

This Week's Major Headlines

- **Spirit Week & Pep Rally this week for Basketball Championships**
- **11:30 Dismissal this Thursday, 2/14 due to Conferences**
- **No School Friday & next Monday due to Presidents Day Weekend**
- **Lots of Assignments & Activities due to the short week!**

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, February 10, 2019, to Sunday, February 17, 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

Singing in the Rain Flyer

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

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; 3/21 BASD Proud Parents present Backpack Full of Cash; 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, 2/11/19 Day 5 LHS Counselor Visits for 8th Grade Scheduling (Rescheduled from 1/29), Spirit Week: Pajama Day

Tuesday, 2/12/19 Day 6 Basketball Semi-Finals Spirit Week: Blue and White Nitschmann Day

Wednesday, 2/13/19 Day 1 No Child Eats Alone Celebration @ Lunch, BASD Basketball Championships Spirit Week: Meme, Vine, Character Day

Thursday, 2/14/19 Day 2 11:30 Dismissal Winter Student Conferences, 8th Grade Ice Skating Trip Spirit Week: Wear Red/Pink

Friday, 2/15/19 No School Teacher In-Service, French Club Trip to Quebec

Saturday, 2/16/19 French Club Trip to Quebec

Sunday, 2/17/19 French Club Trip to Quebec

Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 2/18/19 No School Presidents Day, French Club Trip to Quebec

Tuesday, 2/19/19 Day 3

Wednesday, 2/20/19 Day 4 Winter Band Front Performance 6:30

Thursday, 2/21/19 Day 5

Friday, 2/22/19 Day 6

Saturday, 2/23/19

Sunday, 2/24/19

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

PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert) Weinert in health through 2/12. Long starts health 2/13 where Villani and Weinert are in the 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, 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, which highlights the Liberty High School Staff who are Built by Bethlehem, is available at [February 8, 2019, Edition of the BASD e-News](#).

Singin' In The Rain Jr. (Hriniak): Mark your calendar! Performances are Friday March 1 at 7:00pm, Saturday March 2 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm, and Sunday March 3 at 2:00pm. Tickets go on sale this weekend! Go to nitschmanndramatics.ludus.com. Tickets are \$6 plus credit card processing fee. Tickets will also be available at the box office (no fees for box office cash purchases).

Valentine's Day Flower Sale (Reading Olympics): Reading Olympics is selling red and pink carnations for \$2 each at all lunches for Valentine's Day. The sale will continue through Wednesday, February 13th and flowers will be delivered to students during homeroom on Thursday, February 14th.

Student Conferences (Mayes) Conferences will be held this Thursday evening, 2/14/19 from 5pm to 8pm. You can sign up online at <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/NitschmannMS>

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;

2/11 Course Selection - rescheduled from 1/29 (**Litak**): **Course Selection Completion is rescheduled for Monday 2/11.** 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!

Honors Declarations (Mayes) Dear Parents & Guardians of 8th Grade Students, I have sent your children the link to their BASD Google account to declare that if they are interested in taking Honors courses at Liberty High School for the 2019-2020 school year. There is no paper form, so your child will need to go into a website from their BASD Google account and declare their interest. I would recommend that you talk with your child about these courses to make sure they are declaring for the right courses for 9th grade. **This is due no later than March 15, 2019**, so they should get started on it ASAP!

Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School FAST TRACK Applications are also due to Mrs. Litak in the SSC by **Friday April 5th, 2019.**

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

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

Thank you to all that came out to the meeting this past Monday we were able to discuss a lot of interesting things. On Thursday Feb. 14th from 9-10:45 the 8th grade will be going ice skating at the Municipal ice skating rink and the Parent Group will be supplying hot chocolate for the kids. I could use 3-4 parents to help with the hot chocolate. Feel free to email me at ecogs76@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out. We are also running a Box Top drive this month so please send all box tops you have by Feb. 22nd. Top homerooms will be rewarded prizes! Thank you for all you do and have a great week.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) Please encourage your child to stay on top of his/her grades by looking at Home Access on a regular basis. It is cold and flu season! Any tissue donations would be greatly appreciated.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) This week is spirit week! Show your support for our team by following the in schedule mentioned above. Now that 2nd quarter report cards have been mailed out, we are having all of the students look at their grades from the first half of the year and set goals of grades they would like to earn in each subject area by the end of the year and then think about what they will have to do to achieve those goals. Please look over the report card with your child and assist in helping them set realistic goals. This should fall right in line with spending an hour a night on school work. An hour a day keeps the F's away! With conferences set this for this coming Thursday night please keep in mind we do only have a set number of time slots available. If we have reached out to you as a team to set up a conference please get back to us as soon as possible so we can fill you in on our schedule. As always, keep an eye on the students' planners and the Home Access Center.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian) and Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamMoravian)) On Friday we enjoyed our January Oreo Reward. Congratulations to all those that celebrated! Please make sure your child is checking the planner for daily assignments and Home Access Center for graded assignments. It is helpful if you review the planner information with your child so that you are aware of assignments and classroom behavior with the OREO scores! We have several students who have been out sick and have not made up the assignments from their absences. Due to the snow, we have had to reschedule our Moravian trip. We do not have a date as of yet.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown)) - **Team** - The Student Council Food Drive will run until Wednesday, February 13. All non-perishable food items should be brought into homeroom. In addition, the National Junior Honor Society is raising money to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Money, including spare change, can also be brought into homeroom and deposited in the designated box. **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - The test for periods 7 & 8 from Friday has been moved to Monday, February 11th. **ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - There will be a short re-quiz on pronouns and their uses on Monday. Students will then begin a literature unit on Twelve Angry Men. Students will discuss the legal terms that they defined last week and apply them to their reading of this jury room drama. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This week we will conclude our discussion of the chemical compounds found in living things, including the twenty most common elements found in the human body. We will also begin preparing for a test on these chemical compounds, which will take place the following week.

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)) **Congratulations to Zander, Leo D, Ben and Zabier for winning the Boat Building competition!!** **ELA** - Periods 1, 2 & 5 will continue a poetry analysis unit. This week, we will focus on civil rights poetry. Periods 7 & 8 will continue the novel, Notes from the Midnight Driver. All classes are currently working on

prefixes. **Science-** There will be a quiz on cell division on Tuesday, Feb. 12. **Reading-** We will be finishing the book Monster soon. There will be a witness quiz on Monday or Tuesday. Students will begin writing closing arguments. **Math -** Periods 1,2,5 and 7 are beginning a unit on solving equations. Period 8 has shifted their focus to inequalities. **Social Studies-** We will be having a map quiz on Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean Monday the 11th. Students can use Geospy (linked on their Schoology page) or their maps from class to study.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Remember your \$5 for ice skating next Thursday. Social Studies classes will be focusing on the Declaration of Independence. Ask your student to recite the first sentence of the the second paragraph to you. We will study the origins of the document, and how such great leaders as Abraham Lincoln and Dr. King cited the promise of the document in their speeches. Reading classes will write a Text Based Analysis. We will continue to read Soldier X and complete some research on WWII to increase background knowledge. ELA classes will be review chapter 3 & 4 vocabulary, mood, tone, symbolism, and motifs in Of Mice and Men. Students will have a quiz on those concepts on February 13th.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) - History classes will be looking at the Leaders and challenges of a New Nation. In what ways did George Washington's presidency influence the future of the U.S. political system? How did the nation's early problems reveal different philosophies about government? **Please be sure your child has HEADPHONES with them. This announcement to students and parents has been made since August.** Reading classes are beginning our new unit on fiction. We are working on elements of fiction and story plotting and analyzing fiction. We started reading our new novel, *The Contender*. My period 3 class started our fiction unit and plot diagramming. Algebra 1 classes will finish Unit 5 with Step Functions and quiz next week on Piecewise Functions and Step Functions. Math 8th students will test next week on Unit 5 (Systems of Linear Equations) and start Unit 6 - Transformations. In ELA classes, Miss Nieves will now be teaching our first, third ,and fifth period classes! We will be drafting our compare and contrast essays in class. Rough drafts will be due on Tuesday, Feb. 19 for Periods 1, 3, 5, and 8. For our word crime unit, students will have a quiz on the difference on effect and affect either Tuesday or Wednesday next week, depending on the class. In Science, we will be continuing Balanced vs Unbalanced Forces. Quiz is set for 1/30 (barring any snow days) Our TEAM CELEBRATION is this Wednesday! The student driven theme is Vine/Mime Day!!! As always, our celebration will be packed with fun-filled team activities and plenty of laughs!!!

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

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) Art Smart classes at the Banana Factory start this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Parents should confirm with their children the classes they are registered in. Children will be bussed to and from the Banana Factory. Parents need to pick up their children at 6 p.m. promptly at Nitschmann's main entrance. Thank you.

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. **WEAR TEAM SHIRTS FOR PEP-RALLY *Dancers are getting ready for the pep-rally- select students will be performing for the play "Singing in the Rain" in March.**

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 2 weeks 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/1CnIgx0H6wITm/>

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.

T-shirts should be ready mid-week and will be distributed at Thursday's meeting.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Druckenmiller) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistchmann) We officially began our LLS fundraiser on February 1st. We will have a meeting on 2/20 both before and after school to update on our campaign. Continue to check Schoology for updates. Also, we will have a Chipotle fundraiser for LLS on Thursday, Feb. 21 at the Airport Road location. Please support our cause. Last year this fundraiser was very successful. You need to bring a hard copy of the flyer or show an electronic copy on your device. Electronic copies are available on Schoology. Thanks for your support.

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) Monday full rehearsal, Tuesday full rehearsal, Wednesday full rehearsal, Thursday photos, Friday no rehearsal (teacher in-service). 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, February 13, 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 was held on Feb. 6 and the winners are Katherine Bruno for the back of shirt and Grace Pesavento for the pocket area on the front of the shirt. Congratulations! We added a flower sale on Valentine's day to our fundraising endeavors. Fundraising papers were sent home. Your child should of given them to you. We still need donations for the bake sale held on Thurs. Feb. 14th during conferences. The "pot of gold" fundraiser info will be sent home with students on Feb. 13. Please consider donating for one of them. We are asking for \$5.00 gift card donations. They are listed on sign up genius at website below or will be on the form sent home this week. 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 meet on 2/11. Please arrive at 4:45 if you have lessons; Lessons begin at 5:30. Everyone should be off the mountain by 8:30! The lifts close before 9. 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. **WEAR TEAM SHIRTS FOR PEP-RALLY*** Steppers are getting ready for the pep-rally- select students will be performing for the play **"Singing in the Rain" in March.**

Strategy Club (Advisor Mr. Kehler) 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> .

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Ellis)

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

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

Mr. Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemyer@basdschools.org

1) REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- 2/11 Monday - Early morning band 7:15 AM
- 2/12 Tuesday - Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM
- Band at pep rally 1:30 pm
- 2/13 Wednesday - Jazz Band
- Day 1 Jazz Band
- 2/14 Thursday - Early morning band 7:15 AM
- 2/15 Friday - No School

2) LESSON SCHEDULE

- Attached
- 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 \$250 in their fair share account by February 20.
 - 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) MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD GROUP PHOTOS

- Link to order:
<https://christmascitystudio.smugmug.com/Middle-Schools/Nitschmann-MS/2018-2019-Band-Groups/>

5) MATEY'S PIZZA DELIVERY

- Delivery is on February 16 at 10 am in the auditorium parking lot.

6) LHS MAJORETTE TRY-OUTS

- LHS band room
- Tuesday, February 19
- 3:30 PM
- Details can be found here: www.nmsim.org

7) LHS BAGPIPES

- LHS bagpipe lessons for 8th grade will begin on Wednesday, February 13 at 3:30 pm in the LHS band room.

8) PEP RALLY ON TUESDAY

- The wind and percussion students will perform for the pep rally on Tuesday
- NO COLOR GUARD
- Bring your march folios to school on Monday and Tuesday
- Wear your blue ID shirt on Tuesday

9) NIGHT BASKETBALL GAME

- The band will be performing at the night basketball game on Tuesday, February 12. (Wind 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 12	Pep Rally - Winds and percussion 1:30 pm (NO COLOR GUARD)	
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	
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 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

Matey's pizza sale delivery is Feb. 16 at 10:00 am.

COLOR GUARD (formerly BANDFRONT) - (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Regular rehearsals Monday and Thursday. Extra rehearsal time is available before school on Wednesday. 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

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

Love to sing? Consider joining Glee Club! No formal audition required, just a love of singing & 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 Thursday 2/13.

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:

- 2/11 Monday- No rehearsals
- 2/12 Tuesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 2/13 Wednesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for **all** Glee & Singers not in jazz band
8:25 AM Activity rehearsal for **all** Glee and Singers. New members welcome!
- 2/14 Thursday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band
No Nitschmann Singers rehearsal due to early dismissal
- 2/15 Friday-No school

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 2/11/19

Girls HOME and Boys AWAY vs Northampton MS

Tuesday 2/12/19

BASD Playoffs

Girls at Nitschmann

Boys at Northeast

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](#)

Mr. Peter Mayes

Principal

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