

**Parent & Student Weekly Email****Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**

**Sunday, December 30, 2018, to Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**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**

None at this time.

**Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!**

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

*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, 12/31/18 No School**

**Tuesday, 1/1/19 No School**

**Wednesday, 1/2/19 No School**

**Thursday, 1/3/19 Day 5**

**Friday, 1/4/19 Day 6**

**Saturday, 1/5/19**

**Sunday, 1/6/19**

**Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights**

**Monday, 1/7/19 Day 1** Yearbook Photos for Groups

**Tuesday, 1/8/19 Day 2**

**Wednesday, 1/9/19 Day 3** Yearbook Photos for Groups (Snow Date)

**Thursday, 1/10/19 Day 4**

**Friday, 1/11/19 Day 5**

**Saturday, 1/12/19**

**Sunday, 1/13/19**

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

**PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert)** Listen to announcements on Thursday AM

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sscott@basdschools.org)! Please note that this is **ONLY** for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

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**School-wide Announcements**

## **BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)**

**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**

**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
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3. Follow the screen as prompted.

### **Grade 5 Transition Information from Elementary to Nitschmann Middle School**

*1/9/19 Transition Meeting & Tour for New Students 7pm (all schools); 1/16/19 Transition Meeting & Tour for New Students 7pm (all schools); 1/17/19 Transition Meeting & Tour for New Students 9am (all schools); 2/28 Spring Musical Field Trip to Nitschmann Middle School 10am; 3/4 NMS Visit to Hanover; 3/5 NMS Visit to Calypso; 3/6 NMS Visit to Asa Packer; 3/13 NMS Visit to James Buchanan; 3/14 NMS Visit to Clearview; 4/5 Hanover Visit to NMS; 4/8 Clearview Visit to NMS; 4/10 Asa Packer Visit to NMS; 4/11 Calypso Visit to NMS; 4/23 James Buchanan Visit to NMS; 4/26 Charter/Parochial/Private Visit to NMS;*

**Transition Meetings (Mayes)** All grade 5 elementary families are welcome to join us for our kickoff of your transition meetings to Nitschmann Middle School. We will be reviewing the overall plan, classes & activities, and answering all of your questions. In addition, we will have a tour of the school to help you and your child feel welcome in their new school! Please plan to attend any one of the three meetings (1/9 @ 7pm, 1/16 @ 7pm, 1/17 @ 9am)

**Elementary Visits by Nitschmann (Mayes)** Our Nitschmann Middle School team will visit your child's elementary school on the following dates to prepare for the transition, speak to 5th grade students, and talk with your child's principal, guidance counselor, and teachers. *Dates: 3/4 Hanover; 3/5 Calypso; 3/6 Asa Packer; 3/13 James Buchanan; 3/14 Clearview*

**Elementary Shadow Visits to Nitschmann (Mayes)** All grade 5 elementary students will shadow 6th grade students on the following dates to prepare for their transition to middle school. *4/5 Hanover Visit to NMS; 4/8 Clearview Visit to NMS; 4/10 Asa Packer Visit to NMS; 4/11 Calypso Visit to NMS; 4/23 James Buchanan Visit to NMS; 4/26 Charter/Parochial/Private Visit to NMS*

**Elementary Band Tryouts for NMS Band (Zettlemoyer)** All grade 5 elementary students who want to try out for the Nitschmann Band will audition for Mr. Zettlemoyer in May, 2019 at their elementary school. A schedule will be posted prior to May.

### **Grade 8 Transition Information from Nitschmann Middle School to Liberty High School**

*1/8 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions; 1/11 Team NCC Visit to BAVTS; 1/22 Team ESU Visit to BAVTS; 3/4 Mr. Bailey Visit to Nitschmann Middle School; 3/4 Mr. Bailey Visit Parent Meeting 7pm Library; 3/18 NMS Student Shadow Visit to LHS;*

**8th Grader Student Scheduling (Bailey)** Our LHS Counselors will be working with 8th graders at NMS in January & February in classes to help prepare for scheduling. Specific dates will be listed shortly.

**Parent Meeting @ NMS (Bailey)** Mr. Bailey will meet with all NMS 8th grade parents & families on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7pm in the Library.

**Program of Studies (Bailey)** Please take time to review our Liberty High School Program of Studies online!  
<https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/programofstudies/>

**Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG**  
[nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com)

**Executive Committee**

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Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio [JK0359@HOTMAIL.com](mailto:JK0359@HOTMAIL.com)

**PAC Representatives**

- 1) Amy Wuertele
- 2) Kimberly Marcantonio
- 3) Therese Gyauch

**Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) None at this time.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) None at this time.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#) and Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) None at this time.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) None at this time.

**Team Penn State** (7th) **Follow us on social media!!** (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)) (Instagram pennstatenms) None at this time.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) None at this time.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) - None at this time.

**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.

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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** (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) None at this time.

**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) None at this time.

**Cheerleading** (Advisor Mrs. Long) None at this time.

**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) None at this time.

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

**French Club** (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

**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. Dentith'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\_Nitschmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nitschmann) 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) 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) 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) None at this time.

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

**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:

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## **Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates**

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

*Mr. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music [dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org](mailto:dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org)*

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

1/3 Early morning band 7:15 AM

1/4 Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM

## **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**

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](mailto:ldevries@basdschools.org)

Mrs. Parris, Choral Music Director [jparris@basdschools.org](mailto:jparris@basdschools.org)

### **Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:**

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

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](mailto:jortwein@basdschools.org)*

**Basketball Games this Week**  
Varsity starts at 4:00 with JV starting 10 minutes after Game 1 ends

**Friday, 1/4/19**  
Boys Home vs. Springhouse MS  
Girls Away vs. Springhouse MS

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**Field Hockey** (Advisor Mr. Burzynski)

**Intersession Intramurals**

Lacrosse Intramurals  
Coordinator [Ms. Weinert](#)

Volleyball, Boys Intramurals  
Coordinator Mr. Kocon

**Winter Sports**  
Basketball, Boys  
Head Coach Mr. Wills

Basketball, Girls  
Head Coach [Mr. Ortwein](#)

Wrestling @ Liberty High School  
Head Coach Mr. Klingborn ([noahklingborg@gmail.com](mailto:noahklingborg@gmail.com))

**Spring Sports**  
Soccer, Boys & Girls Co-Ed  
Head Coach [Mr. Rodenbach](#)

Softball, Girls  
Head Coach [Mr. Kocon](#)

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*Mr. Peter Mayes*  
*Principal*  
*Nitschmann Middle School*  
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