

This Week's Major Headlines

- **Thursday, April 18 is now a snow make up school day (regular schedule)**
- **Our Spring Musical "Singin' in the Rain is this weekend." See below for online ticket ordering. Please join us for this amazing play! Friday 7pm, Saturday 2pm & 7pm, & Sunday 2pm.**
- **Next Monday, 3/4 Dr. Roy will join our NPG Meeting @ 6:30pm, then Mr. Bailey, LHS Principal, will hold a transition meeting for all incoming 9th grade parents.**
- **Mr. Kocon is looking for parents/guardians who are engineers to help with a presentation & panel discussion. Please email him at ekocon@basdschools.org.**

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, February 24, 2019, to Sunday, March 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

Singing in the Rain Flyer

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

3/1-2-3 Spring Musical Singing in the Rain; 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; 4/11 International Night 5-7pm; 4/19-4/22 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, 2/25/19 Day 4

Tuesday, 2/26/19 Day 5

Wednesday, 2/27/19 Day 6 No Child Eats Alone Day

Thursday, 2/28/19 Day 1

Friday, 3/1/19 Day 2 Spring Musical Singing in the Rain 7pm

Saturday, 3/2/19 Spring Musical Singing in the Rain 2pm & 7pm

Sunday, 3/3/19 Spring Musical Singing in the Rain 2pm

Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 3/4/19 Day 3 NPG & Dr. Roy Visit to NPG 6:30pm/Mr. Bailey Visit to NMS Parent Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, 3/5/19 Day 4

Wednesday, 3/6/19 Day 5 3rd Q IPR available online

Thursday, 3/7/19 Day 6

Friday, 3/8/19 Day 1

Saturday, 3/9/19

Sunday, 3/10/19

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

PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert) Weinert and Villani in the gym while Long is in health through 2/27. Long and Weinert in the gym starting day 1, 2/28 while Villani starts health.

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.](#)

Snow Day Make-Up (Dr. Roy): Thursday, April 18, 2019 will be used as a snow make up day. BASD will have a regular school day 4/18/19. As of today (02/21/19), the last student day remains 6/7/19. That date is subject to change depending on future snow days.

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 are on sale online and at the Nitschmann Box Office. Go to nitschmanndramatics.ludus.com for online ordering. Tickets are \$6 plus credit card processing fee. Tickets will also be available at the box office (no fees for box office cash purchases).

Writing contest for No Place For Hate- Work turned in to Ms. Sierra by March 11 will be sent together. We are delighted to announce the Anti-Defamation League's Spring 2019 Student **Essay Contest**, generously sponsored by TD Bank. Respecting others' differences and celebrating diversity have always been a part of the Anti-Defamation League's mission and the theme of No Place for Hate. The Spring 2019 Essay Contest is asking students to write a personal essay reflecting on the following topic: **Imagine that someone your age from a country with a completely different language, religion and culture than America moves into your neighborhood and joins your class at school. What would you do to make that person feel welcome?** The essay contest is open to students in grades 5-8 in No Place for Hate schools. Essays will be judged in two divisions: students in grades 5-6 in Division I and students in grades 7-8 in Division II. The Grand Prize winner in each Division will receive a \$250 TD Bank VISA® Gift Card and the Runner-Up in each Division will receive a \$50 TD Bank VISA® Gift Card. All essays must be postmarked by Friday, March 15, 2019. See Ms. Sierra for more details

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;

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

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

Good Evening Everyone and Happy Valentines Day!!!!

I am sharing a message from our member Brian Mixtacki in regards to our next meeting in March. Thank you Brian for sharing and so excited for our next meeting.

Thank you and have a great weekend
Erin Coughlin

Hello PAC parents,

As we had mentioned at the last meeting, our next meeting will take place after our free screening of "Backpack Full of Cash" We hope to see everyone there.

Here is the link to our Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/401311080615980/>

We'd like to ask 2 favors of you if possible,

1. could you share the event on your social media?
2. could you try to invite 5 people you think would be interested?

Thank you in advance for any support you can offer.

BASD Proud Parents

www.basdproudparents.org

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette)) All conferences should have taken place at home if you didn't come in. Students should have completed their 6th grade Goal Setting sheet as well as the Parent/Student Reflection sheet. These are due Monday in English. Midquarter ends Wednesday 2/27 so please encourage your child to review his/her grades by looking at Home Access for any missing assignments. It is cold and flu season! Any tissue donations would be greatly appreciated.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) We would like to welcome Mr. Ethan Turner, who will be filling in for Mrs. Druckenmiller for the rest of the school year. His first day will be Monday, February 25th. We are sure the students are anxious to meet him.

Believe it or not we are almost half way through the 3rd marking period. IPR's will be available on the Home Access Center during the week of March 4th. Please check the Home Access Center for missing assignments and continue to monitor their planners for nightly homework assignments.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian) and Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamMoravian))

Mid-quarter 3 is approaching! Please make sure you and your child check the planner for daily assignments and Home Access Center for graded assignments. Please stay on top of long term projects like the Social Studies Egypt Project. Budget your time and work on a portion each day. We have tentatively scheduled our Science Day at Moravian for March 14th. More information to follow.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) - **Team** - The National Junior Honor Society is still raising money to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Money, including spare change, can be brought into homeroom and deposited in the designated box. **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - On Friday, Periods 1, 2, & 5 will have a quiz and Periods 7 & 8 will have a test. **ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - This week the students will continue their study of Twelve Angry Men. There is no vocabulary quiz this week. Students should check their grades and make up any missing work. There are students who need to make up grammar and vocabulary quizzes prior to mid-quarter. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Due to the days off and late arrivals for snow, all periods will be reviewing for the Science test on Monday and taking the test on Tuesday. Following the test, the students will start learning about cells and how they were discovered.

Team Penn State (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)) (Instagram [pennstatenms](#)) **ELA** - Periods 1, 2 & 5 will continue a poetry analysis unit. This week, we will continue to focus on civil rights poetry. We will also begin poetry writing. Periods 7 & 8 got to taste Egg Creams (based on our novel) this week and will continue the novel, Notes from the Midnight Driver. All classes will have a vocabulary quiz on Tuesday, February 26th. **SCIENCE**- Students will have a quiz on genetics on Wednesday and they will be doing a take home activity on their family traits which will be due on Friday. **READING**- We will be finishing their closing arguments; the papers are due on Friday. We will finish the book and discuss the verdict. **MATH** - Periods 1,2,5 and 7 will have a quiz Wednesday on solving two-step equations. Half of the credit for each problem will be for the answer and the other half will be for showing the steps. Period 8 is finishing up the unit on equations and inequalities and will take their unit test on Wednesday. Their next unit will be about probability. Students who correctly submitted solutions to first first question in The Hardest Math Problem contest are reminded the second question is due this Thursday, 2/28. **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](#)) History class will be covering the major events of the American Revolutionary War this week. We will discuss The Crisis, the Battle of Trenton, the Battle of Saratoga, and Valley Forge. Hershey Park Permission forms and money should be turned in as soon as possible. Reading classes will continue into Part II of Soldier X. The students should be finished with their 1st book report of halfway through a 300 page book. All 3 book reports are due on March 27.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) - History classes will be looking wrapping up 5.1 and 5.2 in the Techbook on Washington's Presidency. We will listen (and some will sing along) to Hamilton's Cabinet Battle #1 and #2 to put a fun twist on learning about the origins of the Two-Party political systems. A quiz will be at the end of the week or early next week. Constitution Centers are past due. They will be still be accepted up until March 6th, at which time students will no longer be able to turn them in. **Please be sure your child has HEADPHONES with them. This announcement to students and parents has been made since August.** Reading classes are continuing our unit on fiction. We are working on elements of fiction and analyzing fiction text. We started reading our new novel, *The Contender*. My period 3 class started our fiction unit and plot diagramming. These students will have a quiz next week on fiction. All classes will have a notebook quiz next week so students should be checking their notebooks for accuracy and staying after if needed. Algebra 1 classes will work on Laws of Exponents and Solving Equations with variables as exponents. Both IXL and Math XL assignments are posted in Schoology with due dates. Math 8th students will continue with Unit 6 - Transformations. IXL assignments are

posted in Schoology with due dates. In ELA classes, Miss Nieves will now be teaching our first, third, fifth, and eighth period classes! We will be revising our compare and contrast essays in class this week. Rough drafts are due on Tuesday, Feb. 19 for Periods 1, 3, 5, and 8, and final drafts will be due on Friday, Feb. 22. For our word crime unit, we are still practicing the difference between affect and effect and will have quiz on this concept late next week.. In Science, we will be continuing Newton's Laws of Motion. Continue to check schoology for due dates and quiz days. **Our TEAM CELEBRATION is this Friday, March 1st!** The student driven theme is Vine/Mime Day!!! As always, our celebration will be packed with fun-filled team activities and plenty of laughs!!! **HERSHEY Park forms and money are NOW BEING COLLECTED. IF you are paying in two installments, this Friday, March 1st - is when the 1st installment is due.**

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. Bring your drawing/art supplies.

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 are meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Parents, please mark these classes on your home calendar, and if possible, try to avoid scheduling after school appointments if your child is taking a class. 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) *Only students who are participating in the play will be practicing on 2/26, 2/27, and 2/28 **until 5:30 pm.** The first performance for the play will be 2/28 for gr. 5. The play is March 1 @ 7, March 2 @ 2&7, March 3 @ 2. **All others will resume practice on 3/6.**

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.

French Trip to Quebec (Advisor Mr.s Lare) - Nitschmann's first ever winter trip to Quebec was a huge success! Students participated in a variety of outdoor winter activities, learned about Québécois history & culture, explored Old Québec, and ate Québécois cuisine. Thank you to all the student travelers and their parents for supporting this amazing experience. Thank you also to Mr. Mayes, Mrs. Fritz, Ms. Weinert, and Mr. and Mrs. Hess for supporting students on this trip. Plans are already underway for Nitschmann's next trip in 2021!

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 this upcoming Tuesday in room 201. 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/1CnIgx0H6wlTm/>

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) Congratulations on a great year. See everyone in the fall!

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors Mrs. Wallach/Mrs. Druckenmiller) (Twitter-@Njhs_Nistchmann; Instagram- @Njhs_Nistehmann) We officially began our LLS fundraiser on February 1st and will continue fundraising until 3/1. Our next meeting will be March 6 both before and after school. 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) Monday DRESS REHEARSAL , Tuesday DRESS REHEARSAL, Wednesday DRESS REHEARSAL, Thursday Preview Show during school and supporting our friends at NETC for their production of The Lion King Jr. at 7:00pm, Friday CALL TIME 5:00 for 7:00 performance, Saturday CALL TIME NOON for 2:00 performance (dinner between shows), Sunday CALL TIME NOON for 2:00 performance (party to follow). 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 27, 2018, from 3:05 till 4:00 P.M. in the library. This will be the first time we meet as teams. Even know we had snow days the last 2 weeks, the students should still of been reading the books they had. We will still pick the three teams and post them on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 during homeroom. They will be on the library doors. Please make sure the students check on Tuesday morning! Not all students will be participating on a team due to not reading the books. The “pot of gold” fundraiser info will be sent home with students on Feb. 13 . Please consider donating. 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 send 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.

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 2/25, this Monday, for the last time. 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.

Spain Trip (Advisor Ms. Bouhana) This is the last chance to sign up for our 8-Day trip to Spain in June before the late enrollment fee is added to the package price. We will begin our journey in **Barcelona** and work our way to **Madrid**. We will get to experience an authentic *flamenco* lesson, as well as one of the oldest cities in the world, **Toledo**. All Nitschmann students and their families are welcome to join. For more trip details, or to enroll click on the following link. [Spain June 2019](#)

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. We will be signing up for food items to be sold during the event, such as, empanadas, flan, churros, and taquitos. This meeting is mandatory.

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) *Only students who are participating in the play will be practicing on 2/26, 2/27, and 2/28 **until 5:30 pm.** The first performance for the play will be 2/28 for gr. 5. The play is March 1 @ 7, March 2 @ 2&7, March 3 @ 2. **All others will resume practice on 3/5.**

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. Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org

1) REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- 2/25 Monday - Early morning band 7:15 AM
- 2/26 Tuesday - Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM
- 2/27 Wednesday - Early Morning Jazz Band 7:15 AM
- 2/28 Thursday - Early morning band 7:15 AM
Day 1 Jazz Band 8:26 AM
- 3/1 Friday - Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM

2) LESSON SCHEDULE

- The lesson schedule for Monday and Wednesday has been adjusted to accommodate school events.
- Students should find a different lesson group to attend if their group has a schedule conflict.
- 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) LHS BAGPIPES

- Information regarding new bagpipes instruction will be sent out whenever I receive it.

6) BASD INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ICE-SKATING

- Bethlehem Ice Rink - Illicks Mill Road
- Sunday, March 17, 5-7 pm
- Free entry for students
- Ice skate rental - \$3.00 if needed
- Snack bar will be open

7) ALLENTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FIELD TRIP

- The field trip is for string students who returned the permission slip.
- Students should report to the instrumental music room at 9:00 am. They will return around 11:30 am.
- 7th grade students are encouraged to bring a lunch to school in the event we return later than expected.

8) WINTER COLOR GUARD PERFORMANCE

- This performance has been rescheduled for March 19 at 8 PM.
- Students performing should report at 7 PM.

9) NIMAS MEETING RESCHEDULED

- The NIMAS meeting scheduled for 2/20 has been rescheduled for Monday 2/25.

- Mr. Long, the high school director. will be attending this meeting to speak to and answer questions from 8th grade parents.

10) 2019 NIMAS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

February 25	NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:00 PM
February 25	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 TUESDAY
March 19	Winter Color Guard Performance	8:00 PM
March 20	PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra	
March 21	<i>PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra Snow Date</i>	
March 22	Nitschmann Jazz Festival	7:00 PM
March 29	PMEA Elementary Band & Orchestra	
March 30	<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

COLOR GUARD (formerly BANDFRONT) - (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Regular rehearsals Monday and Thursday. The Winter Guard performance has been rescheduled for **March 19**. If you are in BOTH guard and band, your concert band day is Monday and your guard day is Thursday. 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 a morning rehearsal.**

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:

- 2/25 Monday- No rehearsal
2/26 Tuesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

2/27 Wednesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for **all** Glee & Singers not in jazz band
2/28 Thursday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band
8:25-Activity period rehearsal for **all Glee & Singers members**
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
3/1 Friday-No rehearsal

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

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. Downey

Mr. Peter Mayes
Principal
Nitschmann Middle School
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