

**Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, November 19, 2017 to Sunday, November 26, 2017**

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Attachments to Review

SkyZone Activity Flyer, NMS Gift Card Sale Flyer

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

11/20 11:30 Dismissal, Fall Conferences 12pm-3pm; SkyZone Event 11/21 11:30 Dismissal, NPG Holiday Extravaganza 5-9pm, 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, 11/20 Day 3 11:30 Dismissal Afternoon Conferences

Tuesday, 11/21 Day 4 11:30 Dismissal Evening Conferences/Holiday Extravaganza

Wednesday, 11/22 No School

Thursday, 11/23 No School Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, 11/24 No School Bethlehem City Tree Lighting @ City Hall 4:30pm

Saturday, 11/25

Sunday, 11/26

Monday 11/27 No School

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

PE/Health Schedule

Wallace and Villani- Gym until 11/29

Wills- Health until 11/29

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) The November 17, 2017, Edition of the BASD e-News from Dr. Roy can be viewed at [November 17, 2017, Edition of the BASD e-News](#).

It's Not Too Late! 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) Can you spare Nitschmann an hour or two on Tuesday, 11/21/17, between 3–9 pm? Pitch in as part of the Nitschmann Parent Group during the Annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza. Your volunteer time supports funds for student field trips and other special educational experiences. And we still need parents! Thank you for caring enough to support the school's efforts in fundraising for our kids. Come on out and commence ringing in the start of the holiday season!!! Head to [SignUpGenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) to join us:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45aaa82faafe3-nms2017>

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!

Book Fair (Ellis) - The NMS Book Fair will be held from Monday, November 20th through Thursday, November 30th. Students will visit the fair with their ELA or Reading teacher. The Book Fair will be open during the Holiday Extravaganza!

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.

NEW! Holiday Gift Tree (Ellis) - The Student Council has adopted the "Holiday Giving Tree" as its community service project. The "Holiday Giving Tree" is decorated with ornaments (tags) that identify the age, gender, and a holiday wish list for local children in need. If you choose to participate, return the attached permission slip to Mrs. Ellis or Mr. Kocon in the library and select an ornament (tag) from the Giving Tree located in the NMS library. The tree will be located outside the Book Fair in the Large Group Room on the ground level during conferences. The ornaments will be available beginning November 21st. Purchase a gift or gifts from the items listed on the tag, wrap it (please secure multiple boxes together with ribbon or place all of

them in a bag), TAPE THE TAG TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGING, and return the wrapped and identified gift to the tree in the Main Lobby no later than December 14th.

NMS Dramatics @ SkyZone (Hriniak) Nitschmann Night at SkyZone is Monday 11/20 from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm. Fly on over after your Student Led Conference! See the attached flyer for more information. You can print out the flyer or show it on your device when you check in at SkyZone. Thank you for supporting Nitschmann Dramatics!

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

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

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<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 students are ready for their Student Led Conferences to be held on Monday, 11/20 and Tuesday, 11/21. Please sign up online for a conference if you haven't yet signed up. In math, students are learning absolute value and co-ordinate grids. Students are working on the Beginnings of Human Society in social studies, and in science they rotated through labs to become more familiar with lab equipment and safety. Next week all Nitschmann students will finish the school day at 11:30 on Monday and Tuesday. Lafayette teachers hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday!

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

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) Looking forward to seeing everyone at Student Led Conferences this week. Be sure to bring your child with you for these meetings, as they have worked very hard to prepare to lead the conference. We would like to wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving filled with family and friends! We hope you are able to relax and enjoy your time together.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) The students have been busy setting goals, identifying their academic strengths and weaknesses, and putting together portfolios for their student-led conferences..They are ready! Thank you to all parents who have signed up for a student-led conference. Tuesday is the last day for the **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Please keep the canned goods and donations for turkeys coming. **Science** (Mr. Pearson) - For the next two weeks, students will continue to learn about how scientists solve problems using the scientific method. We will specifically be focusing on how to write a hypothesis, design an experiment, and organize and analyze data. **English** - All students have Vocabulary Lesson 8 (definitions and sentences) due on Monday. The quiz for lesson 8 will be on Tuesday.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) Students have been preparing their folders to share at conferences. We look forward to seeing everyone's parents at conferences. Please plan to visit the holiday extravaganza and book fair if you are attending Tuesday evening conferences. Math: 8th Period has their Unit 3 test on Monday. On Tuesday we will have a team breakfast and celebration. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) History classes will be mythbusting Thanksgiving and working on hand turkeys. Students should share facts at Thanksgiving. Reading classes will continue building background on World War 1 in preparation for our next unit based on the WWII novel Soldier X.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) None at this time.

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

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

Student Services Updates (Wagner) 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) No Basketball this Thursday due to Thanksgiving.

Anime Club (Advisors Mrs. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Our next club meeting is on December 18 in room 104. Bring your sketches and bookmarks.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) Professional portrait artist Gerald Simcoe visited the Nitschmann art club again Thursday to show the students how he makes his oil paints.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday rehearsal is only for students who volunteered to perform at Santa at the Sands. This group will also rehearse Tuesday at 10:30. No rehearsal Thursday...Happy Thanksgiving!

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor) - It has been a great 8 weeks! The Thursday class finished this past Thursday. Those who did not get their art pieces will have them delivered to the school in the next few weeks. The Tuesday class will finish on Tuesday, November 28, due to no school on election day and a half day on Nov. 21st.

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) No school practice- practice at home.

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) No girls on the run practice this week. The 5K race is December 2nd at 9:30 am. All Nitschmann Staff and community is welcome to come cheer on the girls.

FCS/DIY Club (Advisors Mrs. Del Priore & Mrs. Hoffman) None at this time.

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) None at this time.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta)
(Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) We packaged all of our pet

treats and are ready for the Holiday Extravaganza on Tuesday evening. If you signed up to volunteer, please be sure to be at the table at your designated time. Thanks to all who donated and volunteered! Our next meeting will take place on December 6 before and after school. Members must attend one of these meetings.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) No rehearsal this week. SkyZone night is Monday. Visit our table at the Holiday Extravaganza on Tuesday!

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We had our last meeting this past Wednesday till after the Thanksgiving holiday! Students checked out books to read over the break. We celebrated with Apple Cider and mini donuts and donut holes. Thank you to all who are baking or contributing to our bake sale at the Holiday Extravaganza! If you signed up to send items in the morning, Students can drop items off in the morning during homeroom on Tuesday, November 21st to the faculty dining room by the cafeteria. I will be there to get the items from them. If you signed up to drop them at the event itself, please have them there by 5 P.M. in the cafeteria. Please continue to have your child read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympic books over the break! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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) After break, The Lion's Den will be open on Day 1 during team time in addition to the regular Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings it has been open. Please see Nitschmann's Facebook page for examples of the gear that can be found in the store. Prices: Sweatshirts \$20; Long sleeve T-shirt \$15; Short sleeve T-shirt \$10; Sweatpants \$15



Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) Blue Mountain tickets were passed out on Wednesday. Do not lose the passes; they are \$10 to replace. More information will be on the way. Our first meeting is scheduled for January 8. You can sign up for updates by texting @skiclubni to 81010

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Spanish Class cash wars will begin after we return from Thanksgiving break. The class that donates the most will win a pizza and movie party.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) No school practice. Practice at home.- get black boots and black sneakers

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

11/20 Monday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM **SANDS PERFORMERS ONLY - BAND & BANDFRONT**

11/21 Tuesday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM
SANDS REHEARSAL AT 10:30

11/22 Wednesday - No School

11/23 Thursday - No School **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

11/24 Friday - No School - SANDS PERFORMANCE 10:45 Report

LESSON SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY

MONDAY

8:30 Alto Saxes
9:00 Clarinets
9:30 Flutes
10:00 Trumpets
10:30 Baritones & Trombones

TUESDAY

8:30 String Ensemble
9:00 Violins
9:30 Violas
10:00 Cellos & Basses
10:30 Sands performers

Important Reminders

- **Second Spring Trip payment WAS due November 15 - [Details](#)**
- November 21 Holiday flower orders are due - **White glitter is a red flower that is speckled white , Marble is a pink flower with a white edge.**
- **November 24 Sands Outlets performance Report 10:45 AM**
- **December 6 2nd NYC trip payment is due - \$50.00**
- December 7 Winter Orchestra & Jazz Concert - Tickets are \$3.00
- December 11 Barnes & Noble Book Fair Night (Woodwind, Brass and String Small ensembles)
- December 20 Jazz Performance at LVIA 8:00 AM
- November school lessons schedule. The lesson schedule can be found here:
<http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

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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.

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.

Girls Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic
Head Coach Mr. Ortwein, jortwein@basdschools.org
Tryouts for Boys and Girls Basketball will begin Friday. 11/17.

Boys Liberty HS Freshman Wrestling
Head Coach Mr. Veras, msveras@gmail.com

*Mr. Peter Mayes
Principal
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Our Collective Vision Nitschmann Middle School is committed to cultivating a respectful community of innovative learners who are socially competent citizens ready to meet the challenges of their future.

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