

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, October 25, 2020, to Sunday, November 1, 2020

- **BASD Dr. Roy Video Update:** Check out Dr. Roy’s message with an update on our district progress this school year. [View this message at this link!](#)
- **NMS Monthly “Town Hall” with Dr. Mayes:** Check in with Dr. Mayes on Monday, November 2, 2020 @ 7pm for a Q&A session & meeting to review our progress so far this fall and plans for the upcoming 2nd Quarter. [Register in advance for this webinar at this link!](#)
- **Walk-A-Thon Activities Thursday & Friday -NMS Walk-A-Thon (Leadership Council)** Every October, the Nitschmann Nation holds its annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser to support school wide student activities. We will still be holding this fundraiser this year, with the addition of one new feature. ONLINE DONATIONS! Our goal is 100% student registration, so in an effort to achieve that, every student that is registered, will automatically receive a FREE raffle entry to win a pair of Apple AirPods! [Registration Link](#)
https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school_uuid=5f885baf4d3fa
- **AM Homeroom Check-In:** AM Homeroom check-ins at 8:15am will end this week due to low engagement by students. Homeroom teachers may provide occasional check-ins to connect with students, but this will no longer be provided daily. Office hours will continue weekly with teachers.
- **Grading & Teacher Help:** A reminder to parents & students that teachers are not available for instant responses by email or Schoology messaging during the regular school day, as teachers are engaged with students in classrooms. This will occur when teachers have an opportunity to respond when not in class.
- **Mock Presidential Election:** Our students will be participating in a mock election on Thursday & Friday during Social Studies periods to provide a learning experience. Rules & procedures for the election will be reviewed with all students.
- **Fall Conferences:** Our Fall Conferences will be held with your child and you online through Zoom on Monday, 11/23 12pm-3pm and Tuesday, 11/24 3pm-6pm. You need to sign up for a time slot online at <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/NitschmannMS>. After you register, you will get an email link to choose a time.
- **Fall Sports PHOTO DAY!** See information below under Athletics.

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	10/26	None	Virtual @ Home learning day Food Distribution 3:30-5:30pm	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home PM Zooms
Tuesday	10/27	Odd Day Lion’s Pride	AM Homeroom Check-In Ends	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home

		Activity			HR 8:15am	HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/28	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Fall Sports Photos /VB & FH Uniform Return 3:30-5:00 Students report for normal practice times in uniform, then change	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/29	Even Day LEAD	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! NMS Walk-A-Thon (A-L) NMS Mock Election (A-L)	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	10/30	Even Day LEAD	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

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Monday	11/2	None	Virtual @ Home learning day NMS Monthly "Town Hall" Webinar with Dr. Mayes	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home PM Zooms
Tuesday	11/3	No School for Students Election Day/Teacher In-Service				
Wednesday	11/4	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Photo Retake Day (A-L)	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	11/5	Even Day LEAD	Photo Retake Day (M-Z) Football vs NEMS @ BASD Stadium @5:30pm	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	11/6	Even Day LEAD		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 from Dr. Roy is available to view. We hope you enjoy it. [BASD e-News from Dr. Roy - October 23, 2020](#)

Picture RETAKES will be held on Wednesday, November 4th, for students with the last names M-Z and Thursday, November 5th, for students with the last names A-L. Please use this link to pre-order your photos: [PHOTO RETAKE PACKAGES](#)

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>

 **There is still ONE MORE WEEK to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair!!** 

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 25 is National Pasta Day! Why not devour rotini, ravioli, or rigatoni while you read? 

“National Tell A Story Day” is October 27. There are lots of stories to tell in our short story collection.  

Celebrate Frankenstein Friday on the 30th with a spooky book!

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.

NMS Walk-A-Thon (Leadership Council) Every October, the Nitschmann Nation holds its annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser to support school wide student activities. We will still be holding this fundraiser this year, with the addition of one new feature. **ONLINE DONATIONS!** While you may still send in cash/check donations, the easiest, and preferred method of donating is through our digital platform. Please take a minute today and register your student on the site using the link provided below, or the flyer also attached to this email. Registering is easy, and once completed, you can effortlessly post to your social media accounts, email, and even text your family and friends to support our fundraiser. Please be sure to select your students' homeroom teacher when registering, so that we can have a fun and exciting homeroom competition! Our goal is 100% student registration, so in an effort to achieve that, every student that is registered, will automatically receive a FREE raffle entry to win a pair of Apple AirPods! **Registration Link** https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school_uid=5f885baf4d3fa

Bus Changes (Transportation) Due to low ridership, and making our routes more efficient, we have eliminated some of our runs temporarily. Effective Monday October 26, 2020, the following changes have been made to the routes: Bus #113 - AM/PM Eliminated Bus #136 - AM/PM Eliminated

Nitschmann: Bus #107 will take #113's students AM/PM

e-Classroom Only Announcements

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@ 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=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.

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](#)) It is hard to believe that the 1st marking period is only two weeks away. Please make sure your child is up to date with his/her work. If needed, extra help is available after school. We are still accepting donations for our Team Lafayette gift card and/or basket for the walk-a thon. Thank you to those who donated. It is greatly appreciated. Just a reminder to continue checking Schoology for assignments. Try to follow a consistent schedule on your at home days and make sure to get your sleep at night. Don't forget to bring your computers to school fully charged. We have noticed several students needing to charge them when they get to school. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) The end of the 1st marking period is 2 weeks away. Are you aware of your child's current grades? If the quarter were to end today, would you be comfortable with your child's 1st report card of middle school? If so, let them know. Tell them how proud of them you are. If not, now is the time to sit down with them and come up with a two week plan to bring up the grades of concern. When doing this we tend to look back, blame and consequence. While that may be our gut reaction, we are encouraging you to look forward, organize and plan. Be proactive. Look for missing assignments and low grades that may be able to be fixed. Set aside a specific time each day for your child to work on them. We strongly encourage students to email us if they need help, attend zoom sessions and/or office hours, and to plan on staying after school on the days they are there until their grades are where they want them to be. Make this first report card something they can hang on the refrigerator and be proud of. This is the first step to a positive middle school experience. You got this!!!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) Interim Progress Reports should have been signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher. If you have not done this yet, please make sure to send it this week. After school help has begun. If your child would like to stay after school for a specific subject, please have him/her email or talk to the teacher to set this up. We are still struggling with students not completing assignments at home. All students received an updated grade report for language arts. Assignments that were missing were highlighted. Please review these with your child.

Team Kutztown (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#)) ** If possible Team Kutztown Students should remember to register and get pledges for the WALK-A-THON.

Social Studies: We will begin to work on our 5 themes final assessment, "5 Themes of Your Home". Students will also be introduced to the electoral college and the voting process, which will lead into our United States unit. **Math:** This week we are finishing Unit 1 and will be preparing for a test. **Science (Mr. Pearson):** This week students will finish the lab on density that they started last week and prepare for a test on the metric system next week on Thursday, November 5th (A - L

and E-Classroom) and Friday, November 6th (M - Z and E-Classroom). **English** - Mr Falteich - Monday - Students should complete their fifth vocabulary lesson by defining the seven new words and writing a good sentence for each one. Tues-Fri. After reviewing the definition of imagery, students will identify Saki's use of imagery in his stories. Students will be reading the story, "The Lumber Room." Students will be writing detailed descriptions using imagery/sensory details. Students will use this learning in their scary narratives for Mrs. Gomez. **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](#))

T-Shirt money for "Team Penn State" shirts due by Friday, October 30th.

English (Getz) - Book Fair this week. Tuesday (A-L) and Wednesday (M-Z). In addition, students will begin argumentative writing and focus on brainstorming and their introductions.

(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: We will begin to work on our 5 themes final assessment, "5 Themes of Your Home". Students will also be introduced to the electoral college and the voting process, which will lead into our United States unit.

Science: We start the formal lab report process this week by conducting a lab that relates heart rate to exercise. Students will go through the steps of the scientific method and import their data from the exercise lab. This will take us abt. 2 weeks.

E-Classroom Students: Please check your email. Remember, Friday office hours are 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 Students are continuing to explore the mystery genre. We will be visiting the bookfair on 10/29 and 10/30. You can also purchase books from the bookfair through the Nitschmann website. **Social Studies:** It's less than 10 days until the election! Find reliable and unbiased sources of information in preparation for our voting on 10/29 and 10/30. 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 make sure you are keeping up with your assignments; be sure to keep a log of questions while you are home. **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.**
- ❑ **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. E-Learners, you should be attending office hours if you have any questions or clarification on assignments.**



In History, we will be taking a Virtual Tour of colonial Charles Town and examine the southern influences of this region. Students will also be using the TECHBOOK to research the Southern Colonies. Students will continue working on their ADVENTURE Travel Blog on the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies through Screencastify or Google Sites! New due date for project is November 9th! **In ELA** (Wallach) we are continuing to focus on mystery fiction and elements of good fiction writing. We will begin to research mental institutions in the early 1900s in preparation for our next reading assignment which is an excerpt from *Ten Days in a Madhouse*. 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. **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. **Our team's annual Pumpkin Chucking contest is this Thursday - whose homeroom will win the battle?**

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 6th and 7th grade classes will be moving on to our cross stitch sewing project on Friday, November 6. Please send in \$7 for the cost of the cross stitch kit in an envelope labeled with the student's name.

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. **The end of the quarter is approaching quickly- please complete work on time- 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](#)) Tuesday Hybrid students in the **Afterschool Art Club** will meet this Tuesday, October 27, in room 011 from 3:10pm to 4:10pm. Wednesday Hybrid Students in **Afterschool Art Club** will meet Wednesday, November 4, in room 011 from 3:10pm -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](#)) Our next meeting will be 11/2 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-QJlunsh7Qx3PUtuE2lrd6TlHeVTFshIKDdndEwA/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](#)) Congratulations to our newest members! Our induction ceremony is scheduled for November 4 at 7pm. Students will be allowed to bring two guests to the ceremony.

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Rehearsals this Thursday 10/29 and Friday 10/30 are for Ensemble. Watch for update emails from Mrs. Hriniak for more details. 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](#)) Are you thinking snow? We are! You can register for your group and purchase passes until [October 31st](#) at the link below. Lessons may be purchased throughout the season, but must be purchased at least 48 hours in advance!

Here is a link to your group portal :

<https://group.shopskipluemt.com/group/register/1210370b-75fe-45bc-849d-d71743581a34>

There are two documents attached - One is a PDF with instructions on how to make a purchase in the portal. **Please note, if you need to create an account, please create an account as you and add the student as a child. If you create the account as a child, you will not be able to sign the waivers.** The other is a flyer with the products available for this year.

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](#)

The Weekly News of Note has been posted on your Cut Time news feed. <https://cuttime.net/signin.cfm>

Special Announcements:

- The Virtual Bethlehem Halloween parade is today, at 2pm on BASDtv, RCN (Channel 4), Service Electric (Channel 2 or 502)

COLOR GUARD UPDATES:

- Dress for the Weather. We are rehearsing outside, so make sure you have a sweatshirt or jacket. As the weather gets colder we will be moving into the auxiliary gym for morning rehearsals.
- We will meet in the cafeteria for attendance check-in.
- We will allow a few minutes at the end of rehearsal to wipe down equipment. Equipment will be stored in the faculty copy room.
- Review basic skills, spins, and routines.
 - **YOUTUBE Playlist** of skills, spins, and routines.
- There will be Fall Pep Rallies during the school day on Thursday 11/12 and Friday 11/13, and the **color guard** is performing in them! You will perform in ONE pep rally--the day when you attend school. (So Thursday students will participate in the Thursday pep rally and Friday students will perform in the Friday pep rally. E-Classroom students, please let me know if you intend to perform with us at this time.)

For the pep rally, the **color guard** will be involved in the following:

National Anthem (stand at attention for present arms/salute)

Nitschmann Alma Mater (short routine/poses/equipment placements for your section)

America (the routine we learned at Summer Band Camp)

Hey Song (easy routine with your section)

The music is posted on Cut Time so you can practice at home. (On the top, click on Files/Docs, click on Color Guard, and then click on your section.)

For the pep rally plan to wear a navy blue shirt. That could be a blue band shirt, a Color Guard logo clothing shirt (orders are due today!), a band/color guard shirt from last year or the year before, a Nitschmann shirt, a plain navy blue shirt, or another navy blue shirt with minimal writing/picture/logo. It will be November and we will be outside, so you might want to plan ahead for the weather with a sweatshirt or a long sleeved-shirt under a t-shirt.

Once we have more details about the pep rally we will send another update email, but make sure you are practicing your routines in the meantime.

Choral Music (Twitter [@ldevriesmusic](#)) [Mrs. Linda de Vries, Glee & Nitschmann Singers 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. We also have 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!

Nitschmann Singer auditions have begun! Nitschmann Singers is a small auditioned ensemble that offers a challenging repertoire in a fun atmosphere. Email Mrs. de Vries for audition information.

Glee Voice Placement: Flipgrids due by 10/30 (Resources and links on Schoology group page)

Nitschmann Singers Auditions: Flipgrids due by 10/30 (Resources and links on Schoology group page)

Rehearsal Schedule

Monday 10/26-Glee Zoom 10:30-11:00

Tuesday 10/27-Glee rehearsal hybrid AL during Lion's Pride

Wednesday 10/28-Glee rehearsal hybrid MZ during Lion's Pride
 Thursday 10/29-Nitschmann Singers AL rehearsal 3:05-4:00
 Friday 10/30-Nitschmann Singers MZ rehearsal 3:05-4:00

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

Fall

Boys Football (Head Coach Mr. Shemanski 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	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Friday, 10/23	None	None

Football Season Game Schedule		
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, 10/26	None	None

Tuesday,10/27	None	None
Wednesday, 10/28	NMS Gymnasium for Sports Photos	3:15-4:30
Thursday, 10/29	None	None
Friday, 10/30	None	None

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/26	None	None
Tuesday,10/27	None	None
Wednesday, 10/28	NMS Gymnasium for Sports Photos	3:15-4:30
Thursday, 10/29	None	None
Friday, 10/30	None	None

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/26	None	None
Tuesday,10/27	None	None
Wednesday, 10/28	NMS Gymnasium for Sports Photos	3:15-4:30
Thursday, 10/29	None	None
Friday, 10/30	None	None

Winter

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

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

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

Spring

Girls MS Softball (Head Coach Mr. Kocon ekocon@badschools.org)

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

Intramurals

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