

**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**

None at this time.

**Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!**

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

*1/8/19 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions gr. 8; 1/17 LHA Band & Orchestra Auditions gr 8; 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; 2/18 Presidents Day - Schools Closed; 3/12 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 3/29 End of 3rd Quarter 4/9 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; Spring & Easter Break - Schools Closed; 4/23-24-25 PSSA ELA Exams (note: tentative due to winter weather & snow day adjustments); 4/29-30 PSSA Math Exams; 5/2-3 PSSA Science Exams; 5/15-16 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, 1/7/19 Day 1** Yearbook Photos for Groups

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

**Wednesday, 1/9/19 Day 3** 1st 6th Grade Transition Meeting for Incoming 6th Graders @ NMS 7pm

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

**Friday, 1/11/19 Day 5** Team NCC Trip to BAVTS

**Saturday, 1/12/19**

**Sunday, 1/13/19**

**Upcoming 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** Yearbook Orders Due Today! Snow Ball Semi-Formal Dance 6pm-8pm

**Saturday, 1/19/19**

**Sunday, 1/20/19**

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

**PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert)** Monday 1/7, Day 1- Weinert in health. Long and Villani in gym.

**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.

**SRO Transition (Mayes)** Officer Sean Conley will be leaving Nitschmann Middle School as our School Resource Officer and returning to patrol duties with the Bethlehem Police Department, effective Monday, January 7, 2019. We wish Officer Conley the best of luck in all of his endeavors. On Monday, Officer Gregory Yerk will begin serving as our School Resource Officer and will be assigned to Nitschmann Middle School for the duration of the 2018-2019 school year. Officer Yerk is a veteran of the Bethlehem Police Department and has served on patrol for several years. We welcome him to Nitschmann Middle School and look forward to working together to help our students, families, and neighbors.

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser (Srta. Bouhana)** If you like shopping from Yankee Candle, or simply want to support club activities, please use the following link when shopping. The link is valid until **January 9th** and will ensure 40% of the sale is donated to Nitschmann Spanish Club [Yankee Candle Fundraiser Link](#)

**Yearbook: DUE DATE 1/18** 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.

#### **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 or 1/22 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. Specific dates will be listed shortly.

**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)) Happy New Year! Welcome back to school. We hope you had a great break . The 2nd Marking Period ends 1/24/19. Please keep checking parent portal and your child's planner for work to be completed. On Monday, 1/7, we are having the yearbook picture taken for Team Lafayette. Wear maroon or grey.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) Happy New Year! Our team photos will be this Monday. All students should wear Lehigh gear if possible. In English class, we are working on our PEEL text dependent analysis. These will be due by the end of next week. We are quickly approaching the end of the 2nd marking period. Please check the Home Access Center to monitor your child's grades and see if they have any missing work.

**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** - On Monday, we will be getting our team picture taken for the yearbook this year. We are encouraging our students to wear their "Team Kutztown" shirts that they tie-dyed earlier in the year. If they did not tie-dye a shirt, they could wear any Kutztown shirt or any shirt that is maroon or gold. The more people that participate the better our picture will look for the yearbook. Congratulations to the following Spelling Bee

finalists from Team Kutztown. These students will compete in the Nitschmann Spelling Bee Final on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to come out to the auditorium to support our team's finalists.

Ryan Montero

Jadis Lynn

Regine Henry

Esi-Gyapeaba Essien

Mikaela Lopez

Yancarlos Berrios

**ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - This week students will continue composing a business letter. The students will print, sign, address envelopes, and mail their business letter. Students should bring in a postage stamp for this assignment. Vocabulary Lesson 10 definitions and sentences are due on Thursday, 1/10, and the quiz will be given on Friday, 1/11. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This week students will be learning the names and uses of the parts of the microscope, as well as, how to use the microscope itself. They will put this knowledge into practice when they complete a lab using the microscope at the end of the week.

**Team Penn State** (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter @NMSPennState) (Facebook @NMSTeamPennState) (Instagram pennstatenms) **Team Penn State will be collecting personal care/hygiene items and warm socks to help the homeless of our community. The dollar store is an excellent place to purchase many of these items. Wear blue and white on Monday for our team picture!** **ELA** - students will receive the next vocabulary list on Monday. We are working on our informational writing unit. **Science**- We will be doing a gummi bear lab to demonstrate diffusion and osmosis. This lab will be due on Thursday and is the main assessment for the cellular transport unit. **Reading**-We are starting to read "12 Angry Men". We are studying legal vocabulary, and there will be a quiz on Wednesday. **Math** - Periods 1,2,5 and 7 have a quiz Tuesday on writing and evaluating algebraic expressions. Period 8 is continuing their work simplifying expressions and nearing the end of the unit.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter @NMSTeamESU) History classes will be studying the people, places and events that led to the American Revolution. Reading classes will begin reading Soldier X. Book reports are due January 22.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) - History classes will be finishing an inquiry lesson on Activism vs. Vandalism in relation to the Boston Tea Party. Students will be looking at the impact Thomas Paine's Common Sense had on the Declaration of Independence. History classes will continue to supplement material with the History Channel's John Adams and Sons Of Liberty video segments. Algebra 1 classes will be finishing Solving Systems of Linear Equations (quiz on Tuesday) and start Graphing Linear Inequalities and Systems of Inequalities. 8th Math classes will finish Two Way Frequency Tables (quiz on Tuesday) and Test Unit 4 on Monday (1/14). In ELA classes, students will be brainstorming and developing interviewing questions in preparation for their compare and contrast essays. ALL classes have their interviews due on Friday, Jan. 25. We will also work on identifying facts, opinions and generalizations. **Friday, January 11th, Team NCACC will be touring the BASD VoTech during the morning hours. 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.

**Yearbook Photos (Ellis)** Please make sure you are on time for your scheduled photograph on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Monday, January 7th	<p>Students, please be ON TIME for your picture. <b>We will not wait for you to take the photo.</b></p> <p>If you are not in the gym at the scheduled time, the picture will be taken. <b>This means, you need to leave class 2 minutes before the time listed below.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All photos are in the GYM.</b></p>
9:05	Team Northampton (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:15	Team ESU (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:25	Team PSU (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:35	Team KU (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:45	Glee Club
9:50	Nitschmann Singers
9:50	Lions Mane
9:55	Newspaper Club
10:00	Strategy Club
10:05	School Store
10:10	Jazz Band
10:15	Orchestra
10:20	String Ensemble
10:25	Woodwind Ensemble
10:30	Brass Ensemble
10:35	Nitschmann Dramatics
10:45	Reading Olympics
10:50	Math Counts
10:55	Anime Club
11:00	Art Club
11:00	Baum Art Award Winners
11:05	Mountain Biking Club- Riding for Focus
11:10	Geography Bee Finalists
11:15	Heart & Sole Running Club
11:20	Team Lehigh (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
11:30	Team Lafayette (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)

11:40	Team Moravian (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
11:50	Wrestling Team
11:55	Ski Club
12:00	French Club
12:05	Spelling Bee Contestants
12:10	Student Council Representatives and Alternates- not executive board
12:15	Leadership Council Executive Board
12:20	NJHS
12:25	8th grade Principal's Advisory Board
12:30	PJAS
12:35	Step Team
12:40	Dance Team
12:45	Spanish Club
12:50	Art Smart
12:55	Lions Service Club

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**Extracurricular Activities**

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

**AM Basketball** (Off. Conley) Basketball each Thursday morning at 7:05am. Don't be late! Remember you must sign up ahead of time with Officer Conley!

**Anime Club** (Advisors Mrs. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) None at this time.

**Art Club** (Advisors Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund) None at this time.

**Band front/Color Guard - Information can be found under Performing Arts Department Updates**

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** (Advisor Mrs. Lare) None at this time.

**Cheerleading** (Advisor Mrs. Long) 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.

**German Club** (Advisor Ms. Schwartz) None at this time

**Heart & Sole Club** (Advisor Mrs. Fehr/Ms. Weinert) None at this time.

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



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

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

**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. Detith'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) Students will get the results of our school level competition on Monday. Qualifying students will 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. We will hold our usual Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon meetings this week, with a practice Countdown Round with buzzers on Thursday. The deadline for our annual Wawa fundraiser is Thursday. This is crucial for the continuation of the program. It pays for our competition registration fees, which are not covered by the school.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Druckenmiller) (Twitter-@Njhs\_Nistchmann; Instagram-@Njhs\_Nistchmann ) Members- our January meeting on 1/3 (Thursday) will be after school only. We are having Terry Dressler from LLS come to talk to us about our February "Pennies for Patients" drive. All members are expected to attend. Please see me if you can't attend the meeting.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast! Next week's revised rehearsal schedule will be emailed. 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 Yearbook picture is on Monday, January 7th at 10:45 A.M. in the gym. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 2018, from 3:05 till 4:00 P.M. in the library. The students continue to read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books. They are now able to check off the books as they read them in an online form on the computer. They have been showed how to do this. They can do it when we meet each week or at home. We are discussing another fundraiser for the Winter when we get back from our Holiday break. More info will be sent home. Please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read and write summaries for the Reading Olympics books.

**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, 1/7! 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. For more information 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.

**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 1/18** 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>

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

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

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

### **1) REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

- 1/7 Monday - Early Morning Band 7:15 AM  
Day 1 Jazz Band
- 1/8 Tuesday - Early Morning Orchestra 7:15 AM
- 1/9 Wednesday - Early Morning Jazz Band 7:15 AM
- 1/10 Thursday - Early Morning Band 7:15 AM
- 1/11 Friday - Early Morning Orchestra 7:15 AM

### **2) LESSON SCHEDULE**

- Attached
- Link to website: <http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

### **3) LHS BAND & ORCHESTRA NEW STUDENT & PARENT MEETING**

Please let your 8th graders know that there will be a trip meeting for all present and incoming members of the LHSGB. We will be holding this meeting in the LHS auditorium. January 8th at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing all the details associated with fundraising for and participating on a trip. As in the past, we do understand that the incoming freshman will not know their status in the band until after all auditions are completed. Additionally, we welcome any interested majorettes, color guard and pipers to the meeting as well.

### **4) ALLENTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FIELD TRIP**

- This is only for the string players in orchestra
- Permission slip is due by January 11
- Permission slip is attached
- NO PAYMENT IS NEEDED

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

- Audition dates are January 8 & 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.

#### 6) YEARBOOK PHOTOS

- MONDAY January 7 (Snow date January 9)
- ALL orchestra, jazz, woodwind, brass and string ensemble students should wear their blue ID shirt.

#### PHOTO TIMES ARE:

10:10 Jazz Band  
 10:15 Orchestra  
 10:20 String Ensemble  
 10:25 Woodwind Ensemble  
 10:30 Brass Ensemble

#### 7) 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>

#### 8) 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

#### 9) 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

#### 10) FUNKY DAWGZ

- 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/>

#### 11) Gertrude Hawk Candy

- Reservations for variety pack boxes will be accepted until Monday, January 7th. Payment is due at time of delivery.
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- Specific details can be found here: <http://www.nmsim.org/announcements/gertrude-hawk-candy/>

#### 12) 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
<b>February 6</b>	<b>All City Orchestra Concert at Nitschmann</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<i>February TBD</i>	<i>Winter basketball game</i>	<i>Time TBA</i>
February 20	NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:00 PM
<b>February 20</b>	<b>Winter Bandfront Performance</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
February 21	Allentown Symphony Orchestra field trip	
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Northeast Jazz Festival</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Broughal Jazz Festival</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

March 20	NIMAS at Nitschmann	7:30 PM
March 21	PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra	
March 22	PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra Snow Date	
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Nitschmann Jazz Festival</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
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
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Jazz Band Cafe'</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Orchestra/Jazz Spring Concert</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
May 14*	TUESDAY NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:30 PM
May 14	Band Uniform Refit Night	6:00 PM
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Hanover Armed Forces Day Performance (WW &amp; Brass Ens) 10:00 AM</b>	
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Spring Band Concert</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
May 23	Band uniform drop off for trip OR Band uniform return	5:00 – 7:00PM
<b>May 26 &amp; 27</b>	<b>SUNDAY &amp; MONDAY Spring Band Trip</b>	
June 3	NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:30 PM
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Moving up ceremony - String Ensemble</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

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#### **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?** Then consider joining Glee Club! Glee Club is now enrolling students for our spring season. Glee Club rehearses every Tues., Wed. and Thurs. at 7:15 AM. Members of Nitschmann band, orchestra and jazz are excused to go to

their instrumental rehearsals on those days. All members of choral ensembles must be at activity period rehearsals on day 1 at 8:25 AM. Interested students should come to room 141 for our **open rehearsal during activity period** at 8:25 on Monday 1/7. They will get to sing with the group and have a chance to ask questions.

**We've begun our usual rehearsal schedule!** 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.

**Star Spangled Banner soloist auditions** will be on Mon., 1/7 at 7:15 AM or 3:05 PM. Come prepared to sing by memory.

Also on Monday, 1/7: **Yearbook photos! Wear your blue ID shirt or another navy blue Nitschmann t-shirt and jeans.** See the times on the schedule above.

**Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:**

Monday, 1/7 7:15 AM SSB soloist auditions, optional  
**Yearbook photos today! Wear blue ID shirt or similar and jeans.**  
8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for all members of Glee and Singers  
3:05-until done SSB soloist auditions, optional  
Tuesday, 1/8 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal  
Wednesday, 1/9 7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz band  
Thursday, 1/10 7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal  
Friday, 1/11 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)*

**Basketball Games this Week**

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

**Monday, 1/7/19**

Boys Away vs. Northeast MS  
Girls Home vs. Northeast MS

**Thursday, 1/10/19**

Boys Home vs. Trexler MS  
Girls Away vs. Trexler MS

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

**Intersession Intramurals**

Lacrosse Intramurals

Coordinator [Ms. Weinert](#)

Volleyball, Boys Intramurals

Coordinator Mr. Kocon

**Winter Sports**

Basketball, Boys

Head Coach Mr. Wills

Basketball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Ortwein](#)

Wrestling @ Liberty High School

Head Coach Mr. Klingborn ([noahklingborg@gmail.com](mailto:noahklingborg@gmail.com))

**Spring Sports**

Soccer, Boys & Girls Co-Ed

Head Coach [Mr. Rodenbach](#)

Softball, Girls

Head Coach [Mr. Kocon](#)

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Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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