

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, October 11, 2020, to Sunday, October 18, 2020

- [1st Quarter Interim Progress Reports \(IPR\) Grades: 1st Quarter Interim Progress Reports \(IPR\)](#) were issued to students on Thursday 10/8 & Friday 10/9. A paper copy was 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. [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!](#)

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	10/12	None	No School for Students (No Zoom Mtgs for e-Classroom) Columbus Day - Teacher In-Service Students! Use today to catch up on those assignments!			
Tuesday	10/13	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Field Hockey & Volleyball Home Games 4pm vs. Northeast	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/14	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity		Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/15	Even Day LEAD Last Day of Encore Rotation 1	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! Signed IPR due to HR Teachers Football Away Game 4pm vs NE	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	10/16	Even Day LEAD First Day of Encore Rotation 2	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! Signed IPR due to HR Teachers Field Hockey & Volleyball Away Games 4pm vs. NE	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	10/19	None	Virtual @ Home learning day	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home PM Zooms
Tuesday	10/20	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Field Hockey & Volleyball Away vs. EHMS Games 4pm	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/21	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity		Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/22	Even Day LEAD	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! Football vs EHMS Game Location TBA 4pm	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	10/23	Even Day LEAD	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! Field Hockey & Volleyball Home vs EHMS Games 4pm PIAA Grade Checks	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: T

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. . 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 werkheiser@basdschools.org for help with books or services!

The library website is full of resources for students. 📖 <https://beth.libguides.com/NitschmannMiddleSchool>

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

September 15 - October 15 is **Hispanic Heritage Month** 🎉

Honor those fighting or who have fought cancer by choosing a PINK book or reading a nonfiction book about cancer during October. ❤️🎀

Monday is **Columbus Day!** Enjoy your day off by reading a good book! 📖

October 14 is **NATIONAL DESSERT DAY** (Who wouldn't want to celebrate THAT?!). Why not check out a cookbook and whip up an awesome dessert? 🍰🍪🍩🍫🍬🍭
Don't be a lazy bones 🦴! **Trick or treat** yourself to a library book during October! 🎃👻



THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

October 20 - October 30

In the NMS Library OR ONLINE!

CHECK OUT all the info at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/nitschmannmiddleschool1>

You can start shopping **NOW!!**



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.*

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=VkZNM0hqZUhlNm9EUjZlTVhEMkYzZ09>

Meeting ID: 838 3969 1637; Passcode: HG0cPA

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86785937713?pwd=ZUg4VVV4S1p5elZlMjdJeEZncllPUT09>

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.

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](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](https://twitter.com/Mrs.Hackman)) Congratulations to Aja Saez and Luke D'Angelo who earned our September Pride of the Lions Award. We are so proud of their hard work so far. Interim Progress Reports were given to your child last week. Parents/Guardians should sign the report and have your child bring it back to school this week. Hopefully, you had an opportunity to have a conversation with your child about his/her progress so far this quarter. Please continue to check Schoology for current grades. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](https://www.facebook.com/NitschmannTeamLehigh) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](https://twitter.com/Mrs.Oliver)) **First and foremost, congratulations to Juliette Miller and Liam Bulman on earning our September Pride of the Lions**

Award. Their hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. We are officially half way through the 1st marking period of the year and Mid-quarter progress reports were sent home this past week.. It is important to note that this is a progress report, not a report card. For better or worse these grades can and likely will change by the end of the marking period. Also realize that the report only gives you a letter grade. For a more detailed picture of how your son/daughter is doing, log into schoology and check the actual grades for each subject area. Look for missing assignments that need to be completed and/or assignments that were not done well and examine what can be learned from them. We would encourage you to have a discussion with your child as you review their progress. The purpose of a Mid Quarter report is much more than just to report your child's grades to you. It is a springboard into discussions about what is going well, what is not going so well and how we can all support them in becoming successful students.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) Interim Progress Reports were sent home last week. We are asking that parents/guardians sign this and have your child return this to his/ her homeroom teacher this week. For current grades, please make sure to log into Schoology and look under Grade Report.

Team Kutztown (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#)) ** ALL Team Kutztown Students must return their parent-signed progress report (IPR) by this Friday, October 16.
IMPORTANT - TUESDAY OFFICE HOURS WITH TEAM KUTZTOWN TEACHERS ARE CANCELLED THIS WEEK, SO WE MAY MEET WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS. ALL E-CLASSROOM STUDENTS SHOULD CHECK THEIR SCHOOL EMAIL TO SEE IF THEY RECEIVED A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR A MANDATORY ZOOM TEAM MEETING ON TUESDAY, October 13 at 10:50. **Social Studies:**We have a quiz Tuesday/ Wednesday on the first 2 themes of geography, and then will move on to the last 3 themes.**Math:** This week we are finishing Unit 1 and will be preparing for a test. **Science (Mr. Pearson):** This week students will complete a lab on measuring volume with a graduated cylinder, learn the parts of a triple beam balance and how to use it, and then use the triple beam balance to measure mass. **English - Mr Falteich - Monday -** Students should complete their fourth vocabulary lesson by defining the seven new words and writing a good sentence for each one. Tues-Fri. After reviewing the definitions and types of irony, students will identify ironic events in stories by H.H. Munro. Students will be reading the story, “Gabriel Ernest.” English-Mrs. Gómez-Students have started the writing process for their narratives, which will be “scary stories.” Students are responsible for completing the plot diagram brainstorm for their story on Tuesday/Wednesday. They also should use the Quizlet link in order to prepare for their vocabulary test this Tuesday/Wednesday.

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

IPRs should be signed and returned to homeroom teachers.

English (Getz) - this week, students will review for their Unit #1 assessment, which will take place on Thursday or Friday.

(Downey) We are reading about Columbus and taking our first test this coming week.

Math: Students in Periods 3,6 and 9 will continue working with addition and subtraction of rational numbers and will have a quiz at the end of the week on Sections 1-1 - 1-5. Periods 2 and 8 will be working on multiplying and dividing and have a quiz on all 4 operations with integers at the end of the week.

Social Studies: We have a quiz Tuesday/ Wednesday on the first 2 themes of geography, and then will move on to the last 3 themes.

Science: We start on the scientific method this week, going through each step before going into how to differentiate between an observation and an inference on thursday and friday. Students will be given HW on Friday that’s due Sunday.

E-Classroom Students: No Monday Zoom meeting this week due to Teacher In-Service. Enjoy your day off! 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 - No school on Monday due to Teacher In-Service. Enjoy your day off! 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“Passion Project” books should be finished by 10/9. We are reading excerpts from *Ten Days in a Mad-House* and focusing on author’s purpose, point of view and theme. **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:** Please keep a log of questions until Mrs. Jarosz returns.. **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 and be prepared with completed work upon return.**
- ❑ **It is now OCTOBER! You have had a month to adjust and adapt to your schedule, teachers and workload. LATE points will be deducted from assignments.**

In History, students will be working on their ADVENTURE Travel Blog on the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies through Screencastify or Google Sites! Thank you to our librarian, Mrs Werkheiser, who put on a great lesson on researching skills and plagiarism. This week, we will focus on the New England colonies exclusively with the Mayflower Compact and Salem Witch Trials. **In ELA** (Wallach) we are continuing to focus on mystery fiction and elements of good fiction writing. We presented our literary elements project based on “The Lottery.” We will begin a new horror short story next week as we continue to look at development of plot. Mrs. Hinkel’s ELA class, we will begin finalizing the plot of our mysterious narrative accounts and begin writing our introductions! We also started our new grammar concept, which is introductory elements. . 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. **In Science** Students will be exploring the difference between Elements, compounds and Mixtures. The Stations Lab is in the Week 5 folder. Quiz will be 10/15 or 10/16.

Team Pitt (Encore) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#) Team Leader Mrs. Hoffman)

Health and Physical Education - 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. With the weather changing, make sure to be prepared to be outside on the turf!

Family and Consumer Science - 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.

Engineering Design and Fabrication - Parents please check your students schedules for their rotation 2 encore class. Any student enrolled in Engineering Design and Fabrication will need to provide their own clear safety glasses.

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. Please be mindful of due dates- points may be deducted for late assignments. Assignments that are overdue may no longer be accepted and students can receive a 0 for the work. **No Monday Meetings this week- Email questions.**



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](#)) We will have our first meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday 10/13 and 10/14 in room 104. We will meet once a month. Listen for announcements.

Art Club (Advisor [Mrs. Lund](#)) If you are interested in joining the **afterschool** Art Club, come to room 011 this Tuesday and Wednesday, 10/13 and 10/14 during Lion's Pride to sign up, space is limited. Art Club will begin the last week of October with a rotating schedule of Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:10pm to 4:10pm.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) This is the last week to sign up and start Art Smart classes. Classes will be held virtually here at Nitschmann via streaming from the professional artists at the Banana Factory. You will need your charged laptop. Classes will be held immediately after school and include Cartoon & Anime on Tuesdays (in Mrs. Lare's Room 317) and Mosaics on Thursday (in Mrs. Lund's Room 011). Classes will start at 3:10 and last one hour. Students will finish in time to make the late bus. Class size is limited so email Mrs. Lare right away if you're interested. alare@basdschools.org YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START ART SMART AFTER THIS WEEK.

Dance Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Announcement was posted on Schoology- Tue/Wed for veterans (hybrid only). New member tryouts will be announced 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 be making Alpine Hüte to prepare for Oktoberfest!

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](#)) First meeting will be 12/19 at 12:00pm. A Zoom link will be posted in our Schoology Group.

Lion's Pride (online school newspaper) ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet in room 201. Everyone should be signed up for an article on our spreadsheet in our shared drive. Please remember to create a slide introducing yourself in the Google slide located in the shared drive. Any student that wishes to join Newspaper should email me; nbouhana@basdschools.org

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. Hrinjak](#)) Auditions are now closed. There are no after-school rehearsals this week while the directors review the auditions videos and compile the list. Use this week to watch the various Hairspray movies, listen to the songs (and get them stuck in your head!), and do some background research about music and TV in the 1960s.

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

Reading Olympics ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) If your child loves to read and enjoys a good reading competition, he or she should join Reading Olympics! 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 are 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. 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 meet in room 201 this week to continue planning our activities.

Step Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Announcement was posted on Schoology- Tue/Wed for veterans (hybrid only). New member tryouts will be announced October.

Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) Schoology group access code - PRXX-SXVP-PKGTD.

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 Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music](#)

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

- **MONDAY 10/5:** No rehearsals
- **TUESDAY 10/6:** A Hybrid/e-classroom String Orchestra 7:15am
 - A Hybrid jazz band 8:30am
- **WEDNESDAY 10/7:** Z Hybrid/e-classroom String Orchestra 7:15am
 - Z Hybrid jazz band 8:30am
- **THURSDAY 10/8:** A Hybrid/e-classroom Percussion & Color guard 7:15am
- **FRIDAY 10/9:** 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 . [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 in the lessons folder of their Activity 1-11 class on Schoology,
 - In this folder one can find an alphabetized schedule of what day and time one has their lesson.
 - There are corresponding folders (1 for each lesson group). In that folder one and find the Zoom link for their lesson group.

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>)

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:**
 - 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. [Click here for the lesson schedule.](#)
 - Your lesson will be on the same day and at same time each week.
 - Zoom lesson links are posted on the Cut Time calendar and in the lessons folder of their Activity 1-11 class on Schoology,
 - In this folder one can find an alphabetized schedule of what day and time one has their lesson.
 - There are corresponding folders (1 for each lesson group). In that folder one can find the Zoom link for their lesson group.

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

-School lessons -

- **School instrument lessons . [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 in the lessons folder of their Activity 1-11 class on Schoology,
 - In this folder one can find an alphabetized schedule of what day and time one has their lesson.
 - There are corresponding folders (1 for each lesson group). In that folder one can find the Zoom link for their lesson group.

- Early morning rehearsals -

- String orchestra, percussion, and color guard will continue to have early morning rehearsals.

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.

Amazon smile - Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Go to <http://www.nmsim.org/announcements/amazon-smile/> for more information.

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](#)

AMAZON SMILE

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1. Log on to Amazon Smile. <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. If you can search for a charity from your home page type in: [Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association](#).
3. If you cannot search from the home page click on YOUR ACCOUNT.
4. Under Settings, look for Change your Charity.
5. Click on Change your Charity.
6. In the search box type Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association.
7. Click on the select button to the right of NIMA.
8. Create a bookmark and shop away.

Choral Music (Twitter [@ldevriesmusic](#)) [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](#))

Year-long

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

Anyone interested in cheerleading for NMS should attend open gym practices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during Lion's Pride. Please bring back signed intramural forms.

We are still unsure of what the winter season will look like. If we can have basketball season with spectators, we will hold a tryout for NMS Cheerleading for basketball. The team is reserved only for 7th and 8th graders due to PIAA rules. If we have a cheer team for basketball, practices will be moved after school. 6th graders may attend open gym during Lion's Pride in order to practice skills for the 2021-2022 tryout at the end of this school year. The time is also beneficial to 8th graders interested in trying out for LHS Cheerleading in the spring. **In order to be a student athlete in any setting, "student" comes first! I will be checking grades on a weekly basis to ensure everyone is in good academic standing.**

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/12	None	None
Tuesday, 10/13	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion's Pride
Wednesday, 10/4	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion's Pride
Thursday, 10/5	None	None
Friday, 10/6	None	None

Fall

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/12	None	None
Tuesday, 10/13	NMS Turf Field & Grass Field (Home FH Game)	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/4	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Thursday, 10/5	vs NEMS @ Northeast Grass Field	4:00pm
Friday, 10/6	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Football Season Game Schedule		
Thursday, 10/15	vs NEMS @ Northeast Grass Field	4:00 pm
Thursday, 10/22	vs. EHMS @ Nitschmann Turf Field	4:00 pm
Thursday, 11/05	vs NEMS @ BASD Stadium	5:30 pm
Thursday, 11/12	vs. EHMS @ BASD Stadium	5:30 pm

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/12	None	None
Tuesday, 10/13	NMS Grass Field: Whole Group	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday, 10/4	NMS Grass Field: Under 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Thursday, 10/5	NMS Grass Field: Over 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday, 10/6	NMS Grass Field: Under 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm

XC Season Game Schedule		
Monday, 10/19	MS Meet @ Monocacy Field	4:00 pm

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org](mailto: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, 10/12	None	None
Tuesday, 10/13	vs NEMS @ Nitschmann Gymnasium	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/4	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Thursday, 10/5	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Friday, 10/6	vs. NEMS @ Northeast Gymnasium	4:00 pm

Volleyball Season Game Schedule		
Tuesday, 10/13	vs NEMS @ Nitschmann Gymnasium	4:00 pm
Friday, 10/16	vs. NEMS @ Northeast Gymnasium	4:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/20	vs EHMS @ East Hills Gymnasium	4:00 pm
Friday, 10/23	vs. EHMS @ Nitschmann Gymnasium	4:00 pm

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/12	None	None
Tuesday, 10/13	Vs NEMS @ Nitschmann Turf Field	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/4	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Thursday, 10/5	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Friday, 10/6	vs. NEMS @ Broughal Grass Field	4:00 pm

Field Hockey Season Game Schedule		
Tuesday, 10/13	vs NEMS @ Nitschmann Turf Field	4:00 pm
Friday, 10/16	vs. NEMS @ Northeast Grass Field	4:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/20	vs EHMS @ East Hills Grass Field	4:00 pm
Friday, 10/23	vs. EHMS @ Nitschmann Turf Field	4:00 pm

Winter

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

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

Intramurals

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