

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, February 3, 2019, to Sunday, February 10, 2019

Home of the Nitschmann Nation!

All of this information can be viewed at our

[Nitschmann Middle School Website](#) under [Weekly Announcements \(Click Here!\)](#)

Attachments to Review

None at this time.

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

2/4 NPG Meeting; 2/8 LHS SRO Dance; 2/15 Teacher In-Service Schools Closed; 2/15 - 2/18: Winter Trip to Quebec; 2/18 Presidents Day - Schools Closed; 3/12 11:30 Dismissal Teacher In-Service; 3/21 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, 2/4/19 Day 6 NPG Meeting 6:30pm Library, 8th Grade Chromebook Distribution

Tuesday, 2/5/19 Day 1 2nd Quarter Report Card Mailing Distribution

Wednesday, 2/6/19 Day 2 All City Orchestra Concert 7pm

Thursday, 2/7/19 Day 3 NAEP Exam for Selected 8th Graders

Friday, 2/8/19 Day 4 4th Annual Middle Schools' Semi Formal Dance @ LHS 6-9pm

Saturday, 2/9/19

Sunday, 2/10/19

Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 2/11/19 Day 5 LHS Counselor Visits for 8th Grade Scheduling (Rescheduled from 1/29)

Tuesday, 2/12/19 Day 6 Basketball Semi-Finals

Wednesday, 2/13/19 Day 1 No Child Eats Alone Celebration @ Lunch, BASD Basketball Championships

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

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

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

PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert) Weinert starts in health Tuesday February 5th. Weinert and Long in PE and Villani in health (1/24-2/4).

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 BASD launching of the New Tip Line - Safe2Say Something, is available at [February 1, 2019, Edition of the BASD e-News](#).

National Geographic Bee (Hess) - The results from school finals of the National Geographic Bee are in. It was a great competition with none wrong in the first two rounds, which hasn't happened in years. It also took 10 rounds to narrow it down to the final two for the Championship Round. Third place was 8th grader Luke Daignault. 2nd place was 7th grader Dylan Benway. The school champion with a perfect score was 7th grader Rowan Walters!! Rowan has taken an exam to qualify for the state competition. If he does well enough on that, he will move on to the state competition later in the spring.

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

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).

Grade 5 Transition Information from Elementary to Nitschmann Middle School

2/28 Spring Musical Field Trip to Nitschmann Middle School 10am; 3/4 NMS Visit to Hanover; 3/5 NMS Visit to Calypso; 3/6 NMS Visit to Asa Packer; 3/13 NMS Visit to James Buchanan; 3/14 NMS Visit to Clearview; 4/5 Hanover Visit to NMS; 4/8 Clearview Visit to NMS; 4/10 Asa Packer Visit to NMS; 4/11 Calypso Visit to NMS; 4/23 James Buchanan Visit to NMS; 4/26 Charter/Parochial/Private Visit to NMS;

Elementary Visits by Nitschmann (Mayes) Our Nitschmann Middle School team will visit your child's elementary school on the following dates to prepare for the transition, speak to 5th grade students, and talk with your child's principal, guidance counselor, and teachers. *Dates: 3/4 Hanover; 3/5 Calypso; 3/6 Asa Packer; 3/13 James Buchanan; 3/14 Clearview*

Elementary Shadow Visits to Nitschmann (Mayes) All grade 5 elementary students will shadow 6th grade students on the following dates to prepare for their transition to middle school. *4/5 Hanover Visit to NMS; 4/8*

Clearview Visit to NMS; 4/10 Asa Packer Visit to NMS; 4/11 Calypso Visit to NMS; 4/23 James Buchanan Visit to NMS; 4/26 Charter/Parochial/Private Visit to NMS

Elementary Band Tryouts for NMS Band (Zettlemyer) All grade 5 elementary students who want to try out for the Nitschmann Band will audition for Mr. Zettlemyer in May, 2019 at their elementary school. A schedule will be posted prior to May.

Grade 8 Transition Information from Nitschmann Middle School to Liberty High School

1/8 LHS Band & Orchestra Auditions; 1/11 Team NCC Visit to BAVTS; 1/22 Team ESU Visit to BAVTS; 1/23 9th Grade Orientation Meeting @ LHS 7pm; 3/4 Mr. Bailey Visit to Nitschmann Middle School; 3/4 Mr. Bailey Visit Parent Meeting 7pm Library; 3/18 NMS Student Shadow Visit to LHS;

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!

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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- 2) Kimberly Marcantonio
- 3) Therese Gyauch

Hello Parents!

I hope everyone is having a great year so far. The Nitschmann Parent Group will be having a parent meeting next Monday the 4th at 6:30. We will be meeting in the library. I would like to discuss Mini Mini Thon and future possibly events.

Thank you and have a great night
Erin Coughlin

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) The 6th Grade pretzel sale has been extended through next week due to the snow days last week. Order forms are available in homeroom and will be accepted through Wednesday. Pretzels will be delivered 8th period on Friday 2/8. Please support this effort! We are now in the 3rd quarter of the year. It is in this half of the year we are hoping to see the students begin to become more independent as they prepare for 7th grade. Please encourage them to stay on top of their grades by looking at Home Access on a regular basis. Students can always be reading 15-20 min. Per night towards their book tower.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) We would like to welcome our newest member of Team Lehigh: Makenna Woerner who comes to us from Florida. Even with the weather interruptions we were able to get our monthly team celebration in on Friday. We would like to acknowledge our January Mountain Hawk Award winners: Lillie Neiman and Ann Marie Stella, as well as our Decent Human Beings: Makenzie West, Kairiem Williams, Julio Molina, Landon Lane, Aiden Farleigh, Dante DeAngelo, Micah Steck, and Allyssa Marko. We also would like to recognize Cozette Frack as an Encore Pride of the Lions (we missed her in last weeks Pride of the Lions announcement. Way to go Team Lehigh!

This week, as a culminating activity to the 2nd marking period, Mrs. Hriniak had the students write emails to their parents/guardians about how they felt they did on their upcoming report card. Please look for the email. The report cards will be available on the Home Access center on February 5th. As we head into the third marking period, please continue to check planners, and the Home Access Center as well as continuing to encourage an hour of school work a night.

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

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) - **Team** - The Student Council Food Drive will run until Wednesday, February 13. All non-perishable food items should be brought into homeroom.

Math (Mrs. Van Woert) - Periods 7 & 8 will have a test on Friday, 2/8. **Reading (Mrs. Gomez)** - In reading class, students in first period will continue to read the chapter of "December" in the novel, The Wednesday Wars. We will be studying and summarizing a new Shakespeare play this week. Second period students should start to prepare for a test on chapters 8-14 of the novel, Al Capone Does My Shirts. The test is scheduled for Friday, 2/8. Fifth and seventh period students will have a test on the entire novel The Outsiders on Friday, 2/8. Students should use all of their notes in order to prepare for the test. If students have questions, they should stay after school for extra help. Students in eighth period will be taking a test on pages 74-124 of the the novel, Notes From the Midnight Driver on Monday, 2/4. **ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - This week students will learn the proper uses of nominative and objective case pronouns. The students also have a special vocabulary sheet due on Thursday, 2/6. In anticipation of our next literature unit, 12 Angry Men, the vocabulary terms all deal with terminology that will be discussed during our dramatic reading of the play. There are no sentences due this week, but students should write more complete

definitions of the legal terms. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Due to the days off and delayed openings because of the snow, this week we will be discussing the chemical compounds that are essential for all living things.

Team Penn State (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)) (Instagram [pennstatenms](#)) **The students will be starting the day on Friday by designing boats using a variety of materials. Each homeroom will have a design group that holds the most pennies before sinking and a final winning group will be determined during the team competition. We will be watching the movie "Spare Parts" (rated PG-13)...a true story based on four high school students who enter a robotics competition against the nations top tech colleges. An unforgettable tale that shines with heart, humor, and hope.** **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. **Science**- The students will be learning about DNA's relationship with cell division...and making the connection between DNA mutations and cancer. **Reading**- We are analyzing testimony and interpreting information to read. Students are jurors as they read Monster by Walter Dean Myers. **Math** - Periods 8 will have a quiz Tuesday on two-step equation word problems and multi-step equations. Later in the week, they'll begin working with inequalities. Students will have a quiz on Friday. Periods 1,2,5 and 7 are finishing up the unit on simplifying expressions. Their Unit Test will be on Thursday. **Social Studies**- We are learning about the United States history and culture.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Reading classes will have a comprehension quiz on Wednesday. We will continue reading Soldier X and identifying themes in each chapter title. **ELA**: This week we be going over symbolism, motifs, and themes in Of Mice and Men. Students will have a quiz on those skills as well as the vocabulary from chapters 3 and 4 on February 13th. Social Studies classes will continue to learn about the Boston Tea Party and other events from the Pre American Revolution Unit.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) - History classes will be rotating through the Constitution Centers to learn the complexities of its creation and the impact this historical document continues to have on citizens today. 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 will be working on elements of fiction and story plotting. We will then segue into our new novel, *The Contender*. My period 3 class will finish *Manhunt* and then transition into their fiction unit. All classes will have a quiz on fiction within the next week. Algebra 1 classes will be working in Unit 5 - Graphing Absolute Value Functions and Piecewise Functions (Quiz next Thursday). Math 8th students will continue to work in Unit 5 -Solving Systems of Linear Equations (Quiz next Wednesday or Thursday). In ELA classes, Miss Nieves will now be teaching our third and fifth period classes! We will be working on creating verbal bridges and coherence in our writing. We are also to start discussing the organization for compare and contrast essays. For our word crime unit, students have quiz on appositives on Monday, and we will learn the difference between affect and effect. In Science, we will be continuing Balanced vs Unbalanced Forces. Quiz is set for 1/30 (barring any snow days)

Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp)

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

Student Services Updates

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

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

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

Extracurricular Activities

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

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

Anime Club (Advisors Ms. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach) Our next meeting is set for February 25 from 3:05-4:00 in room 104.

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

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

Artsmart @ Banana Factory (Advisor Mrs. Lare) 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. ***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/1CnIgxoh6wITm/>

Mathcounts (Advisor Ms. Novatnak) Congratulations to the students who qualified to represent Nitschmann at the Chapter Competition which will be held on February 9th at Lower Macungie Middle School. All students are still welcome to attend meetings and get stronger for next year.

Team Members:

Sruti Tekumalla, 8th grade, Chris Giannaras, 8th grade, Owen Lansing, 7th grade, Stephanie Zheng, 6th grade

Individual competitors:

Ritvik Singh, 8th grade, Wade Wu, 7th grade, Josh Freedman, 7th grade, Siddhardh Tekumalla, 8th grade

Alternates:

Hadi Ali, 7th grade, Ethan Caine, 6th grade, Pantelis Georgalas, 6th grade, Neil Rana, 7th grade

We will hold our usual Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon meetings this week.

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 will officially begin our LLS fundraiser in February. We have a meeting scheduled for members after school on Tuesday in room 104 to organize supplies. Continue to check Schoology for updates. **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LLS FUNDRAISER BY DONATING ONLINE! LINK IS BELOW.**

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

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) *Rehearsal schedule is subject to change this week; watch your email for updates and schedule changes.* Monday no rehearsal (faculty meeting), Tuesday Dueling Cavalier,

Wednesday CAST ONLY for VOCAL REHEARSAL in Mrs. DeVries's classroom, Thursday all cast/crew/house, Friday all cast/crew/house See the email from Mrs. Hriniak and the website for more updates and details.

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) (Advisor Mr. Amen) None at this time.

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 6, 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 has been changed to this Wednesday because of snow day! Encourage your child to draw a design and enter! The students will vote on them this Wednesday and the winner's design will be put on our competition t-shirts! Fundraising papers were sent home. Your child should of given them to you. There are 3 fundraisers in the next 2 months. The first two are the bake sale and a "pot of gold" fundraiser. Please consider donating for one of them. You can go on sign up genius at the sight below and sign up. Thank you so much!

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

The competition is on April 11, 2019 at Easton High School. We will be picking 3 teams of 12 to take by the end of February.

Riding for Focus (Advisors Mr. Miller & Mr. Hess) None at this time.

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors Ms. Roufakis & Mrs. Evancho) Come to visit the Lion's Den for your Nitschmann hoodies, t-shirts, and beanies! This year we are also stocking the NMS school approved calculator for \$10. Be sure to stop and browse on your way to lunch!

Online order form....click [here](#). Orders will not be processed until payment is received.

Ski Club (Advisors Mr. Downey) We will meet on 2/4. This Monday will be COOKIE DAY!! Please bring one batch of cookies to share. Please arrive at 4:45 if you have lessons; Lessons begin at 5:30. Everyone should be off the mountain by 8:30. I will communicate through the Remind app. To sign up text @skiclubni to the number 81010.

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

Step Team (Advisor Ms. Sierra) **Practices will be Tuesday until 5:30 and Thursday until 5:30.** Steppers and parents will get the Remind app code which will allow for communication between Ms. Sierra, the team and parents. Those without a cell phone can have information go to their email. ***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 *MAJOR CHANGES FOR THIS WEEK

- 2/4 Monday - Early Morning Band 7:15 AM
- 2/5 Tuesday - All-City Orchestra 7:15 AM at Nitschmann ONLY ALL-CITY STUDENTS
- NO DAY 1 JAZZ
- 2/6 Wednesday - All-City Orchestra 7:15 AM at Nitschmann ONLY ALL-CITY STUDENTS
- 2/7 Thursday - Early Morning Jazz Band 7:15 AM
- 2/8 Friday - Early Morning Orchestra 7:15 AM

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) 8TH GRADE NYC TRIP PAYMENT

- Everyone attending the trip should have made a deposit of \$50.00 at this point.
- Final payment of \$75.00 is due Friday, February 8.
- If you haven't received either a paper copy or email copy of your invoice please contact me immediately.
- Make checks payable to "NIMAS"
- Return all payments to Mr. Zettlemyer in Room 144
- Orchestra, Jazz and Singer students may be reimbursed if they fundraise more than their fair share

5) MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD GROUP PHOTOS

- Link to order:
<https://christmascitystudio.smugmug.com/Middle-Schools/Nitschmann-MS/2018-2019-Band-Groups/>
- I am looking into the shipping charge

6) PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Parent volunteers needed to assist with hosting the All-City Orchestra Festival on February 5 & 6
- If you would like to volunteer just click on the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa8af2ea2f85-allcity>
 - February 5, 7:00 am to 11:30 am
 - February 6, 7:00 am to 10:30 am
 - February 6, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

7) ALL-CITY TICKETS

- Tickets are available in advance for the All-City orchestra concert on February 6. Tickets are \$3.00.

- Tickets are be available at the door for the price of \$3.00
- The concert will be at Nitschmann on February 6 starting at 7:30 PM.

8) MATEY'S PIZZA SALE

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

9) NIGHT BASKETBALL GAME

- The band will be performing at the night basketball game on Tuesday, February 12. (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 5	All City Orchestra rehearsal at Nitschmann	7:30 AM – 11:30 AM
February 6	All City Orchestra rehearsal at Nitschmann	7:30 AM – 10:30 AM
February 6	All City Orchestra Concert at Nitschmann	7:30 PM
February 8	Matey's Pizza Orders are due	
February 12	Night Basketball Game at Nitschmann - Winds and Percussion	5 PM
February 16	Matey's Pizza delivery	10 am
February 20	NIMAS Meeting at Nitschmann	7:00 PM
February 20	Winter Color Guard Performance	8:00 PM
February 21	Allentown Symphony Orchestra field trip	
March 8	Northeast Jazz Festival	7:00 PM
March 15	Broughal Jazz Festival	7:00 PM
March 17	BASD Middle School Music Ice-Skating - 5-7 PM	Illick's Mill Ice Rink
March 19	NIMAS at Nitschmann	7:30 PM *This is a date change
March 20	PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra	
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

NIMAS is having another Matey's pizza sale. Order are due by February 8. Delivery is Feb. 16 at 10:00 am. The order form can be found here: <http://www.nmsim.org/nimas/fundraising/>

COLOR GUARD (formerly BANDFRONT) - (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Regular rehearsals Monday and Thursday. If you are in BOTH guard and band, your concert band day is Monday and your guard day is Thursday. The Winter Guard performance is February 20. See email updates for more information. Thank you for your hard work at rehearsals!

Choral Music (Twitter @ldevriesmusic)

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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 Tuesday 2/5.

Our usual rehearsal schedule has resumed! Please see the calendar below. Remember that if there is a bad weather delay, morning rehearsal is cancelled. If there is an early dismissal due to weather, afternoon rehearsal is cancelled.

Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:

- 2/4 Monday- No rehearsals
- 2/5 Tuesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in All City orchestra
8:25 AM Activity rehearsal for **all** Glee and Singers not in orchestra. New members welcome!
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 2/6 Wednesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for **all** Glee & Singers not in All City orchestra. Jazz attends Glee.
- 2/7 Thursday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 2/8 Friday-No rehearsals

2018-2019 Important Choral Performance Dates: (New events in bold)

- March 9 Optional All City rehearsal at Northeast 9-noon
- March 23 Optional All City rehearsal at Northeast 9-noon
- March 27 Mandatory All City rehearsal at Northeast 7-11:30AM
- March 28 Mandatory All City rehearsal at Northeast 7-11:30AM; **All City Concert at Northeast 7PM**
- April 3 Harlem Wizards-Nitschmann Singers sing National Anthem at Nitschmann 6PM**
- April 11 International Night showcase performance 5-7PM 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

Thursday 2/7/19

Girls AWAY vs South Mountain MS

Boys HOME vs South Mountain MS

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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