

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**  
**Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**  
**Sunday, December 9, 2018, to Sunday, December 16, 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**)

*12/9 NMS Band Fundraiser @ Barnes & Nobles 1pm-4pm; 12/11 Nitschmann Dramatics Fundraiser @ Zoup 5pm-8pm; 12/13 Winter Choral Concert 7pm; 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; 4/15-26 PSSA ELA Exams (exact dates TBA); 4/29-5/3 PSSA Math Exams (exact dates TBA); 4/18-4/22 Spring & Easter Break - Schools Closed; 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, 12/10/18 Day 1**

**Tuesday, 12/11/18 Day 2** NMS Dramatics Fundraiser @ Zoup, ‘

**Wednesday, 12/12/18 Day 4** Winter Choral Concert for students 8:30 AM, Calypso Winter Concert 7pm

**Thursday, 12/13/18 Day 3** Winter Choral Concert for friends and family 7pm; Giving Tree Presents Due!

**Friday, 12/14/18 Day 5** PIAA Sports Grade Check, **Ugly Sweater Friday!**

**Saturday, 12/15/18** City of Bethlehem Luminaria Night

**Sunday, 12/16/18**

**Upcoming 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

**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)** Ms. Weinert and Mrs. Long will be in the gym starting day 1 (12/10). Mr. Villani will be in health.

**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)** 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 elementary schools veteran's days ceremonies, is available at [December 7, 2018, Edition of the BASD e-News](#).

**Tardy Phone Calls Begin Monday (Horlick)** If your child is tardy to school without an accepted excuse (ex. Medical appointment), you will receive an automated phone call alerting you at 11am. This is very similar to the absence phone calls we do at the same time. We have found a dramatic increase in tardiness and want to make sure you are notified that your child is tardy. Tardy is defined as your child arriving late for homeroom after 8:13am. Make sure your child is getting to school in plenty of time to arrive when doors open at 8:05am so they do not receive detention due to tardiness!

**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>

**Basketball Games (Mayes)** Please remember that our home basketball games will begin this week. Students are welcome to attend the varsity game, but unsupervised students will be dismissed prior to the JV game.

**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.** There are about 3 seats left on Nitschmann's winter trip to Canada. The trip is now open to all students, not just those in French classes. Please email Madame Lare right away if you're interested in registering for the trip.

**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](http://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](mailto:nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com)

**Executive Committee**

Pres. - Erin Coughlin [ecogs76@gmail.com](mailto:ecogs76@gmail.com)

VP - Deb Clark [clark70g@msn.com](mailto:clark70g@msn.com)

Treasurer -

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](#)) This week Mrs. Hackman's, Mrs. Evancho's, and Mr. Ortwein's language arts classes are completing their Holiday Projects. They are due December 13. Students must present a speech, an essay, and a visual of a holiday for their country. The 2nd IPR is coming soon! Please check your child's planner and home access center for grades and work to be completed.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) The 2nd IPR date is this Monday, please keep up with planners and home access to view current grades and missing assignments. As our December act of kindness we are in the process of making Holiday cards to distribute to various care facilities. We are also working on personal mission statements and a team mission statement in our LEAD classes.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) and Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) Mid-quarter is quickly approaching. Please make sure to check Home Access Center for current grades and complete any missing assignments. Science projects are due 12/11, written Holiday speeches are due 12/13. Welcome to Ms. Gammel, who will be serving in Mrs. Kvacky-Baran's position until later this school year. Her email is [agammel@basdschools.org](mailto:agammel@basdschools.org)

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) - **English (Mr. Falteich)** - The students have a second quarter project due this Wednesday, 12/12. The project is a multi-paragraph essay on the writings of H.H. Munro. The students were given sheets explaining the parts of a multi-paragraph essay. We spent time in class composing the essay introductions and support paragraphs. The students should have a FINAL DRAFT printed out when they come to class on Wednesday. I will be available for extra help until 4:00 p.m. on Monday. Next, the students will be competing in a class spelling bee to hopefully qualify for the evening NMS Spelling Bee in January. We will also begin our next grammar unit on the correct use of difficult irregular verbs. Vocabulary Lesson 9 definitions and sentences are due Thursday, 12/13.

**Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This coming week students will have a test on the scientific method on Thursday, December 13th. Study guides went home with students today. I will be available for extra help after school on Monday and Tuesday and we will be reviewing in class on Wednesday.

**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. Students have be informed about the project in homeroom. Please see the attached flyer to Mr. Mayes’ email. We will be collecting items beginning now through mid- January.](#)

**UGLY SWEATER FRIDAYS - every Friday in December! BRING ON THE UGLY TEAM PENN STATE!**

**ELA-** Students have a vocabulary quiz on Tuesday, December 4th. We will continue our hero unit, focusing on Jackie Robinson, in conjunction with informational writing and text dependent analysis.

**SCIENCE-** Students will be working with a partner in stations to learn about chemical compounds in cells and using a variety of modalities to investigate the information.

**MATH** - Periods 1,2,5 and 7 will be continuing to work with applications of the percent equation and learning to calculate simple interest. They will be taking a unit test on Friday. Period 8 is continuing to work with algebraic expressions.

**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 have out Midwest/ West Region quiz Friday 12/7.



**Team East Stroudsburg (8th)** (Twitter @NMSTeamESU) History classes will be moving into the Pre-Revolution era of history next week. Oral history assignments are due on December 17th at the start of history class. Reading classes will research facts on WWII and begin reading [Soldier X](#).

**Team Northampton (8th)** (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) - **THANK YOU to all the students and parents who turned in their field trip form and payment on time - it was greatly appreciated!!!** Over the next two weeks, **History classes** will be looking at the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. We will be incorporating clips of the History Channel’s John Adams Series and The Sons of Liberty as well as opposing viewpoints will also be heavily targeted as we look at the Boston Massacre. We will have a visit by Principal Mayes and Officer Conley to discuss 4th Amendment rights and their ties into the Writs of Assistance. In **ELA** this week, Period 7 has the final drafts of their personal narrative accounts due on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 8 pm. All classes will continue reading and analyzing a play called “Forever Dorian,” which is based on the classic novel, [The Picture of Dorian Gray](#). We will continue to study gerunds in our word crime unit with a quiz scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13. Please seek out extra help if you are struggling with this concept. In **Reading**, we are continuing our nonfiction unit with *Manhunt* and *Chasing Lincoln’s Killer*. Students all have their own copy of the novels and are expected to bring them to class every day. There is a grade assigned for being responsible and bringing all materials to class. We will continue to work on citing text-based evidence and using our critical thinking skills. In periods 1,5,& 7, we are reading chapter 11 and poster projects were due on Friday. In Period 3, we are back to reading *Manhunt*. Students are to be reading at home in preparation for discussion in class. In Period 8, we are continuing reading in the text and working on critical thinking questions. All classes had a notebook quiz. In **Algebra 1**, students will review for their Unit 3 Test (12/14) and Benchmark Test (Units 1, 2 and 3) In Grade 8 Math, students will review for their Unit 3 Test (12/13) and Benchmark Test (units 1,2 and 3). Students will continue to use both the 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 20th - the theme is Ugly Sweater/ELF/festive wear - the more the merrier!! Any one who would like to donate a gift card - our students are very appreciative! **Please be sure your child is writing in his or her planner to stay on top of their coursework. 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.

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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) 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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) Practice Tuesday and Thursday this week!

**Dance Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practices will be during day 1 activity period on the stage and Wednesdays in the cafeteria until **5 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 Club meets on day 1 during activity time and is open to 7th and 8th grade students in French. They learned about Belgian holiday traditions at the last meeting and will continue celebrating French holiday culture in December.

**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\_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nistchmann ) Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 5, both before and after school. Members must attend ONE of these meetings. Check our Schoology group for updates and announcements. The MOD Pizza Fundraiser (Airport Road) is scheduled for December 13 all day and 20% of the profits go to us! Thanks for Anna for setting this up:) You can bring a hard copy of the flyer or an electronic copy. Hard copies will be available in homerooms and the electronic version is attached. Please help us support our organization!

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday 12/10 no rehearsal, 12/11 Tuesday no rehearsal/Dine to Donate at Zoup!, Wednesday 12/12 Royal Rascal, Thursday 12/13 no rehearsal, Friday 12/14 Singin' In The Rain (Raindrops). 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, December 12, from 3:05 till 4:00 P.M. in the library. We will finish in the large group room with cookies, milk and a few minute to win it games! 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! 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. 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](mailto:dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org)

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

12/10	Early morning band 7:15 AM
12/11	Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM String Ensemble 3:05- 4:00 PM
12/12	Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM Brass Ensemble 3:05-4:00 PM
12/13	Early morning band 7:15 AM
12/14	Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM Woodwind Ensemble 3:05-4:00 PM

#### **BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR**

Barnes & Noble bookfair performances - Sunday, December 9 (Promenade location)

- You may also continue to shop in stores, nationwide, for **Three Days (Sunday 12/9/18 - Tuesday 12/11/18)**, using the **Bookfair ID # 12399374**, at our registers, and a percentage of the sale will go towards the Fundraiser (even sales in the café count, so please feel free to take home a whole cheesecake for the holidays).
- Visit [BN.COM/bookfairs](http://BN.COM/bookfairs) to support us **online from 12/9/18 to 12/14/18** by entering **Bookfair ID 12399374** at checkout.

#### **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.

- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

**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/>

**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) 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 in February. 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](https://twitter.com/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**

*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)*

**Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers for our concert on December 13. If you are willing to help with money at the door or vests and ties in the choral room, please contact Mrs. de Vries.**

**For December 12, 8:30 AM performance for student body: Students should come to school dressed in concert attire: Black dress pants (no jeans/leggings), black shoes & plain white shirt.** Nitschmann Singers will get vests and ties from me at the morning rehearsal. Nitschmann Singer shirts must have a collar.



**For December 13 concert**, students will need: **Black dress pants** (no jeans/leggings), **black shoes & plain white shirt**. Nitschmann Singer shirts must have a collar.

**Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:**

Monday 12/10-8:25 Activity period rehearsal on stage for Glee and Singers, including jazz  
**3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal on stage**  
Tuesday 12/11-7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee not rehearsing with an instrumental group  
3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal on stage  
Wednesday 12/12-7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee and Singers (Jazz band members attend Glee)  
8:30 AM Glee performance for student body  
Thursday 12/13-7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee and Singers (Instrumental students attend Glee)  
**No after school Singers rehearsal today**  
7:00 PM Winter choral concert. Arrive at 6:15 sharp. \$3 at the door for friends and family.  
Friday 12/14- 8:30 performance at B. Braun. Wear jeans and blue ID shirts or similar.

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

**December 10**-3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal on stage (**This is a Monday**)  
**December 12**-7:15 AM **Concert rehearsal** for all Singer and Glee members (including jazz band members)  
8:30 AM **Winter Choral Concert** for Nitschmann students. **Wear concert attire to school.**  
**December 13**-7:15 AM **Concert rehearsal** for all Singer and Glee members (including band members)  
7:00 PM Winter Choral Concert  
**December 14 8:30-9:30 AM Glee Club performs at B. Braun. Wear jeans and blue ID shirts or similar.**  
**December 17**-4-6:00 PM Neighborhood caroling for all choral groups  
**December 19**-3-4:00 PM Celebration for Glee and Singers  
March 9-9-noon optional All City rehearsal at Northeast  
March 23-9-noon optional All City rehearsal at Northeast  
March 27-7:00-11:30 AM mandatory All City rehearsal at Northeast  
March 28-7:00 -11:30 AM mandatory All City rehearsal at Northeast; 7:00 PM All City Concert at Northeast  
April 11-5-7:00 PM International Night showcase performance  
**April 27-Cops N Kids performance at Fowler Arts Center**  
May 6-7:00 PM Spring Choral Concert  
May 15-Nitschmann Talent Show performance (sponsored by Glee and Singers)  
**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

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 Sports**Basketball, Boys

Head Coach Mr. Wills

Basketball, GirlsHead Coach [Mr. Ortwein](#)Wrestling @ Liberty High SchoolHead Coach Mr. Klingborn ([noahklingborg@gmail.com](mailto:noahklingborg@gmail.com))**Spring Sports**Soccer, Boys & Girls Co-EdHead Coach [Mr. Rodenbach](#)Softball, GirlsHead Coach [Mr. Kocon](#)

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Principal

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