

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, September 23, 2018, to Sunday, September 30, 2018

Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

All of this information can be viewed at our
Nitschmann Middle School Website under **Weekly Announcements (Click Here!)**

Attachments to Review

None at this time.

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

(All dates are listed from our **NMS Website**, **BASD Event Calendar**, & **BASD Academic Calendar**)

9/26 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 10/5 - IPR available online; 10/8 Teacher In-Service - Schools Closed; 10/9-12 BASD Education Week; 10/15 Show Your Stripes Day; 10/31 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service & End of 1st Quarter; 11/6 Teacher In-Service - Schools Closed; 11/19 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences (Evening); 11/20 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences (Afternoon); 11/21-26 Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools Closed; 12/24-1/2/19 Winter Holiday; 1/21 MLK Day - Schools Closed; 1/24 End of 2nd Quarter; 2/15 Teacher In-Service Schools Closed; 2/18 Presidents Day - Schools Closed; 3/12 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 3/29 End of 3rd Quarter 4/9 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 4/15-26 PSSA ELA Exams (exact dates TBA); 4/29-5/3 PSSA Math Exams (exact dates TBA); 4/18-4/22 Spring & Easter Break - Schools Closed; 5/13-24 Keystone Exams (exact dates TBA); 5/27 Memorial Day - Schools Closed; 6/5 Tentative LHS Graduation; 6/6 Tentative 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony; 6/7 Tentative Last Day of School & End of 4th Quarter

Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 9/24/18 Day 1

Tuesday, 9/25/18 Day 2

Wednesday, 9/26/18 Day 3 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service, Blue & White Day

Thursday, 9/27/18 Day 4

Friday, 9/28/18 Day 5

Saturday, 9/29/18

Sunday, 9/30/18

BASD Dining Services Menu & Website <https://bethlehemareasd.sodexomyway.com/landing/mid>

PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert) All students report to the gym for Physical Education.

Recent Nitschmann News! (Always posted on our Social Media sites too!)

Twitter [@NitschmannMS](#); Facebook [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Instagram [@BASDNitschmannMS](#); [NMS School Website](#) ; [YouTube](#)

Is your child sick? You can submit your child's sick note by email to ni-attendance@basdschools.org, as long as the email on your child's account matches the email address. Please keep your email address up-to-date by emailing our Student Services Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org! Please note that this is **ONLY** for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The September 21, 2018, edition of the BASD e-News can be viewed at [BASD e-News](#).

Spain Trip (Srta. Bouhana) All Nitschmann students are welcome on this trip, as well as siblings who are under the age of 18 and over the age of 11 during the time of travel. Parents are welcome to accompany their children as

fellow travelers. If you are interested in the trip and haven't already enrolled, click on the following link in order to get more detailed information, and to register for the trip and save your spot. www.eftours.com/2119250hv

Spanish Club Bingo (Srta. Bouhana) *Changed from September 23 to November 18. We will have a Bingo event on Sunday, November 18 from 12 pm to 5 pm. Tickets cost \$20 if you buy them in advance, and \$25 if you buy at the door. Students who buy or sell tickets will have the opportunity to win a prize that will be raffled off after the bingo night; there will be a total of three prizes. If you're interested in reserving tickets fill out the following Google form [Bingo Ticket Reservation](#)

Quebec Trip (Mme Lare) Nitschmann will go on its first-ever winter trip over Presidents' Weekend in 2019. This trip is open to all 6th graders, to 7th and 8th-grade students in French, and space permitting, to all other students. If you're interested, please contact Madame Lare at alare@basdschools.org.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser (Srta. Bouhana) If you like shopping from Yankee Candle, or simply want to support club activities, please use the following link when shopping [Yankee Candle Fundraiser Link](#)

Nitschmann Lion Mascot Tryout (Mrs. Long)- Any student in 7th or 8th grade interested in trying out to be the NMS Lion Mascot, see Mrs. Long in the gym for forms and tryout information. Tryouts will be held Monday, September 24th immediately after school in the Auxiliary Gym.

Show Your Stripes Charity Fundraiser - The band and orchestra students are selling red and white striped socks for \$10 to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Adopt-A-Camper program. This program provides children with cancer the opportunity to attend a summer sleep-away camp full of fun outdoor activities and complete with all the medical care they need so they too can have a true summer camp experience. Students can place their order for socks during lunch. Show Your Stripes day will be on Monday, October 15 when we all will Show Our Stripes in support of Ronald McDonald Camp.

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG
nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

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Treasurer -

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

PAC Representatives

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

Meetings at 6:30 pm - 10/1

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Mid quarter grades are almost ready. Please check your child's progress in school on Parent Portal. Also, too many students still do not have calculators for math. They may be purchased for \$10 at the school store. Next Wednesday is a half day for students. Dismissal is at 11:30. Thank you for attending our Back to School Night last week. We enjoyed meeting all of you.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) We would like to thank all the parents who attended Back to School night on Monday. We enjoyed meeting with you and it was nice to put some faces with the students we have. We are also grateful the weather cooperated enough for us to get in our first field trip, the walking tour of historical

Bethlehem narrated by our own Moravian expert, Mrs. Hriniaik. It was a way to learn about our namesake's heritage.

Moving forward, we are approaching the middle of the first marking period and IPR's will be available to be seen online Friday, October 5th. However, you do not have to wait until then to track your child's progress. If you have not done so already, sign up for Parent Portal through the Home Access center to keep up to date on our child's grades. If you have any issues contact the guidance office. If you are son/daughter is still having trouble getting on Pearson, IXL, or Schoology, please have them coming to school early or staying after to use the computer lab. It is open every morning at 7:30 and Tuesday – Thursday afternoons. Students also have the option of staying after school with one of us to use the computer and/or get extra help. Please be sure they are being responsible for their academic process.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)) Want updates on Team Moravian happenings? Sign up for REMIND! Pick a way to receive messages for **'18-'19 NMS Team Moravian. Option A.)** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. Open your web browser and go the following link: rmd.at/g6moravian Follow the instructions to sign up for REMIND. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app. **Option B.)** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message: [@g6moravian](#) to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting [@g6moravian](#) to (610)816-6615. Please check your child's planner for Oreo scores and homework assignments. We verify each with a colored paw print. Math- Please look for the checklist. This should have been signed. Also, check the Home Access Center for any missing assignments.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) - **English (Mr. Falteich)** - This week students will wrap up their punctuation unit with the completion of comma uses, underlining, quotation marks for titles, and colon uses. Late in the week, the students will receive a final study guide for their punctuation unit test which will be given on Tuesday, October 2. As usual, Vocabulary Lesson 4 homework is due Thursday, September 27. The Lesson 4 Vocabulary quiz will be given on Friday, 9/28. I am still impressed with the students' eagerness to participate in class. Keep it up! **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This coming week students will finish learning how to convert between units in the metric system. They will have a quiz on converting between units in the metric system and the structure of the metric system on Thursday, September 27th. A study guide for the quiz will be going home on Monday.

Team Penn State (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)) (Instagram [pennstatenms](#)) **ELA- Period 1, 2, 5 & 8** - Two Voices Poetry presentations on Wednesday (9/26), vocabulary quiz on Tuesday, (9/25), we will continue our Holocaust Unit. Period 7 - Get to Know R. J. Palacio due 9/25, we will continue our unit on the novel Wonder. **SCIENCE**-Students will be assessed in length, volume and mass measurements next week with a lab practical. **MATH** - All classes are continuing to work on a unit on rational numbers. Periods 1,2,5 and 7 have a quiz Thursday on sections 1-1 - 1-5. Period 8 will be nearing the end of the unit and should expect a test early next week. Expect students to have homework in math almost every day, all year. Most students are demonstrating responsibility in this area, but others are earning zeros. **Reading-** First book reviews are due September 28. The eighth period will read Wonder and discuss characters and setting. We will be reading The Boy in the Striped Pajamas in period 1,2,5 and study visualization and imagery. **Social Studies-** We will have the Unit 1 test Oct 1st.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) History classes will review the impact of Jamestown on the social, political and cultural development of the United States. We will also begin investigating how the New England colonies developed a different type of colonies, starting with Massachusetts. Reading classes will begin the short story, Lincoln: A Photobiography to build background knowledge before starting our 1st novel, Chasing Lincoln's Killer at the end of the week. Science: Students will be recapping all of the labs we did this week. We will look at the vocabulary again in review. We will be linking energy to physical and chemical changes. We have one more lab and then we have a quiz on Friday on the metric system, and physical/chemical changes. There will be a Schoology pre-assessment that prepares them for the quiz on Friday. This will be available for students from Monday through Friday. In ELA Students are finishing up their articles on 9/11 creating engaging leads to hook the reader's attention. They are also learning about the root word -cogn. For grammar, students will be working on the difference between active voice and passive voice as well as recognizing (and creating) subjects within a sentence.

In math classes, students are learning how to work with square roots (estimating and simplifying). Algebra students are starting to understand linear equations. All students have a quiz this Monday or Tuesday coming up

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) - History classes will wrap up a unit on Jamestown using PearDeck, The National Geographic Video: Nightmare At Jamestown and analyzing text in regards to Economics and Government in the colony. In ELA this week, we will finish reading “The Speckled Band” and will begin our casebook study project. In our word crimes unit, we will continue to explore the uses of the noun. Students can expect a quiz around the middle of the week. In Reading, we are continuing our nonfiction unit and will be going to the library next week to sign out our novels. We will continue to work on citing text-based evidence and using our critical thinking skills. Students will have a notebook quiz on Thursday and should come to see me before or after school if needed. Please check your Schoology class for updates, announcements, assignments and any handouts used in class. In Algebra 1, students will be Solving Inequalities, and Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities. In Grade 8 Math, students will work with Scientific Notation. Students will continue to use both the IXL and Math XL programs. Please continue to check Schoology for all assignments, assessments and due dates. In Science, we will be beginning a unit on an Introduction to Matter specifically focused on Elements Compounds and Mixtures.

Team Temple (Encore) ([Blog](#)) None at this time.

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

Student Services Updates 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) None at this time.

Anime Club (Advisors Mrs. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Our first official club meeting will be on Monday, September 24 at 3:05 in room 104. Please bring all anime related items with you.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) None at this time.

Band front/Color Guard - Information can be found under Performing Arts Department Updates

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor Mrs. Lare) Art Smart classes at the Banana Factory start this week! Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from September 26 through November 20. Parents should pick up their children at 6 p.m. sharp at Nitschmann’s main entrance.

Cheerleading (Advisor Mrs. Long) Practice Tuesday and Thursday this week! Please note my email has now changed to KLLong@basdschools.org.

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Thank you, Angeli, for making the Dance Team poster for Back to School Night. The dance team will meet day 1 in room 217.

German Club (Advisor Ms. Schwartz) None at this time

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

FCS/DIY Club (Advisor Mrs. Hoffman) None at this time.

French Club (Advisor Mrs. Lare) The French Club is open to all 7th and 8th-grade students enrolled in French. Students should come with all their great ideas! To sign up for the French Club, please attend the meeting on Monday, September 21.

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) Any student interested in joining the Lion Service Club should see Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 for information and a parent permission form. Our club will be coordinating many great volunteer and service projects such as The Clothing Closet, acknowledging special people in our school and community, etc. Please come and see what we are all about. Club starts on Wednesday, September 26th.

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) MathCounts is a nationwide enrichment and competition program in math. Students in grades 6,7 and 8 are welcome. They will have the opportunity to work with other motivated students on challenging problems and possibly earn the right to represent Nitschmann against schools from three counties at the Chapter Competition in February (date TBA). This week, we will be meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday morning and after school on Thursday until 4:00 in room 213. Attendance is flexible, we can work around other activities students might be involved in. **It isn't too late to join if you're interested!** Parents of interested students are asked to fill out this information form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9DaHSMmg0kFDfTDhvsj1gyX-jByu1X2bH0f9QuaYUYPCmrw/vie/wform?usp=sf_link

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Druckenmiller) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) We will hold our elections on 9/27 during day 4 team time in the library. Be sure to have your speech prepared. Also, we now have a Schoology page; please be sure to accept the invitation. Check the Schoology group for updates and pertinent information. Good luck to our candidates.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday Principal Characters/Understudies 3:05-4:30, Tuesday Principal Characters/Understudies 3:05-4:30, Wednesday no rehearsal, Thursday all Crew 3:05-5:00, Friday all Cast for music 3:05-4:30. See Mrs. Hriniak's website for more updates and details.

Nitschmann School Newspaper (Advisor Ms. Bouhana/Ms. Dentith) We will have a meeting during the activity period on Day 1. Our afternoon meeting will not take place this week, because students have a half day on Wednesday. Look forward to seeing your stories from Back to School Night.

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We will begin meeting this year on Wednesday, October 10th from 3:05 -4:00 P.M. in the library. (The book lists and books are already available in the library to check out!) Permission forms are available in the library or online under Library / Reading Olympics on the Nitschmann website. Please return the form to the library, Mrs. Nonnemacher or Mr. Pearson no later than October 3rd.

Riding for Focus (Advisors Mr. Miller & Mr. Hess) None at this time.

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Ms. Rufakis & Mrs. Evancho) Come to visit the Lion's Den for your Nitschmann hoodies, t-shirts, and beanies! This year we are also stocking the NMS school approved calculator for \$10. Be sure to stop and browse on your way to lunch!

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) We will be skiing on Monday nights in January and February. Sign-ups will begin in October!!

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Sign up sheet for new members is on the door to room 201. We will review the list and offer an information session next week. Current members will meet Tuesday after school for our regular meeting.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Thank you, Paige and Gabby for making the Step Team poster for Back to School Night. Step team will meet on day 1 in room 217. Those of you who will be **performing on November 3** at

Lincoln Ele (2pm-6pm) please write your name on the backboard. **Practice for ONLY those going to performance** tentative for 10/4, 10/9, 10/11, 10/18, 10/23, 10/25, 10/30, 11/1 until 5 pm.

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler)**UPDATE!!** Strategy Club will meet in the Large Group Room next to the cafeteria on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:10 until 4:00 this year and will begin **Tuesday, September 11th**. Thank you to those who have donated their time and/or games. We will take donations of incomplete games as we can frequently use the parts of one game for the missing parts of another. There is always room for more. Parents and faculty are always welcome to attend.

Student Council (Advisors Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Kocon)

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) Do you like to take pictures? Mrs. Ellis is looking for a few students to take pictures of after-school sporting events and school events for the yearbook. See Mrs. Ellis if you are interested.

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

[Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music Website \(Click Here!\)](#)

Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

SCHEDULE: Auditorium entrance doors will open at 7 AM.

9/24 Early morning band 7:15 AM
Day 1 jazz band 8:26-9:01
9/25 Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM
9/26 Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM
9/27 Early morning band 7:15 AM
9/28 Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM

Band front/Color Guard - (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) There is still time to sign up for Honor Guard! These are the students who march with the school banner, American flag, state flag, and military flags. See Mrs. Hriniak or Mr. Zettlemoyer if you're interested in joining Honor Guard. Flags, Majorettes, and Rifles should be practicing routines at home. Regular rehearsals this week are Monday and Thursday before school at 7:15 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our **[SHOW YOUR STRIPES](#)** campaign is underway. Purchase your red and white striped socks to help support the Ronald McDonald House Adopt- A-Camper program. Socks are only \$10 a pair and you can order them during lunch. Together we can help provide some kids battling cancer with a memorable experience of summer camp. Get your pair of socks today!
- The first band trip payment of \$50 is due. Please send in your payment if you have not already done so.
- **[Volunteer: Application packet and clearance requirements.](#)**
- Take a look at all the fundraising opportunities we currently have. [FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES](#)
- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter. [@NMSBandOrch](#)
- The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of the Amazon Smile program. Now you can shop at Amazon, get great deals and support the **Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association** all at the same time. Please share this with your friends and family. [Go here for more information.](#)

INSTRUMENTAL EVENTS CALENDAR

10/3 Flower sale Delivery 4:30-6:00 PM
10/4 MOD Pizza dine to donate event
10/15 SHOW YOUR STRIPES DAY
10/17 NIMAS General Membership meeting
10/20 Nazareth PARade
10/21 Saucon Valley Parade
10/25 Pep Rally (In school)
10/25 Night Football Game

10/28 Bethlehem Parade
11/9 NIMAS BINGO

Choral Music

Mrs. de Vries, Choral Music Director ldevries@basdschools.org

Mrs. Parris, Choral Music Director jparris@basdschools.org

Congratulations to our new Nitschmann Singers and Glee Club members! Both groups are off to a great start. This week will begin our usual rehearsal schedule. Please also see the performance dates listed below the weekly calendar. All City Chorus concert dates have been added.

Weekly Choral Schedule

Monday 9/24-Activity period rehearsal for **ALL** Glee **and** Nitschmann Singers

Tuesday 9/25-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for members not in the orchestra

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Wednesday 9/26-7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee **and** Singers not in Jazz Band

Thursday 9/27-7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for members not in the band

3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Friday 9/28-No rehearsals

2018-2019 Important Performance Dates

September 17-6:00 PM Nitschmann Back to School Night

December 13-7:00 PM Winter Choral Concert

March 27-7:00-11:00 AM All City rehearsal at Northeast

March 28-7:00 -11:00 AM All City rehearsal at Northeast; 7:00 PM All City Concert at Northeast

May 6-7:00 PM Spring Choral Concert

May 15-Nitschmann Talent Show performance (sponsored by Glee and Singers)

June 6-Tentative 8th grade moving up ceremony performance

Love to sing? Glee Club is open to anyone who likes to sing and attends rehearsals regularly. Our usual rehearsal schedule is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:15 AM in room 141. Please enter the building through the auditorium doors. Instrumental students are excused to attend their morning band/orchestra/jazz rehearsals. Glee also rehearses during day 1 activity periods. No formal audition is required, but students will need to have their voice range evaluated by Mrs. de Vries.

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS_Athletics](https://twitter.com/NMS_Athletics))

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

Cross Country

9/27 at Lower Mac Middle School

Field Hockey

9/25 at Harrison-Morton is CANCELLED

9/28 vs East Hills

Football

9/29 at Dieruff 9:00 AM at J.Birney Crum Stadium

Volleyball

9/25 at Northeast

9/26 vs Saucon Valley

9/27 vs Broughal

Fall Sports

Cross Country, Boys & Girls

Head Coach [Ms. Schwartz](#)

Field Hockey, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Burzynski](#)

[NMS Field Hockey Website \(Click Here!\)](#)

Football

Head Coach [Mr. Villani](#)

Volleyball, Girls

Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel](#)

The Varsity team's record improved to 6-0 before Friday's game. We have another busy week next with three more games. Just a reminder that on Sept. 26, the students do have an early dismissal at 11:35 am, but we still have a home game in the afternoon. The girls will need to report back to school by 3:15 pm! Please start making arrangements! Picture links will be sent out soon, so please check your email. If you have any questions or concerns about the pictures, please contact Christmas City directly! We hope to see you at our games this week!

Intersession Intramurals

Lacrosse Intramurals

Coordinator [Ms. Weinert](#)

Volleyball, Boys Intramurals

Coordinator TBA

Tennis

Coordinator TBA

Winter Sports

Basketball, Boys

Head Coach Mr. Wills

Basketball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Ortwein](#)

Wrestling @ Liberty High School

Head Coach

Spring Sports

Soccer, Boys & Girls Co-Ed

Head Coach [Mr. Rodenbach](#)

Softball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Kocon](#)

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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