

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**

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

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

- **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!](#)
- **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.ptefast.com/schools/NitschmannMS>. After you register, you will get an email link to choose a time. The process for conferences is different this year. Please read the information below.
- **Winter Sports (Basketball & Wrestling):** Freshman Wrestling is set to begin later this month. Boys & Girls Basketball is scheduled to begin sometime after Thanksgiving. Students who played a fall sport do NOT need a new physical, just a [recertification form \(on our NMS website \(click link\)\)](#). Students who did not play a fall sport need a [BASD physical \(click link\)](#). Free physicals are Monday 11/2 @ LHS 5-8pm and Tuesday 11/3 @FHS 5-8pm. All students need a physical to try-out for wrestling or basketball.
- **BASD Hybrid & e-Classroom Surveys:** Please complete the survey below to provide feedback to BASD about our progress over the past 9 weeks. Make sure your voice is heard!
  - [Middle School eClassroom - English/ Middle School eClassroom - Spanish](#)
  - [Middle School Hybrid Survey - English/ Middle School Hybrid Survey - Spanish](#)

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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	11/2	None	Virtual @ Home learning day  <a href="#">NMS Monthly “Town Hall” Webinar with Dr. Mayes 7pm</a>	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	<a href="#">Photo Retake Day (M-Z)</a> NJHS Induction 7pm	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	11/5	Even Day LEAD	<a href="#">Photo Retake Day (A-L)</a> November Pride of the Lions Walk-A-Thon Reschedule Fall Pep Rally Football vs NEMS @ BASD	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am

			Stadium @5:30pm			
Friday	11/6	Even Day LEAD	Last Day of the 1st Quarter! November Pride of the Lions Walk-A-Thon Reschedule Fall Pep Rally	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am

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Tuesday	11/10	Even Day Lion's Pride Activity		In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	11/11	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Veteran's Day	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	11/12	Even Day LEAD	Football vs EHMS @ BASD Stadium @5:30pm	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	11/13	Even Day LEAD		Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	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 the BASD e-News is available to view at [BASD e-News - October 30, 2020](#).

**Student Conferences (Mayes):** This year, we will be altering the student conferences to align closer with our Leader In Me school goals. For the first conferences, we will be highlighting and talking about perseverance (the ability to do something in spite of obstacles). If there is one word that describes everyone this year, it is perseverance! Students will be discussing perseverance in LEAD class prior to conferences, attend the conference to talk about their progress & answer a question about perseverance, and the work on a post-conference activity to complete the reflection for their LEAD class. Students will not be preparing a presentation for the conference time as they have done in the past. Make sure you sign up for a conference time [at our scheduling website](#) for a 10 minute block with your child's teachers. Zoom links for


conferences will be sent to your child's BASD email account, as they should be present for the conference too. Dr. Mayes will be explaining this in greater detail at our November Town Hall webinar on Monday night.

**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 [lwerkheiser@basdschools.org](mailto:lwerkheiser@basdschools.org) for help with books or services!  
 The library website is full of resources for students. <https://beth.libguides.com/NitschmannMiddleSchool>  
 THANK YOU to everyone who shopped out our Scholastic Book Fair!

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

**Author day** is November 1. Read a book by your favorite author. Don't have a favorite author? Mrs. Werkheiser can help you find one! 

Celebrate **Election Day** (and a day off) on November 3 with a book about voting. 

November 3 also happens to be **Sandwich Day!**  Enjoy a delicious sandwich while reading a book!

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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.*

**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\\_uuid=5f885baf4d3fa](https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school_uuid=5f885baf4d3fa)

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**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.*

**Monday e-Classroom Schedule**

Nitschmann Middle School Synchronous Courses on Mondays for e-Classroom @ Home			
Time Period	6th Grade Course	7th Grade Course	8th Grade Course
8:00-11:30	Complete Assignments in Schoology		
11:30-12:00	Lunch		
12:00-12:20	Encore Rotations	Academic Period 2	Academic Period 3

12:25-12:45	Encore (Health/PE 6)	Academic Period 3	Academic Period 4
12:50-1:10	Encore (World Language/ Lit Dev.)	Encore (Health/PE 7)	Academic Period 6
1:15-1:35	Academic Period 2	Encore Rotations	Academic Period 8
1:40-2:00	Academic Period 3	Encore (Language/Lit Dev.)	Academic Period 9
2:05-2:25	Academic Period 4	Academic Period 6	Encore (Health/PE 8)
2:30-2:50	Academic Period 7	Academic Period 8	Encore Rotations
2:55-3:15	Office Hours if Needed	Academic Period 9	Encore (Language/Lit Dev.)
3:15-3:25	Office Hours if Needed	Office Hours if Needed	Office Hours if Needed

**e-Classroom Guidance Office Hours on Mondays! (e-Classroom ONLY!)**

**6th Grade: 11:00am- 12:00pm (Mrs. Hipp)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83839691637?pwd=VkZNM0hqZUhlNm9EUjZhTVhEMkYzZ09>

Meeting ID: 838 3969 1637; Passcode: HG0cPA

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86785937713?pwd=ZUg4VVV4S1p5elZ1MjdJeEZncmlPUT09>

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@basdschools.org); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](mailto:Mrs.Scott@basdschools.org); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](mailto:Mrs.Falcone@basdschools.org)

**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/MrsHackman)) The first marking period ends this Friday. Students should make sure they are up to date with their work and check Schoology daily. Monday and Tuesday would be great days to complete any assignments. If needed, extra help is available before/after school. Please email the teacher the day before to make arrangements and to make sure the teacher is available. Remember, sleep is an important part of your routine. Try to follow a consistent schedule on your at home days. We are noticing some sleepy students in our classes. Don't forget to bring your computers to school fully charged. Several students are needing to charge them during school. Thank you to those who donated for the walk-a-thon and our Team Lafayette basket. It is greatly appreciated. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](https://www.facebook.com/NitschmannTeamLehigh) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](https://twitter.com/MrsOliver))

We are one week out from the end of the first marking period. Tuesday we are off for Election Day. We are encouraging you to use this day to “choose” your grade (be realistic). Open your grade report and decide if this is what you want your report card to look like. If not you have the day to do something about it. Look to see if there are things you can do to bring up any grades you are not happy with. Look for missing assignments, assignments that may not have been turned in properly, or assignments that you may be able to re-do or revise. Take this opportunity to get your grades to where you want them to be. Only you can do this. It’s your choice.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamMoravian) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](https://twitter.com/MrsRoufakis))

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:** We are taking the Unit 1 test and starting the next unit. **Science (Mr. Pearson):** This week students will have a test on measuring in the metric system. Due to the Teacher In-service on Tuesday and the Walk-a-thon on Thursday and Friday the schedule is:

E-Classroom: Wednesday, November 4th - Friday, November 6th

M - Z (Period 3): Wednesday, November 4th

A - L (Periods 2, 6, 8, 9): Thursday, November 5th

M - Z (Periods 2, 6, 8, 9): Friday, November 6th

A - L (Period 3): Tuesday, November 10th

I apologize for the split schedule. If there are any questions, please let me know.

**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 are still working with rational numbers, wrapping up the unit and getting ready for a test next week. Periods 2 and 8 are working with rates and proportional relationships.

**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:** Please VOTE in 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**, our essential question will focus on “When is war justified?” We will take a look at the causes of the French and Indian War. Students ADVENTURE Travel Blog on the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies through Screencastify or Google Sites are November 9th! **In ELA** (Wallach) We are researching mental institutions in the early 1900s in preparation for our next reading assignment which is an excerpt from *Ten Days in a Madhouse*. Students have all the links and information to complete this assignment in Schoology. In Mrs. Hinkel’s ELA class, we will be revising our narratives. Last days to work on stories are Wednesday and Thursday this week. Final drafts of narratives are due Monday Nov. 9 at 8 pm.. **In Science** Students will be preparing for the Unit 1 TEST. It will be on States of Matter, Elements compounds and mixtures and Physical and Chemical Changes . **TEAM NCC’s Celebration will be this Thursday and Friday! We look forward to recognizing our students for their work, engagement and character this week!**

**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.

**General Music/Integrated Music** (de Vries)- All students need earbuds and encore folders for every class. 6th graders are learning to follow Broadway song scores by playing the keyboards. 7th graders remember to complete your Flipgrid beat and rhythm demonstrations. 8th graders are exploring figurative language through Sondheim’s West Side Story lyrics.

**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](#))- **Return your library books on time.** 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 FRIDAY- please complete work on time- Email questions.**



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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](#)) 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](#)) Wednesday Hybrid students in the **Afterschool Art Club** will meet this Wednesday, November 4, in room 011 from 3:10pm to 4:10pm. The next Tuesday **Afterschool Art Club** will meet Tuesday, November 10, 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](mailto:alare@basdschools.org) YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START ART SMART AFTER THIS WEEK.

**Dance Team** (Advisor [Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice to learn tryout dance: Tuesday and Friday after school in the auxiliary gym 3:05-4:05 for **ALL STUDENTS**: Hybrid or e-class. Extra practice during lion's pride for hybrid students.

**French Club** - ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) None at this time.

**German Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) **Hallo Alle!!!** German club is full!!! We will meet Wednesday morning in room 313 this week during Lion's Pride (hybrid students only). This week we will be finishing our Film in German! See you then!

**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 are 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](mailto:nbouhana@basdschools.org) Students interested in joining should stop by and see Miss Bouhana in room 201 for more information.

**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-QJlunsh7Qx3PUtuE2lrd6TlTheVTFshIKDdndEwA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRKjpYx4-QJlunsh7Qx3PUtuE2lrd6TlTheVTFshIKDdndEwA/viewform?usp=sf_link) Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Lafey, [nnovatnak@basdschools.org](mailto: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 4th at 7pm. Students will be allowed to bring two guests to the ceremony.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Rehearsals this Wednesday 11/4 and Thursday 11/5 are for Crew and House. Watch for update emails from Mrs. Hriniak for more details. Keep doing some online research about Hairspray background topics so you have a better understanding of our show.



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

**Photography Club:** None at this time

**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.shopski bluemt.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 are 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. If you are interested in joining, stop by and speak with Miss Bouhana in room 201 for more information.

**Step Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice to learn tryout dance: Tuesday and Friday after school in the auxiliary gym 3:05-4:05 for **ALL STUDENTS:** Hybrid or e-class. Extra practice during lion's pride for hybrid students.

**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 - [T8G6-4KWP-DTMC2](#).

**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!

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

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 11/1: First assignment of virtual recording due for jazz band and string orchestra. (Assignments are in SmartMusic)

Monday 11/2: No Rehearsal

Tuesday 11/3: No Rehearsal & No Lessons

Wednesday 11/4: Z Hybrid String Orchestra 7:15am

Z Hybrid Jazz band 8:30am

Thursday 11/5: A Hybrid Percussion & Color guard 7:15am

Color guard performing at pep rally

Friday 11/6: Z Hybrid Percussion & Color guard 7:15am

Color guard performing at pep rally

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### SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS:

Lesson schedule and Zoom links can be found in your Schoology Activity Section 1-11 class.

This is a short video on [HOW TO FIND YOUR LESSON DAY, TIME, and ZOOM LINK.](#)

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### COLOR GUARD UPDATES:

Please read carefully for an important update regarding the Pep Rally.

The Pep Rally dates have been moved up a week to THURSDAY NOV. 5 and FRIDAY NOV. 6 so that the Walk-a-Thon and Pep Rally can be held on the same days. That is next week! We will still be performing at the pep rally. This means we will lose a week of rehearsal time to prepare for the pep rally, and that's okay. We understand that the routines will not be perfect. The important part is that we show our lion pride and have fun performing with our color guard friends.

Keep practicing at home over the weekend and on your home day on Monday. There is no school Tuesday 11/3 due to the Teacher In-Service for Election Day, so this would be a good opportunity to check in with your section by email, text, FaceTime, Zoom, etc.

Unfortunately due to the change in dates we will probably not have our optional clothing orders in time for the pep rally. Please plan to wear anything navy blue: a blue band shirt, a guard shirt from last year or the year before, a Nitschmann shirt, or anything blue. Wear sneakers. We will be outside, so plan for the weather with a navy blue sweatshirt or a

long-sleeved shirt underneath a navy blue t-shirt. You will also be doing the Walk-a-Thon on the same day, so please plan accordingly.

We will still be able to have early morning rehearsal next week, so we will have one more chance to practice with our sections before we perform. Remember, even though there are two pep rallies you just perform at the pep rally on your school day. If you go to school on Thursday you are in the Thursday pep rally. If you go to school on Friday you are in the Friday pep rally. Please do not come to school on your home day.

In case of inclement weather next week, both events will be moved to Nov. 12 and 13 (the originally scheduled dates of the pep rally).

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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 cipy 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.

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## **NIMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next NIMAS general membership meeting is Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30pm.

If you received an invitation email from Mr. Zettlemoyer from Cut Time, that is because you need to complete the activation of your Cut Time profile.because

Logo clothing orders have been processed.

Everyone who ordered optional clothing should have received a confirmation email, with instructions on how to pay via Cut Time. If you did not receive that email, or if you prefer to pay by check, please send the check in, written to NIMAS to Mr. Z's attention.

People who indicated they would like to pay by credit card should now have a financial obligation added to your Cut Time account. Directions on how to pay by credit card are located here. ([Credit card payment directions](#))

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## FUNDRAISING:

Amazon Smile - Amazon Smile 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.

**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 are now due! (Resources and links on Schoology group page)

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## Rehearsal Schedule

Monday	11/2-Glee Zoom <b>10:15-10:55</b> (New time!) <a href="#">Link on Schoology group page</a>
Tuesday	11/3-No school, No Glee rehearsal hybrid AL
Wednesday	11/4-Glee rehearsal hybrid MZ during Lion's Pride
Thursday	11/5-Nitschmann Singers <b>AL and MZ rehearsal</b> 3:05-4:00 (Change!)
Friday	11/6- <b>No rehearsal</b>

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

**Winter Sports (Basketball & Wrestling):** Freshman Wrestling is set to begin later this month. Boys & Girls Basketball is scheduled to begin sometime after Thanksgiving. Students who played a fall sport do NOT need a new physical, just a [recertification form \(on our NMS website \(click link\)\)](#). Students who did not play a fall sport need a [BASD physical \(click link\)](#). Free physicals are Monday 11/2 @ LHS 5-8pm and Tuesday 11/3 @FHS 5-8pm. All students need a physical to try-out for wrestling or basketball.

## 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, 11/2	None	None
Tuesday, 11/3	None	None
Wednesday, 11/4	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion's Pride
Thursday, 11/5	None	None
Friday, 11/6	None	None

### **Fall**

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 11/2	NMS Turf Field	4:00-5:30pm
Tuesday, 11/3	NMS Turf Field	4:00-5:30pm
Wednesday, 11/4	NMS Turf Field	4:00-5:30pm
Thursday, 11/5	vs NEMS @ BASD Stadium	5:30 pm
Friday, 11/6	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](mailto:lschwartz@basdschools.org))

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

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

### **Winter**

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

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

Boys & Girls LHS HS Wrestling ([Head Coach Mr. Hall](mailto: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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