

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**  
**Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**  
**Sunday, January 20, 2019, to Sunday, January 27, 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**)

*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; 4/11 International Night 5-7pm; 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, 1/21/19 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**

**Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights**

**Monday, 1/28/19 Day 3**

**Tuesday, 1/29/19 Day 4** 8th Grade LHS Scheduling (2 of 2 meetings)

**Wednesday, 1/30/19 Day 5**

**Thursday, 1/31/19 Day 6**

**Friday, 2/1/19 Day 1**

**Saturday, 2/2/19**

**Sunday, 2/3/19**

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

**PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert)** Villani in health starting 1/24. Weinert and Long in the gym starting 1/24.

**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.

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

*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;*

**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 (Zettlemyer)** All grade 5 elementary students who want to try out for the Nitschmann Band will audition for Mr. Zettlemyer 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.

\*Update: Due to Friday's 2 hour delay, the National Geographic Bee was postponed. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 29th.

**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)

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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](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) The 2nd Marking Period ends this Thursday. Please keep checking parent portal and your child's planner to make sure there are no missing assignments. Team Lafayette is currently planning a community service project to help local animal shelters. Please stay tuned for more details from the students!

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) This coming week marks the end of the 2nd marking period. We are officially halfway through the year!!! This means that our students are closer to 7th graders than they are to 5th and we hopefully are seeing behavior and responsibility habits that show such. Along with that we hope that they are settling into the routine of an hour of school work each night. We ask that you continue to encourage and support this habit at home.

Math progress reports were sent home Friday. Please review these with you child, sign and return them on Tuesday. Also check the home access center to see what their grades are and if there are any outstanding assignments that need to be completed before 2nd quarter grades are finalized. On Tuesday, January 21st 8th graders of the National Junior Honor will be available after school to help students with any work and assignments in Mrs. Druckenmiller's room.

**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** - This Thursday, January 24th marks the end of the second marking period. All work needs to be handed in and all tests need to be taken by this time.

**Reading (Mrs. Gomez)** - Second period will have a test on chapters 1-7 of the novel, Al Capone Does My Shirts. Students in eighth period will have a test on pages 1-73 of the novel Notes From the Midnight Driver. First period students will have a test on the chapters September-November for the novel, The Wednesday Wars. Fifth and seventh periods will have a test on chapters 4-6 of the novel The Outsiders. Please encourage students to keep reading nightly.

**ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - This week students will continue a grammar unit on noun uses. We will review the four nominative case noun uses and begin the objective case. Students should come in for extra help if they are confused. Once we begin building on these concepts, this unit can be one of the more difficult grammar units. Extra help is available Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:05- 3:40. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This week we will begin discussing the characteristics that all living things have in common.

**Team Penn State** (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamPennState)) (Instagram [pennstatenms](https://www.instagram.com/pennstatenms)) **Thank you for all your generous donations towards our Blessing Bags! We will deliver them to Victory House this week.** **ELA** - Students will receive the next vocabulary list on Tuesday. Periods 1, 2, &5 are working on mood in poetry. Periods 7 & 8 have started a novel called Notes from the Midnight Driver. **Science-** Quiz on the chemical reactions of respiration and photosynthesis Thursday.. **Reading-** We will begin Monster, a novel by Walter Dean Myers. It is another courtroom drama. **Math** - Periods 8 is working on solving equations and will have a quiz Monday on two-step equations. Periods 1,2,5 and 7 are still simplifying expressions.. All classes will also be taking the Math Inventory test this week. **Social Studies-** We are learning about the United States history and culture.

**Team East Stroudsburg (8th)** (Twitter @NMSTeamESU) History classes will be learning about the events at Lexington and Concord. Students will analyze how the colonist determined if they would be a Patriot or Loyalist. Reading classes will have a vocabulary quiz on Wednesday. All book reports are due Tuesday. Notebooks will be collected and given a 50 point classwork grade.

**Team Northampton (8th)** (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) - **Our trip to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia is HERE! All information we went over in class is also posted in Schoology. IF there is a 2-hour delay or a school closing on Tuesday, the trip will be rescheduled. An update on Schoology and the student's email will be blasted out as soon as possible.** History classes will be learning about what challenges the Continental Army faced, the various roles women, Native Americans, and African Americans played in the war, and the significant impact Europeans had in the victory of the Revolution. This past week, students selected their elective courses that tailor to the potential pathway of each student for their 9th grade year. Every student went home with their potential choices and the LHS elective sheet. PLEASE ask your child to share in this important step toward LHS next year. Reading classes just finished working on a poem about Paul Revere's midnight ride to align with history class. Students are learning about annotating poetry as well as how to answer text-dependent analysis questions. All students are 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 finish our discussion of topic sentences and supporting details by writing and evaluating paragraphs. We will also move onto connecting sentences with verbal bridges. ALL classes have their interviews due on Friday, Jan. 25. In science we will be continuing Balanced vs Unbalanced forces. Quiz is set for 1/29 (barring any snow days) **A special thank you to the following students for putting in their own time and effort into making our dance a success! Sophia Albino, Ashly Paulino, Melania Salzano, Leilani Ogilive, Jing Ren, Cameron Preisler, Simone Grant, JC Spinosa, Brandon Maniscalco!!!**

### **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 Open Gym** (Mayes) Basketball each Tuesday & Thursday morning at 7:15am. Don't be late!

**Anime Club** (Advisors Ms. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Thanks to all who showed up and donated food for our character social. Our next meeting is set for February 25 from 3:05-4:00 in room 104.

**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.

Beginning **January 28, 2019**, the people in your classes who normally get your Remind messages as texts will no longer receive these messages if they have Verizon Wireless as their phone carrier. To make sure you continue receiving your messages, [download the mobile app](#) or [enable email notifications](#)—both of which are free of charge. Remind is also working hard on a solution to allow to continue to use Remind by text.

**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 learned about the "carnaval" celebrations that happen all over the world during the winter months. Students saw celebrations in Nice (France), Martinique, and Quebec. Mardi Gras, which students will celebrate in March, is part of the "carnaval" season in francophone places.

**French Trip to Quebec** (Advisor Mrs. Lare) - Nitschmann's first ever winter trip to Quebec is less than 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! Check email regularly for updates and information.

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

**Leadership Council** (Advisor Mrs. Ellis) None at this time.

**Lion Service Club** (Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin) Members--Please be sure to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, January 23rd. We need to finalize our next project. If you can't attend, please see Mrs. McLaughlin in room 209.

**Lion's Pride** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana/Ms. Dentith) We will have our weekly meeting on Wednesdays in room 114. We will be finishing out our second edition. Make sure to have your articles and videos ready to be put together. All members MUST attend. If you are interested in joining the Newspaper team, speak to Ms. Bouhana or Ms. Dentith about applying.



Our first edition can be viewed below. <https://spark.adobe.com/page/1CnIgxoh6wITm/>

**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 and Thursday afternoon meetings this week.

This year's t-shirts will be \$5, cash or check made out to Nitschmann Middle School. Order forms will be given to students this week.

**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. We have a meeting scheduled for all members after school on Thursday, Jan. 21 in room 104 to discuss fundraiser ideas and divide the work to be done. Continue to check Schoology for updates.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Clearview Reading Night! Next week's rehearsal schedule: Monday no rehearsal (no school), Tuesday cast/crew/house, Wednesday cast/crew/house (stage makeup clinic), Thursday cast/crew/house (stage makeup clinic), 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 23, 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. The Competition T-shirt design contest starts this week! Encourage your child to draw a design and enter it! The students vote on them and the winner's design is put on our competition t-shirts! Fundraising papers are going home this week. Your child should be giving them to you. We have 3 fundraisers in the next 2 months. Please consider donating for one of them. The competition is on April 11, 2019 at Easton High School. We will be picking 3 teams of 12 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) We will not meet on MLK Jr. day. We will meet on 1/28. Please arrive at 4:45 if you have lessons; Lessons begin at 5:30. Everyone should be off the mountain by 8:30. I will communicate through the Remind app. To sign up text @skiclubni to the number 81010.

**Spanish Club** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) We are meeting Tuesday after school and will be continuing our work for International Night. If you have a song or activity planned for that night, make sure to be prepared to teach it to others.

**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.

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**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)

### **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**

- 1/21 Monday - No School
- 1/22 Tuesday - Early Morning Orchestra 7:15 AM
- 1/23 Wednesday - Early Morning Jazz Band 7:15 AM
- 1/24 Thursday - Early Morning Band 7:15 AM  
- Day 1 Jazz band 8:26
- 1/25 Friday - No Early Morning Orchestra or Lessons

#### **2) LESSON SCHEDULE**

- No lessons on Thursday.
- Monday and Friday lessons were condensed into Tue., Wed., and Thr.
- Link to website: <http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

#### **3) SPRING BAND TRIP PAYMENT**

- The next payment of \$50.00 is due on February 20.
- 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.

#### **4) 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

#### **5) 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

#### **6) PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

## 7) 2019 NIMAS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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 12	Night Basketball Game at Nitschmann - Volunteer performance - Time TBD	
February 20	NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:00 PM
February 20	Winter Color Guard 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 17	BASD Middle School Music Ice-Skating - 5-7 PM Illick's Mill Ice Rink	
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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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) No rehearsal Monday (no school). Regular rehearsal 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:**

- 1/21 Monday- No rehearsals
- 1/22 Tuesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 1/23 Wednesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz band.
- 1/24 Thursday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band  
8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for **all** Glee and Singer members. New members welcome!  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 1/25 Friday-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 3 Harlem Wizards-Nitschmann Singers sing National Anthem at Nitschmann 6PM**
- 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 7PM**
- 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

**Wednesday, 1/23/19**

Boys Away vs. Lower Macungie MS

Girls Home vs. Lower Mac MS

**Thursday 1/24/19**

Girls AWAY vs Harrison-Morton

Boys HOME vs H-M

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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 \(noahklingborg@gmail.com\)](#)

**Spring Sports**

Soccer, Boys & Girls Co-Ed

Head Coach [Mr. Rodenbach](#)

Softball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Kocon](#)

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