

## **This Week's Major Headlines**

- **Remember that today begins Daylight Savings Time & put those clocks ahead 1 hour!**
- **This Friday, all National Junior Honor Society forms are due!**
- **This Friday, all 8th Grader Honors Intent Forms must be completed online!**
- **There is a school dance this Friday, 3/15, benefitting our 6th grade teams. Tickets are \$6.**

## **Parent & Student Weekly Email**

### **Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**

**Sunday, March 10, 2019, to Sunday, March 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**

2019-2020 BASD School Calendar

## **Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!**

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

*3/15 School Dance, 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; 4/29-30 PSSA Math Exams; 5/2-3 PSSA Science Exams; 5/15-16 Keystone Exams; 5/27 Memorial Day - Schools Closed; 6/3 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 6pm; 6/7 Tentative Last Day of School & End of 4th Quarter*

## **Weekly Schedule & Highlights**

**Monday, 3/11/19 Day 1** Last Day of R4 Encore Rotation; NPG Meeting 6:30pm

**Tuesday, 3/12/19 Day 2**

**Wednesday, 3/13/19 Day 3**

**Thursday, 3/14/19 Day 4**

**Friday, 3/15/19 Day 5** LHS Honors Declaration Due; NJHS Applications Due; Mr. Bailey Visit to NMS; School Dance 6-8pm \$6

**Saturday, 3/16/19**

**Sunday, 3/17/19** Band & Orchestra Skating

## **Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights**

**Monday, 3/18/19 Day 6** 8th Grade Visit to LHS

**Tuesday, 3/19/19 Day 1**

**Wednesday, 3/20/19 Day 2**

**Thursday, 3/21/19 Day 3** BASD Proud Parents Present Backpack Full of Cash

**Friday, 3/22/19 Day 4** Nitschmann Jazz Festival 7pm

**Saturday, 3/23/19**

**Sunday, 3/24/19**

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

**PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert)** Weinert in health starting Monday 3/11 (Day 1), Villani and Long 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](mailto:ni-attendance@basdschools.org), as long as the email on your child's account matches the email address. Please keep your email address up-to-date by emailing our Student Services Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at [sscott@basdschools.org](mailto:sscott@basdschools.org)! Please note that this is **ONLY** for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

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### **School-wide Announcements**

**BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)** 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 spotlights James Buchanan Elementary School Staff who are Built by Bethlehem, is available at [March 8, 2019 Edition of the BASD e-News](#).

**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

**Geography Bee (Hess)** - Seventh grader and school Geography Bee champion Rowan Walters took a state qualifying exam in February. The results of that test are in and I'm excited to announce that Rowan qualified!! That means he was in the top 100 in the state, although they did not give his exact rank. The state competition will be held on Friday, March 29th at the state museum in Harrisburg. If you see Rowan, congratulate him and ask him an obscure geography question!!

### **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 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**

*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](https://twitter.com/NitschmannPG)

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

### **Executive Committee**

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

VP - Deb Clark clark70g@msn.com

Treasurer -

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

### **PAC Representatives**

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

NPG Meeting 6:30pm on Monday 3/11!

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](http://www.basdproudparents.org)

## Academic Team Updates

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#)) Our first deadline for the End of the Year field trip has come and gone. If you have not completed the permission slip and made at least a partial payment, the final payment must be in by April 5th so that we can order our tickets and secure bussing in time. Please have your child turn this in to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible if they haven't already done so.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)) Our Medieval Times field trip is May 22nd. The cost of the trip is \$40 a person. Permission slips have been sent home several weeks ago but we have gotten very few back as of yet. Please ask your child about it and have them see their homeroom teacher if they need another copy. We also have our 6th grade dance this coming Friday March 15th from 6:00 to 8:00pm and the 6th grade is running a bowling night at Towne and Country Lanes Friday March 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If interested tickets will be sold at during lunch periods this week. As always, please keep an eye on the Home Access Center and their planners in order to monitor your child's grades. Remember an hour a night of homework is all it should take. Try to help your child stick to this important habit.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#) and Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)) The Moravian Science Day has been rescheduled for March 14th. Please make sure to pack a lunch or bring \$5 for lunch at the college. This is a walking trip so please dress appropriately. In social studies, all students are working on projects focusing on ancient Egypt. They are researching topics that interest them. The goal is to complete 150 points. Everyone should be working on their fourth assignments at this time. Budget your time and work on a part each day. Please stay on top of Home Access Center and check grades regularly. OREO scores are still used daily, so please check those planners and aim for our next team reward!

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) - **ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - At this time, student essays on 12 Angry Men are overdue. This week we will begin our research/public speaking unit. Students will learn several different types of speech introductions and begin doing their research for a 3-4 minute persuasive speech. The speeches will not be delivered until all research is done and the speeches are written (5-7 days).

**Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Students will continue learning about the location, structure, and function of various organelles found in typical plant and animal cells this week. The following week of March 18th, there will be a test on the last two sections, which covered the discovery of cells and location, structure, and function of cell organelles.

**Team Penn State** (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)) (Instagram pennstatenms) **ELA** - Periods 1, 2 & 5 will begin a novel, Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie. Periods 7 & 8 will continue the novel, Notes from the Midnight Driver. All classes will have a vocabulary quiz on Tuesday, March 12th.. **SCIENCE**- Students will be finalizing the genetics unit this week with learning about cloning, gene therapy, transgenic organisms and our epigenome. Unit test is scheduled for Monday, March 18th.**READING**- We will begin a new novel, The Spies of Mississippi, this week. Non-fiction reading strategies will be reviewed and discussed. **MATH** - Students in periods 1,2,5 and 7 have a quiz on Monday on solving multi-step equations and two-step equation word problems. The rest of the week will be devoted to solving and graphing inequalities. Period 8 is continuing to work on their probability unit. **SOCIAL STUDIES**- Students will be learning about Mexico, Middle America and the Caribbean. Their ABC country books will be due Friday March 8.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#)) Remember to get your Hershey money and forms turned in. Constitution Unit!! History classes are finally reached our unit on the Constitution Era. Students will begin learning the Preamble to the Constitution. Book reports are due on March 27. Reading classes will continue to

progress through part 2 of Soldier X. **ELA:** Sadly, we have finally finished Of Mice and Men! We will watching the rest of the movie next week. Then, will will begin our writing journey analyzing the story using textual evidence to support students thesis. We have been work on this slowly since the beginning of the unit; students will be putting all the pieces together, and the paper will be worth 50 points. Students are expected to hand in their work in a **timely manner** or points will be taken off. If there is an issue that may arise, it is *their responsibility to inform their teacher*. Students are more than welcome to stay after on Mondays and Wednesdays (or upon request) if they are confused or would like additional help on this assignment.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter @TeamSpartanNMS) - History classes will be investigating and assessing the SIX key events of Jefferson's Presidency including the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Unit 5 Assessment on Monday. Study Guide is available in Schoology and as a hard copy. **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 are reading the novel, *The Contender* and working on theme analysis and literary elements. My period 3 class 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 Exponential Functions, Compound Interest and Geometric Sequences. Both IXL and Math XL assignments are posted in Schoology with due dates. Quiz next week. Math 8th students will continue with Unit 6 - Angle Relationships. IXL assignments are posted in Schoology with due dates. Quiz next week. In ELA classes, we say goodbye to Miss Nieves on Monday. We enjoyed having her in class and wish her well in her next placement. This week Periods 1, 3, 5, and 8 have a quiz on active and passive voice on Monday. We will begin our argumentative unit by reading a short story and debating the character's fate at the end of the week. In Science, we will be continuing Newton's Laws of Motion. **HERSHEY Park forms and money are NOW BEING COLLECTED.**

**Counseling Corner (Kehler, Litak, Hipp)** None at this time.

**Student Services Updates** None at this time.

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#### **Extracurricular Activities**

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

**AM Basketball 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 March 18 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. Note: there is no class on Tuesdays, March 12 and April 9. The last Tuesday class will be on April 16, which is a make up from the snow cancellation. The last Thursday Art Smart will be on April 4. 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) Practice **until 5:30 pm.**

- **BIA show April 7 (Saturday)**- Tickets: \$10 online (fees not included) 2pm  
<https://events.ticketprinting.com/event/Bias-4th-Annual-Spring-Fling-Dance-Showcase-32310>
- **NMS (Notable Moves Showcase) Night April 26 (Friday)!!!!** Tickets: \$9 online (with fees) 7pm
  - Parents will get code for \$3 off 2 tickets (all others are at cost)
  - Parents volunteers needed- please send remind message or email message if you can participate ([tsierra@basdschools.org](mailto:tsierra@basdschools.org)).

**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) Thank you to all the students and parents who helped provide refreshments for the class Mardi Gras celebrations. - French Club students will be spending the next few weeks preparing for Team Temple's International Night on April 11. We'll be looking for cooks, bakers, artists, videographers, and musicians. Please be sure to ask your child how he or she will be contributing and participating in International Night.

**French Trip to Quebec** (Advisor Mr.s Lare) - Over the next few weeks students will be working to put together a visual presentation of Nitschmann's first winter trip to Quebec. - Madame Lare has a couple items that were left behind. If your child is missing something from the trip, please contact Madame Lare at [alare@basdschools.org](mailto:alare@basdschools.org)

**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) None at this time.

**Lion's Pride** (Advisor Ms. Bouhana/Ms. Dentith) We will have our weekly meeting this upcoming Wednesday in room 114. We will be starting our third and last. Most articles have been assigned already, but we still have some to discuss. 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/1CnlgxoH6wITm/>

**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\_Nistchmann ) Our LLS fundraiser is over and we thank everyone for their hard work and support. Total money raised will be announced shortly. Tutoring is Tuesday, March 19.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** (Advisor Mrs. Hrinia) Congratulations on a fantastic run of Singin' In The Rain! Watch your email for special spring opportunities. Nitschmann Dramatics is proud to announce our 2020 show: Alice in Wonderland Jr.!

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

**Reading Olympics** (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 13, 2018, from 3:05 till 5:00 P.M. in the library. We will meet until 5 P.M. each week now through April 10. Thank you to those parents who donated a gift cards for our "pot of gold" fundraiser! The students loved it! The bags of gold were delivered at the end of the day this past Friday. We are meeting as teams and preparing for the competition! It is mandatory that all students attend each week from now until the competition. The competition is on April 11, 2019 at Easton High School. Info will be sent home in 3 weeks about parents attending the competition. T-Shirts were ordered!

**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) Ski club has concluded. If you have any extra passes, use them at your convenience any day of the week.

**Spain Trip (Advisor Ms. Bouhana)** This is the last chance to sign up for our 8-Day trip to Spain in June. Trip dates are June 14 to June 21st. 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 working on our crafts and posters for the night, as well as props for the stories. This meeting is mandatory.

**Step Team** (Advisor Ms. Sierra) Practice \*\*Every Tuesday and Thursday until 5:30 pm.

- **BIA show April 7 (Saturday)-** Tickets: \$10 online (fees not included) 2pm  
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**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](mailto:dzettlemoyer@basdschools.org)*

### **1) REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

- 3/11 Monday - Early morning band 7:15 AM  
Day 1 Jazz band
- 3/12 Tuesday - Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM
- 3/13 Wednesday - Early Morning Jazz Band 7:15 AM
- 3/14 Thursday - Early morning band 7:15 AM
- 3/15 Friday - Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM  
Day 1 Jazz Band

### **2) LESSON SCHEDULE**

- the lessons schedule has been adjusted to accommodate band and orchestra chair auditions.
- Link to website: <http://www.nmsim.org/lessons/>

### **3) SPRING BAND TRIP PAYMENT**

- The final payment of \$50.00 is due on March 19.
- Everyone should have \$300 in their fair share account by March 19.
- Check your fair share 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 CHAIR AUDITION INFORMATION**

- **Band** - <http://www.nmsim.org/band/chair-audition-information/>
- **Orchestra** - <http://www.nmsim.org/orchestra/orchestra-chair-auditions/>

### **5) LHS BAGPIPES**

- LHS bagpipe lessons are on Wednesdays, in the LHS band room beginning at 3:15 PM or shortly thereafter.
- They are looking for students who did not make the band on their instrument or currently do not play an instrument to come out and learn bagpipes.

### **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
- Permission slip attached

### **7) BROUGHAL JAZZ FESTIVAL – Friday, March 15**

- The festival begins at 6:25 PM.
- Doors open at 6 PM.
- Tickets are \$5.00 adults / Students are free.
- Nitschmann students should arrive by 6:30 PM.



- Nitschmann warm-up time is 7:10 PM.
- Nitschmann performance time is 7:30 PM.
- Awards are scheduled for 10:10 PM.
- Uniform for all jazz events is: black bottom, white tux shirt, black bow-tie
- Students may leave following the Nitschmann performance

#### 8) WINTER COLOR GUARD PERFORMANCE

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

#### 9) WASHINGTON, D.C. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE BUS TICKETS

- Parents and family member who would like to travel to the band's performance at the Washington, D.C. Memorial Day Parade can purchase bus seats here, [BUS SEAT REQUEST](#), for \$40 per person.

#### 10) LHSGB CONCERT TICKETS FOR 8TH GRADERS

- 8th grade students who are going to be members of the Liberty band or orchestra next year are eligible to receive a free ticket to either the Friday or Saturday Liberty night band concert on March 29 & March 30.
- Ticket requests must be received by March 18th.
- Use the following link to order your free ticket: [Ticket order form](#)
- Other useful information can be found at: [LHSGBOP Information](#)

#### 11) SPRING TRIP T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

- Each participant on the spring band trip receives a complimentary souvenir t-shirt.
- Please complete the form at the following link by March 22. [Spring trip t-shirt order form](#)

#### 12) 2019 NIMAS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

March 15	Broughal Jazz Festival	6:00 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	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	8th 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 (THIS WILL BE RESCHEDULED)
June 3	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*

**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. **Please note the changes to All City.**

**Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:**

3/9 **Saturday**-9-noon Optional All City rehearsal at Northeast Middle School

3/11 Monday- 8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for **all Glee & Singers members**

3/12 Tuesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

3/13 Wednesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for **all Glee & Singers** not in jazz band

3/14 Thursday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band

3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal

3/15 Friday-No rehearsal

**2018-2019 Important Choral Performance Dates:** (Note change to moving up ceremony)

March 9 Optional All City rehearsal at Northeast 9-noon

March 23 Optional All City rehearsal at Northeast 9-noon

**April 2 Mandatory All City rehearsal at Northeast 7AM-7PM; 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 3 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*

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

**Intersession Intramurals**

*Lacrosse Intramurals*

*Coordinator Ms. Weinert*

*Volleyball, Boys Intramurals*

*Coordinator Mr. Kocon*

**Winter Sports**

*Basketball, Boys*

*Head Coach Mr. Wills*

*Basketball, Girls*

*Head Coach Mr. Ortwein*

*Wrestling @ Liberty High School*

*Head Coach Mr. Klingborn (noahklingborg@gmail.com)*

**Spring Sports**

*Soccer, Boys & Girls Co-Ed*

*Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach*

*Softball, Girls- Practice will begin on Monday, March 11 at Nitschmann. We will review the week's schedule with the girls on Monday. Please be patient with us; our practice schedule will be determined by weather and availability of facilities at this point of the season.*

*Head Coach Mr. Downey*

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*Mr. Peter Mayes*

*Principal*

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