

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, October 18, 2020, to Sunday, October 25, 2020

- **[Reminder to all Parents/Guardians:](#) When on campus waiting for your child, watching a sporting event, or attending a meeting, a face mask **MUST** be worn, even if outside.**
- **NMS Book Fair! Check our website for our NMS Book Fair** (<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/nitschmannmiddleschool1>), especially setting up an e-wallet for your child to purchase books easier this year. See the link at the bottom of the book fair website!
- **Fall Sports PHOTO DAY!** Fall Sports Team Photos, for students who participate in Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Volleyball, will be held in the Main Gym, on October 28th, from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Students must be masked prior to entering the Gym Entrance. Please use the attached link for instructions on how to place your purchase your picture package online: [Fall Sports Photo Order Instructions](#)
- **[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	10/19	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 @ BASD Stadium Time TBA	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	Virtual @ Home HR	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am

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Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
Monday	10/26	None	Virtual @ Home learning day	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home PM Zooms
Tuesday	10/27	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity		In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/28	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Fall Sports Photos 3:30-5:00	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/29	Even Day LEAD Last Day of Encore Rotation 1	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! NMS Walk-A-Thon (A-L) NMS Mock Election (A-L) Football vs NEMS @ BASD Stadium Time TBA	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	10/30	Even Day LEAD First Day of Encore Rotation 2	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! NMS Walk-A-Thon (M-Z) NMS Mock Election (M-Z) Bethlehem Trick or Treat 6pm-8pm	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: This week's edition of the BASD e-News contains information on the FREE 23rd Annual Community Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Lehigh Valley Hospital, a video about washing your hands properly from Elmo, The Foundation for the BASD announcement video of the B.E.S.T. Award Winners, BASD open positions, and a great healthy dinner recipe.

[BASD e-News from Dr. Roy - October 16, 2020](#)

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 . 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>



- B** is for the awesome **BOOKS** you can **BUY** at the fair!
 - O** is for **OCTOBER 20 - 30**, the days the fair is set up in the Nitschmann library.
 - O** is for **ONLINE ORDERING** from the 14th to the 27th.
 - K** is for all the **KINDS** of books we will have: fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, biographies, and so much more!
 - S** is for being able to **SHOP** with cash, check, credit, or ewallet.
- More book fair information can be found here 🖱️ <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/nitschmannmiddleschool1>
Preview some of the books here 🖱️ <http://www.scholastic.com/onlinepreview/index.html#6168052681001>

Celebrate these special days by checking out and reading a book!
Honor those fighting or who have fought cancer by choosing a PINK book or reading a nonfiction book about cancer during October. ❤️🎀
October 20 is International Sloth Day. Hang out and read!
Smart is Cool Day is October 22. Want to be smart? READ BOOKS!
Don't be a lazy bones 🧠! **Trick or treat** yourself to a library book during 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 School Wide 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=VkZNM0hqZUhlNm9EUjZhTVhEMkYzZ09>
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](#))

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee President

PAC Representatives

Core & Encore Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) Interim Progress Reports should have been signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher last week. If you have not done this yet, please make sure to send it this week.. After school help began last week. If your child would like to stay after school for a specific subject, please have him/her email the teacher with the day. We would also like the student to have the parent's email copied. We will be coming up with a themed basket idea next week for our school walk-a-thon. Any donations for the basket would be greatly appreciated. We will be visiting the book fair this week on Tuesday/Wednesday. If your child would like to purchase a book, please have them bring in some extra money. With only a few weeks left in the first quarter, 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/](#) Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade!!! As we all know education during this pandemic definitely is not ideal and has its disadvantages, but it is also an opportunity to grow as a learner. In a typical 5 day a week school, concepts are introduced, gone over practiced and reviewed to the point just being in the class was enough for them to know the content and material. In this new environment that is not the case. The responsibility of learning is now on the shoulders of the student. They need to learn how to learn. We kind of look at it like this. Prior to the pandemic the students came to school and got a cake. Now we give them the ingredients and the recipe and it is their job to make the cake. This is new to many of them and it is a process that is going to take some time for them to fully get into that mode. In the long run this is a good thing. In the long run, this is where we want everyone to get: to be an independent learner. As adults that is what we all need to be. We have the opportunity to develop these skills in our students. Learning is work and this is going to take work on everyone's part. We can not do this alone. We encourage you to sit down with your child to see what help they may need in getting to this level. They may need help setting up a daily learning routine, perhaps how to set priorities, or maybe just organizing the work and creating lists. Whatever it is, now is the time. Let's use this situation to our advantage and not waste this opportunity to grow as learners.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian/](#) Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) Congratulations to our September Pride of the Lions: Alexander Abboud and Diya Rana. Their hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. Please continue to check your child's grades on Schoology 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:**This week we will be concluding our 5 Themes unit and learning about "movement" and "regions". We will also be introducing the students to the electoral college.**Math:** This week we are finishing Unit 1 and will be preparing for a test. **Science (Mr. Pearson):** This week students will learn how to calculate density using the measurements for mass and volume. Then, they will put that knowledge into practice by completing a lab on density. **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 read and analyze the poem Annabel Lee by Edgar Allan Poe. Students will learn the elements of poetry and continue to work on the weekly vocabulary.

(Downey) We will be reading 'The Highwayman' and studying elements of poetry. We will also discuss elements of poetry in songs.



Math: Students in Periods 3,6 and 9 will have a short quiz on Tuesday/Wednesday on all 4 operations with integers. Later in the week, we'll be multiplying rational numbers. Periods 2 and 8 will be starting their 2nd unit (Topic 3 in the textbook), which is about ratios.

Social Studies: This week we will be concluding our 5 Themes unit and learning about "movement" and "regions". We will also be introducing the students to the electoral college.

Science: We start talking about controls & variables and how to identify them in an experiment this week, then conclude the week practicing how to write out each step of a lab report.

E-Classroom Students: Please check your email. If you are failing a subject, the Friday office hours will be mandatory until all grades are passing. Also, remember the Monday Zoom meeting this week! 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 "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! This week, we will interpret the primary source: Pennsylvania's Frame of Government and make connections to our Constitution. Students will also be using the TECHBOOK to research the Middle Colonies. **In ELA** (Wallach) we are continuing to focus on mystery fiction and elements of good fiction writing. We will read our last of the horror genre short stories with "The Monkey's Paw." We will have a short quiz next week on this story. Mrs. Hinkel's ELA class, we will be drafting our mysterious narratives. Rough drafts will be due on Tuesday, Oct. 26 and Wednesday, Oct. 27. We will also have our quizzes on introductory elements on Oct. 26 and Oct. 27.. 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 starting Physical vs Chemical Changes. The Stations Lab is in the Week 8 folder. Quiz will be 10/29 or 10/30.

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. - **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 next meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday 11/10 and 11/11 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, 10/20 and 10/21 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](#)) **New member** meeting will be Tues 10/20 and Wed. 10/21 during **activity** period in the **Auditorium**.

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 celebrating Oktoberfest! This will be the last week new members may join! Here is a picture of our Schultüten!

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 10/19 at 12:00pm. A Zoom link will be posted in our Schoology Group.

Lion's Pride (online school newspaper) ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will begin meeting after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays depending on the day you're in-school from 3:05 until 4pm. There is an activity bus available for those who take the bus on a regular basis. 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](#)) MathCounts is a nationwide mathematics enrichment and competition program. Nitschmann has had a long tradition of success. If you do well in math and are looking for a challenge, then you should get involved. Students in all 3 grades are welcome to participate. We will be meeting after school (both in person and through Zoom), alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:05 - 3:50. Our **first meeting will be Wednesday, October 28th** at 3:05 in Room 213 (and on Zoom for those in the Hybrid A and e-Classroom groups). Students MUST fill out this Google form in order to attend the first meeting.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRKjpYx4-QJlunsh7Qx3PUtuE2Ird6TtheVTFshIKDdndEwA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Lafey, nnovatnak@basdschools.org

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs_Nistchmann](#)) Applications were due on Friday and have been reviewed by faculty members. Look for more information next week.

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Auditions are now closed. The department list and cast list will be emailed, and you should have received your materials (cast script, crew notebook, or house clipboard) in homeroom. Watch for email updates from Mrs. Hriniak about rehearsals this week. Keep doing some online research about music and culture in the 1960s so you have a better understanding of our show.

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

Photography Club: Reminder to all photography club members that we will meet after school from 3:05 to 4:05 in Ms. Krause's Room 007 on Tuesday October 20th and Wednesday the 21st. Make sure to bring your own camera or phone to use for our after school workshop.

Reading Olympics ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) **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. We were excited with the turnout and our first few meetings were informative. The 2020-2021 Reading Olympics book list and summaries are available online on Nitschmann's website under the library. They are also available in the library. We are looking into a mask fundraiser this year. More info to follow at a later date. The competition will be virtual this year on April 15th, 2021 at 3:30 P.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](#)) Our sign up link will be posted soon. Passes are good Monday-Thursday this year. All family members are welcome to sign up for the discounted tickets.

Spanish Club ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will begin meeting after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays depending on the day you're in-school from 3:05 until 4pm. There is an activity bus available for those who take the bus on a regular basis.

Step Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) **New member** meeting will be Tues 10/20 and Wed. 10/21 during **activity** period in the **Auditorium**.

Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) Strategy Club will meet on 10/27(Tuesday A-L) and 10/28(Wednesday M-Z) in the Auditorium, during Lion's Pride time, for a brief informational meeting. Schoology group access code - PRXX-SXVP-PKGTD.



Student Lighthouse Team ([Advisors Mr. Kocon, Miss Bouhana, & Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) We will begin accepting applications for the student lighthouse team formerly known as the Leadership team. If you are interested in making and being part of the decision making process for schoolwide initiatives and activities, being a leader and advocate for your team, apply to join our Student Lighthouse Team. We will accept applications until October 30th and will then email those that will be participating in our interview process. We look forward to working with you. More information will be available during LEAD this week.

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 10/19:** No rehearsals

- **TUESDAY 10/20:** A Hybrid/e-classroom String Orchestra 7:15am
 - A Hybrid jazz band 8:30am

- **WEDNESDAY 10/21:** Z Hybrid/e-classroom String Orchestra 7:15am
 - Z Hybrid jazz band 8:30am
 - **NIMAS general membership is October 21 at 7:30pm.** The link is posted on the Cut Time calendar page.

- **THURSDAY 10/22:**A Hybrid/e-classroom Percussion & Color guard 7:15am

- **FRIDAY 10/23:** Z Hybrid/e-classroom Percussion & Color guard 7:15am
 - **LOGO CLOTHING ORDERS ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 23, 2020**

Each year we offer logo clothing for students, their family, and friends to purchase to show their school spirit and support for the Nitschmann instrumental music program. We are selling short-sleeve t-shirts or hoodie sweatshirts with either the instrumental music logo or color guard logo. You can even have your items personalized.

We made a slight alteration to the lion logo since this year is anything but normal. The logo below will appear on the back of the items.



Click on the image above to go to the online order form for more information, including sizes, pricing, and images of the items available. **Orders are due October 23, 2020.**

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.](#) [How to find my lesson time and Zoom link](#)
 - 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.

Color Guard Updates:

- In case of inclement weather we will rehearse in the Auxiliary Gym.
- 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 you have 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.](#) [How to find my lesson time and Zoom link](#)
 - 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.](#) [How to find my lesson time and Zoom link](#)
 - 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.
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- 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**. The link is posted on the Cut Time calendar page.
- 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.

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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](#))

- **Fall Sports PHOTO DAY! Fall Sports Team Photos, for students who participate in Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Volleyball, will be held in the Main Gym, on October 28th, from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Students must be masked prior to entering the Gym Entrance. Please use the attached link for instructions on how to place your purchase your picture package online: [Fall Sports Photo Order Instructions](#)**

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, 10/19	None	None
Tuesday, 10/20	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion’s Pride
Wednesday, 10/21	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion’s Pride
Thursday, 10/22	None	None
Friday, 10/23	None	None

FallBoys Football (Head Coach [Mr. Shemanski](mailto:mshemanski@basdschools.org) mshemanski@basdschools.org)

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/19	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/20	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/21	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Thursday, 10/22	vs. EHMS @ BASD Stadium	TBA
Friday, 10/23	None	None

Football Season Game Schedule		
Thursday, 10/22	vs. EHMS @ BASD Stadium	TBA
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](mailto:lschwartz@basdschools.org) lschwartz@basdschools.org)

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/19	MS Meet @ Hugh Moore Park	4:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/20	NMS Grass Field: Whole Group	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday, 10/21	NMS Grass Field: Under 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Thursday, 10/22	NMS Grass Field: Over 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday, 10/23	NMS Grass Field: Under 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel](mailto:ahinkel@basdschools.org) 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, 10/19	None	None
Tuesday, 10/20	vs EHMS @ East Hills Gymnasium	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/21	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Thursday, 10/22	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Friday, 10/23	vs. EHMS @ NMS Gymnasium	4:00 pm

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/19	None	None
Tuesday, 10/20	vs EHMS @ East Hills Grass Field	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/21	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Thursday, 10/22	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
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)

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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