

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**

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

Sunday, October 4, 2020, to Sunday, October 11, 2020

- [1st Quarter Interim Progress Reports \(IPR\) Grades: 1st Quarter Interim Progress Reports \(IPR\)](#) will be issued to students on Thursday 10/8 & Friday 10/9. A paper copy will be given to all students to get signed by their parent/guardian no later than Friday, October 16. In addition, all IPRs will be mailed home to students. [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!](#)

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**Links to Review**

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

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

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**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	10/5	None	Virtual @ Home learning day	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home PM Zooms
Tuesday	10/6	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Field Hockey & Volleyball Home Games 4pm	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/7	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity		Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/8	Even Day LEAD	<b>Pink Out Thursdays &amp; Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness!</b> IPR Distribution to A-L for Parent/Guardian Signature (Due back by 10/16 to HR) <b>October Pride of the Lions (A-L)</b>	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
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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 <b>Students! Use today to catch up on those assignments!</b>			
Tuesday	10/13	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Field Hockey & Volleyball Home Games 4pm	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	10/14	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Planner distribution to hybrid students (M-Z)	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	10/15	Even Day LEAD	Pink Out Thursdays & Fridays in October for Cancer Awareness! Signed IPR due to HR Teachers Football Away Game 4pm	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
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#### School-wide Announcements (All Hybrid & e-Classroom Students)

**Dr. Roy's Weekly Message:** This week's edition of BASD e-News from Dr. Roy is available to view. We hope you enjoy it. [BASD e-News from Dr. Roy](#)

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

**October PINK OUT** - Pink out shirts will be available for purchase for \$7.00 - please bring in the exact amount or a check made payable to Nitschmann Middle School. Shirts will be sold during HOMEROOM and AFTER SCHOOL in room 103 - Mrs. Hood. Available sizes are small, medium, large and XL. . If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hood at [thood@basdschools.org](mailto: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](mailto:werkheiser@basdschools.org) for help with books or services!

The library website is full of resources for students. [👉https://beth.libguides.com/NitschmannMiddleSchool](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.** ❤️🎀

The second week in October is **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**. Use OPAC to find a book with the word “fire” in the title to check out and read. 🔥🚒🔥🚒

In honor of “**MOLDY CHEESE DAY**” on October 9, check out and read I am the Cheese by Robert Cormier. 🧀🧀  
Don't be a lazy bones 🧟! Trick or treat yourself to a library book! 🎃👻



**THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!**

Keep an 👁️ out for more information.



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### **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.

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### **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=VkZNM0hqZUhlNm9EUjZhTVhEMkYjZz09>

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](mailto: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>

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### **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.

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### **BASD Dining Services**

<https://www.basdschools.org/dining>

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

[nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com)

**Executive Committee President**

**PAC Representatives**

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### **Core & Encore Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](https://twitter.com/Mrs.Hackman)) We are halfway through the 1st marking period. Grade reports will be coming home and will require a parent/guardian signature. This is a good time to sit down with your child to review what has been working and what needs to be altered in order to be successful. If you want a more detailed report, check Schoology for missing assignments and specific grades. On Monday, e-Classroom students should be

checking in with their teachers using the zoom links in each Schoology course. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#))

**When is a day off not a day off?** We are officially half way through the 1st marking period of the year and Mid-quarter progress reports will be coming home this 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 [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#))

We are at the halfway mark of the first Marking Period. You will see IPR coming home next week for a signature. You should be looking at your Grade Report in Schoology to see if you are missing any assignments. e-Classroom students we are meeting with you on Monday. You will be using the links attached to the calendar or the link found in your class under Class Headquarters.

**Team Kutztown** (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#)) We have officially reached mid-quarter.

Please make sure that you are keeping up with all assignments on Schoology - especially on the days that you are working from home. **Social Studies:** We will be studying the human features of a place, this includes culture, language and population.

**Math:** We will work on multiplying and dividing integers and rational numbers. **Science (Mr. Pearson):** This week students will be learning about how to measure length/distance with a meter stick and how to measure volume, specifically liquid volume using a graduated cylinder. **English** - Mr Falteich - Monday - Students should complete their third vocabulary lesson by defining the seven new words and writing a good sentence for each one. Tues-Fri. After reviewing the definitions of literary theme and inference on StudySync, students will be identifying the themes of several short stories by H.H. Munro. Conflict, setting, and irony will also be discussed this week.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/

Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](#))

**English (Getz)** - this week students will continue their "Sport Names" connotation activity. We will also read "Thank You Ma'am" by Langston Hughes and work on theme and comparing text to different types of media.

**(Downey)** We will be discussing theme, characterization and conflict utilizing the story, "Moonface."

**Math:** Students in Periods 3,6 and 9 will take a quiz on adding and subtracting integers and then move on to adding and subtracting rational numbers.. Students in Periods 2 and 8 have a quiz on the first five sections of Unit 1 and then move on to multiplying and dividing integers.

**Social Studies:** We will be studying the human features of a place, this includes culture, language and population.

**Science:** The first half of this week will be devoted to reviewing all material that we have covered in the past 3 weeks, including the metric system, how to measure things, metric conversions, the microscope, and how to use it/the parts.

Thursday and Friday are test days. On 1 day (when students are home), they will take the short answer/essay portion of the exam. On another day (when students are in class), they will take the objective part (multiple choice, T/F, etc.) of the exam. E-Class will do objective one day and the essays/short answers the next.

**E-Classroom Students:** Make sure you are checking into your mandatory Monday Zoom meetings. Follow the schedule that Dr. Mayes provided. Zoom office hours with teachers are on Friday afternoon. Check Schoology courses for times. Make sure you are doing the attendance every school day between 8:00am - 3:00pm.

**Hybrid Students** - Check your "to do list" in Schoology courses for every @ home day and complete your daily attendance each @ home day. Make sure your laptops are charged each day when you come to school.



**Team DeSales** (8th) (Team Leader [Mrs. Pogue](#)):

**Checklist for virtual days:**

- 1) **log on to Schoology daily to record attendance. You will be marked absent if you do not complete the daily attendance quiz by 3:05PM.**
- 2) **Check your email and Schoology messages**
- 3) **Check each course's agenda for the day. Write down what you need to do on your weekly planner**
- 4) **Complete and Submit your work**
- 5) **Double check that you submitted your work!**
- 6) **Technology problem? Send a screenshot of what you are seeing so we can help!**

**English**“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.**
- ❑ **Reminder to ALL students: Please be sure to do your daily attendance from 8:00am to 3:00pm**
- ❑ **E-Classroom students: Mornday morning Zoom meetings are mandatory. Parents will be notified if you are choosing to not attend. Schedules are in Schoology Course Headquarters. Attendance is taken**
- ❑ **It is now OCTOBER! You have had a month to adjust and adapt to your schedule, teachers and workload. Starting this week, LATE points will be deducted.**

**In History**, we will be researching the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies through a variety of media: blogging, Screencastify, and Google Sites. Our librarian, Mrs Werkheiser, will teach a class on researching skills and plagiarism. Monday’s Hot Topic will focus on the Electoral College vs the Popular vote. **In ELA** (Wallach) we are continuing to focus on mystery fiction and elements of good fiction writing. We are also focusing our writing on text-dependent analysis. In Mrs. Hinkel’s ELA class, we will finalize our characters and start to develop the settings of our mysterious narrative accounts. Remember that quizzes on parts of speech are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 7. Communication is KEY! Reach out to your teachers if you have any questions with assignments. Stay on track when working from home, this will reduce stress and anxiety. **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) 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. Mrs. Woodring’s FCS classes will begin working on the produce bag projects this week. Please remember to bring your old t-shirt, scissors, and a ruler.

**Team Bloomsburg** (Encore World Language and Library) (Twitter [@NMSBloomsburg](#) / Team Leader [Dr. Sierra](#))- Continue to complete your online assignments by the due dates as noted on Schoology. **If you have any questions, email your teacher.** Stay after school for extra help. 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. **Monday zoom meetings for e-class students are noted in schoology.**



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**Extracurricular Activities**

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

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

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

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



**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) Great news, students! Artsmart classes will be offered after all this semester! They start this week! 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](mailto:alare@basdschools.org)

**Dance Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Announcement was posted on Schoology- Tue/Wed for veterans (hybrid only). New member tryouts will be announced mid 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 Schultüten to welcome the new school year!

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

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

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

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

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

**Lion's Pride (online school newspaper)** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will not meet this week, but 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](mailto: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. Hriniak](#)) Nitschmann Dramatics is proud to announce this year's show is Hairspray Jr.! **REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN! VIRTUAL AUDITIONS ARE THIS WEEK!** Go to the website and click on the READ THIS FIRST document link. The registration link is at the bottom of that document. There are no more after-school informational meetings, but if you register we will send the information to you. Information is also available on Mrs. Hriniak's website. We will update information as we receive more details.  
<https://sites.google.com/a/basdschools.org/mrs-hriniak/dramatics>

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

**Reading Olympics** ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) 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 will begin meeting during school hours, during Period one, Lion's Pride, on a Tuesday / Wednesday, 8:30 A.M - 9:06 A.M. once a week in the library. All students, including 6th grade students and new 7th and 8th grade students will begin coming Tuesday, October 6th and Wednesday, October 7th in the**

library at 8:30 A.M. Please contact Mrs. Nonnemacher, Mr. Pearson or Mrs. Werkheiser if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great year!

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

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

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

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

**Spanish Club** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will hold interest meetings this week during period one for all students.

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



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

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    - 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

The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is part of the Amazon Smile program.

Now you can shop at Amazon, get great deals and support the Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association all at the same time. Please share this with your friends and family.

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**Choral Music** (Twitter [@ldevriesmusic](#)) [Mrs. Linda de Vries, Choral Music Director](#)  
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**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!

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**Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates** (Twitter [@NMS\\_Athletics](#))

## Year-long

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long [kllong@basdschools.org](mailto: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, 10/5	None	None
Tuesday, 10/6	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion's Pride
Wednesday, 10/7	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion's Pride
Thursday, 10/8	None	None
Friday, 10/9	None	None

### **Fall**

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/5	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/6	NMS Turf Field & Grass Field (Home FH Game)	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/7	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Thursday, 10/8	NMS Turf Field	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Friday, 10/9	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](mailto:lschwartz@basdschools.org))

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/5	MS Meet @ Freedom Track	4:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/6	NMS Grass Field: Whole Group	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday, 10/7	NMS Grass Field: Under 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Thursday, 10/8	NMS Grass Field: Over 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday, 10/9	NMS Grass Field: Under 8s	3:15pm - 4:30pm

XC Season Game Schedule		
Monday, 10/5	MS Meet @ Freedom Track	4:00 pm

Monday, 10/19	MS Meet @ Monocacy Field	4:00 pm
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Girls Volleyball (Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org](mailto:Mrs.Hinkel@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, 10/5	None	None
Tuesday, 10/6	vs BMS @ Nitschmann Gymnasium	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/7	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Thursday, 10/8	NMS Gymnasium	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Friday, 10/9	vs. BMS @ Broughal Gymnasium	4:00 pm

Volleyball Season Game Schedule		
Tuesday, 10/6	vs BMS @ Nitschmann Gymnasium	4:00 pm
Friday, 10/09	vs. BMS @ Broughal Gymnasium	4:00 pm
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:Mr.Burzynski@basdschools.org))

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 10/5	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday, 10/6	vs BMS @ Nitschmann Turf Field	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/7	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Thursday, 10/8	NMS Turf Field	3:15pm - 4:45pm
Friday, 10/9	vs. BMS @ Broughal Grass Field	4:00 pm

Field Hockey Season Game Schedule		
Tuesday, 10/6	vs BMS @ Nitschmann Turf Field	4:00 pm
Friday, 10/09	vs. BMS @ Broughal Grass Field	4:00 pm
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](mailto:Mr.Wills))

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

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

**Spring**

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

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

**Intramurals**

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