

Parent & Student Weekly Email
Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update
Sunday, December 16, 2018, to Sunday, December 24, 2018

Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

All of this information can be viewed at our
Nitschmann Middle School Website under **Weekly Announcements (Click Here!)**

Attachments to Review

See attached.

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

12/17/18 Glee Club Caroling; 12/18 Student Leadership Council & String Ensemble Caroling 9-1:30; 12/19 Jazz Band @ LVIA 7am-1:30pm; 12/21 ELF Day!; 12/24-1/2/19 Winter Holiday; 1/8/19 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions gr. 8; 1/17 LHA Band & Orchestra Auditions gr 8; 1/21 MLK Day - Schools Closed; 1/24 End of 2nd Quarter; 2/15 Teacher In-Service Schools Closed; 2/18 Presidents Day - Schools Closed; 3/12 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 3/29 End of 3rd Quarter 4/9 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; Spring & Easter Break - Schools Closed; 4/23-24-25 PSSA ELA Exams (note: tentative due to winter weather & snow day adjustments); 4/29-30 PSSA Math Exams; 5/2-3 PSSA Science Exams; 5/13-24 Keystone Exams (exact dates TBA); 5/27 Memorial Day - Schools Closed; 6/5 Tentative LHS Graduation; 6/6 Tentative 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 7pm; 6/7 Tentative Last Day of School & End of 4th Quarter

Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 12/17/18 Day 6

Tuesday, 12/18/18 Day 1

Wednesday, 12/19/18 Day 2

Thursday, 12/20/18 Day 3

Friday, 12/21/18 Day 4 **ELF DAY**

Saturday, 12/22/18 No School - Winter Break

Sunday, 12/23/18 No School - Winter Break

Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 12/24/18 No School - Winter Break

Tuesday, 12/25/18 No School - Winter Break

Wednesday, 12/26/18 No School - Winter Break

Thursday, 12/27/18 No School - Winter Break

Friday, 12/28/18 Day 4 No School - Winter Break

Saturday, 12/29/18 No School - Winter Break

Sunday, 12/30/18 No School - Winter Break

BASD Dining Services Menu & Website <https://bethlehemareasd.sodexomyway.com/landing/mid>

PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert) All PE classes will be in the gym starting day 1 (12/18)

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 keep your email address up-to-date by emailing our Student Services Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org! Please note that this is **ONLY** for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The BASD e-News is designed to highlight BASD student and staff achievements and share events and activities going on in the BASD and the Lehigh Valley. It is our hope that you find it informative. The latest edition, which spotlights the BASD Take 2 - Digging Into History Video, is available at [December 14, 2018, Edition of the BASD e-News](#).

Pennsylvania Philharmonic Holiday Brass (BASD) Sunday, December 23 at 2:00PM, Zoellner Arts Center at Lehigh University, 420 East Packer Avenue Bethlehem, PA, 18015. **SPECIAL PRICE - BASD Students Free | Parents \$20 Per Ticket** - Join the Pennsylvania Philharmonic Brass for an afternoon featuring the best music of the season. With seasonal standards, Jazz transcriptions, classical selections from *The Nutcracker*, and music from beloved holiday movies (*Home Alone*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Meet Me In St Louis*, and more) this unforgettable, fun-filled program is guaranteed to hit all the right Yuletide notes!

eSchoolPLUS Family App Working! (Mayes) If you regularly use the eSchoolFamilyPLUS app to review your grades and attendance, you may have run into difficulty using it lately. However, a repair has been made and it is now working. To use: When you open the app, go back and reselect the Bethlehem Area School District as the district of choice. Then, enter your login and password information. The app will work as normal.

TEAM PENN STATE Helping the Homeless Project (PSU) Victory House, located on Filmore Street in Bethlehem, gives hope, compassion, dignity, and respect to homeless veterans and homeless men. They began serving the community in 1985 and have been providing shelter and transitional services to homeless men, many who have been homeless veterans. They are a not-for-profit organization providing: three meals per day, 365 days of the year, emergency shelter and transitional housing, case management and counseling, addiction prevention assistance, access to health center, employment assistance, life skills education, community giveback participation. Team Penn State will be collecting personal care/hygiene items and warm socks to help the homeless of our community. The dollar store is an excellent place to purchase many of these items. **PLEASE BRING ANY ITEMS OR MONEY TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER** Socks (new); Deodorant; Shampoo; Combs; Bar Soap; Toothbrushes; Bath wash ; Toothpaste
We welcome any coins/monetary donations and we will go and purchase the supplies.

School Store for Holidays (School Store) Interested in getting your Lion or Lady Lion some new NMS swag for the holidays? Order online! Send your money or checks into school (online payments are not yet available)
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYUr-uAnsqHk61gYSYDGVpVIBvA3BL0qjIef6kNGBuwTWH4w/viewform>

Marker Collection (Novatnak) Boxes to collect used markers for recycling through the Crayola ColorCycle program have been placed on each floor. They are located by the cafeteria TV screen and near rooms 107, 207 and 307. Markers of any brand or type (sharpies, watercolor markers, highlighters, dry erase) are eligible for the recycling program.

Quebec Trip over Presidents Weekend in February 2019. The Presidents' Weekend trip to Quebec in February is less than 2 months away! If you have not yet done so, please send in the following documents to Mrs. Lare: copy of child's travel document (passport, passport card, or birth certificate); health form; copy of medical insurance card; parent consent form; and behavior compliance form. Please let Mrs. Lare know if you need a form: alare@basdschools.org. Also, be sure that you're keeping up with your payments to Jumpstreet Tours. If you have questions about the trip, please contact Mrs. Lare. If you have questions about payments, please contact Alex Ffrench at Jumpstreet Tours. Merci!

Spain Trip (Srta. Bouhana) We have a few spots left available on the trip to register before the late enrollment deadline in early February. All Nitschmann students are welcome on this trip, as well as siblings who are under the age of 18 and over the age of 11 during the time of travel. Parents and siblings (at least eleven years old) are welcome to accompany their children as fellow travelers. If you are interested in the trip and haven't already enrolled, click on the following link in order to get more detailed information, and to register for the trip and save your spot. www.eftours.com/2119250hv

Yankee Candle for the Holidays (Srta. Bouhana) If you like shopping from Yankee Candle, or simply want to support club activities, please use the following link when shopping. The link is valid until January and will ensure 40% of the sale is donated to Nitschmann Spanish Club [Yankee Candle Fundraiser Link](#)

Yearbook: It's time to pre-order your student's yearbook. The cost of the yearbook is \$36. The order form is attached to this email. Yearbooks can also be ordered online for no additional fee. Please visit: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>

1. Type in: 5049 to the "Search by Order Number" box
2. Click on "Buy a Yearbook, Yearbook Packages".
3. Follow the screen as prompted.

Holiday Giving Tree- Gifts are due no later than Thursday, December 13th and should be placed under the tree in the main lobby

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG
nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

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- 2) Kimberly Marcantonio
- 3) Therese Gyauch

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Congratulations to Benjamin Blum and William Riker on Team Lafayette for making it into the school wide Geography Bee competition! Next week is our last week of school before our Winter Break. On behalf of Team Lafayette, we wish you a fun and safe holiday!

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Math progress reports came home on Friday. Please review these with your child, sign it and return it. IPR's will also be available to be viewed in the parent portal on Monday. We have one more week until our Winter break and it will be a busy one. On Monday we have our spelling bee and we will be working on our homeroom gingerbread houses and on Friday it is Elf day and our team celebration. Hope everyone has a wonderful and restful break!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#) and Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) Mid-quarter is almost here. Please make sure to check Home Access Center for current grades and complete any missing assignments. Please turn in any missing work this week.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) - **English (Mr. Falteich)** - There is no vocabulary due this week. - Happy Holidays. Students will continue their unit on verbs. We will continue studying proper irregular verb usage - specifically the six difficult verbs, lie, lay, rise, raise, sit, & set. There will be a quiz this week on verb principal parts and irregular verb usage. The students have a list of the more difficult irregular verbs in their notes.

Literacy (Mrs. Gomez) - First, fifth, seventh, and eighth periods will be having a comprehension test on the play, A Christmas Carol, on Tuesday. Students should study the packet and reread the story if necessary.

Science (Mr. Pearson) - This coming week we will be discussing how to organize and analyze the data acquired from doing an experiment. We will then conclude our chapter on the Scientific Method by putting all the steps together and conducting an experiment that will investigate how exercise affects our heart rate. **Team** - We wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday, as well as, a joyous new year!

ELA/Literacy (Ms. Sierra)- Students are reading the book “Outsiders” and were given information regarding the movie. If your child does **not** have permission to watch the movie, please return the signed form. Literary Analysis essays were done in class.

Team Penn State (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter @NMSPennState) (Facebook @NMSTeamPennState) (Instagram pennstatenms) [Team Penn State is starting our community “give back” project to help Victory House of Bethlehem. Please see the attached info. to Mr. Mayes’ email. We will be collecting items beginning now through mid- January.](#)

This Friday is Elf Day - the teachers will vote for their favorite “Elf Day” outfit!

ELA- All classes have the “Value Poster” due on Monday, December 17th. Students have a vocabulary quiz on Tuesday, December 18th.

SCIENCE- Students will be informed of which part of the unit test they are taking on Monday, Dec. 17 and Tuesday, Dec. 18. One day will be the lab practical...performance assessment (making a slide and using the microscope). One day will be general questions about the microscope, cells and cellular compounds (lipid, carbohydrates, protein)

MATH - All classes are working with with algebraic expressions. 8th period has a quiz Monday on Sections 5-1 - 5-5.

READING- We will be reading chapters 7, 8 and 9. Student were visualizing using imagery from the story. We will be making connections in coming chapters. Visualizing and making connections are middle level reading strategies for better understanding. Quiz Friday will include cause/effect, irony and figurative language.

SOCIAL STUDIES- We will be having a Midwest/ West checkpoint scavenger hunt Wednesday 12/19.



Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter @NMSTeamESU) Oral History Assignments are due on Monday, at the start of class. Students will be sharing their experiences during class. Have a safe and happy holiday season. Reading classes will continue WWII research and begin reading the novel [Soldier X](#).

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) - **A Shout Out to Mr. Mayes, Mr. Horlick and Officer Conley for presenting on the 4th Amendment and student’s rights in public schools!** History classes will be studying the effects of propaganda and viewing events from different perspectives while targeting the Boston Massacre. We will be incorporating clips of the History Channel’s John Adams Series and The Sons of Liberty. In **ELA** this week, all classes will finish reading and analyzing a play called “Forever Dorian,” which is based on the classic novel, [The Picture of Dorian Gray](#). We will then begin our final comic project, which will be due Friday, Dec. 21 for Periods 1, 3, 5, and 8. Students will have Monday - Wednesday to work on this assignment in class. In **Reading**, we are continuing our nonfiction unit with *Manhunt* and *Chasing Lincoln’s Killer*. We will continue to work on citing text-based evidence and using our critical thinking skills. In periods 1,5,& 7, we have finished the novel and completed our novel essay test. In Period 3, we are reading *Manhunt*. Students are to be reading at home in preparation for discussion in class. In Period 8, we have finished the novel and have taken our novel test. In **Algebra 1**, students will have a Benchmark Test (Units 1, 2 and 3) next week and will be working on Solving Systems of Linear Equations. In Grade 8 Math, students will have a Benchmark Test (units 1,2 and 3) next week and will continue to work on Scatter Plots. Students will continue to use Quizizz, IXL and Math XL programs. Please continue to check Schoology for all assignments, assessments and due dates. In **Science**, we will be exploring working on Counting electrons followed by Ionic and Covalent Bonding. **Our TEAM CELEBRATION is on Friday, December 21st - the theme is Ugly Sweater/ELF/festive wear - the more the merrier!!** Anyone who would like to donate a gift card - our students would be very appreciative! **Please continue to check your Schoology class for updates, announcements, assignments and any handouts used in ALL classes. There is FREE HOMEWORK HELP at the Bethlehem Public Library with Moravian College and Lehigh University Students - take advantage of this!** Please be sure your child has **headphones** so they can work independently in class viewing the techbook videos as well as using the embedded reader tools Discovery offers.

Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp)

Attention All Grade Levels and Parents!! We will soon be rolling out a new tool used elsewhere in the District to help with Career planning and College searches. It is called Naviance. If you’ve had an older sibling at the High School, then you’ve probably heard of it. Watch your E-mail in upcoming weeks for an introduction to this very useful tool.

Student Services Updates

We are all doing our best to help teach our children personal responsibility. As such, we discourage parent drop-offs for items forgotten at home. We do not wish to encourage nor foster a dependence. Calling a student out of class disrupts the educational flow and our children may miss crucial information or experiences.

Urgent!! Compared to previous years, our Children have been late to school significantly more frequent. Expect that students will be issued detentions for tardies past the 4th occurrence. It is the student's responsibility to reschedule any detentions that conflict with other obligations.

In an effort to reduce our excessive absent rate, expect that a parent will be required to attend a meeting to improve their student's attendance. Should unreasonable absences continue, we are now required by the state to take additional, more supportive steps to ensure that students attend.

Extracurricular Activities

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

AM Basketball (Off. Conley) Basketball each Thursday morning at 7:05am. Don't be late! Remember you must sign up ahead of time with Officer Conley!

Anime Club (Advisors Mrs. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 17 from 3:05-4:00 in room 104. Please bring all your anime supplies with you. We will award prizes for our drawing contest.

Art Club (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) None at this time.

Band front/Color Guard - Information can be found under Performing Arts Department Updates

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor Mrs. Lare) Please note that your child's work will be included in a special exhibition at the Banana Factory! Details are below in this announcement from the Banana Factory: ArtsQuest has been delighted to have nearly 200 BASD students participate in this program at the Banana Factory. In the last several weeks we've observed the students engage with their classmates creatively, work with new materials, be inspired by the Banana Factory's galleries and artist studios, and learn under the tutelage of professional teaching artists. Our goal at ArtsQuest is to provide access to the arts for all families in our community. Each time we welcome a student to the Banana Factory for the first time, we are working toward our goal. To help us celebrate the tremendous work of your talented students, please join us for the **ArtSmart Exhibition at our First Friday event on Friday, December 7th from 6:00 – 9:00 at the Banana Factory**. ArtSmart student work will be on view in the Banana Factory's Studio 104 and the Olympus Digital Instruction Classroom. In addition to the exhibition, we will also be hosting our monthly First Friday program, which is free and open to the public. December's event will feature live holiday music, free art-making activities, an art scavenger hunt, and more. Light refreshments will be served. (Art Smart classes will be offered again during the second semester. Keep your eyes open for announcements!)

Cheerleading (Advisor Mrs. Long) Boys basketball game Monday, Practice 3:05-5pm Tuesday, and Girls basketball game Thursday. Thursday will be our secret santa exchange and feel free to bring snacks to share with the group. Have a great Holiday Break!!!

Dance Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) **Practices will be during day 1 activity period on the stage and Wednesdays in the cafeteria until 5:30 pm.** Dancers and parents will get the Remind app code which will allow for communication between Ms. Sierra, the team, and parents. Those without a cell phone can have information go to their email.

German Club (Advisor Ms. Schwartz) None at this time

Heart & Sole Club (Advisor Mrs. Fehr/Ms. Weinert) The fall season is complete.

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

French Club (Advisor Mrs. Lare) French classes will celebrate holiday parties on December 20 and 21 in the French classroom. Thank you to students and parents who are willing to share baked goods and paper products for our celebrations, especially those bringing une “bûche de Noel,” the traditional Christmas Eve dessert. Because of the number of students with nut allergies, students have been instructed to not bring anything that includes nuts or nut products, such as almond extract. For the same reason, I have asked students to not bring in store bought baked goods unless the package explicitly states that the product is nut free. Students should bring in enough of their product for 12. Contributions should be clearly marked with the student’s name and class (day/period). Please try to use disposable containers. Students should drop off their product in the French classroom during homeroom. We’re looking forward to our traditional celebration and thank you for your generosity. Joyeux Noel!

Intramurals (Advisor Mr. Ortwein) None at this time

Lion Service Club (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) Any student interested in joining the Lion Service Club should see Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209 for information and a parent permission form. Our club will be coordinating many great volunteer and service projects such as The Clothing Closet, acknowledging special people in our school and community, etc. Please come and see what we are all about. Club starts on Wednesday, September 26th.

Lion’s Pride (Advisor Ms. Bouhana/Ms. Dentith) You will have your weekly meeting on Wednesdays in Ms. Detith’s room. We will be planning out our second edition. Make sure to have your ideas ready to get us started.

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) Our school level competition will be held on January 4th during school. The results of this competition will determine which students represent Nitschmann at the Chapter Competition which will be held on February 9th at Lower Macungie Middle School. Results of the practice competition are posted on Miss Novatnak’s door. We will hold our usual Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon meetings this week. Students will also be getting information about our annual Wawa fundraiser. This is crucial for the continuation of the program. It pays for our competition registration fees, which are not covered by the school.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Druckenmiller) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs_Nistchmann) Members- our January meeting on 1/3 (Thursday) will be after school only. We are having Terry Dressler from LLS come to talk to us about our February "Pennies for Patients" drive. All members are expected to attend. Please see me if you can't attend the meeting.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday 12/17 Broadway Melody, 12/18 Tuesday Optional Crew to move furniture, Wednesday 12/19 Willy Wonka field trip and Moses/Make ‘Em Laugh/Scene 9, Thursday 12/20 ALL CAST/CREW/HOUSE for an “As Is” Run Thru (expect to run late), Friday 12/21 no rehearsal (go home and enjoy your break!). See the email from Mrs. Hriniak and the website for more updates and details.

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) (Advisor Mr. Amen) None at this time.

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) We met for the last time before the holidays this past Wednesday. (No meeting on Wednesday, December 19th) After checking books out, we played a few minute to win it games and ended in the large group room for cookies and milk before the holiday break. The students had fun! A special thank you to the parents who donated cookies for the event. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 2018, from 3:05 till 4:00 P.M. in the library. The students continue to read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books. They are now able to check off the books as they read them in an online form on the computer. They have been showed how to do this. They can do it when we meet each week or at home. We are discussing another fundraiser for the Winter when we get back from our Holiday break. More info will be sent home. Please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books over the holiday break! We wish you all a happy holiday season! Thank you!

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

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Ms. Roufakis & Mrs. Evancho) Come to visit the Lion's Den for your Nitschmann hoodies, t-shirts, and beanies! This year we are also stocking the NMS school approved calculator for \$10. Be sure to stop and browse on your way to lunch!

Online order form....click [here](#). Orders will not be processed until payment is received.

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) I am anxiously awaiting the passes from Blue Mountain. They are being processed soon!!!

Spanish Club (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Meetings will start again after the new year. Enjoy the holidays.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) **Practices will be Tuesday until 5:30 and Thursday until 5:30.** Steppers and parents will get the Remind app code which will allow for communication between Ms. Sierra, the team and parents. Those without a cell phone can have information go to their email.

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) We now have 2 parties running an adventure. One group for those new to Dungeons & Dragons, and one student led for mildly more experienced players. In addition, we continue to try out new games and teach some of the classics like Backgammon. We continue to meet on Mondays and Tuesdays except for the first Monday of the Month due to our Faculty meeting. Donations of your old or worn out games are always welcome, but we could use some new... <https://www.donorschoose.org/B.Kehler>

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) It's time to pre-order your student's yearbook. The cost of the yearbook is \$36. The order form is attached to this email. Yearbooks can also be ordered online for no additional fee. Please visit:

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>

4. Type in: 5049 to the "Search by Order Number" box
5. Click on "Buy a Yearbook, Yearbook Packages".
6. Follow the screen as prompted.

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

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

Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

SCHEDULE: Auditorium entrance doors will open at 7:00 AM.

12/17 Early morning band 7:15 AM
String Ensemble 3:05 - 4 PM
12/18 Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM
Day 1 Jazz band 8:26-9:01 AM
12/19 Jazz Band reports directly to LVIA at 7:30 AM
12/20 Early morning band 7:15 AM
12/21 Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM
Woodwind Ensemble 3:05-4:00 PM

AMAZON SMILE

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.

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
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DIRECTIONS:

1. Log on to Amazon Smile. <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. If you can search for a charity from your home page type in: **Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association.**

3. If you cannot search from the home page click on **YOUR ACCOUNT**.
4. Under **Settings**, look for **Change your Charity**.
5. Click on **Change your Charity**.
6. In the search box type **Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association**.
7. Click on the select button to the right of NIMA.

LESSON SCHEDULE can be found at <http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>. Due to high school band and orchestra auditions, only 8th grade students will have lessons the week of 12/17 to 12/21. 8th graders should schedule a 1 on 1 lesson to prepare for your high school audition. Click the link below and **ONLY SELECT ON TIME SLOT**.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0849acad2aa5f85-8thgrade>

FAIR SHARE

Check your student's current fair share balance: <https://tinyurl.com/NIMASFAIRSHARE2018>

More information regarding Fair Share: <http://www.nmsim.org/fair-share/>

COLOR GUARD (formerly BANDFRONT) - (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Regular rehearsals Monday and Thursday. If you are in BOTH guard and band, your concert band day is Monday and your guard day is Thursday. The Winter Guard performance is **February 20**. See email updates for more information. Thank you for your hard work at rehearsals!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spring band trip participants** - Don't forget to complete the Food Allergy and Dietary Restrictions forms if applicable. <https://goo.gl/forms/KcTiaGU3NDhds0511>
- Spring band trip - Everyone should have \$150 in their fair share at this point.
- **Volunteer: Application packet and clearance requirements.**
- Take a look at all the fundraising opportunities we currently have. [FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES](#)
- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter. [@NMSBandOrch](#)
- 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.](#)

INSTRUMENTAL EVENTS CALENDAR

12/18 String Ensemble performances at retirement homes.

12/19 Jazz Band LVIA performance

12/19 NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM

1/8 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions

1/16 NIMAS Meeting 7:30 PM

1/17 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions

2/6 All-City Orchestra Concert

Choral Music (Twitter @ldevriesmusic)

Mrs. de Vries, Choral Music Director ldevries@basdschools.org

Mrs. Parris, Choral Music Director jparris@basdschools.org

Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:

Monday 12/17 Neighborhood caroling all choral groups 4-6PM (Meet in choral room right after school)

Tuesday 12/18 No early morning rehearsal

Activity period at 8:25AM All Choral groups (String ensemble w/Mr. Z.)

No Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Wednesday 12/19 No early morning rehearsal

Glee celebration in large group room 3-4:00 PM

Thursday 12/20 No rehearsals
Friday 12/21 No rehearsals

2018-2019 Important Choral Performance Dates: (New events in bold)

December 17 Neighborhood caroling for all choral groups 4-6PM (Meet in choral room right after school)

December 19 Celebration for Glee and Singers 3-4PM in large group room. Sharps/Flats gift exchange

March 9 Optional All City rehearsal at Northeast 9-noon

March 23 Optional All City rehearsal at Northeast 9-noon

March 27 Mandatory All City rehearsal at Northeast 7-11:30AM

March 28 Mandatory All City rehearsal at Northeast 7-11:30AM; All City Concert at Northeast 7PM

April 11 International Night showcase performance 5-7PM

April 27 Cops N Kids performance at Fowler Arts Center

May 6 Spring Choral Concert at Nitschmann 7PM

May 15 Nitschmann Talent Show performance (sponsored by Glee and Singers) 7PM

May 16 Performance at Liberty's Evening of the Arts

June 6 Tentative 8th grade moving up ceremony performance

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)

Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director jortwein@basdschools.org

Basketball Games this Week

Varsity starts at 4:00 with JV starting 10 minutes after Game 1 ends

December 10 vs Whitehall

Boys home and Girls away

2930 Zephyr Blvd
Whitehall, PA 18052

December 12 vs Easton

Boys home and Girls away

1010 Echo Trail
Easton, PA 18040

December 13 vs Nazareth

Girls home and Boys away

4 Friedenstahl Ave
Nazareth, PA 18064

Field Hockey (Advisor Mr. Burzynski)**Intersession Intramurals**Lacrosse Intramurals

Coordinator [Ms. Weinert](#)

Volleyball, Boys Intramurals

Coordinator Mr. Kocon

Winter SportsBasketball, Boys

Head Coach Mr. Wills

Basketball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Ortwein](#)

Wrestling @ Liberty High School

Head Coach Mr. Klingborn (noahklingborg@gmail.com)

Spring SportsSoccer, Boys & Girls Co-Ed

Head Coach [Mr. Rodenbach](#)

Softball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Kocon](#)

*Mr. Peter Mayes
Principal
Nitschmann Middle School
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"Lions Lead the Way!"*

Our Collective Vision Nitschmann Middle School is committed to cultivating a respectful community of innovative learners who are socially competent citizens ready to meet the challenges of their future.

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