

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**

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

**Sunday, November 8, 2020, to Sunday, November 15, 2020**

- **First Day of 2nd Quarter:** Grades have been completed for the 1st Quarter. The 2nd Quarter begins on Monday. Report Cards will be issued by mail to all students at their home addresses & will be posted formally in the Home Access Center (HAC).
- **Attendance Change for 2nd Quarter:** All students will no longer be required to complete an Attendance Assignment in Citizenship for daily attendance. To be marked present, a student MUST log into Schoology and access their course materials each day (Monday through Friday). This is a more accurate way to show students are completing their work each day. Students who do not log in to Schoology on their Virtual @ Home days will be marked absent. Students in hybrid will be marked present when at school. Please contact Dr. Mayes with any questions.
- **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. The process for conferences is different this year. Please read the information below.
- **Winter Sports (Basketball & Wrestling):** Freshman Wrestling is set to begin this month. Boys & Girls Middle School Basketball is scheduled to begin 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). **All students MUST HAVE a physical/recert form to try-out for wrestling or basketball.**

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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 [NMS Website](#) & [BASD Event Calendar](#)**

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
Monday	11/9	None	Virtual @ Home learning day First Day of the 2nd Quarter	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home PM Zooms
Tuesday	11/10	Even Day Lion's Pride Activity	NMS Food Drive Begins	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	Wear Red/White/Blue for Veteran's Day Celebration! 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	Wear Red/White/Blue for Veteran's Day Celebration!	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
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Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
Monday	11/16	None	Virtual @ Home learning day	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home PM Zooms
Tuesday	11/17	Even Day Lion's Pride Activity		In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	11/18	Odd Day Lion's Pride Activity	Veteran's Day	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	11/19	Even Day LEAD		In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	11/20	Even Day LEAD		Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am	In-Person @ School	Virtual @ Home HR 8:15am

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Monday	11/23	None	Virtual @ Home learning day Assignments will be posted to Schoology Student Conferences 12pm-3pm	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home
Tuesday	11/24	None	Virtual @ Home learning day Assignments will be posted to Schoology Student Conferences 3pm-6pm	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home	Virtual @ Home
Wednesday	11/25	None	No School Thanksgiving Holiday	School Closed		
Thursday	11/26	None	No School Thanksgiving Holiday Happy Thanksgiving!	School Closed		

Friday	11/27	None	No School Thanksgiving Holiday	School Closed
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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 contains fun, exciting and informing segments like the school winners of the **Bethlehem Halloween parade**, the **daily announcements from Liberty High School**, the **Freedom National Honor Society Induction Ceremony**, and always **up-to-date COVID information**. Also, check out this week's edition to view some new **BASD gear for men**. BASD gear items make great holiday gifts.

[BASD e-News from Dr. Roy - November 6, 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.

**The Annual Nitschmann Thanksgiving Food Drive** begins tomorrow. Students should bring in canned goods/non-perishable food items for their homeroom's Thanksgiving Basket. This year has been difficult for many, and New Bethany Ministries is hoping to help more needy families in the city of Bethlehem. Students may also bring in donations for turkey purchases to accompany each homeroom's food basket donation.

**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 at our Scholastic Book Fair!

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

Honor those who have served our country on **VETERANS DAY (November 11)** by reading a nonfiction book about World War I or World War II, OR read a fiction book with a veteran as a main character. ●○●

**November 14 is DIWALI.** Don't know what Diwali is? Mrs. Werkheiser can help you find out! 🧑🏻‍🔬

**FAST FOOD DAY** is November 16. Have you ever read "Chew on This!?" 🍔🍟

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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.*

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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.*

**Monday e-Classroom Schedule**

<b>Nitschmann Middle School Synchronous Courses on Mondays for e-Classroom @ Home</b>			
<b>Time Period</b>	<b>6th Grade Course</b>	<b>7th Grade Course</b>	<b>8th Grade Course</b>
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=VkZNM0hqZUhlNm9EUjZhTVhEMkYjZz09>

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](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](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) Congratulations to our October Pride of the Lions: Murtaza Ali and Claire Sabetti. You are doing an awesome job representing Team Lafayette. Keep up the great work. As we close out the first marking period, it is a good time for students and teachers to reflect on the learning that was accomplished. We are looking forward to a successful second quarter. The focus moving forward will be on completing and submitting work on time. It is important for students to develop a strong work ethic in middle school. Thank you to all of the students who are putting in the effort on a daily basis. Keep in mind that before and after school extra help is available. Please reach out to the teacher the day before to schedule a time.

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

**We need to start by congratulating our October Pride of the Lions: Stella Georgalas and Ahsan Tariq. They truly model what being a Nitschmann Lion is all about.**

As we end the first marking period, it is time to reflect on what went well, what not so well and what lessons did we learn. The transition from elementary school to middle school is a tough one for many. In addition to the typical new friends, new teachers, new school, there is a different level of work to get used to as well. . That was compounded this year by the amount of technology that everyone had to learn to use. . That being said, aside from any of the academics, we are hoping as we close this quarter out that the students are now used to the ins and outs of the Chromebook, Schoology and all the various learning platforms that each class uses. That in itself should make the 2nd marking period a much easier go. The other take away from the first marking period that we hope everyone came away with was to not fall behind. Falling behind not only causes a lot of stress for the student but puts a strain on the entire family. Once you fall behind it does not take long to become so overwhelmed you do not know what to do and how to get it done. This causes frustration on both the students and the parents parts, often resulting in arguing and tears. Learning can not take place that way!!! Worse, it breaks down trust which is often difficult to build back. Let's take the opportunity of the clean slate of the 2nd Marking Period, build a routine of getting the daily work done and not falling behind. We promise you that if you can do this, you will have a much happier and successful remainder of the year. You Got This!!!!

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#))

Congratulations to our October Pride of the Lions: Hailey Torres and Emerson Dougherty! We are proud of you!

Our students had a lot of learning to do for the first quarter. They not only transitioned to middle school, but they also learned how to use Schoology. At this point, they should all be comfortable with the schedule and finding and submitting assignments. We look forward to a much smoother 2nd quarter with assignments completed on time. Students should continue to look for assignments on Schoology and talk to their teachers about any questions they may have. We have started extra help sessions before and after school. Please have your student speak with his/her teacher if interested.

**Team Kutztown** (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#))

**Social Studies:** Students will be introduced to the geography of the United States. We will then focus on the different regions of the US, starting with the Northeast region. **Math:** We are taking the Unit 1 test and starting the next unit.

**Science (Mr. Pearson):** This week students will begin learning about how scientists solve problems using the scientific method. **English - Mr Falteich -TEST IN VOCABULARY ON TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY - LESSONS 1-5 (35 words) STUDENTS WERE GIVEN A STUDY GUIDE AND WERE ASSIGNED TO MAKE FLASHCARDS FOR REVIEW.**

**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](#))

**Parents** -- please sign up for a conference time for either November 23rd or 24th. See Dr. Mayes' directions for signing up.

**English (Getz)** - Students will continue argumentative writing and finish drafting. We will also work on revising and editing. Argumentative paper due 11/16.

**(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 starting a new unit on ratios and proportional relationships. We'll be finding unit rates and using them to make comparisons. Periods 2 and 8 are wrapping up the unit on ratios and proportional relationships and should expect a test the week of 11/16.

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**Science:** Students will receive their rough drafts back and will have to type them up at home. They are due the following week before thanksgiving break. During class, we start talking about the 8 characteristics of all living things.

**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:** We will begin an Oral History project in the weeks before Thanksgiving. The project requires an interview with a person that is 63 years old or older. **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](#))

**The winners of the pumpkin chucking contest were Nick Rallis, Keimya Johnson, Sophia Rivera, and Nate Abboud! It was a great Thursday/Friday to be a Spartan. We loved celebrating hard work, character, attendance, and academics! In History,** our essential question will focus on "When is war justified?" We will take a look at the causes/effects of the French and Indian War and the connection to the start of the Revolution. Students ADVENTURE Travel Blog on the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies through Screencastify or Google Sites are November 9th! **In ELA** (Wallach) Students need to read the excerpt from *Ten Days in a Madhouse* in their StudySync workbooks on Monday in preparation for an upcoming project. Students received *The Outsiders* book from the library and will need to bring this every day to class. 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 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 December after Thanksgiving. Watch Sunday email & announcements for details.

**Anime Club** (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#)) We will have our next meeting this 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, November 10, in room 011 from 3:10pm to 4:10pm. The next **Afterschool Art Club** will meet Wednesday, November 18, 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 making Lanterns for Skt. Martin's Tag and Wreaths for Allerheiligen! **Please bring in an EMPTY 2L bottle if you can!** 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.

**Lacrosse Intramurals:** ([Advisor Ms. Weinert](#)) We will start Lacrosse Intramurals starting Tuesday November 10th through Friday November 20th. See attachment for [Parent consent form](#) that must be handed in before practice. [Tee Shirt](#) order is optional (\$10, cash only). See attached [Schedule](#) for specific dates and times, email Ms. Weinert with any additional questions.

[Parent consent form](#)

**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](#)) **We're still welcoming new members in grades 6, 7 and 8.**

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 **third meeting will be Wednesday, November 11th** 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.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRKjpYx4-QJlunsh7Qx3PUtuE2Ird6TtheVTFshIKDdndEwA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRKjpYx4-QJlunsh7Qx3PUtuE2Ird6TtheVTFshIKDdndEwA/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 was wonderful and it was great to honor the whole group for induction. Our first meeting is scheduled for November 10th and 11th after school. We will review elected positions with the goal of conducting an election the following week.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Rehearsals this week are Tuesday/Wednesday Principal Characters and Understudies, Thursday/Friday Ensemble.. 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. 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 still 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 11/8: Second assignment of virtual recording due for jazz band and string orchestra. (Assignments are in SmartMusic)

Monday 11/9: No Rehearsal

Tuesday 11/10: A Hybrid String Orchestra 7:15am

A Hybrid Jazz band 8:30am

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

Z Hybrid Jazz band 8:30am

Thursday 11/12: A Hybrid Percussion & Color guard 7:15am

Friday 11/13: Hybrid Percussion & Color guard 7:15am

## **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](#).

## **COLOR GUARD UPDATES:**

Great job at the pep rally performance!

Rehearsals continue Thursdays and Fridays as we prepare for the Winter Performance.

We will meet in the cafeteria for attendance check-in and rehearse in the Aux Gym.

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.

## **NIMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The \$25 registration fee has been added to your child's financial obligation page on Cut Time. There are 3 ways you can make a payment.

- You can use funds from your fair share account. Please email the treasurer at [NIMASTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:NIMASTreasurer@gmail.com) if you would like to use your fair share to pay the registration fee.
- You can pay online with a credit or debit card.
- You can mail a check to: (Make your check payable to NIMAS. Write your child's full name on the memo line.)

NIMAS

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If you have any questions, please contact the treasurer at [NIMASTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:NIMASTreasurer@gmail.com).

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### **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.

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)

**FUNDRAISING:**

Amazon Smile - Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile 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 10:15-10:55. **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)  
**Nitschmann Singers Auditions:** Flipgrids are now due! (Resources and links on Schoology group page)

**Rehearsal Schedule**

Monday 11/2-Glee Zoom **10:15-10:55 (New time!)** **Link on Schoology group page**  
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 **AL and MZ rehearsal 3:05-4:00 (Change!)**  
Friday 11/6-**No rehearsal**

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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 \(click link\)](#). 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, 11/9	None	None
Tuesday, 11/10	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion’s Pride
Wednesday, 11/11	Gymnasium	Meeting during Lion’s Pride

Thursday, 11/12	None	None
Friday, 11/13	None	None

**Fall**

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday, 11/9	NMS Turf Field	4:00-5:30pm
Tuesday, 11/10	NMS Turf Field	4:00-5:30pm
Wednesday, 11/11	NMS Turf Field	4:00-5:30pm
Thursday, 11/12	vs. EHMS @ BASD Stadium	5:30 pm
Friday, 11/13	None	None

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))

All boys who will be trying out for boys basketball after Thanksgiving MUST have a BASD physical or a recertification form complete. Students will not be permitted to try-out without this paperwork on file in Student Services.

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

All girls who will be trying out for girls basketball after Thanksgiving MUST have a BASD physical or a recertification form complete. Students will not be permitted to try-out without this paperwork on file in Student Services.

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

All students who will be trying out for LHS Freshman Wrestling MUST have a BASD physical or a recertification form complete. Students will not be permitted to try-out without this paperwork on file in Student Services.

**Spring**

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

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

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