

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, January 27, 2019, to Sunday, February 3, 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](#))

2/4 NPG Meeting; 2/8 Hollywood Red Carpet Dance; 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, 1/28/19 Day 3 Team NCC Trip to Philadelphia;
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

Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 2/4/19 Day 2 NPG Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday, 2/5/19 Day 3 2nd Quarter Report Card Mailing Distribution
Wednesday, 2/6/19 Day 4
Thursday, 2/7/19 Day 5
Friday, 2/8/19 Day 6 Hollywood Red Carpet Dance 6-8pm \$6
Saturday, 2/9/19
Sunday, 2/10/19

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

PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert) Weinert starts in health Friday February 1st. Weinert and Long in PE and Villani in health (1/24-1/31).

Recent Nitschmann News! (Always posted on our Social Media sites too!)

Twitter [@NitschmannMS](#); Facebook [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Instagram [@BASDNitschmannMS](#); [NMS School Website](#); [YouTube](#)

Is your child sick? You can submit your child's sick note by email to ni-attendance@basdschools.org, as long as the email on your child's account matches the email address. Please keep your email address up-to-date by emailing our Student Services Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org! Please note that this is **ONLY** for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The **BASD e-News** is designed to highlight BASD student and staff achievements and share events and activities going on in the BASD and the Lehigh Valley. It is our hope that you find it informative. The latest edition is available at [January 25, 2019, Edition of the BASD e-News](#).

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.

Hollywood Red Carpet Dance (Hriniak): The next school dance at Nitschmann is Friday, February 1. The theme is Hollywood Red Carpet, so wear your best red carpet outfit or your favorite 1920s costume to celebrate the golden age of Hollywood. Tickets are \$6 and will be sold in the cafeteria during all lunch periods this week. Tickets must be purchased in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door. Hope to see you there!

BASD All- Middle Schools' Semi-Formal Dance (Officer Yerk): The 4th annual middle schools' semi-formal dance will take place on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 at Liberty High School Auxiliary Gym. The dance will be open to all students from East Hills, Broughal, Northeast and Nitschmann. Tickets are \$8 and will be sold in the cafeteria during lunch periods this week.

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 (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;

1/29 Course Selection (Litak): Course Selection Completion is scheduled for Tuesday 1/29. Students please make an extra effort to be present today and attend your scheduled session during 2nd or 4th period. You can find out your meeting times and locations through your homeroom teacher. There is paperwork that must be turned in to the high school during these sessions. Thank you!

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/>

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) -Follow us on Twitter! @NitschmannPG

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

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Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator - Kimberly Marcantonio JK0359@HOTMAIL.com

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

Meeting 2/4 @ 6:30pm

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Congratulations to our January Pride of the Lions - Savannah Paulus, Thatcher Quayle and Sarah Stein. 6th Grade will be having a pretzel sale next week to help raise money for our End of the Year field trip. Order forms are available in homeroom and will be accepted through Wednesday. Pretzels will be delivered 8th period on Friday. Please support this effort! We are now in the 3rd quarter of the year. It is in this half of the year we are hoping to see the students begin to become more independent as they prepare for 7th grade.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) We would like to congratulate our January Pride of the Lions: Finn Dougherty, Sophia Rivera, Naomi Martinez, and for Encore Chase Dusseau. They will be honored at this Tuesday's team celebration at which time we will announce our Mountain Hawk awards and give a shout out to students caught in the act of being Decent Human Beings. The third marking period started this past Friday. Hopefully the students have developed some good work/study habits through the first half of the year and practice using them as we head into the 2nd half. We encourage you to continue with the hour a night of school work. On average it takes 21 times of doing something for it to become a habit. Let's make this a habit!!! As always continue to check planners and the Home Access Center to keep track of your child's grades.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#) and Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) On Thursday, January 31st, we will be walking to Moravian College for our Science Day. The students will be experiencing three physics classes. Please make sure to dress for the weather as we will be walking. Your child will either need to pack a lunch or bring \$5 to purchase lunch at the college. Also, Friday will be our January reward. Make sure to check out our Facebook page for pictures. Finally, please make sure that the rock your child brought home before the holiday has been placed so that others can enjoy the message.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) - **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - Periods 2 & 5 will have a test on Monday, 1/28. **ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - There will be a quiz this Tuesday on the uses for nominative and objective case nouns. The students should begin to see the relevance of this grammar unit as we shift from nouns to pronouns. The students will begin their study of nominative and objective case pronouns and when to use them. The Lesson 11 vocabulary homework is due on Thursday, 1/31 (definitions and sentences). The lesson 11 quiz will be given on Friday, 2/1. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This coming week we will begin discussing the chemical compounds that are essential for all living things.

Team Penn State (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)) (Instagram pennstatenms) **We encourage parents to check the grade portal as the second quarter has ended.** **ELA** - All students have a vocabulary quiz on Tuesday, January 29th. Periods 1, 2 & 5 will continue a poetry analysis unit. Periods 7 & 8 will continue the novel, Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie. Officer Yerk will visit periods 7 & 8 on Monday to discuss underage drinking and drinking and driving (in connection with the novel). **Science**- The students will be solving the crime of the stolen necklace on Monday using DNA fingerprinting. The remainder of the week we will be learning about DNA's relationship with cell division. **Reading**- We will begin *Monster*, a novel by Walter Dean Myers. It is another courtroom drama. We are analyzing testimony. **Math** - All classes will be finishing the Math Inventory test this week. Periods 8 is continuing to solve equations. This week, we're focusing on word problems and multi-step equations. Students will have a quiz on Friday. Periods 1,2,5 and

7 are nearing the end of the unit on simplifying expressions. **Social Studies-** We are learning about the United States history and culture.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) History classes will be studying the American Revolution causes, trigger and military balance sheet. Reading classes will continue reading and identifying themes in Soldier X.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) - History classes will finish 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 through use of the Discovery on-line Techbook. This past week, students met with thier LHS Counselor on Thursday. They will meet again this Tuesday to choose their electives. Hopefully, your child has shared with you his/her choice of classes they look to pursue next year. Reading classes are beginning our new unit on fiction. We will be working on elements of fiction and story plotting. We will then segue into our new novel, *The Contender*. My period 3 class will finish Manhunt and then transition into their fiction 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 are excited to welcome Miss Nieves, our student teacher from Moravian College, to our class. She will be working with our students until the first week in March. In class, 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. We will also continue to review appositives. In Science, we will be continuing Balanced vs Unbalanced Forces. Quiz is set for 1/30 (barring any snow days)

Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp)

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

Student Services Updates

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

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

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

Extracurricular Activities

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

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

Anime Club (Advisors Ms. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) 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 on Monday, Practice Tuesday (pep rally prep) and Boys basketball game on Thursday.

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.**

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Stomp Show tickets are on sale now. No tickets sold at the door, or in person. Online only.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-northeast-stomp-show-tickets-54607426282>

\$8.50 per person.

Ticket sales END on 2/1/19 at NOON (or when they sell out)

Let me know if there are any questions!

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 Mr.s 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. 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) Leadership Council is sponsoring a canned food drive. Send in your donations by February 13th!

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.

Payment for t-shirt orders is due by Friday, \$5 cash or a check made out to Nitschmann Middle School.

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 members after school on Tuesday in room 104 to organize supplies. Continue to check Schoology for updates. **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LLS FUNDRAISER BY DONATING ONLINE! LINK IS BELOW.**

<https://events.lls.org/pages/epa/Nitschmann-Middle-School-2019>

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) *Rehearsal schedule is subject to change this week; watch your email for updates and schedule changes.* Monday all cast/crew/house, Tuesday all cast/crew/house, Wednesday Dance Committee only until 4:30, Thursday CREW ONLY until 4:30, Friday no rehearsal...go to the dance! 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 30, 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 is this Wednesday! Encourage your child to draw a design and enter it! The students will vote on them this Wednesday and the winner's design will be put on our competition t-shirts! Fundraising papers were sent home this week. Your child should of given them to you. There are 3 fundraisers in the next 2 months. The first two are the bake sale and a "pot of gold" fundraiser. Please consider donating for one of them. You can go on sign up genius at the sight below and sign up. Thank you so much!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848A8A82BA2F85-bake>

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.**

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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

1) REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- 1/21 Monday - Early Morning Band 7:15 AM
- 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
- 1/25 Friday - Early Morning Orchestra 7:15 AM
 - Day 1 Jazz band 8:26

2) LESSON SCHEDULE

- 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 fair share 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 fair share

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) ALL-CITY TICKETS

- Tickets are available in advance for the All-City orchestra concert on February 6. Tickets are \$3.00.
- Tickets will also be available at the door for the same price of \$3.00
- The concert will be at Nitschmann on February 6 starting at 7:30 PM.

8) MATEY'S PIZZA SALE

- We are selling Matey's pizzas again
- Orders are due on February 8.
- Delivery is on February 16 at 10 am in the auditorium parking lot.
- The order form is here: <http://www.nmsim.org/nimas/fundraising/>

9) NIGHT BASKETBALL GAME

- The band will be performing at the night basketball game on Tuesday, February 12. (Winds and percussion players)
- The game will be in the Nitschmann gym.
- The students should report at 4:15 PM. The game begins at 5 PM.
- Students should wear their blue ID shirts.
- Color guard does not perform at this event.

10) 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 8	Matey's Pizza Orders are due	
February 12	Night Basketball Game at Nitschmann - Winds and Percussion	5 PM
February 16	Matey's Pizza delivery	10 am
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	
<i>March 21</i>	<i>PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra Snow Date</i>	
March 22	Nitschmann Jazz Festival	7:00 PM
March 29	PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra	
<i>March 30</i>	<i>PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra Snow Date</i>	
April 5	NIMAS Bingo	6:00 PM
April 17	8 th 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

February 5	All-City Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 am - 11:30 am
February 6	All-City Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 am - 10:30 am
February 6	All-City Orchestra Concert 7:30 PM Nitschmann Auditorium \$3.00
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February 12	Night Basketball game at Nitschmann 5 PM
February 16	Matey's Pizza Delivery 10 am
February 21	Allentown Symphony Orchestra Field Trip 9am - 12:00 PM
March 20	PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra Festival
March 29	PMEA Elementary Band & ORchestra Festival
April 5	NIMAS Bingo 6 PM
April 27	NMS Jazz Cafe' 7 PM
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May 20	Spring Band Concert 7:30 PM
May 26 & 27	Spring Band trip to Washington D.C.

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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)

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

Love to sing? Consider joining Glee Club! No formal audition is required, just a love of singing and a commitment to rehearsals. 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 Friday 2/1.

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.

Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:

- 1/28 Monday- No rehearsals
- 1/29 Tuesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 1/30 Wednesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz band.
- 1/31 Thursday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 2/1 Friday-8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for **all** Glee and Singer members. New members welcome!

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 for all Glee and Singers
- April 27 Cops N Kids performance at Fowler Arts Center
- May 6 Spring Choral Concert at Nitschmann 7PM
- May 15 Nitschmann Talent Show performance for all Glee and Singers 7PM
- May 16 Performance at Liberty's Evening of the Arts for all Glee and Singers 7PM**
- May 20 Nitschmann Singers sing at the Nitschmann Band Concert 7PM**
- June 6 8th grade moving up ceremony performance for all Glee and Singers 6PM

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter @NMS_Athletics)

Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director 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, 1/28/19

Boys Away vs. East Hills MS

Girls Home vs. East Hills MS

Thursday 1/31/19

Girls AWAY vs Orefield

Boys HOME vs Orefield

Field Hockey (Advisor Mr. Burzynski)

Interession 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

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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