

**Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, October 22, 2017 to Sunday, October 29, 2017**

[Home of the Nitschmann Nation!](#)

**All of this information can be downloaded at our [Nitschmann Middle School Website!](#)
Stay on top of your child's grades & attendance at [BASD Parent Portal](#)**

Attachments to Review

None at this time.

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

10/25 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 NPG Holiday Extravaganza 4-9pm, 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

[NMS Fall Spirit Week!](#)

Monday, 10/23 Day 2 Spirit Week: Character Day (No masks or props!) Volleyball City Championships @ Freedom HS

Tuesday, 10/24 Day 3 Spirit Week: Pajama Day (Pajamas must conform to dress code, no slides or slippers, spaghetti straps, etc.); Team Lafayette Trip to Lafayette College

Wednesday, 10/25 Day 4 Pep Rally Schedule; Spirit Week: Blue & White Day; Fall Sports Pep Rally; Night Football Championship Game vs. East Hills

Thursday, 10/26 Day 5 Spirit Week: Throwback Thursday; Student/Staff Volleyball Game

Friday, 10/27 Day 6 Spirit Week: Pink Out!; Team PSU Trip to PSU Berks Campus; October Pride of the Lions; Bethlehem City Trick or Treat 6-8pm;

Saturday, 10/28 Liberty/Freedom Football Game

Sunday, 10/29 Bethlehem Halloween Parade

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

PE/Health Schedule

Villani- See Gym Schedule Board

Wallace- See Gym Schedule Board

Wills- See Gym Schedule Board

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](#)

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) Dr. Roy's [BASD e-News October 20, 2017 Edition](#) is available for you to view.

Student Council Walk-A-Thon (Ellis) Thank you to all of our students, families, and friends for making our 2017 Walk-A-Thon a HUGE success, with over \$12,000 donated directly back for student use for trips & activities by our Nitschmann Student Council!

Student Personal Devices (Mayes) Beginning, **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**, all students' personal devices, i.e. iPhones and Androids, will be blocked from joining any district network. This will occur district-wide at all BASD schools to reduce the impact on our district-wide network.

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](#)

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End of the 1st Quarter (Mayes) A reminder to all parents to double check the Parent Portal for an update of your child's grades and make sure any missed assignments are completed before the end of the 1st Quarter! Link: [BASD Parent Portal](#)

Fall Conferences (Mayes) The end of the 1st Quarter is quickly approaching and we will be sending out the link for Fall Conference Scheduling for November 20 & 21. Please remember that we require all fall conferences each year to be held at Nitschmann Middle School & our goal is always 100% conferences!

Moravian College STEM Day is back! We have rescheduled the STEM Day for November 4th from 12:00pm to 7:00pm. Arrival time will be between 12:00pm and 1:00pm. Throughout the day, there will be the following events: Talks on 'Applying to College and the College Experience' as well as 'Careers in the STEM Fields' STEM Olympics, where the students will get to participate in a friendly group competition against one another in all areas of the STEM fields. An opportunity for students to present a project that they have worked on during the year,

such as science fair projects, coding projects, and major problem-solving projects. Dinner will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the registration form at the link below. If you have any question or concerns about the event, please contact Rachel Myers at strm08@moravian.edu. Registration Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIaSClDd7JXPOJsudWofLmdImUaC4Q2wkBnmPxoUkBAstabWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](https://twitter.com/NitschmannPG)
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2) Kimberly Marcantonio

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

Update (Coughlin) A big Thank You to Cara Pyle, Kimberly Gunning-Marcantonio and Karen Miller for helping at the welcoming table during American Ed week. The NPG will be running the concession stand at our next school dance on November 3rd. I will be looking for a few volunteers that night and any food/baked good donation would be amazing. Feel free to email me if interested. Have a great week!

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Team Lafayette is visiting Lafayette College next Tuesday, October 24. Please read the handout that was distributed last week. The cost for lunch is \$5.00. Wednesday, we will be having a pep rally. Friday is Idiom Day! Sixth grade students may dress as an Idiom on that day. Next week is Spirit Week. Everyday of the week has a theme. Please make sure your child has a calculator, pencils, scissors, and colored pencils. Many students are missing some of these items.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) On Thursday, we went to Lehigh University where we had an Intro to the school presentation and student panel. Our students asked great questions about Lehigh and how to adapt to college life. We then enjoyed a fulfilling lunch at their all you can eat dining hall and rapped up our afternoon with a scavenger hunt around campus. Thank you Mrs. Evans for making it a great day for us all! Check out our pics on social media at #NMSatLU.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) This week will be particularly exciting for Nitschmann Nation! Please plan ahead to participate in Spirit Week and even attending the night football game against East Hills on Wednesday at the stadium. Also, continue checking parent portal for updates on your child's grades before the first quarter comes to a close. All students should be carrying their own scissors, glue stick and colored pencils. We use them frequently.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) This week is Spirit Week at NMS. We would like to see our Team Kutztown students participate in the week's events. **Math** - As a reminder to all students: When working in Pearson On-Line, remember to hit the SUBMIT button when you complete your homework so that your grade can be recorded. This week we will be back to our normal "Quiz on Friday" schedule. **Science** (This coming week we will be discussing how to calculate density and convert between temperature scales. We will also be reviewing for the second part of the test on the metric system, which will be Tuesday, October 31st. - **English** - This week's author study (Saki) continues with "The Open Window," "The Lumber Room," and "The Mouse." There is no vocabulary due this week.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Students will tie dye their Penn State shirts that they purchased in the beginning of the year on Monday. We also will have a team celebration of ice cream for those students who are passing all classes to date and have exhibited good behavior. **REMINDER: The team will be traveling to PSU Berks Campus on Friday(10/27)....make sure your child comes prepared with a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch on campus. SCIENCE:** formal lab report project submission by SUNDAY (10/22) on google classroom!!! **Reading** - book reviews are due this Wednesday, 10/25. Notebooks are being checked this coming week too. **Geography** - students will continue evaluating the Five Themes of Geography and will develop their own unique place. Students will need to bring colored pencils to class this week. There will be a notebook check by the end of the week.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) History class will focus on the events that led to Columbus' journey to the new world. Reading classes will continue reading Chasing Lincoln's Killer/Manhunt. Maps should be worked on for 5-10 minutes each night. All book reports due by November 30. In math class all students will be spending this next week preparing for their first Unit Exam. This will be the last major grade for the quarter. Study sessions will be held in class and after school on most days. Science: Next week there will be a quiz on atomic structure and states of matter. Students will be doing periodic table labs and another Business Centered project. We will have a Kahoot game on Monday to start them off.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Next week in Science, we will be continuing our Intro to Atoms. There will be a quiz on Tuesday followed by exploring the Periodic Table more closely. Early exploration will be the topic on hand in History class, taking us from the Spanish Conquistadors to a great debate about Columbus. This week in ELA, we will be developing our characters for our historical fiction narrative account. Periods 1, 3, and 5 have their research for their project due this week. Period 8 has their acrostic poem due Wednesday,

Oct. 25. Please ask to see your child's research and converse about their ideas for the account. Algebra 1 students will be working with Rate of Change, Slope, and Write and Graph Linear Equations (sections 2-1 to 2-4). 8th Grade Math students (periods 3,5,7) will be reviewing solving linear equations and taking notes on Proportional Relationships and Analyzing Linear Equations. 8th Grade Math (period 1) will be Solving Linear Equations. All of Wallach's classes have the artifact project due Monday. This includes: the artifact, the written portion (typed), and the rubric. All of these pieces are due on Monday. Also, students should be ready to present their project on Monday with note cards and a rehearsed presentation. Please reference the detailed rubric students received over two weeks ago. In addition, students in Wallach's periods 1,5, and 7 will have a test on chapters 1-6 on *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. We will review what students need to know on Tuesday. Students are encouraged to go back and re-read the chapters if they have forgotten any content as well as study from their notes. IF you are not apart of the daily email from Team Northampton and would like to be, please email Mrs. Hood. The daily email includes homework, coming events, reminders, and any little tidbits we find helpful for the student and parent.

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

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) We had a lot of fun getting to know each other and our interests in anime. Remember to work on your book marks and return them to Mrs. Wallach/Ms. Fehr at the next club meeting on November 13 in room 104.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) Art Club will have its first meeting on Thursday Oct 26 at 3:15-4:15 in the art rooms. All students who have already submitted an application have been accepted into the Art Club. Art Club is now full and applications will no longer be accepted.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Congratulations on great parade performances this weekend! Monday early morning rehearsal, Wednesday pep rally (wear your blue band shirt) and night game (wear your uniform), Thursday early morning rehearsal, Bethlehem Parade Sunday 11/29

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor) - We continue to take classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The students are enjoying their various art classes and creating beautiful art work! The artists are amazing! Thank you for picking your child up promptly at 6:00 P.M. There are 4 more weeks of the Fall program.

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice Wed and Day 1. **Announcements will be via Remind.** Contact Ms. Sierra if you need more information regarding how to get announcements: tsierra@basdschools.org

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

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

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

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

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

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) None at this time.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual sidewalk clean-up. We collected 15 bags of trash and helped to keep our community sidewalks clean! Our first tutoring session went well and we had a successful turnout. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 1 both before (7:45) and after school. Members must attend ONE of these meetings. We will begin planning for the Holiday Extravaganza.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday no rehearsal, Tuesday crew, Wednesday African Drums, Thursday House, Friday cast

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Our first meeting was last Wednesday and went very well! We currently have 44 students in the competition program! All of our students now have Reading Olympics books to read. A calendar for the year was sent home with the students to keep you updated on what we will be doing. Our first bake sale is coming up during student led conferences. More information will be sent home concerning donations in November. We will continue to meet Wednesdays. We are looking forward to a great year of reading, writing summaries and preparing for the competition!

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

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) This is the last week to sign up for ski club. There is a link to the sign up on the Nitschmann website. Please email any questions to cdowney@basdschools.org.

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 Tuesday and Thursday. **Announcements will be via Remind.** Contact Ms. Sierra if you need more information regarding how to get announcements: tsierra@basdschools.org

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) Attention needed! Strategy Club is being moved from the large group room by the cafeteria to Ms Mendez's room, 107. Meeting in room 107 will begin this Monday 10/23. We will meet in room 107 for both Mondays and Thursdays. Again, that's room 107 for Strategy Club.

Student Council (Advisors Mrs. Ellis)

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) None at this time

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates **Instrumental Music**

Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

Instrumental Rehearsal Schedule

10/23 Monday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM (Inside music- school songs, Hey, Eye of the tiger)
10/24 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM
10/25 Wednesday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
10/26 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM (Plan is to march outside)
10/27 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Important Reminders

- October 25 - School pep rally - Band students wear their blue ID shirt
- October 25 - Night football game - [DETAILS](#)
- October 29 - Bethlehem Parade - Meet in the band room [DETAILS](#)
- 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)

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 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.

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

25- East Hills 7PM BASD Stadium

Volleyball

Head Coach Mrs. Hinkel, ahinkel@basdschools.org

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

23- City Championship at Freedom High School

*Mr. Peter Mayes
Principal
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