

[Link to .pdf of Sunday Email: https://bit.ly/32gCsNz](https://bit.ly/32gCsNz)

**This Week's Major Headlines:**

- **FAQ:** Please review this linked Start of School FAQ! Chances are that your question about the start of school is in this link. If it is not answered in the FAQ, email Dr. Mayes to have it added!
- **2020-2021 Tentative Schedules:** You should have received your child's schedule by US Mail on Friday/Saturday. Final schedules will be handed to hybrid students during the homeroom period on their first day of school.
- **BASD Login & Passwords:** Parents & Guardians should have received their BASD Login & Password on Saturday by US Mail. You can use this information to log into the Home Access Center for Transportation information now and Schoology for student information on August 31. Click on this link for links to these systems. If you have multiple children and received multiple letters, it means your children are not correctly linked in our database. Contact the school of your oldest child to correct this. For NMS, it is Mrs. Scott ([sscott@basdschools.org](mailto:sscott@basdschools.org)) in our Student Services Guidance office.
- **6th Grade Orientation:** 6th Grade Orientation will be held on Monday, August 31, 2020. Information has been emailed directly to 6th grade parents & is posted at our NMS Website at this link. Hybrid & e-Classroom students are welcome to attend!
- **Chromebook Exchange & Distribution:** Information is posted below on dates & times. This week, Friday is only for e-Classroom & BASD cyber students. Hybrid will get them during 6th grade orientation on 8/31 or when your child reports for their first day of school. If they have an old BASD Chromebook, it will be exchanged.
- **BASD Dining Services:** Cash will no longer be accepted as payment at the registers in the cafeteria. Please review the information below or on the BASD website at this link. Students will receive their new BASD ID cards in homeroom during the first week of school, linking them to their accounts.
- **6th Grade e-Classroom Parent/Guardian Webinar on Wednesday:** Dr. Mayes will be meeting with parents/guardians of students enrolled in e-Classroom this Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 7pm to review questions about the start of school for the 2020-2021 school year. He will be reviewing the start of the year.. We are limited with only 100 participants, but will also be live streaming to our YouTube site. You can register at this link.
- **Sunday Email (Mayes):** Please note there are new sections in our Sunday email for all students & separate ones for Hybrid and e-Classroom groups. Make sure to check announcements every week!

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**

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

Sunday, August 23, 2020, to Sunday, August 30, 2020

All of this information can be viewed at our

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

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**Links to Review**

[Schoology Directions for Parents](#)

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

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### Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

### Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
Monday	8/24	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A
Tuesday	8/25	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	8/26	N/A	First Day of School for Teachers; Teacher In-Service <a href="#">e-Classroom Webinar 7pm</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thursday	8/27	N/A	Teacher In-Service	N/A	N/A	N/A
Friday	8/28	N/A	Teacher-In Service; e-Classroom Chromebook Distribution 12pm-3pm	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Monday	8/31	None	<a href="#">6th Grade Orientation Day</a> (Schedule: 6th Graders A-L 8:05am-10:05am; M-Z 1:05pm-3:05pm)	@ Home No HR	@ Home No HR	@ Home No HR
Tuesday	9/1	Day 1/Odd Day	First Day of School, Hybrid A-L Chromebook Distribution & Exchange	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am
Wednesday	9/2	Day 1/Odd Day	First Day of School, Hybrid M-Z Chromebook Distribution & Exchange	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am
Thursday	9/3	Day 2/Even Day		@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am	@ Home HR 8:15am
Friday	9/4	Day 2/Even Day		@ Home HR 8:15am	@ School	@ Home HR 8:15am

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### School-wide Announcements (All Hybrid & e-Classroom Students)

**School Supply List (Mayes)** Please see the 2020-2021 NMS School Supply List [at this link.](#) Please contact your child's guidance counselor if you have a specific need!

**BASD Chromebook (Mayes)** The BASD Chromebook for 2020-2021 is the 11.6" Lenovo 500E series 2-in-1 Chromebook Laptop, 2nd generation. Students may purchase a hard Chromebook case to protect it themselves. When a case is used, a student may put stickers, etc, on the case. Nothing may be placed on the actual Chromebook without a case. A soft case will be provided for all students.

**BASD Chromebooks (Mayes)** Please see the chart below for pickup or exchange. If your child already has a Chromebook (6th grade from elementary or 7th/8th from last school year), it MUST be exchanged with the BASD Chromebook & charger.

2020-2021 BASD Chromebook Pickup or Exchange @ Nitschmann Middle School					
Day	Date	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom/BASD Cyber	
		6th Grade	7th & 8th Grade	6th Grade	7th & 8th Grade
Friday	8/28	No	No	Yes. Pickup/Exchange between 12-3pm in Bus Lane	Yes. Pickup/Exchange between 12-3pm in Bus Lane
Monday	8/31	Yes. Pickup/Exchange at Orientation	Yes. Pickup/Exchange at Orientation	Yes. Pickup at Orientation	No
Tuesday	9/1	Yes. Pickup or Exchange during school.	No	No	No
Wednesday	9/2	No	Yes. Pickup or Exchange during school.	No	No

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### Hybrid Only Announcements

**Monday, August 31 (Mayes):** There will be no requirements for any hybrid students A-Z on this day.

**First Day of School Tuesday, September 1 (Mayes):** A-L students will report at 8:05am to school to begin the day & bring their BASD Chromebook from last year to exchange for a new one.. M-Z should be on the Zoom Homeroom link in Schoology & complete the Homeroom Attendance Assignment for the day.

**First Day of School Wednesday, September 2 (Mayes):** M-Z students will report at 8:05am to school to begin the day & bring their BASD Chromebook from last year to exchange for a new one.. A-L should be on the Zoom Homeroom link in Schoology & complete the Homeroom Attendance Assignment for the day.

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## e-Classroom Only Announcements

**6th Grade e-Classroom Parent/Guardian Webinar on Wednesday (Mayes):** Dr. Mayes will be meeting with parents/guardians of students enrolled in e-Classroom this Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 7pm to review questions about the start of school for the 2020-2021 school year. He will be reviewing the start of the year.. We are limited with only 100 participants, but will also be live streaming to our YouTube site. [You can register at this link.](#)

**Chromebook Pickup/Exchanges (Mayes):** Parents/guardians/students MUST pick up new Chromebooks on Friday, August 28, 2020 from 12pm to 3pm. If your child has a BASD Chromebook & charger, they must exchange it or you will be charged for the device. Please pull into the NMS Bus Lane and follow the directions from the staff. Do not exit your vehicle.

**First Day of School - Monday, August 31 (Mayes):** Your child will have their first check-in with teachers on Monday, August 31, 2020. Zoom links will be posted on Schoology in their courses & emailed to their BASD emails.

e-Classroom Zoom Meeting Schedule on Monday, August 31, 2020			
	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
10:15am-10:30am	Core Team Teachers	Encore Phys Ed	Encore World Language
10:30am-10:45am	Encore World Language	Encore Rotations	Encore Phys Ed
10:45am-11:00am	Encore Phys Ed	Core Team Teachers	Encore Rotations
11:00am-11:15am	Encore Rotations	Encore World Language	Core Team Teachers

**Office Hours (Mayes):** Office Hours will be posted by teachers in their Schoology courses. Please confirm with teachers, as office hours may be postponed if teachers are required to cover other classes.

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## 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](#)

[Schoology Directions for Parents](#)

<https://www.safe2saypa.org/>



If you have a concern, or you or someone you know is experiencing cyberbullying, please make a SAFE2SAY referral. If it is an immediate safety matter, please contact the Police first.

**Hi** Check in with Mr. Kehler

bkehler@basdschools.org

Schoology: Access Code PRXX-SXVP-PKGTD

@bruce\_kehler

**hieee!** Check in with Ms. Stewart

nstewart@basdschools.org

Schoology: Access Code F8CS-4J38-PDPNG

@MsNatStewart

**hey** Check in with Mrs. Hipp

khipp@basdschools.org

Schoology: Access Code 2DKC-PQ39-RKHZ6

@kelly\_hipp

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## **BASD Dining Services**

For the safety of students and staff, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, BASD is implementing touchless and cashless transactions for Dining Services for the 2020-2021 school year as part of the reopening plan. Touchless Transaction means that students will be required to scan their BASD Student ID card at the register to access their account. Pin pads will no longer be used to access student accounts. Immediate deposits (cash and checks) will not be accepted by the lunch cashier. Funds may be added to cafeteria accounts in the following ways:

- Online at [schoolcafe.com](http://schoolcafe.com)
- Mail a check (include student name and ID) payable to “BASD Dining Services” to: BASD Dining Services 1170 Fernwood Street Bethlehem, PA 18018
- Place cash or check payable to “BASD Dining Services” in an envelope clearly labeled with student first name, last name and ID number. The labeled envelope may then be handed to a Dining Services team member at breakfast. Elementary students may hand the envelope to their teacher. Cash or check that is not in a labeled envelope will not be accepted.

For questions regarding student accounts, visit us online at <https://www.basdschools.org/dining> or contact us at [crosado@basdschools.org](mailto:crosado@basdschools.org) or (610) 861-8135.

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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](#)) None at this time.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) None at this time.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) None at this time.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#)) None at this time.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](#)) Team Penn State teachers are gearing up for the start of school. We are anxious to meet the students and get the year underway.

**Team DeSales** (8th) (Team Leader [Mrs. Pogue](#)): Our newly established team is so excited to meet our new students. We welcome new teachers, Mrs Alison Tannou and , Ms. Nicoletta Napoli. We also welcome Mrs VanWoert who is coming to us from 7th grade. Get ready for a great year and some exciting team challenges! Please begin to follow developments in the upcoming Presidential election, find reliable and unbiased sources of information. The National Constitution Center website has unbiased and nonpartisan information.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](https://twitter.com/TeamSpartanNMS) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) Team Northampton is ready to meet our newest leaders of the school! Make sure you have all your regular school and personal supplies, and that your laptop is charged and ready to go for the first day of school!!! We will be planning to navigate Schoology, online Techbooks, and other TECH tips right from the get go! Make the most of the last week of summer vacation - get outside and exercise

everyday, spend time with family and friends, send a thank you video to anyone who has inspired you over the summer months, read a great book, cook/bake a favorite recip, binge watch your favorite show, the list is truly endless:)

**Team Pitt** (Encore) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#) ) None at this time.

**Team Bloomsburg** (Encore World Language and Library) (Twitter [@NMSBloomsburg](#))- Hello! Bonjour! Guten Tag! ¡Hola! We hope you have received your schedule and looked to see what language and teacher you will have. We are excited to meet you and look forward to a great year.

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### **Extracurricular Activities**

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

**Activities will begin in mid-September, 2020.**

**AM Basketball** (Mayes)

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

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

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) None at this time.

**Dance Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Will not begin until the end of Sep/ beginning of Oct. Announcements will be made. Contact me w/ any questions.

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

**German Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) None at this time.

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

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

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

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

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

**Lion's Pride (online school newspaper)** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) None at this time.

**Mathcounts** ([Advisor Mrs. Novatnak Lafey](#)) None at this time.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs\\_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs\\_Nistchmann](#) ) None at this time.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Great job to our Dramatics students who have been participating in virtual Young Playwrights' Lab!

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

**Reading Olympics** ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) None at this time.

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

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

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

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

**Spanish Club** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) None at this time.

**Step Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Will not begin until the end of Sep/ beginning of Oct. Announcements will be made.  
Contact me w/ any questions.

**Strategy Club** ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) None at this time.

**Yearbook** (Advisor TBA) None at this time.

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

**NIMAS General Membership Meeting - Thursday, August 27, 7pm.**  
**(Zoom link is on the Cut Time Calendar)**

**Parents-** Check your Cut Time profile for the weekly news.

**Color Guard Updates:** Great job with our first week of virtual band camp! You should be working on the following at home on your non-Zoom days:

1. March for at least 10 minutes (your choice of music)
2. Review basic skills, spins, and routines (YouTube playlist is here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMBPh7pCik7MnNmg7B44KMw>)
3. Check for updates on Cut Time

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

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

**2020-2021 Interscholastic Sports (Ortwein)** The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference (EPC) has delayed practices until September 14, 2020. Practices and games will be delayed until then. BASD Physical Forms must be completed. Please submit completed forms to the Student Services Office. [The forms are available at this link.](#)

**Year-long**  
Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long [kllong@basdschools.org](mailto:kllong@basdschools.org))

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

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](#))

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

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

### **Spring**

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

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

### **Intramurals**

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