

This Week's Major Headlines

- Have you checked your child's [Schoolology account](#) for the upcoming week? [Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)
- Spring Sports Tryouts begin (for 7th and 8th graders only) Monday... check below for details
- This week is National School Breakfast Week. There are several special events this week - see below.

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, March 1, 2020, to Sunday, March 8, 2020

All of this information can be viewed at our

[Nitschmann Middle School Website](#) under [Weekly Announcements \(Click Here!\)](#)

Links to Review

[Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

All dates are listed from our [NMS Website](#), [BASD Event Calendar](#), & [BASD Academic Calendar](#)

3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins; 3/11 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 3/27 End of 3rd Quarter; 4/7 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 4/8 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 4/9-4/13 Easter/Spring Break/No School; 4/28 Primary Election Day/No School 5/25 Memorial Day/No School; 5/29 8th Grade Dance 6pm @ Ice House; 6/4 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 6pm; 6/8 8th Grade HersheyPark Trip; 6/9 Last Day of School/End of 4th Quarter

Weekly Schedule & Highlights

National School Breakfast Week

Monday, 3/2/20 Day 1 March Faculty Meeting (No Afterschool Activities unless announced, Spring Sports Begin!)

Tuesday 3/3/20 Day 2

Wednesday, 3/4/20 Day 3 8th Grade Laptop Check (Homeroom)

Thursday, 3/5/20 Day 4 8th Grade BASD Foundation Field Trip To Philadelphia (Group 4); Vo-Tech Tour for Team NCC

Friday, 3/6/20 Day 5

Saturday, 3/7/20

Sunday, 3/8/20 Daylight Savings Time Returns (Clocks Spring Forward 1 Hour)

Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

Monday, 3/9/20 Day 6

Tuesday 3/10/20 Day 1

Wednesday, 3/11/20 Day 2 11:30am Dismissal In-Service for Teachers

Thursday, 3/12/20 Day 3

Friday, 3/13/20 Day 4 Broughal Jazz Festival, Leprechaun Dance

Saturday, 3/14/20 Bethlehem Parade of Shamrocks

Sunday, 3/15/20

Monday, 3/16/20 Day 5 NPG Meeting/8th Grade Parent Meeting with LHS Admin @ NMS; 8th Grade Circles

Tuesday 3/17/20 Day 6 St. Patrick's Day/Wearing of the Green

Wednesday, 3/18/20 Day 1

Thursday, 3/19/20 Day 2

Friday, 3/20/20 Day 3 Nitschmann Jazz Festival 7pm; Team Moravian@Moravian College

Saturday, 3/21/20

Sunday, 3/22/20

Important Links

[BASD Dining Services Menu & Website](#)

[NMS Staff Email Directory](#)

[BASD Volunteer Information](#)

Recent Nitschmann News! (Always posted on our Social Media sites too!)

Twitter: [@NitschmannMS](#); Facebook: [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Instagram: [@BASDNitschmannMS](#); [NMS School Website](#); [YouTube](#)

Is your child sick? You can submit your child's sick note by email to ni-attendance@basdschools.org, as long as the email on your child's account matches the email address. Please note: If you are submitting a written or doctor's note do not submit an email. It should be one or the other. Please email Mrs. Falcone at mfalcone@basdschools.org with any questions or concerns. Please note that this is *ONLY* for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

Do you need help with BASD Transportation? Call 610-861-0360!

Transition Information

8th Grade (NMS to LHS)

[Liberty High School Website Link](#)

[Liberty High School Program of Studies](#)

3/16/20 Student Circle Groups with Mr. Bailey (@ Nitschmann Middle School)

3/16/20 Small Group Parent Meeting with Mr. Bailey (@ Nitschmann Middle School NPG Meeting 6:30pm)

3/24/20 Shadow Visit to Liberty High School

5/29/20 8th Grade Dance 6pm @ Ice House

[Directions & Information](#)

6/4/20 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 6pm

[8th Grade T-Shirts & Flower Pre Orders Website](#)

6/8/20 8th Grade Hershey Park Trip

5th Grade (Elementary Schools to NMS)

[Link to Dates & Information](#)

[Link to January Presentation](#)

2/27/20 *Grade 5 Visit for our Spring Musical, Alice in Wonderland Jr. at Nitschmann Middle School All regional elementary schools, Thursday, 2/27, 2019, 10:00 am (BASD Students will be bussed)*

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) Looking for something to do this weekend? Join us as **Nitschmann Dramatics perform Alice in Wonderland Jr and Northeast Dramatics perform Once on this Island Jr.** View the videos spotlighting the performances in this week's edition of the BASD e-News along with the dates and times of the performances. Just announced, the BASD 2020-2021 school year starts on **Monday, August 31, 2020**, for students. View the entire calendar in this week's BASD e-News. An **American Sign Language Class** is being held at Northampton Community College. Sign up and receive Act 48 Credits. Check out this edition of the BASD e-News for more info on this class and many other events and activities going on in BASD. [BASD e-News February 28, 2020, Edition.](#)

Breakfast week: Students who come in and have school breakfast are able to enter the National School Breakfast Week Raffle



Yearbook Survey (Getz) Students, would you like to be quoted in this year's yearbook? Fill out the appropriate form for a chance to see your quote!

[6th Grade Yearbook Survey](#)

[7th Grade Yearbook Survey](#)

[8th Grade Yearbook Survey](#)

Got Yearbook Pictures? Students, do you have pictures from school events that you'd like to see included in the 2020 yearbook? Email them to Mrs. Getz at jgetz@basdschools.org. Include your grade and team in the email. Thank you!

Alice in Wonderland Jr. (Mrs. Hriniak) Feb. 28 at 7:00pm, Feb. 29 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm, Mar. 1 at 2:00pm. Tickets are available at the box office. Thank you for supporting Nitschmann Dramatics!

Lion's Pride Second Edition

Counseling Corner (Stewart, Kehler, Hipp)

Contact your child's counselor by email: [6th Grade Mrs. Stewart](#); [7th Grade Mr. Kehler \(Sub Mrs. Cenci\)](#); [8th Grade Mrs. Hipp](#)

Student Services Updates (Mr. Horlick)

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email: [Mr. Horlick, Assistant Principal](#); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](#); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](#)
[Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) (Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](#))

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee President Erin Coughlin

PAC Representatives (Erin Coughlin, Therese Gyauch, Amy Wuertel, Cara Pyle)

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM in the Library. After our regular meeting, the administration from Liberty High School will be on hand to discuss the transition from 8th grade at Nitschmann to 9th grade at Liberty. All parents are welcome, but parents of 8th grade students are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Coughlin (President) at the email above or Bob Pearson (faculty representative) at rpearson@basdschools.org. Hope to see you there.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) Midquarter is quickly approaching. Please remind the students to check on Schoology for grades and missing assignments. Egypt Project #2 is due Tuesday. Ask your child about the novel we are currently reading in English.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) We are officially at the middle of the 3rd marking period. Please check Schoology, Study Sync, and Pearson to see your child's current grade and to check on any missing work. Math progress reports were sent home to be signed as well. Please sign and return as soon as possible. We also had much to be proud of and recognize over the past several weeks at our monthly team celebration. Let's start with our February Pride of the Lions and Mountain Hawk winners for the month: Adrianna O'Neill, Colin Panik, Andrew Riggs, and Brady Carvajal (Brady will also be representing us at the upcoming Reading Olympics). We would also like to give a shout out to our members of the Dance/Step team: Hendrix Bromfield and Rahmell Johnson; and our Color Guard: McKenna Boyle and Eliana Episcopio. Each of these groups also had performances over the past week. Finally, but definitely not least, we would like to congratulate Mrs. Hriniak and all of our Team Lehigh members of the Drama Club (Andrew Bays, Laila Bryant, Lauren Cheatham, Michaela Deemer, Lila Dobrowolski, William Garcia, Denise Green, Kaedon Hall, Alexander Koch, Robert Leuthardt, Jayden Smith-Perez, and Jeniya Zayas) for their outstanding performance of Alice Jr. and Wonderland this weekend.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) Our Moravian trip has been tentatively rescheduled for March 20th. Students will be allowed to purchase lunch on campus for \$5 or bring a bagged lunch. Students are going to be turning in their fourth social studies project on Monday. Please check Schoology for missed assignments in all classes.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) - **Team** - The Team Kutztown Annual Family Pasta and Meatball Dinner is this **Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 5:00 PM** in the school cafeteria. If you would still like to come, please email any last minute RSVPs to one of us by the end of the day **TOMORROW**. **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - There will be a test on Tuesday, March 3rd for Periods 2, 3, 6, & 9. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Students will continue to learn about the different types of cells and the location, structure, and function of the various parts that make up a cell. **English (Mr. Falteich)** - This week students will discuss the setting, theme, and characters from Farley Mowat's - "Walk Well, My Brother." Periods 2,3,8, & 9 will be presenting their 12 Angry Men Characterization Slide Show Projects on Monday. All students should have completed detailed slides on 6 of the jurors from the play. Each slide must contain textual support. On Wednesday, Periods 2/3 and 8/9 will have a brief quiz on possessive noun usage. Looking ahead, Studysync Unit 4 Moment of Truth begins Monday, March 9, 2020. Extra help is available Monday, Tuesday, and Friday next week.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) **TEAM:** There is a team reward on Friday morning for all students passing their courses at this time. Also, on Friday, we will be watching "Lorenzo's Oil (PG-13)". A true story about a family trying to save their son after learning about a genetic diagnosis (ALD). The movie reflects on our genetics unit as well as demonstrating how anyone (not just a scientist) can use the scientific method to hypothesize and attempt to solve real life problems. **SCIENCE (MILLER)**- Genetic disorder slide presentation due Thursday March 6. **ENGLISH (GETZ)** - Period 2/3 and 8/9 Students will complete presentations on Monday. On Monday, ALL students will begin the Unit #3 assessment. **MATH** - Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same. Periods 6 and 8 are beginning a unit on geometry. Periods 2,3 and 9 have a quiz Monday on multi-step equations, including some word problems. They will

spend the rest of the week working with inequalities. **Social Studies-** All classes will be working on their projects, please remind students to bring poster boards and other materials if needed.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter @[@nmsteamesu](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#)) **Hershey PARK form and payment is NOW BEING ACCEPTED. All students received their forms on January 6th. Final DUE DATE for form and payment is March 27th.** 8th Grade students will be travelling to Philadelphia and the United States Constitution Center on February 27th or March 5th. The students are divided in 2 groups and the lists are available on Schoology. All details were sent in an email and are on Schoology. English classes will be reading Part 3 of Soldier X and also continuing with Unit 3 of StudySync.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) **Hershey PARK form and payment is NOW BEING ACCEPTED. All students received their forms on January 6th. If you have any questions about the Hershey Park trip, please feel free to email Mrs. Hood. Final DUE DATE for form and payment is March 27th. NO FORMS OR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. Tickets are ordered that day!** In **History** class, WE will continue looking at the significance of the Six Big ideas in the Constitution historically and for Americans today. The trip to the Constitution Center was a HUGE success! We will use that hands-on experience to enhance our learning moving forward. In **Science** class we are exploring Newton's 2nd and 3rd Laws. Test on All of Newton's Laws will be on March 6th. In **Math 8** classes, Solving Systems of Equations (word problems) - Unit 5 Test the following week - start reviewing for the Unit 1-4 Benchmark test. In **Algebra** class, Exponents and Exponential Functions - Quiz Thursday. In **Advance Math** class, Solving Systems of Equations (Word Problems) - Quiz Thursday - Unit 5 Test the following week - start reviewing for the Unit 1-4 Benchmark test. In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we are working on Unit 3 of StudySync. We will be focusing on informational text and all classes will be starting to read a new novel, *A Night to Remember*. Students have a notebook quiz on Monday and a Louisiana map paper due on Monday. Look for updates via Schoology. Please be sure to check StudySync daily for any missed or incomplete assignments. Please be sure students have their own set of earbuds so they can listen to the text online and watch the content-related videos! Please encourage your child to check Schoology for grades, assignments and future events. It is their responsibility to communicate with teachers for clarification and if an absence occurs.

Team Pitt (Health and PE/FCS) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#))

Health and PE-

Weinert is in Health 3/2-3/9. Long and Villani in the gym

Make-up fitness testing TBD

Extracurricular Activities

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

AM Basketball (Mayes) Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:15am to 7:45am. All students are required to attend breakfast after practice. Doors only open at 7:15am, so do not come late!

Anime Club (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#)) The next meeting is March 16th in room 104.

Art Club (Advisors [Mrs. Kozero](#)/[Mrs. Lund](#)) Our next meeting is Monday, March 9, after school in Room 011 (Mrs. Lund's Art room).

Artsmart @ Banana Factory ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) Art Smart classes at the Banana Factory have resumed on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Kids are doing beautiful work! Thank you, parents, for picking up your children at Nitschmann promptly at 6 p.m.

Dance Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice will resume Wed. in the cafeteria until 5pm.

French Club - (Advisor Mrs. Lare) Thank you to students and parents who sent in refreshments and paper products for our Mardi Gras celebration; we had a great time! - French Club students will be starting on a weeks long project to create a mural of the city of Paris!

German Club ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) German club meets every day 1 during 1st period in Mrs. Sofka's room 313. Our next meeting is **Monday, 3/2**. German club is currently full due to space and is limited to Mrs. Sofka and Ms. Schwartz's students only. Please see Mrs. Sofka if you are still interested in joining.

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor TBA) None at this time.

Fitness Club ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) Fitness club this week will be on Wednesday and Thursday until 4pm

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

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

Leadership Council ([Advisor Mr. Kocon](#))

8th Grade Parents, in the coming months I will put out a sign-up genius for volunteering to help make our students 8th Grade Dance a success. I will need volunteers to help with setup during the day, cleanup after the dance, and also volunteers for food/beverage donation. Please email me with any questions regarding the dance. More information to follow.

Lion Service Club ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th. We will finalize our next event at that time. See you then.

Lion's Pride (online school newspaper) ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet after school in room 201. Please make sure you are signed up for an article on our third edition spreadsheet. We will begin working at a faster pace in order to complete articles by the given deadline, and will need to work outside of club time.

Mathcounts ([Advisor Mrs. Novatnak Lafey](#)) Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same. Congratulations on a great showing at the Lehigh Valley Chapter MathCounts competition. Team members Mahdi Ali, Josh Freedman, Owen Lansing and Stephanie Zheng came in 12th out of all the schools in the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos. Josh was our top student, he came in 49th out of everyone there. Our other competitors were Hadi Ali, Ben Blum, Ethan Caine and Neil Rana. All of our Nitschmann students ranked in the top half of the students in attendance. It was a great day! There are additional Wawa hoagie coupons available for \$4.50, they are good for a Wawa Shorti hoagie (regularly priced \$4.59) and have no expiration date. Please help support our team! We will be sponsoring a dance along with the Reading Olympics team on May 15th. We'll need students to volunteer to help when we get closer to the date.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#)) We have officially started our LLS fundraiser to raise awareness and hope for a cure for blood cancer. Please consider making a donation via the online link to our school to show your support. Thank you.
<https://events.lls.org/pages/epa/Nitschmann-Middle-School-2020>

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Monday no rehearsal (faculty meeting), Tuesday optional meeting to strike the set. Have a great spring season, and check your email for spring performance opportunities!

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) ([Advisor Mr. Amen](#)) Meeting after school Friday, January 10th. Online registration is due on the 10th as well. Please make sure all forms are in.

Reading Olympics ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. We begin meeting until 5 P.M. from March 4th until the competition. (We do not have Reading Olympics on March 11, due to the teacher inservices. Our next meeting after that until 5 P.M. is on March 18) Teams have been picked! Congratulations to all of our Reading Olympic students! This week we will be picking individual team names, and reading, discussing in our team groups. We now have a twitter account! It is: Nitschmann Reading Olympics @NMSReadOlympics . We will be sharing

things on there throughout the year so please follow us! The competition at Easton High School is on Thursday, April 16th, 2020. More info will come home closer to that date.

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

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors [Ms. Roufakis](#) & [Mrs. Evanco](#))

[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](#)) Thanks to a group of very ambitious 7th graders we are continuing our Save the Sea Turtles Club this year! We will meet Fridays after school until 4pm in room 307. Guess what? Nitschmann Middle School adopted a sea turtle this summer. His name is Gerry and he is a resident sea turtle that lives in South Padre Island, Texas. We will have the opportunity to do a virtual field trip and check in on Gerry and the other resident sea turtles. This club is open to grades 6, 7, & 8. We look forward to a great year full of lots of ideas and putting things in action to do our part in saving sea turtles!!

Ski & Snowboard Club ([Advisors Mr. Downey and Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) If you missed a Monday, you can make up after March 2. Your unused passes are good ANY day.

Spanish Club ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet after school on Thursday for a taco party in the large group. You're more than welcome to bring in snacks and / or drinks.

Step Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice will resume Tuesday and Thursday in the cafeteria until 5pm.

Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) Strategy club meeting days will be Tuesday until 4 pm and Wednesdays until 5 pm. See Schoology for updates and note calendar.

Yearbook ([Advisor Mrs. Getz](#)) Got Pictures? Students, do you have pictures from school events that you'd like to see included in the 2020 yearbook? Email them to Mrs. Getz at jgetz@basdschools.org. Include your grade and team in the email. Thank you!

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

[Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music Website \(Click Here!\)](#)

[Mr. Daniel Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music](#)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Quarter 3 chair auditions continue for orchestra and band on March 2 & 3.**
 - Specific details will be available on schoology and at <http://www.nmsim.org/band/chair-audition-information/>
- **Mark your calendar: Boston Trip Mandatory Meeting for students, parents and chaperones, on April 22 at 7pm.**
- **Jazz festival volunteers and donations needed**
 - **FOOD DONATIONS** - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa8af2ea2f85-food>
 - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa8af2ea2f85-nitschmann>
- **LHS bagpipe information** - If you are interested in receiving information regarding playing the bagpipes at Liberty text @piping2020 to the number 81010.
- **March 14 BASD Instrumental Music Ice Skating Night 4:30-6:30pm.**

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- 3/2 MONDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)
Day 1 Jazz band 8:25 am
- 3/3 TUESDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)
- 3/4 WEDNESDAY Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7 am)
- 3/5 THURSDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)
- 3/6 FRIDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

Color Guard: Early morning rehearsal on Monday and Thursday at 7:15am.

LHS Majorette tryouts will be on APRIL 20 beginning at 3:30 pm in the LHS band room.

As usual – LHS will teach you 64 counts of routine.

Each person who auditions should prepare a 64 count LHS/traditional style routine with music accompaniment.

Our sound system can accommodate iphones, computers, etc.

All candidates need to bring their “most current” report card that contains their “current” GPA.

If there are any questions please contact me. klong@basdschools.org

See the email updates from Mr. Z for specific details and reminders.

SPRING TRIP INFORMATION

- The spring trip this year is for students who are in the orchestra, jazz band, and Nitschmann singers.
- The final payment for Boston of **\$70 is due on Wednesday, March 18.** (4th payment of \$60.00 for chaperones)
- Complete details of the trip are on the website at <http://www.nmsim.org/spring-trip/>

8th GRADE MUSIC AND DRAMA TRIP TO NYC

- Trip date is Wednesday, April 8. (more specific details will be coming shortly.)

INSTRUMENTAL LESSON INFORMATION

1. Check the group list to make sure you know what group you are in.
2. Find your group on the chart for the week as your day may have changed.

The lesson groups and schedule information is located [HERE](#).

FUNDRAISING – <http://www.nmsim.org/nimas/fundraising/>

- Gertrude Hawk Candy Boxes
- Wawa Shortie Hoagie Coupons
- Weis gift cards
- ShopRite gift cards
- Giant gift cards
- Fun Pasta - March 7 - March 25 (More information coming shortly)
- [Jersey Mike's Dine to Donate event - March 10, 4-8pm \(This is a General Fund Fundraiser\)](#)
- The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now 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. Go here for more information:
<http://www.nmsim.org/nimas/fundraising/>

NEWS OF NOTE

- Take a look at all the fundraising opportunities we currently have going on [HERE](#)
- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter. [@NMSBandOrch](#)

Do not forget to check the Instrumental Music Website www.nmsim.org for everything dealing with instrumental music.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

March 6	Northeast Jazz Band Festival	TBD
March 7	Cheesecake delivery	11am - 12pm
March 10	Jersey Mike's Dine to Donate fundraiser (Rt. 248 location)	4-8 pm
March 13	Broughal Jazz Festival	TBD
March 14	Middle School Instrumental Music Student Ice Skating	4:30-6:30 PM
March 18	NIMAS General Membership Meeting	7:30 PM
March 20	Nitschmann Jazz Festival	6:30 PM
April 4	Barnes & Noble Fundraiser	12-4 PM
April 8	8th grade Music & Drama Trip to NYC	7am - 8:30pm
April 15	PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra Festival	All Day
April 18	Nitschmann Jazz Cafe'	7 PM
April 20	LHS Majorette tryouts (LHS band room)	3:30pm
April 22	Mandatory Boston Trip Meeting	7 PM
May 4	Orchestra & Jazz Spring Concert	7 PM
May 8 & 9	Spring Trip to Boston	
May 20	Spring Band Concert	7 PM

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

Rehearsal Schedule: (Calendar dates below.)

3/2 MONDAY 8:25 Activity period rehearsal for all Glee and Singers
3/3 TUESDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
3/4 WEDNESDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in Jazz Band (doors open at 7am)
3/5 THURSDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in Band (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal.
3/6 FRIDAY No rehearsal

Important Dates

April 8 8th Grade optional music and drama trip to NYC \$140
April 18 Cops and Kids performance
April 23 7:00 PM tentative performance at Liberty's pop concert
May 6 7:00 PM Glee/Singers Spring Choral Concert at Nitschmann
May 8-9 Optional Music Department Spring Trip to Boston for Nitschmann Singers \$310
May 27 7:00 PM Nitschmann Talent Show for Glee and Singers

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS_Athletics](#))
[Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director](#)

A reminder for all students who participate in athletics that keeping your grades up is a requirement of participating at Nitschmann Middle School and Liberty High School. Grades are checked bi-weekly by Student Services.

After-School Bus Transportation for Student-Athletes (5:15pm Pickup @ NMS)

Bus Run Stops for NMS Students West: (Stops are as assigned based off the ridership) - Students MUST already receive BASD Bus Transportation home from school.

- W Broad Street (West from 10th Ave to Pennsylvania Ave)
- Pennsylvania Ave (North to Catty Road)
- Catty Road (East to Jacksonville Road)
- Jacksonville Road (North to Hanoverville Road)
- Hanoverville Road (East to 512)

Year-long

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long kllong@basdschools.org)

Spring

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

Girls Softball Tryouts will begin on Monday March 2, 2020 and conclude on Thursday March 5.

-Tryouts on Monday and Tuesday will be held at Nitschmann Middle School and pickup time will be 4:45pm

-Tryouts on Wednesday and Thursday will be at Northwest Little League and pickup time will be 5:00pm

-Use the address 1500 Kaywin Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018 for locating NWLL for pickup.

-All girls should be prepared with clothing and footwear for inside and outside. CLEATS MAY NOT BE WORN INSIDE BATTING CAGES.

-Cuts will be made after the final tryout on Thursday.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A PIAA PHYSICAL FORM OR A RE-CERTIFICATION PAPER COMPLETED AND ON FILE AT NITSCHMANN PRIOR TO TRYING OUT

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

Coed Soccer Tryouts begin on Monday, March 2, 2020 through Friday, March 6, 2020 from 3:05 to 5:00. Tryouts will be held on the turf field or in the main gym depending on the weather. Participants need to be prepared to practice inside and out!

Cuts will be on Friday, March 6th at the end of practice.

Finally, **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A PIAA PHYSICAL FORM OR A RE-CERTIFICATION PAPER COMPLETED AND ON FILE AT NITSCHMANN PRIOR TO TRYING OUT!**

Winter

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach 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)

Fall

Boys Football (Head Coach [Mr. Villiani mvilliani@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr. Villiani@basdschools.org))

Co-Ed Cross Country (Head Coach [Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org](mailto:Miss Schwartz@basdschools.org))

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

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

Intramurals

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