

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, November 12, 2017 to Sunday, November 17, 2017

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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](#))

11/16 Dress Up Day & David Tuck Assembly; 11/20 11:30 Dismissal, Fall Conferences 12pm-3pm; 11/21 11:30 Dismissal, NPG Holiday Extravaganza 4-9pm, Fall Conferences 5pm-8pm; 11/22-27 School Closed/Thanksgiving Break; 12/11 NPG Meeting with Dr. Roy; 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, 11/13 Day 4

Tuesday, 11/14 Day 5 1st Quarter Report Card Distribution (via US Mail to your home)

Wednesday, 11/15 Day 6

Thursday, 11/16 Day 1 David Tuck Holocaust Presentation, All School Dress Up Day

Friday, 11/17 Day 2 November Pride of the Lions Breakfast

Saturday, 11/18

Sunday, 11/19

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

PE/Health Schedule

Wallace- Health until Wednesday 11/15

Wills and Villani- Gym until Wednesday 11/15

Wills- Health Thursday 11/16 and Friday 11/17

Wallace and Villani- Gym Thursday 11/16 and Friday 11/17

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](#)

Boys Volleyball (Kocon) Congratulations to our 2017 Boys Volleyball Team for winning the City Championships!

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) Dr. Roy's BASD e-News is available for you to view at [BASD e-News November 10, 2017, Edition](#).

This Week! 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](#)

This Week! Thursday is Dress Up Day (Getz) In honor of Mr. Tuck's visit, we are holding an all school Dress Up Day! Wear your Sunday best!

New! Report Cards (Mayes) A reminder that your child's 1st Quarter report card will arrive by US Mail to your home by Tuesday, November 14, 2017. The report card will also be available on the Parent Portal. If your address is incorrect or undeliverable, your child's report card will be returned to Nitschmann Middle School and you will be required to provide two updated proofs of your current address within 5 business days. If your address has changed, please contact Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org or at the Guidance Office immediately.

Fall Student Conference Sign-Ups (Mayes) Our faculty is looking forward to you and your child attending Fall Student Conferences on Monday, November 20 (12:15pm-3:15pm) or Tuesday, November 21 (5pm-8pm). Your child must attend the Student Conference in order to showcase their work from the 1st Quarter. Please click the link below select your child's team below to begin scheduling your conference. There is no code for this system, just begin the process by clicking on this unique dedicated link. If you need assistance with this system or have questions about Student Conferences, please email me directly. **Unique Dedicated Link for Nitschmann Student Conferences** <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/NitschmannMS>

Holiday Extravaganza (NPG) Parents & Friends: Come join us at the 2017 NMS Holiday Shopping Extravaganza. We can really use your volunteer spirit! Many spots remain open. Join us for an hour. Join us for the whole event. We would love to start celebrating the season with you! Please use signup-genius to volunteer for the event. Many thanks. Please direct other volunteer queries to Thérèse Gyauch at tmgyauch@gmail.com or 610-360-4543.

Nitschmann's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive (Falteich) Homeroom teachers are collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items until Thanksgiving vacation. All food collected will be delivered to New Bethany Ministries in South Bethlehem. Last year we donated an entire truckload of canned goods and 11 turkeys. We are hoping to surpass last year's total. Let's go Nitschmann!

New! Book Fair (Ellis) - The Nitschmann Library is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair from November 20th - November 30th. Students will visit the fair during the school day. The fair, located in the large group room on the ground floor, will be open during conferences. Mrs. Ellis

is looking for parent volunteers who have clearances on file with the school to help with sales at the fair. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Ellis @ lellis@basdschools.org Volunteers are needed for these specific time periods: November 20- 8:30-11:30, November 21- 8:30-11:30, November 29- 9:15-11:30, November 30- 8:30-10:00 and 1:15-3:00.

New! Student Council Gift Card Fundraiser (Ellis) - is holding a gift card fundraiser and selling gift cards. There are 100's of gift cards to choose from. Let us make your holiday shopping a little easier by ordering gift cards through our school. Order forms will be distributed to students next week. ALL ORDERS MUST BE TURNED IN BY FRIDAY, 12/1, so that we can ensure delivery by our holiday break.

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 -

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

PAC Representatives

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

Hi Everyone!

A huge THANK YOU to all that donated baked goods and to those that helped the night of the dance. It was a great success and a good time too. Our next dance will be December 15th. We had a great meeting on Monday and we are very excited for next months meeting with Superintendent Dr. Roy on December the 11th. The NPG will be having Sweets with the Super. Information will be going out later this month. Quick reminder to check out the Holiday Extravaganza on November 21st before or after your conference. We have great vendors and prizes. Thank you and have a great week!

Erin

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

Holiday Extravaganza (NPG) The Nitschmann Parent Group runs the Annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza and that date fast approaches. Our parents, community vendors, and various artists help make it a success each year. We are currently seeking parent volunteers. Parents can find NMS 2017 Holiday Shopping Extravaganza on <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45aaa82faafe3-nms2017>

NPG Meeting with Dr. Roy (Coughlin) Just a reminder Dr. Roy will meet with our NPG on Monday, December 11, 2017 @ 6:30pm.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Team Lafayette is busy getting students prepared for our Student Led Conferences on 11/20 and 11/21. Please sign up on-line! Students and staff are writing thank you notes to fellow students and staff. The notes are written on a Lion's Paw and are hung on lockers, doors, and windows throughout the school. We are starting our second semester. Please check your child's planner every night to make sure they are doing their schoolwork.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Please be sure to turn in half sheet of paper by Monday regarding our Education Day trip to Lehigh on December 6th. Also, the members of the NJHS are holding their next tutoring session on Tuesday, November 14th after school from 3:05 to 3:30. All 6th grade students are welcome and encouraged to join!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) Students should be finishing up their Student Led Conference scripts. We will be rehearsing for conferences this coming week. The link to sign up was sent home. Please be sure to secure a time slot to conference with your child. Students also brought home a 1/2 sheet regarding lunch for our Educational Day at Lehigh. Don't forget to complete and send this in with your child on Monday so we can let the cafeteria know how many lunches they need to prepare.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) All homeroom teachers will continue to collect canned goods and donations for turkeys as the Team Kutztown Thanksgiving Food Drive winds down. All food will be donated to New Bethany Ministries in South Bethlehem. Three 7th grade homerooms have already filled 1 basket. Thank you, and let's keep the generosity going! English -(Mr. Falteich) This week students will continue their Text-Dependent Essays. The final draft is due on Friday. I will be holding after-school writers' workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:05-4:00. Students must respond to one of five assigned essay choices. They must also use the correct format for introductory paragraphs, thesis statements with blueprints, support paragraphs with transitions, and quotes from the text. - **Once again, the final 250 point essay is due this Friday.**

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Thursday (Nov. 16th) - David Tuck, Holocaust survivor, will be speaking to the students from 1:00-3:00. All students are asked to dress nicely for the special occasion. All parents are welcome to attend. We see many parents have signed up for student led conferences. If you have not done so please find the link in Mr. Mayes weekly e-mail and sign up for conferences. **ELA** - Plot roller coaster due Monday, vocabulary quiz on Tuesday. **Geography** -Students are being tested on states and capitals this week We started our unit on the geography of North America. **Math:** Eighth period will have a quiz on Monday on sections 3-1 to 3-4. All other classes are starting a new unit and learning applications of percents.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Explorer project due Monday. Explorer test Tuesday, charts may be used. Oral history project will be introduced after the rest.

Please sign up for student led conferences. Math 8 Students must have their Ramp Up packets completed this week. All classes are learning about Linear Equations. Maps are due Monday in Reading class for periods 1,5, and 7. Final assessment will also take place on Monday. We will be building background knowledge of major events from 1865-1933 in preparation for our first novel, Soldier X. Science: Students will be exploring a periodic table lab on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday, students will research and develop their sales pitch for their element project. Thursday and Friday include actual student presentations all day. Students are to dress business casual for their presentations. ELA classes will continue to read Night John.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) The *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* museum is ready for viewing in the library. All reading students will visit the museum on Tuesday for analysis and evaluation of artifacts. **Students in Wallach's** periods 1,5,7 are working on poem analysis with text-dependent responses. Students should complete the "O, Captain, My Captain!" text dependent analysis sheet for homework. Students in period 3 should complete chapter 5 of *Manhunt* and be ready to create their text-dependent, critical thinking questions for that chapter. Students in period 8 just took the test on the first half of the novel and will be working on literary elements. We are on the path of preparing for high school English class! **In ELA** next week, we will be drafting our historical fiction narrative accounts. Rough drafts will be due when we return from Thanksgiving break. We will also continue to work on appositives. **In Science** we will be continuing our exploration of the periodic table. There will be a Chapter 3 Test on Friday. **History classes** will be finishing the Exploration Unit next week and head into early colonization of Roanoke and Jamestown after the holiday break. We look forward to BASD IT Teacher, Mrs. Martin, instructing our students on screencasting next Tuesday. Polo projects are due Nov. 28th. **All Math** 8 students and Algebra 1 students - prepare for Unit 2 Test - which will be broken into two days.

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

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

Student Services Updates (Wagner) Students should make sure that they are dressing appropriately for the upcoming cold weather, especially cold mornings. Students should be prepared to wait outside to be admitted into the building at 8:05am. Students will not be admitted early into the building except in extreme weather conditions of severely low wind chills, downpours, or snowy conditions. Several students are wearing athletic slides and slippers to school for footwear. Students and parents are reminded that students need to wear appropriate footwear to school on a daily basis. In addition, Mr. Wagner and grade level counselors have been meeting individually with students who have received failing grades for the first marking period. Please be sure to follow your student's grades on parent portal on a regular basis to monitor their progress.

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 is Monday, November 13 in room 104. Please have your bookmarks with you and any drawings/sketches you may have.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) Professional artist Gerald Simcoe met with students at our Thursday meeting to demonstrate his technique of portraiture. Mr. Simcoe will continue to work with our students as he develops a painting of David Nitschmann.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) regular rehearsals Monday and Thursday

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor) - The students continue to work on homework / projects from 3:05 to 4:15 P.M., and then go to the Banana Factory to enjoy the various art classes. They are making beautiful pieces of art! The Tuesday class will end on Tuesday, November 28th, 2017. (This is later due to no class on election day or Nov. 21st) The Thursday class will end this Thursday, November 16th. Thank you for picking your children up promptly at 6:00 P.M.

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Wednesday until 5:30.

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) None at this time.

FCS/DIY Club (Advisors Mrs. Del Priore & Mrs. Hoffman) The DIY club will meet this Tuesday, November 14th from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. Please make sure transportation arrangements are made.

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

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Intro to Breakdancing (City of Bethlehem) The City of Bethlehem is starting a new afterschool club at Nitschmann for students for an Introduction to Breakdancing. Dates & Times to be announced. Numbers limited to 15 students. Link to Register if Interested:

<https://goo.gl/forms/LiKmwTIwr3UW4ryn1>

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) If you're interested in giving back and doing for others, then consider joining the Lion Service Club. We will accomplish these things by organizing donation drives, making crafts, etc. See Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 for an information and permission sheet.

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) Congratulations to our newly elected officers! President: Sid Tekumalla; Treasurer: Ritvik Singh; Secretary: Sruti Tekumalla; We will be holding a practice competition the week of 11/13. We will do one round during each of our regularly scheduled Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon meetings that week. Students do not have to attend both meetings and the results are unofficial. This is just to give students an opportunity to see the format and experience a test with a time limit before the official school competition in January. There are also some students and parents who have not yet completed the information form. I need to have parent contact information for communication about t-shirt orders, fundraising and attending the competition. The form is available here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJHy-Kxzk7P671AmiuTvflZPZu7PPagsuC8SPXOcSxj_x-Yw/viewform?usp=sf_link#start=invite

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) Please remember to bring your donations this week for the Holiday Extravaganza. We will be packing items after school on Wednesday and Thursday in room 104.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) UPDATED REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: Monday ENSEMBLE ONLY to practice The Stampede (until 4:30), Tuesday crew until 5:00, Wednesday PRINCIPALS/UNDERSTUDIES (until 4:30), Thursday HOUSE (until 4:30), Friday full cast (until 4:30)

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Bake sale forms were sent home last Wednesday. The students made colorful bake sale signs to hang throughout the school! Please consider donating a yummy treat for this fundraiser. Forms are due back no later than Wednesday, November 15th. The money we raise goes towards 3 team registration fees and per student fees for competition, bus fees, team t-shirt fees, and end of the year awards and pizza party. We continue to meet Wednesdays in the library. The students are doing a fabulous job of reading and writing summaries for the Reading Olympics books! Please encourage your child to read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books!

Recreation Games Club (City of Bethlehem) The City of Bethlehem is starting a new afterschool club at Nitschmann for students on Monday & Thursdays, starting on November 6th. Students should please enter the information below if you are interested in participating in a recreational game club after school. These will be playground-style games, played indoors in the Auxiliary Gym from 3:10pm-4:10pm. We will group later this week to start next Monday,

November 6. Groups will be limited under 20 students per session and will run until the Spring of 2018. Link to Register: <https://goo.gl/forms/KA0BhIPWaStORW9n1>

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Mr. Dendrinis & Mrs. Evancho) School store is currently opened Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:45-8:05. We are hoping to add Day 1 during team time soon. Prices: Sweatshirts \$20; Long sleeve T-shirt \$15; Short sleeve T-shirt \$10; Sweatpants \$15

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

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) None at this time.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice Tuesday and Thursday until 5:30.

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) No Strategy Club this Monday 11/6 due to scheduled Faculty Meeting.

Student Council (Advisors Mrs. Ellis) None at this time.

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

11/13 Monday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
11/14 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM
11/15 Wednesday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
11/16 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
Day 1 Jazz 8:26 AM
11/17 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Important Reminders

- **Second Spring Trip payment is due November 15 - [Details](#)**
- November 17 YPP concert sponsored by the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission
- **November 18 Matey's Pizza Delivery 10 AM**
- November 21 Holiday flower orders are due
- December 7 Winter Orchestra & Jazz Concert
- December 11 Barnes & Noble Book Fair Night (Woodwind, Brass and String Small ensembles)
- November school lessons schedule. The lesson schedule can be found here: <http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

Important Upcoming Events

(Details at www.nmsim.org)

November 10 - NIMAS Bingo Night
November 15 - NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM
November 18 - Pizza Delivery 10 AM
December 7 - Winter Orchestra & Jazz Concert
December 11 - Barnes & Noble Book Fair

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*

December 13-Choral ensembles perform for Nitschmann student body. Dress TBA

December 14-

9:00 AM Glee club walks to B. Braun to perform

3:05-7:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal, pizza dinner, then sing with Calypso and Marvine students at their concert in the Nitschmann auditorium. Dress TBA

December 18-(tentative) 5:30-7:00 PM Caroling for Nitschmann friends and neighbors.
Volunteers needed to walk with us/ Houses needed for us to perform for

December 19-Nitschmann Choral Concert at 7:00 PM. Arrive in choral room at 6:15 PM.
Concert dress-black pants (no jeans or leggings) and plain white shirt. (Nitschmann Singers must have a collar.) Friends and family pay \$3 at the door. Volunteers needed to collect money and hand out programs.

December 20-3:05-4:00 PM Glee Club party in Nitschmann cafeteria. Volunteers needed to help set up, serve and clean up.

This week Glee Club "sharps" (experienced member buddies) must write an anonymous letter to their "flat" (new member buddy) and deliver it by Wednesday. Sharps and flats will exchange gifts at the concert on December 19. \$10 limit.

Choral Rehearsals for Week of 11/13

Monday-No rehearsal

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

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Wednesday-7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee members not in jazz band

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

8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for all Glee and Nitschmann Singer members
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Friday-No rehearsal

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)

Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director jortwein@basdschools.org

Boys Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Wills, jwills@basdschools.org

Tryouts for Boys and Girls Basketball will begin Friday. 11/17 both teams will practice from 3:05-5:00. Saturday 11/18 Boys will practice from 8:00-10:00 am and the girls will practice from 10:00- 12 noon. The schedule for the following week during the half-day conference days will be relayed this week to the students. PIAA physicals MUST be completed by families and the athlete must be cleared by a doctor in order to tryout. Physical forms have been handed out the past few weeks to interested student-athletes, and are available from Mr Ortwein or Mr Wills upon request.

Girls Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Ortwein, jortwein@basdschools.org

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Boys Liberty HS Freshman Wrestling

Head Coach Mr. Veras, msveras@gmail.com

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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