

**Parent & Student Weekly Email****Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update****Sunday, January 6, 2019, to Sunday, January 13, 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****Nitschmann Dramatics Barnes & Nobles Flyer****Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!****(All dates are listed from our [NMS Website](#), [BASD Event Calendar](#), & [BASD Academic Calendar](#))**

*1/17 LHA Band & Orchestra Auditions gr 8; 1/18 Snow Ball Semi-Formal; 1/21 MLK Day - Schools Closed; 1/23 LHS Orientation Meeting 7pm LHS; 1/24 End of 2nd Quarter; 2/15 Teacher In-Service Schools Closed; 2/15 - 2/18: Winter Trip to Quebec; 2/18 Presidents Day - Schools Closed; 3/12 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 3/29 End of 3rd Quarter 4/3 Harlem Wizards Game; 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; 5/15-16 Keystone Exams; 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, 1/14/19 Day 6****Tuesday, 1/15/19 Day 1****Wednesday, 1/16/19 Day 2** 2nd 6th Grade Transition Meeting for Incoming 6th Graders @ NMS 7pm**Thursday, 1/17/19 Day 3** 1 3rd 6th Grade Transition Meeting for Incoming 6th Graders @ NMS 9am**Friday, 1/18/19 Day 4** Snow Ball Semi-Formal Dance 6pm-8pm**Saturday, 1/19/19****Sunday, 1/20/19****Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights****Monday, 1/21/19** No School, MLK Holiday**Tuesday, 1/22/19 Day 5** Team ESU Trip to BAVTS; Team NCC Trip to Philadelphia**Wednesday, 1/23/19 Day 6** ; Team NCC Trip to Philadelphia; LHS Transition Meeting for 8th Graders @ LHS Auditorium 7pm**Thursday, 1/24/19 Day 1** Close of 2nd Quarter; 8th Grade LHS Scheduling (1 of 2 meetings)**Friday, 1/25/19 Day 2** Start of 3rd Quarter; February Pride of the Lions**Saturday, 1/26/19****Sunday, 1/27/19****BASD Dining Services Menu & Website** <https://bethlehemareasd.sodexomyway.com/landing/mid>**PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert)** Weinert in health 1/7-1/14. Long starts health 1/15. Weller Center stress presentation 1/15 and 1/18 (Day 1 and Day 4).**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)** None at this time.

**Snowball Semi-Formal Dance - Friday, January 18th from 6-8pm.** Tickets are 6.00. All tickets will be sold during lunches the week of the 14th-18th. NO door sales will be available. There will be a FREE photobooth courtesy of Christmas City Studios. There will be refreshments sold as always. Bring a friend or two - get all dressed up - and strut your stuff! We look forward to seeing you all there!!!

### **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; 1/23 9th Grade Orientation Meeting @ LHS 7pm; 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 Grade Visit to BAVTS (Litak)** All 8th graders will be visiting the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School on 1/11 (Team NCC) or 1/22 (Team ESU) to see opportunities for them during their high school career.

**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. Guidance Counselor Presentations are scheduled for Thursday 1/24/19 (snow date: TBD). Course Selection Completion is scheduled for Tuesday 1/29/19 (snow date: TBD).

**1/23 Parent Meeting @ LHS (Bailey)** Mr. Bailey will meet with all incoming 9th Grade families on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7pm at Liberty High School.

**3/4 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/>

**National Geographic Bee (Hess)** - The results from the preliminary round of the National Geographic Bee are in. The top ten were:

8th Graders - Nichola Cipolone, Luke Daignault, Tyler Daley, Owen Haas, Ryan Jetter

7th Graders- Dylan Benway, Ethan Hawkes, and Rowan Walters

6th Graders -Ben Blum and William Riker

The alternate is Chris Giannaras. These 10 will compete in the school finals on Friday morning January 18th.

**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](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) We would like to welcome Ms. Levidis to our team. She will be replacing Mrs. Metter in her retirement. This Friday will be the schoolwide geography bee. Team Lafayette would like to wish good luck to 2 of our own: Benjamin Blum and William Riker. Congratulations to Stephanie Zheng and Ethan Caine (alternate) on making the NMS Mathcounts Team. The 2nd Marking Period ends 1/24/19. Please keep checking parent portal and your child's planner for work to be completed. With flu season upon us, we welcome any tissue box donations!

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) In line with Leader In Me and the 7 habits we are beginning a new initiative to encourage the students to be more proactive. Each morning during homeroom the students will think about their day and evening activities and plan an hour in the evening that they will spend on school work. They will write this time in their planner at the bottom of the day. If the nightly assignments are completed before the hour is up, the students are encouraged to work on longer term assignments, study, or read. Please check with your child and feel free to give them some input as to what would be a good time frame to use and then please be respectful of their hour of work. If they work well, students really should not have to spend more than an hour. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Along those some lines, the end of the marking period is quickly approaching so be sure to check Home Access to monitor your child's grades.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian) and Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) Reminder to all students that the end of the second marking period is approaching very quickly! Stay on top of Home Access Center and get those assignments in on time!

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) **Team** - Congratulations to Ryan Montero for placing 3rd overall in the school spelling bee on Wednesday night. Great job Ryan! **Reading (Mrs. Gomez)** - All students have Novel Overview Form #4 due on Wednesday, 1/16. Please remind students to log onto Schoology or get a form from my room to complete the assignment. Students in Advance Reading will be studying some of Shakespeare's famous plays as we continue to read our novel, The Wednesday Wars. Students in fifth and seventh periods will have a comprehension test on chapters 1-3 of the novel, The Outsiders, on Monday. On Tuesday, students will be taking a character test. Second and eighth periods will continue to read our class novel and discuss internal and external conflicts. **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - Seventh and eighth periods will have a test on Monday. **ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - Final drafts of business letters are now overdue. This week

students will begin a grammar unit on noun uses. Also, there will be a unit test in vocabulary on Friday, 1/18. The test will include words from the 5 previous lessons (6, 7, 8, 9, and 10). The following link may be used as a review the vocabulary unit test. <https://www.studystack.com/flashcard-2947873> On Thursday after school, I will be holding a review study session; all students are cordially invited to attend. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This week students will finish their microscope lab, which they began last week. After that, they will be preparing to take a quiz on the microscope on Thursday, January 17th.

**Team Penn State** (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter @NMSPennState) (Facebook @NMSTeamPennState) (Instagram pennstatenms) **ELA** - Vocabulary quiz (list #8) on Tuesday (1/15). Final copy of informational writing (Positive Person) due Thursday (1/17). **Science**- Students will be learning more detail about the chloroplasts and their role in photosynthesis as well as how the mitochondria supply energy as they travel in student stations next week. **Reading**-We are starting to read "12 Angry Men". We will be writing an in depth character analysis on one of the jurors. **Math** - Periods 8 is taking their unit test on Monday. Later in the week, they will begin a unit on solving equations. Periods 1,2,5 and 7 are continuing to work on simplifying expressions. They will have a quiz Friday on Sections 4-1 - 4-5. **Social Studies**- We are learning about the United States history and culture.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter @NMSTeamESU) History classes will be studying the Boston Massacre with a focus on fake news and manipulation of the media. Tuesday we will be reading "A letter from the Birmingham Jail" by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Reading classes will continue to read Soldier X with an emphasis on Theme identification and analysis. Book reports are due January 22.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) - History classes will be looking at the impact Thomas Paine's Common Sense had on the Declaration of Independence. We will revisit the 1770's have have some fun with the Declaration Dating Game. History classes will continue to supplement material with the History Channel's John Adams and Sons Of Liberty video segments. We will be previewing the LHS elective courses that tailor to the potential pathway of each student for their 9th grade year. This preparation will get students ready for the LHS visits on the 24th and 28th of this month. More information will be sent home via email. Reading classes are working on a poem about Paul Revere's midnight ride to align with history class. Students are learning how to annotate and analyze poetry. All students will be learning about Civil Rights and reading poetry, short stories, and creating their own poem during this unit. Algebra 1 classes will be finishing Solving Systems of Linear Equations and Inequalities (Unit 4 Test Wednesday) and start Unit 5 - Graphing Absolute Value Functions. Math 8th students will take their Unit 4 Test on Monday (1/14) and continue working on Solving Systems of Linear Equations.. In ELA classes, we will begin to discuss our informational writing concepts. We will focus on facts, opinions, generalizations, topic sentences, and supporting details. ALL classes have their interviews due on Friday, Jan. 25. **Our trip to the Museum of the American Revolution is just around the corner - January 22nd and January 23rd!**

### **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 Ms. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Our next meeting is January 14 in the large group room. This will be our costume social. Please bring costumes with you to school. Also, please bring an item of food or drink so we can have some snacks to enjoy during our social event.

**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) New classes are starting at the Banana Factory's Art Smart program. This is a free program. Classes will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting during the first week in February. Students may sign up for one or both days. Bus transportation will be provided from Nitschmann to the Banana Factory. Parents must be able to pick up their children at the Nitschmann main entrance at 6 p.m. sharp. As class sizes are very limited, it is important that students commit to attending sessions for all 8 weeks. Tuesday classes are: animal painting & sculpting, mosaics, and drawing exploration. Thursday classes are: printmaking, wheel thrown pottery, digital art, and "Write Now!", a class in creative writing. Interested students may pick up a course description and parent permission form from Mrs. Lare in Room 317. Sign up soon as classes fill up fast!

**Cheerleading** (Advisor Mrs. Long) Girls Basketball game Monday. Practice 3:05-4:30 Tuesday. Boys basketball game Thursday. See my email for further questions.

**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. **Northeast Stomp show is Feb. 1 ticket sales are online- more info will be given in the next couple weeks.** Shirt \$ due ASAP. Gr. 8 Jacket/Sweatshirt \$ due by Jan. 18.

**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) French Club students closed out the holiday season by learning about French food and customs for New Years and Twelfth Night.

**French Trip to Quebec** (Advisor Mr.s Lare) - Two seats remain open! Contact Mrs. Lare if you're interested! Nitschmann's first ever trip to Quebec, Canada is just a month away! Please make sure you have sent in all necessary forms: a copy of the student's travel document, a detailed health form, copy of student's health insurance card, parent consent form, and behavior compliance form. If you need forms or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lare at [alare@basdschools.org](mailto:alare@basdschools.org). Please finalize your payments directly to Jumpstreet Tours. Finally, now is the time to make sure you have all your winter clothing. It gets cold in Canada!

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



**Leadership Council** (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) 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.

**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 articles and videos ready to be put together. All members **MUST** attend. We will be taking our group picture on Monday. Our first edition can be viewed below. <https://spark.adobe.com/page/1CnIgxoH6wlTm/>

**Mathcounts** (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) Congratulations to the students who qualified to represent Nitschmann at the Chapter Competition which will be held on February 9th at Lower Macungie Middle School. All students are still welcome to attend meetings and get stronger for next year.

Team Members:

Sruti Tekumalla, 8th grade, Chris Giannaras, 8th grade, Owen Lansing, 7th grade, Stephanie Zheng, 6th grade

Individual competitors:

Ritvik Singh, 8th grade, Wade Wu, 7th grade, Josh Freedman, 7th grade, Siddhardh Tekumalla, 8th grade

Alternates:

Hadi Ali, 7th grade, Ethan Caine, 6th grade, Pantelis Georgalas, 6th grade, Neil Rana, 7th grade

We will hold our usual Wednesday morning meeting, but **THURSDAY's PRACTICE IS CANCELLED**.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Druckenmiller) (Twitter-@Njhs\_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nistchmann ) Thank you to Terri Dressler for coming in and informing us about our upcoming service learning fundraiser. We will need all members to participate in this event for it to be successful and to meet our goal. We will officially begin to fundraise in February.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Barnes & Noble event! Next week's revised rehearsal schedule: Monday no rehearsal (faculty meeting), Tuesday cast/crew/house, Wednesday cast/crew/house, Thursday cast/crew/house and Clearview Reading Night, Friday cast/crew/house.. 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 16, 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. Please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books. The competition is on April 11, 2019 at Easton High School. We will be picking teams to take by the end of February.

**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) Our first meeting is tomorrow, 1/14! We will meet at Valley Lodge between 5-5:30; we will have several tables grouped for Nitschmann. I will have a sign in to get students together to ski as a group. This is also a good time for parents to discuss carpooling. I will communicate through the Remind app. To sign up text

@skiclubni to the number 81010. If the conditions are poor, we will cancel. I will let you know before lunch on Monday if not sooner.

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) Our first meeting for the new year will this Tuesday after School. We will begin working on International Night. Those that are interested in in dancing should choose a song they like and we'll vote as a group, and come up with ideas for cultural activities for students. Group Picture on Monday - **Make sure to wear a red shirt or t-shirt** and you can bring in a Hispanic cultural prop if you have one.

**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. **Northeast Stomp show is Feb. 1 ticket sales are online- more info will be given in the next couple weeks.** Shirt \$ due ASAP. Gr. 8 Jacket/Sweatshirt \$ due by Jan. 18.

**Strategy Club** (Advisor Mr. Kehler) **Monday, 1/7, Yearbook photo at 10:00. If you want in, show up.** No club Monday after school due to 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> . Happy New Year!

**Yearbook** (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) **DUE DATE 1/11** 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.

## **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)*

### **1) REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

- 1/14 Monday - Early Morning Band 7:15 AM
- 1/15 Tuesday - Early Morning Orchestra 7:15 AM  
Day 1 Jazz Band
- 1/16 Wednesday - Early Morning Jazz Band 7:15 AM
- 1/17 Thursday - Early Morning Band 7:15 AM
- 1/18 Friday - Early Morning Orchestra 7:15 AM

### **2) LESSON SCHEDULE**

- **Attached**
- No lessons on Thursday.
- Thursday lessons have been moved to other days of the week due to LHS auditions.
- Link to website: <http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

### **3) LIBERTY BAND AND ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS**

- Audition dates are January 17
- Students will be assigned an audition date and time
- Audition information can be found on student Schoology accounts in their resource folder under LHS Auditions
- The audition schedule is attached, posted on their Schoology calendar, in their Schoology resource folder, been emailed to each student, and the Instrumental website calendar.

#### 4) SPRING BAND TRIP PAYMENT

- The next payment is due on January 16.
- Everyone should have \$200 in their fairshare account by January 16
- Check your fairshare total here: <https://tinyurl.com/NIMASFAIRSHARE2018>
- There is a mandatory trip meeting for everyone going on the band trip. The meeting is April 24, 7:00 PM. Students going on the trip and a parent must attend.

#### 5) 8TH GRADE NYC TRIP PAYMENT

- Everyone attending the trip should have made a deposit of \$50.00 at this point.
- You will receive an email with your balance this week.
- Make checks payable to "NIMAS"
- Return all payments to Mr. Zettlemoyer in Room 144
- Orchestra, Jazz and Singer students may be reimbursed if they fund raise more than their fairshare

#### 6) MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD GROUP PHOTOS

- Link to order: <https://christmascitystudio.smugmug.com/Middle-Schools/Nitschmann-MS/2018-2019-Band-Groups/>
- I am looking into the shipping charge

#### 7) FUNKY DAWGZ BRASS BAND

- The Funky Dawgz will be back at ArtsQuest for a performance on Sat, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. The show is not free, but only \$10 in advance.

<https://www.steelstacks.org/event/7259/funky-dawgz-brass-band/>

#### 8) NIMAS Meeting January 16, 7:30 PM

#### 9) Parent volunteers needed to assist with hosting the All-City Orchestra Festival on February 5 & 6

- If you would like to volunteer just click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa8af2ea2f85-allcity>

- February 5, 7:00 am to 11:30 am
- February 6, 7:00 am to 10:30 am
- February 6, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

#### 9) 2019 NIMAS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

January 16	NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:30 PM
February 5	All City Orchestra rehearsal at Nitschmann	7:30 AM – 11:30 AM
February 6	All City Orchestra rehearsal at Nitschmann	7:30 AM – 10:30 AM
February 6	All City Orchestra Concert at Nitschmann	7:30 PM
February TBD	Winter basketball game	Time TBA
February 20	NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:00 PM
February 20	Winter Bandfront Performance	8:00 PM
February 21	Allentown Symphony Orchestra field trip	
March 8	Northeast Jazz Festival	7:00 PM
March 15	Broughal Jazz Festival	7:00 PM
March 19	NIMAS at Nitschmann	7:30 PM *This is a date change
March 20	PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra	
March 21	PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra Snow Date	
March 22	Nitschmann Jazz Festival	7:00 PM



March 29	PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra	
March 30	PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra Snow Date	
April 5	NIMAS Bingo	6:00 PM
April 17	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music & Drama Trip to NYC	7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
April 24	NIMAS Meeting & Mandatory spring trip meeting	7:00 PM
April 27	Jazz Band Cafe'	7:00 PM
May 8	Orchestra/Jazz Spring Concert	7:00 PM
May 14*	TUESDAY NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:30 PM
May 14	Band Uniform Refit Night	6:00 PM
May 18	Hanover Armed Forces Day Performance (WW & Brass Ens)	10:00 AM
May 20	Spring Band Concert	7:00 PM
May 23	Band uniform drop off for trip OR Band uniform return	5:00 – 7:00PM
May 26 & 27	SUNDAY & MONDAY Spring Band Trip	
June 3	NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:30 PM
June 6	Moving up ceremony - String Ensemble	6:00 PM

### AMAZON SMILE

The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of the Amazon Smile program.

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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.

### 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!

### 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)

**Love to sing?** Consider joining Glee Club! Glee Club rehearses every Tues., Wed. and Thurs. at 7:15 AM. Members of band, orchestra and jazz are excused to go to their instrumental rehearsals. All choral ensemble members must be at 8:25 AM activity period rehearsals every day 1.

**Interested students should come to room 141 for activity period rehearsal at 8:25 on Tues. 1/15.**

**Our usual rehearsal schedule has resumed!** Please see the calendar below. Remember that if there is a bad weather delay, morning rehearsal is cancelled. If there is an early dismissal due to weather, afternoon rehearsal is cancelled.

**The Liberty A Cappella group will be visiting us this Wednesday at our 8:15 AM rehearsal!**

**Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:**

Monday, 1/14 No rehearsals

Tuesday, 1/15 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra

8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for **all** Glee and Singer members. New members welcome!

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Wednesday, 1/16 7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz band. Visit with Liberty A Cappella group.

Thursday, 1/17 7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

Friday, 1/18 No rehearsals

**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)

**FREE Spring physicals @ LHS Feb 19th 5pm to 7pm.**

**Basketball Games this Week**

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

**Monday, 1/14/19**

Boys Away vs. Eyer MS

Girls Home vs. Eyer 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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