOMSBURG FOOTBALL GAME (Loupos)** - If you are going to the ESU vs. BLOOMSBURG FOOTBALL GAME, please be at Nitschmann by 1:00 on Saturday, October 21st. We will be leaving promptly at 1:15. We will tailgate when we are up there, so feel free to bring snacks and drinks to share with the group. Cost for busses and the trip is free, so if you signed up, please do not back out! We are looking forward to a great day, cheering on Team ESU!

**American Education Week (Mayes)** Thank you to all of the parents & guardians who joined us last week for American Education Week!

**Student Council Walk-A-Thon (Ellis)** It's time for our NMS Walk-a-Thon! Student Council has planned a fun and fit activity for the Nitschmann students. Your Nitschmann lion will walk around the magnificent Rose Garden Park during school hours on Friday, October 20th. Your participation in obtaining sponsors for this event is crucial to our success. We need everyone's help in achieving our goal of \$10,000. The funds we raise will help student council offset the cost of grade level field trips, assembly programs, grade-level and school wide activities, as well as recognition and rewards programs. These funds are critical to provide the "Nitschmann experience" to each child! If each family raises \$15, we will achieve our goal. We have provided incentives for students to earn as they raise money for our walk. Door to door solicitation is not encouraged. Students are encouraged to ask their family members and friends for a flat donation to support student activities at Nitschmann. Checks should be made out to Nitschmann Middle School. Your student's name should be written on the memo line. Please be sure to place all money inside the envelope and **return it no later than Thursday, October 19th.**

**Early Dismissals (Wagner)** Please remember to send your child to school with a note about early dismissals. Your child can pick up an early dismissal slip in the Student Services Office during homeroom.

**David Tuck, Holocaust Survivor (Getz)** All parents and community members are invited! David Tuck will speak at Nitschmann on November 16th from 1:15-3:00. If you plan on attending, please arrive a few minutes early. He will share his story and experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust. Check out his biography here: [David Tuck Biography](#)

**BASDCares Collection (Mayes)** Please join the Bethlehem Area School District in helping us collect to support families from hurricane ravaged areas of the United States as they join us here

in Bethlehem. Each school is collecting items - Nitschmann is collecting socks, underwear, diapers, & infant items. Items should be delivered to Student Services until October 20.

**EHMS Germany Trip (Schaefer)** DO YOU WANT TO VISIT GERMANY? PRAGUE? A CONCENTRATION CAMP? Herr Schaefer and Ms. Bartkus at East Hills are organizing a trip to Germany and Beyond for June 2018. Berlin, Prague, and Auschwitz are just some of the trip's highlights. There will be an informational meeting held in East Hills Room #222 on Monday, **October 23rd at 7:00PM**. Please come and find out about scholarship opportunities, a reasonable monthly payment plan, fundraisers, and more. All are welcome so bring your friends and their parents too! If you have questions please contact Herr Schaefer in Room #222 or Ms. Bartkus in Room #307 at East Hills.

**Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp)** None at this time.

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

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

**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.

**Anime Club** (Advisors Mrs. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 3:05-4:00 in room 104.

**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. Nazareth Parade 10/21. Saucon Valley Parade 10/22.

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher & Mrs. Loupos) The students continue to go weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays through November 16th, 2017. They are enjoying the various art classes! Thank you for picking your child up promptly at 6:00 P. M.

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

**Dance Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice will be Wednesday until 5:30 and during activity period. Students will get information regarding REMIND. If you have questions, contact [tsierra@basdschools.org](mailto:tsierra@basdschools.org).

**German Club** (Advisor TBA) None at this time

**Heart & Sole Club** (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) Heart & Sole will practices Tuesday and Thursday till 4:45.

**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](#))  
Our first tutoring session will be this Tuesday, October 17, from 3:05-3:30 in room 303. Please plan to attend if you signed up. If you can't attend, please email Mrs. Wallach.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Tuesday crew, Wednesday hyenas, Thursday lionesses, Friday cast.

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We meet this Wednesday, October 18th until 4:00 P.M. for the first time! A schedule will be sent home with the students with information on meeting weekly. The competition this year is on April 5, 2018. We look forward to a great year of reading, writing summaries, and discussing the books chosen for this year's competition! Please encourage your child to read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books!

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

**Ski Club** (Advisors Mr. Downey) Sign ups are open for ski club. You get an extra ski pass if you sign up by 10/30. All family members are welcome to take advantage of the discount passes. Information was handed out at lunch for interested students,  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=17LYXnp-SdX93h\\_PVdfooQyiJwySDA9isHB8bsiVpsk](https://drive.google.com/open?id=17LYXnp-SdX93h_PVdfooQyiJwySDA9isHB8bsiVpsk).

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We will be hosting a Día de Los Muertos Café October 31st from 7:45 to 8:05. Please stop by to show support for Spanish Club and enjoy some delicious food items. We will be selling churros, flan, cupcakes, cookies, sangría, empanadas, and tres leche cake; everything will cost \$1. We have also created a website to showcase our work and events; this month we are focusing on El día de los Muertos. 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. All other messages will be via REMIND. Be sure to sign up for your text or email messages. If you have questions, contact [tsierra@basdschools.org](mailto:tsierra@basdschools.org).

**Strategy Club** (Advisor Mr. Kehler) By popular demand, we will begin meeting twice a week to accommodate those many students with a variety of conflicts for Thursdays. Effective 10/16, Strategy Club will also meet on Mondays, same time, 3:05 until 4:00, and same place, the Large Group Room next to the cafeteria. As always, all (parents and faculty included) are welcome to

attend and engage in a little friendly conquest and conversation. Each week we will try to introduce a new game. We have already covered Plants Vs. Zombies(thank you Ms. Moyer for the donation), Splendor, and Ticket to Ride. Next week we will review the incredibly popular Settlers of Catan. See you there!

**Student Council** (Advisors Mrs. Ellis) It's time for our NMS Walk-a-Thon! Student Council has planned a fun and fit activity for the Nitschmann students. Your Nitschmann lion will walk around the magnificent Rose Garden Park during school hours on Friday, October 20th. Your participation in obtaining sponsors for this event is crucial to our success. **We need everyone's help in achieving our goal of \$10,000.** The funds we raise will help student council offset the cost of grade level field trips, assembly programs, grade-level and school wide activities, as well as recognition and rewards programs. These funds are critical to provide the "Nitschmann experience" to each child! If each family raises \$15, we will achieve our goal. We have provided incentives for students to earn as they raise money for our walk. Students may start collecting pledges as soon as they receive the pledge sheet. Door to door solicitation is not encouraged. Students are encouraged to ask their family members and friends for a flat donation to support student activities at Nitschmann. Checks should be made out to Nitschmann Middle School. Your student's name should be written on the memo line. Please be sure to place all money inside the an envelope and return it no later than Thursday, October 19th.

**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 -

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!

**Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates**

**[Instrumental Music](#)**

*Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music [dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org](mailto:dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org)*

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

10/16 Monday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM (Plan it to march outside)

10/17 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

10/18 Wednesday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM (**SPRING TRIP REGISTRATION IS DUE**)

10/19 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM (Plan is to march outside)

10/20 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Day 1 Jazz Band 8:26

### ***Important Reminders***

- October 18 - Spring music department trip registration is due - [Information](#)
- October 18 - NIMAS meeting 7:30 PM
- October 21 - Nazareth Parade [Information](#)
- October 22 - Saucon Valley Parade [Information](#)
- October 25 - School pep rally - Band students wear their blue ID shirt\
- October 25 - Night football game
- October 29 - Bethlehem Parade - Meet at Nischmann
- How to put on your new uniform [VIDEO](#)
- School instrumental lessons. 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 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

October 30 - November 3 - Orchestra Q2 chair auditions

November 2 & 3 - All is Calm Solo Auditions

November 6-10 Band Q2 chair auditions

November 10 - NIMAS Bingo Night

*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)

### **Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Glee Club officers:**

President: Denise Cano

Vice President: Maya Beisel

Secretary: Tommy Fortsch

Treasurer: Jadis Lynn

Librarian: Andee Gluchowski (Assistants: Bianca Justance and Natalie Cain)

Photographer: Sophia Quartuch

**First performance:** Glee Club and Nitschmann Singers will be performing the Star Spangled Banner at our first school pep rally on October 25. That evening (7:45 pm) they will also sing the National Anthem at the Nitschmann vs. East Hills football game in the Liberty High School stadium. Students should wear the navy blue band polo shirt and jeans. Students without shirts may borrow one from an orchestra friend or simply wear another navy blue t-shirt.

### **Choral Rehearsals:**

Monday-No rehearsal

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

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

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

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

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Friday-Activity period rehearsal for all Glee and Nitschmann Singers

### **Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Next week is a busy week for Team Lafayette and Nitschmann. We will be starting our Holiday Hope Chest. Information will be coming soon. We will also be working with students on Student Led Conferences. On Thursday, PPL representatives will deliver a presentation to students about energy conservation. Friday is Nitschmann's Walkathon. Please send in your contributions.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh))



**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) The trip to Moravian went well last week, even with the rain. We look forward to our next one for Track and Field Day. Please be sure to check your child's grades regularly. The end of 1st quarter will be here before we know it and there are many outstanding assignments. In addition, students should be bringing their own glue stick, scissors and colored pencils to class with them. We use them frequently in all of the classes. Just a reminder that the Walk-a-Thon is on Friday of this week. Everyone is encouraged to get at least one donation! This fundraiser helps to lower the cost of our end of the year trip and provides for different activities throughout the year.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) Our students spent a nice day at Kutztown University on Friday. Be sure to ask them about their experiences on a college campus. **Science** - This coming week we will be discussing how to use a graduated cylinder to measure volume and how to measure density. **English** - The Review Vocabulary test is on Thursday. - (all words from lessons 1-5). Our Saki unit continues with the reading and discussion of "Gabriel Ernest" and "The Lumber Room." This week's terms are theme, situation irony, foreshadowing, and mood.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Students need to return their Penn State trip permission forms along with \$5.00 by Monday. We will be visiting Penn State Berks Campus on Friday 10/27. We are still in need of gallon zip lock baggies for our team tie dye project. In addition we are very much in need of tissues for our classrooms. We would greatly appreciate any donations. Parents and students - please check e-school regularly. We are only two weeks away from the end of the quarter. **Science** - students will be designing and carrying out their exercise experiment next week. The final lab report is due Sunday October 22, at 9:00 PM on google classroom. **Math** - first period has a unit test on Monday. Periods 1,2,5,7 are starting a new unit on proportional relationships. Period 8 will continue working with radicals. **Reading**- Book reviews are due next week, 10/25. **Social Studies** - students will continue with the 5 Themes of Geography by investigating Human Environmental Interaction and Place. **ELA** - Twenty Pounds Part 1 and 2 (due Monday), dialogue quiz Tuesday. **Holocaust Survivor:** On November 16th from 1:15-3:00, Holocaust survivor David Tuck, will be speaking to the students. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. [David Tuck Biography](#) Please contact Mrs. Getz with any questions. [jgetz@basdschools.org](mailto:jgetz@basdschools.org)

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST IS OUR FOOTBALL GAME AT ESU. WE LEAVE PROMPTLY FROM NITSCHMANN AT 1:15. MEET AT 1:00. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING SNACKS AND GAMES. TICKETS AND BUS ARE FREE! Reading classes will continue with Chasing Lincoln's Killer/Manhunt. There will be a quiz on chapters 3,4, and 5. All 3 book reports for the quarter are due on October 30. Unit 1 exam on Tuesday, Exploration pre-test on Wednesday.

We begin our exploration of why did Columbus come to America and the natives not go to Europe. Math 8 students are wrapping up their lessons on exponential properties. Algebra 1 students are finishing up Topic 1 and will start studying for their first exam. IN ELA WE ARE CONTINUING GRAMMAR AND WORKING TOWARD HISTORICAL NARRATIVES.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) In ELA next week, we will finish our NightJohn novel unit. Periods 3, 5, and 7 have their NightJohn test on Monday. All classes also have their acrostic poem projects due this week. Make sure you know your class' due date. We will then start developing characters for our historical fiction narrative account. Grade 8 (periods 3/5/7) Math will be Solving Linear Equations. Complete IXL assignments on combining Like Terms and Solving Linear Equations. There will be a Quiz Thursday or Friday on the first four sections. In Science, the students will be exploring Atoms in Chapter 3. Literacy classes should continue to work on their Artifact project which is due October 23rd. History will be finishing up Great Plains Native Americans and complete the Unit with the Northeast Natives. If your child has not shared their Native name with you - please ask them about it!

**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)

19- Hurricane Invitational at Monocacy Field (Bethlehem Steelers' Field)

### **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)

19- City Championship at BASD Stadium 7pm

### **Football**

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

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

25- East Hills 7PM BASD Stadium

### **Volleyball**

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

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

16- at Whitehall

18- Orefield (Home)

20- at Easton

23- City Championship at Freedom High School

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*Mr. Peter Mayes*

*Principal*

*Nitschmann Middle School*

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