

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, November 5, 2017 to Sunday, November 12, 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](#))

11/5 Bethlehem Parade; 11/6 NPG Meeting; 11/7 No School/Teacher In-Service/Election Day; 11/16 David Tuck Assembly; 11/20 Fall Conferences 12pm-3pm; 11/21 NPG Holiday Extravaganza 4-9pm, Fall Conferences 5pm-8pm; 11/22-27 School Closed/Thanksgiving Break; 12/11 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, 11/6 Day 6 NPG Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, 11/7 No School/Teacher In-Service Day

Wednesday, 11/8 Day 1

Thursday, 11/9 Day 2

Friday, 11/10 Day 3 NMS Band Bingo 6-9pm

Saturday, 11/11 Veteran's Day

Sunday, 11/12

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

PE/Health Schedule

Monday, Day 6- All classes in the gym; 6th and 8th grade takes PA Survey

Tuesday- No school

Wednesday, Day 1- All classes in the gym; 6th and 8th grade takes PA Survey

Thursday, Day 2- Wallace in Health until Wed. 11/15/1; Wills and Villani in PE until 11/15/17

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](#)

School-wide Announcements

From the Principal (Mayes) Dear parents & guardians, thank you for your efforts on Friday to improve safe arrival to and dismissal from school. Officer Conley & I appreciated many of you extra attention and speaking up when people are being unsafe.

- 1) Please report dangerous situations directly to the Bethlehem Police Non-Emergency Line at (610) 865-7187 right when it is occurring. The dispatchers will often radio Officer Conley directly to his field radio that he wears on his uniform.
- 2) If you have sent me photos or videos of unsafe situations, you should also include Officer Conley at officerconley@basdschools.org.
- 3) Many parents emailed me about their concerns around the limited lights around the 10th Avenue intersection & I am in contact with the city about these concerns.
- 4) Many parents also emailed me about their concerns about signage, lack of a streetlight, and enough safety controls for the 10th Avenue intersection. Since West Union Blvd is actually a state road, you can enter your concerns through Penn Dot at <https://customercare.pennidot.gov/> Please take a moment & share your concerns!

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available to view at [BASD e-News November 2, 2017](#).

New! 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. For Fall Student Conferences, we require students and parents to attend the student presentation at school so that faculty can be present to assist & provide feedback. We will provide more options in February for families for winter conferences. Fall Student Conferences at Nitschmann Middle School are held in your child's core classrooms with your child taking the lead and presenting their work over the 1st Quarter. The team of core teachers will join you and your child to help provide additional feedback to your child's presentation. In addition, all encore teachers are available throughout conferences to meet with you & your child as needed. There is no need to schedule an appointment with them through this system. However, sending them an email can be helpful so they know to expect you! You can find their emails on our [school website](#). 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>

New! Meeting Monday! (NPG) Friendly reminder we have a NPG meeting Monday November 6th at 6:30. Hope to see you all there.

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various artists help make it a success each year. We are currently seeking parent volunteers. Parents can find NMS 2017 Holiday Shopping Extravaganza on

Candy for our Troops (Ellis/Kocon) NMS Student Council is collecting candy to send to our servicemen and women serving overseas. Last year we donated 25 copy paper boxes full of candy! Send in your extra, unwanted, or newly purchased candy. Homeroom teachers will collect the candy. Donations will be accepted through November 6th.

New! 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! Early Dismissals (Student Services) If your child has an appointment during the school day, please write a note for your child stating **child's first & last name, grade and time of early dismissal**. The student should bring the note to the Student Services Office after attendance is taken in homeroom. The student is then given an early dismissal pass to report to Student Services at the designated dismissal time.

All Students After-school Recreation Club with City of Bethlehem (Mayes) 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. Students can click the link to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/KA0BhIPWaStORW9n1>

Intro to Breakdancing with City of Bethlehem (Mayes) The City of Bethlehem is starting a new afterschool club at Nitschmann for students for an Introduction to Breakdancing. Dates & Times to be announced. Students can click the link to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/LiKmwTIwr3UW4ryn1>

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](#)

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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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](#)) On Tuesday, Team Lafayette took a tour of Historic Bethlehem. Thank you, Mrs. Hriniak, for being our guide! We started our Holiday Hope Chest and have already received many nice things for our boxes. Please keep sending in new items for the children. In science, we just finished an environmental project. We are starting to study Early Humans in social studies, and we are learning about integers in math.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Quarter one has ended. This is a fresh start for all students to start on a clean slate. Please make sure your child continues to fill out their planner and check their grades on a regular basis. Students should not be waiting until right before reward days to touch base with teachers and complete work. Don't forget, your child can stay after school for extra help. They should check in with each teacher's Extra Help Calendar.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) None at this time.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) There are no team announcements at this time. **Science** - This coming week students will learn how scientists solve problems using the scientific method. **English** - This week students will write response to literature essays. Thesis statements, transitions, and text support will be explained. There will a unit test in literature on Wednesday - 11/8/17. Vocabulary Lesson 7 is due on Thursday, 11/9/17

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) **Geography:** Students are completing their study on the geography of the Holocaust. Next week we will begin our next unit on North America, specifically exploring the USA.

Reading- Students will have an end of the book test on The Boy in the Striped Pajamas on Wednesday. **ELA** - Character sketch due Wednesday 9pm on Google Classroom (we will work on these on Monday and Wednesday in class) **Math**-Periods 1,2, 5 and 7 have their Unit 2 Test on Thursday. The review is due by Wednesday. Period 8 is starting Unit 3 which is about ratios and proportional relationships. **SCIENCE**-We have been learning about the parts and use of the microscope. Students **MUST** pass the quiz on the microscope next Friday, Nov. 10 with a 70 percent or better. They will need to retake the quiz until they are proficient with the parts and usage. Retakes, if needed, will need to be done **AFTER** school. Therefore, they should be reviewing the information **DAILY!**

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) As we enter into this giving time of year, we are asking for your help with some Nitschmann initiatives. First, each student has been assigned an item to bring in on a specific date for our Reverse Advent Baskets. Remember, the items listed are only a **suggestion** of what can be brought in. All baskets created will be given back to those in our Nitschmann Nation who have a need. Also, schoolwide, we are doing a Food Drive. In many of the grocery store ads this week there have been canned good items for \$.45 or less. Please encourage your children to participate actively in these two initiatives. **PARENTS** - We can use your help! If you have any "unused" larger baskets or "unused" Christmas trees, please consider donating them to Team ESU. Thank you in advance for your support. Algebra 1 students are becoming masters of "slope." Math 8 students are beginning to work on Topic 2, Linear Equations. Reading classes will be finishing *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. Maps and summaries are due the day after we finish the book. **ELA** We have been working on reading/writing activities for **NightJohn**. Remember, as we begin 2nd quarter, it goes by very quickly. Please keep up-to-date with assignments and turn them in **ON TIME!!!!** Congratulations on a great 1st quarter! History students will be working on their "Real World Problem" on Monday. The remainder of the week will be spent exploring about European exploration. Please remember to sign up for the Student Led Conferences to be held on November 20th and 21st. Science: Students will be working through their 100 point projects which will coincide with the teaching of metalloids and non-metals. We'll have a lab next week and students will create/finish their marketing infographics for their specific elements.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) Our October celebration was a blast - especially with the 3rd annual pumpkin chunking contest! Check out the many pictures on Twitter! In Science, there will be a quiz on Monday about the Organization of the Periodic Table. We will continue later in the week learning the different kinds of elements on the Periodic Table. In this week in ELA, we will be developing the setting of our narrative accounts and finalizing the plot. Our word crime this week will focus around another comma rule, appositives. Students in Wallach's periods 1,5, & 7 are continuing to read *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. We just finished chapter 7 and some students need to finish their critical thinking questions for Monday. Students in period 3 are continuing with *Manhunt* and are currently reading chapter 5. Students will create critical thinking questions for this chapter. Students in period 8 just finished chapter 5 in *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* and worked on guided reading questions. All students will be reading the poem, "O, Captain, My Captain" by Walt Whitman next week and using text-based evidence to prove responses. History classes had some in-depth discussions this past week on the history,

importance, impact and future of Globalization. We will be investigating the life of Marco Polo through individualized projects based on student interest like screencastifying and blogging among other choices. Math 8th classes will be graphing Linear Equations (Point Slope and Standard Form), Analyzing Linear Equations (Slope Intercept, Point Slope and Standard Form) with a Quiz next Thursday or Friday. Algebra classes will be Analyzing Linear Equations (Slope Intercept, Point Slope and Standard Form), taking notes on Parallel and Perpendicular Lines, with a Quiz next Thursday or Friday. Preparation for Unit 2 Test will also be worked in this week. Our team is in need of FIVE rather large baskets that each homeroom will be putting together with everyday items that will be passed on to those in need. If you have a extra basket that you could donate this year, we would greatly appreciate it. With 24 hour access to parent portal, please continue to monitor your child's grades. As a team, we continue to encourage our students to stay after school or come before school for extra help, make up missed work, check their grade weekly, email teachers when they are absent, and strive to be a better student. If you would like to receive daily emails from Mrs. Hood to keep you on top of homework and other team events, please email Mrs. Hood directly at thood@basdschools.org

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) Our next meeting is Monday, November 13, from 3:05-4:00 in room 104. Please bring your bookmarks and drawings.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) Art Club will be hosting special guest Gerald Simcoe at our meeting on Nov. 9th. Mr Simcoe will be discussing portraiture and the painting of David Nitschmann he is creating for our school. Students are learning about drawing portraits and gesture drawing in art club and will be contributing their ideas.

Bandfront (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Early morning rehearsals Monday and Thursday

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor) - We continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The students are enjoying the various art classes. The Tuesday classes are finished on Tuesday, November 28th due to being off on Tuesday, November 7 and a half day on Tuesday, November

21. The Thursday classes are finished on Thursday, November 16th. Thank you for picking your child up promptly at 6 P.M.

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

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice on Wednesday until 5:30. Be sure you get remind messages.

German Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Hipp/Ms. Bouhana) Heart & Sole will practice only on Thursday (9th) this week due to the inservice day. Practice will end at 4:45. Race registration for Running Buddies will end by November 15th.

FCS/DIY Club (Advisors Mrs. Del Priore & Mrs. Hoffman) The FCS/DIY club will meet in the FCS kitchens room on Wednesday morning during activity period. Students who are obligated to music, step team, student council, etc. are not required to attend.

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

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

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

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

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-Kxzk7P671AmiuTvflZPZu7PPaqsuC8SPXOcSxj_x-Yw/viewform?usp=sf_link#start=invite

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Lanzetta) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) At our past meeting, students signed up for the Holiday Extravaganza on November 21 from 5-9pm. All members need to volunteer in some way. Please remember what you signed up for and when/how you are helping

in this annual fundraiser. If you have an questions, please see or email Mrs. Wallach. The next tutoring session is scheduled for November 14 after school in room 303 from 3:05-3:35.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Wednesday hyenas, Thursday lionesses. Thank you to our Dance Committee students and parent volunteer chaperones!

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We are off to a fabulous start with the students in Reading Olympics! This past Wednesday they were shown how to log the books they have read on the computer by their name. This week we will be sending home bake sale donation information. We will be having the bake sale on Tuesday, November 21st as part of the Holiday Extravaganza. Please consider donating something yummy. The money we raise goes towards the competition registration fees and per student food fees, bus fee and end of year awards / pizza party. Please return forms as soon as possible, No later than November 15th. We would not be able to do what we do without the awesome parents and students donating for the bake sales. Please continue to 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/KA0Bh1PWaStORW9n1>

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

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

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

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice on Thursday until 5:30. Be sure you get the remind messages.

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

11/6 Monday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
11/7 Tuesday - NO SCHOOL
11/8 Wednesday - Jazz Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
DAY 1 Jazz 8:26 AM
11/9 Thursday - Band rehearsal 7:15 AM
11/10 Friday - Orchestra rehearsal 7:15 AM

Important Reminders

- [Fundraisers - Earn credit towards your trip payments](#)
- November 8 - Chipotle Dine to Donate Event - [DETAILS](#)
- Matey's Pizza orders are due Nov. 10
- NIMAS Bingo November 10, 6-9 PM
- [Poinsettia orders are due Tuesday Nov. 21](#)
- **Second Spring Trip payment is due November 15 - [Details](#)**
- How to put on your new uniform [VIDEO](#)
- 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 6-7 [Orchestra Q2 chair auditions](#) - Online must be completed by midnight Tue, Nov. 6

November 8 [Chipotle Dine to Donate](#)

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

Glee officers began implementing our new Sharps and Flats buddy program this week. All "sharps" (experienced ensemble members) will draw a name of a "flat" (new members) this week. Sharps will then write an anonymous "getting to know you" letter to their flat. Flats will have fun trying to guess their flat's identity, while sharps will have fun thinking of clever things to do for their flat. Flats will find out who their secret buddy is just before the concert. Sharps and flats are then asked to exchange a small gift, no more than \$10 in cost. Small things from

the dollar store are encouraged. Members who didn't attend any morning rehearsals this week were asked to check in with Mrs. de Vries to participate in the sharps/flats program and gift exchange. Monday will be the last chance for absent members to check in before names are drawn.

Choral Rehearsals for week of 11/6:

Monday-No rehearsal

Tuesday-No school

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

8:25 AM activity period rehearsal for ALL Glee and Singers

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

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

Girls Nitschmann Basketball, Interscholastic

Head Coach Mr. Ortwein, jortwein@basdschools.org

Boys Nitschmann Volleyball, Intramural

Head Coach Mr. Kocon, ekocon@basdschools.org

Boys Liberty HS Freshman Wrestling

Head Coach Mr. Veras, msveras@gmail.com

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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