

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, September 27, 2020, to Sunday, October 4, 2020

- **[1st Quarter Interim Progress Reports \(IPR\) Grades:](#) 1st Quarter Interim Progress Reports (IPR) will be cut off on Friday, October 2 and issued to students on Thursday 10/8 & Friday 10/9. A paper copy will be given to all students to get signed by their parent/guardian no later than Friday, October 16. In addition, all IPRs will be mailed home to students. Parents/Guardians should check Schoology NOW so there are no surprises when the IPR comes home! Remember, grades for Core Courses & World Language (7th & 8th) are graded as normal (A-B-C-F). [See Dr. Mayes' email message to parents/guardians on our NMS website!](#)**
- **[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 \(Espanol\)](#) [Setting a weekly email of grade report to you!](#)**
- **[Thursday/Friday Pink Out:](#) This Thursday & Friday begin our monthly honor of those in our community battling cancer, especially breast cancer. Please join us in wearing pink this month. FYI for 6th graders - this is a big thing for our school community!**

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	9/28	None	No School for Students or Staff (No Zoom Mtgs for e-Classroom) Yom Kippur Students! Use today to catch up on those missing assignments!			
Tuesday	9/29	Day 3/Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Planner distribution to hybrid students (A-L)	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	9/20	Day 3/Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Planner distribution to hybrid students (M-Z)	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/1	Day 4/Even Day LEAD	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness!	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	10/2	Day 4/Even Day LEAD	National Custodian Day Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! Last day for 1st Q Mid-Quarter!!	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
Monday	10/5	None	Virtual @ Home learning day	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home PM Zooms
Tuesday	10/6	Day 5/Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity		In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/7	Day 5/Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity		Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/8	Day 6/Even Day LEAD	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! IPR Distribution to A-L for Parent/Guardian Signature (Due back by 10/16 to HR) October Pride of the Lions (A-L)	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	10/9	Day 6/Even Day LEAD	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! IPR Distribution to A-L for Parent/Guardian Signature (Due back by 10/16 to HR) IPR Mailed home to all students (hybrid & e-Classroom) for review. October Pride of the Lions (M-Z)	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am

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

Dr. Roy's Weekly Message: In this edition of the BASD e-News, Dr. Roy invites you to take a look at some clips of our current hybrid instructional model taking place in our schools. Did you hear about the **FREE meals for all students?** Click the link below for more details. Get this and all the latest COVID-19 Updates in this edition of the BASD e-News. [BASD e-News -September 25, 2020, Edition.](#)

School Picture Retakes (Mayes) School picture retakes will be on November 4 & 5. Watch for the schedule as we get closer to the dates.

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.

October PINK OUT - Pink out shirts will be available for purchase for \$7.00 - please bring in the exact amount or a check made payable to Nitschmann Middle School. Shirts will be sold during HOMEROOM and AFTER SCHOOL in room 103 - Mrs. Hood. Available sizes are small, medium, large and XL. A picture of the shirt is available on the Nitschmann website. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hood at thood@basdschools.org



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 lwerkheiser@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.*

None at this time. See Schoolwide announcements.

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=ZUg4VVV4S1p5elZ1MjdJeEZncllPUT09>

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

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 by checking out and reading a book!

September 15 - October 15 is **Hispanic Heritage Month** 🎉
October 1 is “**International Coffee Day**.” Relax and read a book with your favorite warm beverage. ☕
Believe it or not, “**Virus Appreciation Day**” is October 3! Have you read *Plague* by Jean Ure? 🤒

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming from October 20 - 30! Check out more information at:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/nitschmannmiddleschool1>

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](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) There will be no Monday E-classroom zoom meetings on Monday due to school being closed. 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. Mid quarter grades will be coming out shortly. Please look for them and have a discussion with your child on how he/she is doing. There will be a map skills Social Studies quiz next Thursday/Friday. Use your digital notebook assignment to help you study. Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who joined us for our Virtual Back to School Night last Monday. We appreciate your support. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#))
When is a day off not a day off? Monday September 28th schools are closed in observance of Yom Kippur. For some of you this is a well deserved day off of school. For others, this weekend is a perfect opportunity to get caught up on missing assignments or assignments that may need to be re-done. Go into Schoology and check your grades. Look for assignments that have zeros or ones that have dashes and the due date is past. The middle of the marking period grade report will be coming home next week. Take the opportunity of a three day weekend to get caught up and start Tuesday morning with a clean plate. For those of you who do not owe any of us any work, **CONGRATULATIONS!!!! YOU HAVE WORKED HARD AND HAVE EARNED A WELL DESERVED DAY OFF!!!!!!**

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#))
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](#)) There will be no Monday E-Classroom Zoom Lessons due to school being closed. Students can still check in with teachers during office hours this week. Please Check Schoology - Any missing assignments in ALL classes can still be completed. Friday marks mid-quarter, and mid-quarter/IPR grades will be calculated by what is completed on Schoology by October 2.
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: We will continue to work on adding and subtracting rational numbers and have a midtopic quiz.
Science (Mr. Pearson): This week there will be a quiz on the structure of the metric system and metric conversions on Tuesday, September 29th (A - L & E-Classroom) and Wednesday, September 30th (M - Z). After that, students will be learning about how to measure length/distance in the metric system.
English - Mr Falteich - On Tuesday my A-L classes will take their first quiz (sentence combining to make correct compound and complex sentences) This week my classes will begin their study of literature. Our focus will be on the importance of setting and theme.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](#))

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: Students in Periods 3,6 and 9 will be working on subtracting integers this week. Students in Periods 2 and 8 will be adding and subtracting rational numbers.

Social Studies: Next week we will continue studying the 5 Themes of Geography and how they relate to major cities in the USA.

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](#)):

Checklist for virtual days:

- 1) **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.**
- 2) **Check your email and Schoology messages**
- 3) **Check each course's agenda for the day. Write down what you need to do on your weekly planner**
- 4) **Complete and Submit your work**
- 5) **Double check that you submitted your work!**
- 6) **Technology problem? Send a screenshot of what you are seeing so we can help!**

English: Students are working on their first writing piece. 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:** Ask your student about what they learned this week. I am sure they will have lots to share!

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.**
- ❑ **Reminder to ALL students: Please be sure to do your daily attendance from 8:00am to 3:00pm**
- ❑ **E-Classroom students: Mornday morning Zoom meetings are mandatory. Parents will be notified if you are choosing to not attend. Schedules are in Schoology Course Headquarters. Attendance is taken.**

In History, we will finish our unit on Jamestown and it's connection to the political, social and economic foundations of our country. Students will be researching the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies through a variety of media: blogging, Screencastify, Google Sites, ichtat, among other choices. **In ELA** (Wallach) we are continuing to focus on mystery fiction and elements of good fiction writing. We are also focusing our writing on text-dependent analysis. In Mrs. Hinkel's ELA class, we will continue to develop our characters for our mysterious narrative accounts Remember that quizzes on parts of speech are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 7. 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.

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 (9/29-10/2)! 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.** Stay after school for extra help. IPR week is approaching fast and missing grades may negatively affect your grade. **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](#)) Great news, students! Artsmart classes will be offered after all this semester! Classes will be held virtually here at Nitschmann via streaming from the professional artists at the Banana Factory. Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays immediately after school and include Cartoon & Anime, Mosaic, Creative Writing, and Jewelry and Wire design. Classes will last one hour. Mrs. Lare and Mrs. Lund will once again be leaders for the group. Class size is limited so email Mrs. Lare right away if you're interested. alare@basdschools.org

Dance Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Announcement was posted on Schoology- Tue/Wed 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 has begun! If you are interested in joining German club, come to room 313 on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings during Lion's Pride (hybrid students only). This week we will begin a film in German.

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](#)) If students still have their application, they should bring them in to student services and if they need another application, please see Mrs. Wallach. All applications are due to student services by Friday, October 9 at 3:00.

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Nitschmann Dramatics is proud to announce this year's show is Hairspray Jr.! **REGISTRATION IS 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 CONTINUE TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 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 with current members. We met with current members on Tuesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 23 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- Tue/Wed 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 9/28:** No rehearsals
- **TUESDAY 9/29:** A Hybrid/e-classroom String Orchestra 7:15am
 - A Hybrid jazz band 8:30am
- **WEDNESDAY 9/30:** Z Hybrid/e-classroom String Orchestra 7:15am
 - Z Hybrid jazz band 8:30am
- **THURSDAY 10/1:** A Hybrid/e-classroom Percussion & Color guard 7:15am

- **FRIDAY 10/2:** 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:

- Dress for the weather. We are rehearsing outside, so make sure you have a sweatshirt or a jacket. Flags might want to bring a pair of gloves in case your hands get cold from the metal flag poles.
- We will meet in the cafeteria for attendance check-in. I will be stationed near the large group room and the exit door.
- We will rehearse on the patio and sidewalk, but you can use the grass to practice tosses. The grass might be wet, so plan your footwear accordingly.
- We will allow a few minutes at the end of practice to wipe down equipment. Equipment will be stored in the faculty copy room, so we will show you where that is.
- Review basic skills, spins, and routines (YouTube playlist is here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMBPh7pCik7MnNmg7B44KMw>)

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. Zettlemoyer.

- **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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Choral Music (Twitter [@Idevriesmusic](#)) *[Mrs. Linda de Vries, Choral Music Director](#)*
[Mrs. Jody Parris, Choral Music Director](#)

Do you love to sing? Come and join Glee Club, Nitschmann's chorus! Watch our spring celebration video to take a peek into our beautiful choral family: [Glee Celebration Video](#). Hybrid students are currently meeting in person during Lion's Pride time. Come prepared to sing outside if the weather is nice. On October 5 we will also begin weekly Zoom rehearsals every Monday from 10:30-11:00. **Interested students should register at this link:** [Glee Registration](#)
Please see Mrs. de Vries with any questions. Let's keep the family growing!

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 kllong@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: Whole Group	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday, 9/23	NMS Grass Field: Under 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Thursday, 9/24	NMS Grass Field: Over 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday, 9/25	NMS Grass Field: Under 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org)

- Girls are asked to buy a pair of navy blue spandex to go with their uniform. Brand or length does not matter. If this is a problem for any player, she should speak to Mrs Hinkel or Mrs. Van Woert.

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 9/28	No School	No Practice
Tuesday, 9/29	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Wednesday, 9/30	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm

Thursday, 10/1	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Friday, 10/2	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm

Girls Field Hockey (Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org)

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 9/21	None	None
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](#))

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

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

Spring

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

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

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