

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update, [Home of the Nitschmann Nation!](#)

Sunday, September 13, 2020, to Sunday, September 20, 2020

- **[NMS Back to School Night:](#)** Nitschmann’s Back to School Night will be held virtually this year on Monday, September 21, 2020 from 6pm-8pm. **The email with the Zoom links will be distributed Monday to all by email. Watch your inbox on Monday! This will also be distributed to all students through Schoology.**
- **[NMS School Picture Days:](#)** Nitschmann’s School Picture Days will be held this week on Tuesday 9/22 & Wednesday 9/23. Hybrid students will be photographed on their regular day of school. e-Classroom & BASD Cyber students will be photographed on Wednesday 9/23 between 3:30pm-5:30pm.
- **Need help with Schoology? Here are some resources to help parents/guardians navigate Schoology!** [Schoology Navigation Video \(English\); Schoology Navigation Video \(Espanol\); Directions for Schoology Login \(English\); Directions for Schoology Login \(Espanol\)](#)
- **[Activities & After-School Support:](#)** Please review the sections below for the start of before-school orchestra/honor guard/ jazz band, Nitschmann Dramatics sign-ups, & in-school activities during our Lion’s Pride period. Late bus @ 4:15pm, after-school library sessions, & after-school detentions begin on Tuesday.
- **[Free Meals for All Students:](#)** The cafeteria will be serving meals to all students free of charge until December. See the announcement from the Bethlehem Area School District!

Links to Review

[BASD Parent Portals Link \(Schoology, Home Access Center, SchoolCafe, etc.\)](#)

[BASD Dashboard & Internet Provider Resources at this link.](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive! Weekly Schedule & Highlights

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

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
Monday	9/21	None	@ Home learning day NMS Back to School Night 6pm-8pm	@ Home No HR	@ Home No HR	@ Home No HR PM Zooms
Tuesday	9/22	Day 1/Odd Day Lion’s Pride Activity	Orchestra (A-L) 7:15am School Picture Day A-L Late Bus Begins 4:15pm	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	9/23	Day 1/Odd Day Lion’s Pride Activity	Orchestra (M-Z) 7:15am School Picture Day M-Z <i>E-Classroom/BASD Cyber 3:30pm-5:30pm</i>	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	9/24	Day 2/Even Day LEAD	Football Jersey Day! Percussion/Color Guard (A-L) 7:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	9/25	Day 2/Even Day LEAD	Football Jersey Day! Percussion/Color Guard (M-Z) 7:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
Monday	9/28	None	No School for Students or Staff (No Zoom Mtgs for e-Classroom) Yom Kippur			
Tuesday	9/29	Day 3/Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity		@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/1	Day 3/Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity		@ Home HR 8:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/2	Day 4/Even Day LEAD		@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	10/3	Day 4/Even Day LEAD	National Custodian Day	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
Monday	10/5	None	@ Home learning day - see Schoology for assignments!	@ Home No HR	@ Home No HR	@ Home No HR PM Zooms
Tuesday	10/6	Day 5/Odd Day		@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/7	Day 5/Odd Day		@ Home HR 8:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/8	Day 6/Even Day		@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	10/9	Day 6/Even Day		@ Home HR 8:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am

School-wide Announcements (All Hybrid & e-Classroom Students)

Dr. Roy's Weekly Message: This edition of the BASD e-News is in loving memory of BASD retired Northeast teacher, **Karen "Mama" Jeffress**. See a special video where **Mama Jeffress** sings R.E.S.P.E.C.T. to the Northeast staff and students. You will also find in this edition the September 16 video from Dr. Roy to the BASD community about the importance of COVID-19 precautionary measures within the community. Check out the information from Dining Services in this edition about **FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN RESIDING IN BETHLEHEM**. We also have the video where Marvin the mascot from Marvine and Paws the mascot from James Buchanan meet! Check this video and all the other important and fun information in this week's edition of the BASD e-News.

[BASD e-News from Dr. Roy - September 18, 2020](#)

St. Lukes Partnership for COVID Testing (BASD) This week's editStudents and staff with symptoms associated with COVID that have an existing St. Luke's or Star Wellness primary care provider should contact their provider's office to be evaluated by a video visit to see if testing is indicated. Students and staff with symptoms associated with COVID that do not have an existing St. Luke's or Star Wellness primary care provider can call the St. Luke's COVID hotline at 1-866-STLUKES (1-866-785-8537) option 7 to be evaluated over the phone by a trained nursing professional to see if further evaluation or testing is indicated.

NMS Back to School Night: Nitschmann's Back to School Night will be held virtually this year on Monday, September 21, 2020. **Watch for the Zoom Meeting links in your email Monday!**

Time Period	Zoom Meeting
6:00pm-6:10pm	LEAD Teacher Welcome, Introductory Video from Admin, Orientation to the evening
6:10pm-6:45pm	Core Team Meetings Session 1
6:45pm-6:55pm	Encore Session 1 6th - World Language; 7th - Health/PE & FCS ; 8th - Art/Music/Tech/Engineering
6:55pm-7:05pm	Encore Session 2 6th - Art/Music/Tech/Engineering; 7th - World Language ; 8th - Health/PE & FCS
7:05pm-7:15pm	Encore Session 3 6th - Health/PE & FCS; 7th - Art/Music/Tech/Engineering; 8th - World Language
7:15pm-7:45pm	Core Team Meetings Session 2
7:45-8:00	Clean-Up & Dismissal

Issues with BASD Chromebooks (Mayes) Students should report any Chromebook issues at the link on our NMS website.

Schoolwide Library Services (Werkheiser)

Email Mrs. Werkheiser at werkheiser@basdschools.org for help with books or services!

- Want to search for a book through the online catalog? Looking for a good e-book to read? Excited to get a head start on Reading Olympics and need the book list? You can find all of these and A LOT MORE at the Nitschmann Libguides website! Check it out at <https://beth.libguides.com/NitschmannMiddleSchool>
- Stay tuned for information about our next Scholastic Book Fair, coming in October!

Hybrid Only Announcements

*ALL Students MUST complete their attendance assignments daily M-F in their Schoology Citizenship Course!
 @ Home Students MAY attend Homeroom on Zoom daily Tuesday-Friday to check in with their homeroom teacher!
 Students have assignments every day to compete in Schoology Monday-Friday.*

School Picture Days (Mayes) School picture days will be held on **Tuesday 9/22 and Wednesday 9/23** during the school day. Students will wear their mask, except when their photo is taken. Picture order forms will not be handed out. All parents should go to orders.christmascitystudio.com & enter School Code **NMS20** to place an order.

e-Classroom Only Announcements

*ALL Students MUST complete their attendance assignments daily M-F in their Schoology Citizenship Course!
 @ Home Students MAY attend Homeroom on Zoom daily Tuesday-Friday to check in with their homeroom teacher!
 Students have assignments every day to compete in Schoology Monday-Friday.
 Office Hours will be posted by teachers in their Schoology courses.*

Reminder About Zoom Meetings on Mondays! (Mayes) A reminder to all e-Classroom students that Monday Zoom meetings are **REQUIRED** for all e-Classroom students. Check your student schedule to match up the times with the courses below. Teachers will post the Zoom meeting information in each course in Schoology. Note that the Encore Rotations would be for Art, Music, Integrated Ar/Music, Engineering, FCS, or Technology. Please note Seminar students should check Schoology for the time they are meeting with Mr. Sukanic.

Nitschmann Middle School Synchronous Courses on Mondays for e-Classroom @ Home			
Time Period	6th Grade Course	7th Grade Course	8th Grade Course
8:00-11:30	Complete Assignments in Schoology		
11:30-12:00	Lunch		
12:00-12:20	Encore Rotations	Academic Period 2	Academic Period 3
12:25-12:45	Encore (Health/PE 6)	Academic Period 3	Academic Period 4
12:50-1:10	Encore (World Language/ Lit Dev.)	Encore (Health/PE 7)	Academic Period 6
1:15-1:35	Academic Period 2	Encore Rotations	Academic Period 8
1:40-2:00	Academic Period 3	Encore (Language/Lit Dev.)	Academic Period 9
2:05-2:25	Academic Period 4	Academic Period 6	Encore (Health/PE 8)
2:30-2:50	Academic Period 7	Academic Period 8	Encore Rotations

2:55-3:15	Office Hours if Needed	Academic Period 9	Encore (Language/Lit Dev.)
3:15-3:25	Office Hours if Needed	Office Hours if Needed	Office Hours if Needed

e-Classroom Guidance Office Hours on Mondays! (e-Classroom ONLY!)

6th Grade: 11:00am- 12:00pm (Mrs. Hipp)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83839691637?pwd=VkZNM0hqZUhhINm9EUjZhTVhEMkYjZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3969 1637; Passcode: HG0cPA

7th Grade: 9:30am to 10:30am (Mrs. Stewart)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86785937713?pwd=ZUg4VVV4S1p5eIZ1MjdJeEZnciIPUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 8593 7713; Passcode: 5LitUi

8th Grade: 9:00am- 10:00am (Mr. Kehler)

<https://zoom.us/j/93407284919?pwd=L1lyUTVsWnh5bUICRFgrMjE0M25rdz09>

Meeting ID: 934 0728 4919; Passcode: 639948

School Picture Days (Mayes) School picture day will be held on **Wednesday 9/23 from 3:30pm-5:30pm** in the Auditorium. Only students may enter and must wear a mask, except when their photo is taken. Picture order forms will not be handed out. All parents should go to orders.christmascitystudio.com & enter School Code **NMS20** to place an order.

Schoolwide Library Services (Werkheiser)



GREAT NEWS!!

While you are learning at home, Nitschmann Middle School Library books are available for you to check out and read!

It's easy!

Step 1: Browse through the NMS Library collection on OPAC in my Libguides website.

<https://beth.libguides.com/NitschmannMiddleSchool>

Step 2: Email me the titles of one or two books that you would like to check out at

lwerkheiser@basdschools.org

Step 3: Wait for a return email from me, letting you know that your books can be picked up from the cart between the front doors at Nitschmann.

Celebrate these special days this week by checking out and reading a book!

September 15 - October 15 -> Hispanic Heritage Month 🇺🇸

September 21 - International Peace Day (search “peace” in OPAC for books about peace) ☺ ☺ ☺

September 22 - Autumn begins AND it is Elephant Appreciation Day (Suggestion: check out and read “The One and Only Ivan”) 🌻🐘

September 25 - National Comic Book Day (We have LOTS of graphic novels!) 😊

Student Services Updates (Mr. Horlick)

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email: [Mr. Horlick, Assistant Principal](mailto:Mr.Horlick); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](mailto:Mrs.Scott); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](mailto:Mrs.Falcone)

6th Grade: Mrs. Hipp's Counseling Google Site for Students
<https://sites.google.com/basdschools.org/hippcounselingcorner/home>

7th Grade: Ms. Stewart's Counseling Google Site for Students
<https://sites.google.com/basdschools.org/stewartscounselingcorner/home>

8th Grade: Mr. Kehler's Counseling Google Site for Students
<https://sites.google.com/basdschools.org/mr-kehlers-counseling-corner/home>

Schoology Directions for Parents



<https://www.safe2saypa.org/> *If you have a concern for the well being of a fellow student or yourself, you can make an anonymous referral to SAFE2SAY.*

BASD Dining Services
<https://www.basdschools.org/dining>

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) (Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](https://twitter.com/NitschmannPG))
nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee President
PAC Representatives

Core & Encore Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](https://twitter.com/MrsHackman)) Make sure your child is completing the daily attendance on Schoology every day. Also, make sure you are checking for new assignments in every class on Schoology and using your time wisely at home. We will have zoom office hours located in Schoology every Monday afternoon for e-Classroom students. A schedule went out for you to follow. Check the Schoology course or calendar for the zoom links. Our team has additional office hours Tuesday afternoon. Library notices went out for overdue library books from elementary school. Please have your child bring those books to Nitschmann. We will be visiting the library this week. This Monday is our Virtual Back to School Night from 6:00 to 8:00. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through email.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](https://facebook.com/NitschmannTeamLehigh) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](https://twitter.com/MrsOliver)) As we are approaching the end of September we are beginning to see the students not only getting into a good routine of work, they also seem to be getting accustomed to using Schoology and the various learning platforms used in their classrooms. We encourage you to check your child's grades in Schoology frequently and look for missing assignments or assignments that perhaps they need more work on. We are here to help. Email us questions if you have any and we will get back to you. We also have office hours every Friday from 1:40 to 2:20 if you need to check in. For our E-Classroom kids, we have Zoom Check-ins Monday afternoons. This Monday is our Virtual Back to School Night from 6:00 to 8:00. Watch for updates with the links to attend. We look forward to seeing you Monday night?

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://facebook.com/NMSTeamMoravian) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](https://twitter.com/MrsRoufakis)) Make sure to complete your daily attendance. Students, please remember that at home days are school days. We are finding that assignments are not being completed. All hybrid students received a grade report for Language Arts. Students have been asked to share this with parents/ guardians. They have an opportunity to complete any assignments listed as missing. Please sign this sheet. This sheet is due Tuesday/ Wednesday. There are folders in Schoology with daily

assignments. You should also be looking at your Grade Report in Schoology to see if you are missing any assignments. e-Classroom students we are meeting with you on Monday. Please check the calendar in Schoology for the times. You will be using the links attached to the calendar or the link found in your class under Class Headquarters. The times are the same as last week.

Team Kutztown (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#)) Yes, we are adjusting to our Hybrid and E-Classroom Learning schedules. We need to continue our open communication to make this transition more manageable.
E-Classroom Students - For MONDAY, September 14 - AFTERNOON ZOOM MEETINGS FOR E-CLASSROOM STUDENTS - THESE ARE MANDATORY! - (You will have 20 minute ZOOM sessions with each of your academic teachers.) Please check your class folders for the ZOOM links. (Period 2 E-Class 12:00-12:20) (Period 3 E-Class 12:25-12:45) (Period 6 E-Class 2:05-2:25) (Period 8 E-Class 2:30-2:50) (Period 9 E-Class 2:55-3:15)
Hybrid Students - Please be sure to complete all assignments on the days you are assigned to work from home. Remember, these are not days off. Your assignments for each subject are posted on Schoology.
Social Studies: Next week we will continue studying the 5 Themes of Geography and how they relate to major cities in the USA. Monday will begin the weekly current events activity for all students to complete at home.
Math: Next week we will work on adding and subtracting integers.
Science (Mr. Pearson): This week students will be learning about how to convert between units in the metric system. After that, we will be discussing how to measure length, mass, volume, density, and temperature.
English - Mr Falteich - Mondays are vocabulary building days in my class. You will receive a vocabulary building assignment. You must define the 7 new words each Monday and write an original sentence for each one. (The new words and more specific directions will be posted on Schoology.) The rest of the week we will continue our study of Punctuation.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](#)) We hope you join us for Open House this Monday, September 21st! Please make sure that students are checking grades and being proactive.
English (Getz) - students will be reading the story “The Wise Old Woman” and working on the concepts of theme, prediction, summary, and objective point of view.
(Downey) Literacy Histories will be due 9/21; M-Z student writing due 9/22. We are starting critical reading and thinking utilizing the story Rikki Tikki Tavi.
Social Studies: Next week we will continue studying the 5 Themes of Geography and how they relate to major cities in the USA. Monday will begin the weekly current events activity for all students to complete at home.
Math: Make sure your IXL Diagnostic has been completed to a single score by Monday. Students are working on integer operations, it is important to keep up with your assignments at home. All classes will have their first quizzes on Thursday and Friday. Periods 3,6 and 9 will have a quiz on Adding Integers and Periods 2 and 8 will have a quiz on Adding and Subtracting Integers.
Science: This week we will continue working on the metric system. Students will have to watch a pre-recorded lecture on Monday that I have made. They will also have to take notes on a worksheet that they should have gotten on Th. or Fri. (depends on which part of hybrid they are in). E-Classroom students will have access to this file on schoology. Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to completing metric conversions for ALL students. We will end the week by learning the basics of a microscope - vocab., it’s history, how it views objects, parts of the microscope, and different types of microscopes. E-class kids will have to watch a pre-recorded lecture on thursday and will complete the labeling and vocab words on Friday.
E-Classroom Students: Make sure you are checking into your mandatory Zoom meetings. Follow the schedule that Dr. Mayes provided. Zoom office hours with teachers are on Friday afternoon. Check Schoology courses for times. Make sure you are doing the attendance every school day between 8:00am - 3:00pm.
Hybrid Students - Check your “to do list” in Schoology courses for every @ home day and complete your daily attendance each @ home day. Make sure your laptops are charged each day when you come to school.

Team DeSales (8th) (Team Leader [Mrs. Pogue](#)):
All students MUST log on to Schoology daily to record attendance. You will be marked absent if you do not complete the daily attendance quiz by 3:05PM. **English:** Students are beginning the “Everyone Loves a Mystery” unit with Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Tell-Tale” Heart. They also have an ongoing “Passion Project” that requires them to do at-home reading. Encourage your student to share what they are reading! **Social Studies:** Please begin to follow developments in the upcoming Presidential election, find reliable and unbiased sources of information. Parents please join

the conversation, ask your student about discussions in history class. The National Constitution Center website has unbiased and nonpartisan information. **Math:** Be sure to stay on track with your weekly work. Bring questions to class (or zoom sessions for e-class) so we can work through them. **Science:** Students learned about the 3-phases of matter this week in Science class. Ask your student about solid Carbon Dioxide. I am sure they will have lots to share! **Hybrid Students:** Spend some time this week establishing routines for virtual (at home) days. It is incredibly important to complete your work on virtual days so that you are prepared for in-person days. Don't fall behind. Please reach out to your teachers if you need help. **E-Classroom: For MONDAY, September 14 - AFTERNOON ZOOM MEETINGS FOR E-CLASSROOM STUDENTS - THESE ARE MANDATORY!**

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) **Hybrid students: If you are absent, you need to reach out to your teachers, as well as look at the updates/assignments posted in Schoology. You are still expected to work from home. In History,** we will continue focusing on the essential question: How the unique experiences of the colonists shaped the future political and social ideas in the New World? We will be analyzing primary source documents from Jamestown, Virginia and tie those into the The 1619 Project on enslavement and contributions by African Americans. This Monday's "Hot Topic" will revolve around Consitution and it's Founding Fathers.. **In ELA** (Wallach) we are starting our mystery fiction unit. Students received a StudySync workbook and will need to bring this with them to class each day. Communication is KEY! Reach out to your teachers if you have any questions with assignments. Stay on track when working from home, this will reduce stress and anxiety.**(Science)** We will be continuing our exportation of the States of Matter and Phase changes. Stations Lab will be now due on Friday. **E-Classroom student ONLY - be sure you attend your mandatory Monday Zoom meeting with your teachers. See schedule in Course Headquarters for each teacher. Attendance will be taken. Reminder to ALL students: CHECK SCHOOLOGY tomorrow for your Monday Virtual Assignment in all core classes!**

Team Pitt (Encore) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#) Team Leader Mrs. Hoffman) We are excited to see everyone, please make sure to wear your gym clothes to school; athletic clothes and sneakers that tie! Bring water bottles and inhalers if you have them. We will be doing the pacer test this week! Mrs. Woodring's FCS classes will begin working on the produce bag projects this week. Please remember to bring your old t-shirt, scissors, and a ruler.

Team Bloomsburg (Encore World Language and Library) (Twitter [@NMSBloomsburg](#) / Team Leader [Dr. Sierra](#))- Continue to complete your online assignments by the due dates as noted on Schoology. **If you have any questions, email your teacher. Office hours (zoom) are noted on Schoology.** You will be able to visit the library soon~ listen for announcements. **Monday zoom meetings for e-class students are noted in schoology.**



Extracurricular Activities

Is your child interested in an after-school club or activity? Email the advisor for more information!

AM Basketball (Advisor Dr. Mayes) AM basketball will begin in November. Watch Sunday email & announcements for details.

Anime Club (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#)) None at this time.

Art Club (Advisors [Ms. Krause](#)/[Mrs. Lund](#)) None at this time.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) None at this time.

Dance Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Announcement was posted on Schoology- We will start Sep. 22 and 23 for veterans (hybrid only). New member tryouts will be announced in October.

French Club - ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) None at this time.

German Club ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) Hallo Alle!!! German club interest meetings (*Hybrid students only*) will be held during Lion's Pride (Activity) this **Tuesday, September 22nd and Wednesday, September 23rd in Frau Sofka's room**

313. German club will meet every other Tuesday and Wednesday. I look forward to seeing everyone and planning our next meeting!

Fitness Club ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) None at this time.

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

Intramurals ([Advisor Mr. Ortwein](#)) None at this time.

Leadership Council ([Advisor Mr. Kocon](#)) None at this time.

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

Lion's Pride (online school newspaper) ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will have our first meeting on September 29th and 30th with current hybrid members. Check our Schoology group page for updates and listen to morning announcements as we get closer.

Mathcounts ([Advisor Mrs. Novatnak Lafey](#)) None at this time.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs_Nistchmann](#)) None at this time.

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Nitschmann Dramatics is proud to announce this year's show is Hairspray Jr.! **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Go to the website and click on the READ THIS FIRST document link. The registration link is at the bottom of that document. **INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ARE THIS WEEK...REGISTER TO SIGN UP!** Information is available on Mrs. Hriniak's website. We will update information as we receive more details. <https://sites.google.com/a/basdschools.org/mrs-hriniak/dramatics>

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

Reading Olympics ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) The 2020-2021 Reading Olympics book list is available online on Nitschmann's website under the library. They are also available in the library. Permission forms are now available online and in the library. Due to the pandemic, we will begin meeting during school hours, during Period one, Lion's Pride, on a Tuesday / Wednesday, 8:30 A.M - 9:06 A.M. once a week in the library. **Students with a last name A-L, will come Tuesday Mornings. Students with last name M-Z will come Wednesday mornings. We will begin meeting Tuesday, September 29 and Wednesday, September 30th for current members. We would also like current members to come Tuesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 23 at this time to get their T-shirts and final notes from last year. All students including 6th grade students and new 7th and 8th grade students will begin coming Tuesday, October 6th and Wednesday, October 7th in the library at 8:30 A.M. Please contact Mrs. Nonnemacher, Mr. Pearson or Mrs. Werkheiser if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great year!**

Riding for Focus (Advisors [Mr. Miller](#) & [Mr. Bellucci](#)) None at this time.

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors [Ms. Roufakis](#) & [Mrs. Evancho](#))
[Application](#) for 6th graders
[Online order form....click here.](#) **Orders will not be processed until payment is received!**

Save the Sea Turtles Club ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) None at this time.

Ski & Snowboard Club ([Advisors Mr. Downey and Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) None at this time.

Spanish Club ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will have our first meeting this week on Tuesday and Wednesday with current hybrid members. Check our Schoology group page for updates and listen to morning announcements as we get closer.

Step Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Announcement was posted on Schoology- We will start Sep. 22 and 23 for veterans (hybrid only). New member tryouts will be announced in October.

Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) None at this time.

Yearbook (Advisor TBA) Did you miss purchasing a yearbook in craziness of last school year? There are a few remaining 2019-2020 yearbooks! \$40 - cash or check made to Nitschmann Middle School. See Mrs. Getz in room 214 to purchase your yearbook!



Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates
[Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music Website \(Click Here!\)](#)
[Mr. Daniel Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music](#)

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK (Explanations of groups are listed below)

- **MONDAY 9/21:** No rehearsals
- **TUESDAY 9/22:** A Hybrid/e-classroom String Orchestra 7:15am
 - A Hybrid jazz band 8:30am
- **WEDNESDAY 9/23:** Z Hybrid/e-classroom String Orchestra 7:15am
 - A Hybrid jazz band 8:30am
- **THURSDAY 9/24:** A Hybrid/e-classroom Percussion & Color guard 7:15am
- **FRIDAY 9/25:** Z Hybrid/e-classroom Percussion & Color guard 7:15am

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and baritone students WILL NOT have early morning rehearsal at this time.

- **School instrument lessons** have begun. [Click here for the schedule.](#) Students will attend their lesson on the same day and same time each week. Please look at the schedule for your child's day and time. Zoom lesson links are posted on the Cut Time calendar and your child's Schoology calendar under the Activity 1-10 Class.

Color Guard Updates: IN-PERSON REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. SEE YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS.

You should be working on the following on your at-home days:

1. March for at least 10 minutes (your choice of music)
2. Review basic skills, spins, and routines (YouTube playlist is here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMBPh7pCik7MnNmg7B44KMw>)
3. Check for updates on Cut Time

EXPLANATION OF GROUPS

- **Orchestra A Hybrid** - these are violin, viola, cello, bass and piano students who attend school on Tuesday and Thursday. On **Tuesday** mornings, these students will have early morning string orchestra rehearsal beginning at 7:15am. Violin, and viola students will need to bring their instrument to school on Tuesdays.
- **Orchestra Z Hybrid** - these are violin, viola, cello, bass and piano students who attend school on Wednesday and Friday. On **Wednesday** mornings, these students will have early morning string orchestra rehearsal beginning at 7:15am. Violin, and viola students will need to bring their instrument to school on Wednesdays.
- **Percussion A Hybrid** - these are the drum students in band who attend school on the A Hybrid schedule. These students will have early morning rehearsal on **Thursday** mornings beginning at 7:15am. Students will need to bring their drumsticks to school for rehearsal.

- **Percussion Z Hybrid** - these are the drum students in band who attend school on the Z Hybrid schedule. These students will have early morning rehearsal on **Friday mornings beginning at 7:15am**. Students will need to bring their drumsticks to school for rehearsal.
- **Color guard A-Hybrid** - these are the students in color guard who attend school on the A Hybrid schedule. These students will have early morning rehearsal on **Thursday mornings beginning at 7:15am**. Majorettes will need to bring their batons to school. We will have equipment available for flags and rifles to use.
- **Color guard Z Hybrid** - these are the students in color guard who attend school on the Z Hybrid schedule. These students will have early morning rehearsal on **Friday mornings beginning at 7:15am**. Majorettes will need to bring their batons to school. We will have equipment available for flags and rifles to use.
- **E-classroom students**: these students may attend early morning rehearsal until 8:05 at which time they must leave the building and return home. E-classroom students who play violin, viola, cello, bass, piano, drums, or are in color guard should attend the Hybrid day that matches the first letter of their last name. (**A Hybrid** - letters A-L / **Z Hybrid** - letters M-Z)

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All students need to be able to log into Cut Time and SmartMusic. If your child has not done this yet, it needs to be completed immediately! If you experience any log in issues email Mr. Zettlemyer.
- **String orchestra students**: Early morning rehearsals are on Tuesday and Wednesday this week and correspond to the day you are in school.
- **Jazz Band members**: You will meet in the instrumental music room at 8:30am on Tuesday or Wednesday, whichever day is the one you attend school. This is not optional.
- **Color guard members**: Mrs. Hriniak will communicate with you, through Cut Time, what you are to be working on at home until we are able to hold in-person rehearsals.
 - Color guard rehearsals are on Thursday and Friday this week and correspond to the day you are in school.
- **Percussion members**: Early morning rehearsals are on Thursday and Friday this week and correspond to the day you are in school.
- **School lessons**: You have been assigned specific instrument groups in SmartMusic for your school lessons. Check your school email account (Not Schoology) for an email sent on September 3. This email has the SmartMusic code for your lessons. [Click here for the lesson schedule](#). Your lesson will be on the same day and at same time each week. Students only attend the lesson on the day and time they are scheduled each week. Zoom lesson links are posted on the Cut Time and Schoology calendars. [This is a video on how to find your lesson group and Zoom link](#).

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

-School lessons -

- Students will receive their small group school lessons, virtually, on one of the days they are at home during the hybrid schedule. Students who are participating in e-classroom will also receive virtual instrumental lessons one day during the week.
- Students were sent a SmartMusic class code for their instrumental lessons. Students need to use that code to join their lesson group class in SmartMusic before their first lesson. [Click here for the schedule](#). Your child's lesson will be on the same day and at the same time each week. Zoom lesson links will be posted on the Cut Time and Schoology calendars.

- Early morning rehearsals -

- String orchestra, percussion, and color guard will begin early morning rehearsals this week. Please look at the "News" item posted on your Cut Time profile page entitled return of SOME early morning rehearsals for guidelines and procedures.

NIMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next NIMAS general membership is **October 21 at 7:30pm**.
- Minutes from the general membership meeting on September 16th meeting are available under the **Files/Docs** tab on your Cut Time profile.
- Parents need to be able to log into **Cut Time**. This is where all the information you need to know for the instrumental music program will be located. You will also have access to your child's profile where you will be able to view their assignments and schedules.
- **Dine to Donate Event:** Our first dine to donate event of the year will be at Pat's Pizza & Bistro on October 14, 15, 16. Proceeds from this event will go to the general fund. Got to <http://www.nmsim.org/announcements/dine-to-donate-at-pats-pizza-bistro/> for more details.

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FUNDRAISING

- **October 14, 15, 16 - Dine to donate** at **Pat's Pizza & Bistro**. Help support small business and NIMAS all at the same time. [DETAILS](#)

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[Mrs. Jody Parris, Choral Music Director](#)

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS Athletics](#))
[Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director](#)

Health & Safety Rules

1. A secure “practice zone” will be established where only players may enter. The entrance will be at the Lion Statue near the gymnasium. Players will be checked & cleared by our NMS trainer before entering the “practice zone” for sports.
2. Masks are required for practice, and each head coach will review rules for wearing them. We encourage “gaiter-style” for athletic practices, as it is easier to pull down and up when needed. Students must have them on until directed by their coach to remove them in safe situations.
3. If there is poor weather (ex. Thunderstorms, etc.), outdoor practices will be canceled and announced through the BASD app & NMS social media sites.
4. All players must bring and only use their water bottle.
5. Football players should come dressed for practice. Only volleyball players will be permitted inside the school.
6. Only players are permitted to be on-site for practices. The field & gym bleachers will be closed.
7. If your child is not feeling well, your child should email their coach and not attend practice.
8. Information about rules for competitions will come later at the end of the month as we approach the start of the competition season in October, especially in regards to spectators for games.

Year-long

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long klong@basdschools.org)

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders interested in NMS cheerleading should attend a meeting on Tuesday 9/22 and Wednesday 9/23 during the Lion Pride activity period. For the time being cheerleading will be run like an open gym during the activity period on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and all students may participate. When we know more information about our winter sports season, we will hopefully host a tryout for cheerleading for basketball season, in which only 7th and 8th graders may participate. Please contact Mrs. Long with further questions.

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 9/21	None	None
Tuesday, 9/22	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion’s Pride
Wednesday, 9/23	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion’s Pride
Thursday, 9/24	None	None
Friday, 9/25	None	None

Fall

Boys Football (Head Coach Mr. Shemanski mshemanski@basdschools.org)

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 9/21	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Tuesday, 9/22	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Wednesday, 9/23	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Thursday, 9/24	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Friday, 9/25	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Co-Ed Cross Country (Head Coach Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org)

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 9/21	None	None
Tuesday, 9/22	NMS Grass Field (next to turf)	3:15pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday, 9/23	NMS Grass Field (next to turf)	3:15pm - 4:15pm
Thursday, 9/24	NMS Grass Field (next to turf)	3:15pm - 4:15pm
Friday, 9/25	NMS Grass Field (next to turf)	3:15pm - 4:15pm

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org](mailto:Mrs.Hinkel@basdschools.org))

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 9/21	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday, 9/22	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Wednesday, 9/23	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Thursday, 9/24	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Friday, 9/25	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm

Girls Field Hockey ([Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr.Burzynski@basdschools.org))

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 9/21	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday, 9/22	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Wednesday, 9/23	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Thursday, 9/24	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Friday, 9/25	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm

Winter

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach [Mr. Wills](mailto:Mr.Wills))

Girls MS Basketball (Head Coach [Mr. Ortwein jortwein@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr.Ortwein@basdschools.org))

Boys & Girls LHS HS Wrestling (Head Coach Mr. Hall)

Spring

Girls MS Softball (Head Coach [Mr. Kocon ekocon@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr.Kocon@basdschools.org))

Co-Ed MS Soccer (Head Coach [Mr. Rodenbach srodenbach@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr.Rodenbach@basdschools.org))

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