

This Week's Major Headlines

- **On Monday (weather permitting!), 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. Please watch email & social media for updates or rescheduling if needed.**
- **3rd Quarter IPR grades are available online this Wednesday.**
- **The 2019-2020 BASD School Calendar for next year is attached to this email.**

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

Sunday, March 3, 2019, to Sunday, March 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

2019-2020 BASD School Calendar

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

3/12 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, 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 Northeast Jazz Festival

Saturday, 3/9/19

Sunday, 3/10/19

Upcoming Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 3/11/19 Day 2 Last Day of R4 Encore Rotation

Tuesday, 3/12/19 Day 3 11:30 Dismissal, Teacher In-Service

Wednesday, 3/13/19 Day 4

Thursday, 3/14/19 Day 5

Friday, 3/15/19 Day 6 **LHS Honors Declaration Due; NJHS Applications Due**

Saturday, 3/16/19

Sunday, 3/17/19

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

Dining Services is celebrating **National School Breakfast week** during the week of March 4-March 8. Students have the opportunity to **win a bicycle** by simply coming in for breakfast each day and answering a question about

healthy breakfast/ nutrition. Entry forms will be available each morning and are to be placed in the entry box. The school's winner will be announced on Friday, March 15.

PE/Health Schedule (Villani, Long, Weinert) Weinert and Long in the gym through 3/7 while Villani is in health. Weinert starts health on Friday 3/8 while Villani and Long are in the gym.

Recent Nitschmann News! (Always posted on our Social Media sites too!)

Twitter [@NitschmannMS](#); Facebook [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Instagram [@BASDNitschmannMS](#); [NMS School Website](#); [YouTube](#)

***Is your child sick?** You can submit your child's sick note by email to ni-attendance@basdschools.org, as long as the email on your child's account matches the email address. Please keep your email address up-to-date by emailing our Student Services Guidance Secretary Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org! Please note that this is ONLY for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!*

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) The BASD e-News is designed to highlight BASD student and staff achievements and share events and activities going on in the BASD and the Lehigh Valley. It is our hope that you find it informative. The latest edition, which spotlights Asa Packer Staff who are Built by Bethlehem, is available at [March 1, 2019, Edition of the BASD e-News.](#)

2019-2020 BASD School Calendar (Dr. Roy): Attached to this email.

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): Thank you to everyone who attended performances of Singin' In The Rain! BASD places a very big emphasis on the performing arts, and we are grateful for your support. Thank you for a great theater season, and now that the show is over we are hoping for "singin' with no more precipitation."

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

“Bags of Gold” Sale (Reading Olympics) - This coming week, from March 4th - March 7th, Reading Olympics will be selling “bags of gold” (gold wrapped chocolate coins) in honor of St. Patrick’s Day for \$1 a bag at all lunches. In select bags, there will be a lucky prize coin, which can be redeemed for various gift cards. The “bags of gold” will be delivered to 8th period classrooms on Friday, March 8th.

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

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

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Executive Committee

Pres. - Erin Coughlin ecogs76@gmail.com

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PAC Representatives

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

Hello Parents!!!

Please try to make our next NPG meeting Monday March 4th at 6:30 in the Library on the second floor. We will be hosting Superintendent Dr. Roy! You don't want to miss this meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for all you do
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)) We would like to congratulate Katie B., Anthony C., Ethan C., Ben B., and Naomi V. on being selected for our Reading Olympic teams. They will compete in April. We would also like to congratulate Leighanne G., Mia G., John K., Malia L., James O., Ava P., Will R., Sarah S., Kendall T., Gia T., and Addison W. on their great performances in Singing in the Rain Jr. this weekend! We are so proud of all of these students and their accomplishments.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)) We almost made it through a complete week if not for the two hour delay Friday. Congratulation to Mr. Turner on completing his first week. We are happy to have him here. Friday was our team celebration. We would like to Congratulate our Pride of the Lions: Steven Luisser, Jack Kozelnicky, and Josh Pesavento and our Mountain Hawks: Allyssa Marko and Jalyn Reeves. They are outstanding workers and great examples of Decent Human Beings!!

Unfortunately not nearly as many students earned the reward for the month as we would like due to missing work. 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 second portion of the Social Studies Egypt Project was due Friday 3/1. Everyone should be working on their third 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! We have tentatively scheduled our Science Day at Moravian for March 14th. More information to follow.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) - **Reading (Mrs. Gomez)** - Students in first period have just completed the summary for William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. Students have a cartoon strip for the summary due on Tuesday. We will begin reading the month of March in our novel The Wednesday Wars this Monday. Students in second period will be finishing Part 2 of the novel, Al Capone Does My Shirts. Students can expect to have a test sometime this week on Part 2. In fifth period, we have been discussing mysteries, red herrings, and Sherlock Holmes as we are reading a dramatized version of The Hound of the Baskervilles. Students will have a vocabulary test on Monday, which consists of 15 words. In sixth period, we have started a new novel titled, Okay For Now by Gary Schmidt. Students have been analyzing paintings from John James Audubon's Birds of America book and then comparing their reaction to the main character's reaction. Students in eighth period just finished reading the novel, Notes From the Midnight Driver. Students did well in writing a text dependent analysis using a teacher selected article and specific details from the novel. Students will be taking a test on pages 175-265 on Monday. Students have all the materials they need to prepare for the test. We have also reviewed in class. **ELA (Mr. Falteich)** - Students will begin an in-depth analysis of the characters in Twelve Angry Men in preparation for a writing assignment (due 3/8) in which they compare themselves to the characters. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Students will be learning about the location, structure, and function of various organelles found in typical plant and animal cells.

Team Penn State (7th) Follow us on social media!! (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)) (Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)) (Instagram pennstatenms) On Monday, students who are passing all academics at this time will be invited to a team celebration breakfast.the team will be watching Lorenzo's Oil (PG-13), a powerful true story about Lorenzo Odone who has a genetic disorder. Not only does this movie reflect on our genetics unit, but it demonstrates how anyone can use problem solving to hypothesize and attempt to solve real life problems. **ELA** - Periods 1, 2 & 5 will conclude a poetry analysis unit this week. The students are currently writing their own poem based on civil rights/human rights. Periods 7 & 8 will continue the novel, Notes from the Midnight Driver. All classes will have receive the new vocabulary list on Monday, March 4th. **SCIENCE**- Students will be learning about various genetic disorders this week and completing an activity using a "coin toss" to create a variety of traits for a child. **READING**- Students will be assessed for their understanding of the novel Monster. We will begin a new novel, The Spies of Mississippi, at the end of the week. **MATH** - Students in periods 1,2,5 and 7 have an opportunity to re-take last week's quiz on two-step equations. In order to do so, they must stay after school to review on either Tuesday or Wednesday and stay after school to take the quiz on either Thursday or Friday. This week, we are continuing to work with multi-step equations and there will be a quiz Friday that also includes word problems. Period 8 is working on their probability unit. They have a quiz on Sections 9-1 - 9-4 on Thursday. **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](#)) History classes will have their American Revolution Test on Wednesday. Reading classes will have a comprehension quiz on Wednesday. We will continue to progress through the novel, Soldier X.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#)) - History classes will be investigating and assessing key events of Jefferson's Presidency. 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 are reading the novel, *The Contender*. 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 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 is now teaching all classes and is in the final week of stay with us. Next week, we will be reading excerpts from The Diary of Anne Frank and a narrative by Miep Gies. After reading both excerpts, the students will consider point of view and how each story is told differently by each narrator. They will be designing an Anne Frank illustration, where they will draw arrows toward Anne's eyes, mouth, ears, nose, etc., and label what Anne probably saw, said, heard, smelled, and felt during her time in the Secret Annex. We will end the week with a socratic circle discussion that compares Anne's and Miep's writing, as well as an active vs. passive voice grammar quiz. 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) None at this time.

Student Services Updates None at this time.

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 **resumes on 3/6 until 5:30 pm. NMS (Notable Moves Night) night April 26!!!!**

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 make masks for Mardi Gras which will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5. Students should try to wear purple, gold and green on their class celebration day. Non-French Club students should be making their masks at home or after school.

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

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 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/1CnIgxH6wITm/>

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. Our next meeting will be March 6 both before and after school. Continue to check Schoology for updates.

Nitschmann Dramatics (Advisor Mrs. Hriniak) Monday no rehearsal (faculty meeting) , Tuesday strike the set and clean up, Wednesday go home at 3:05, Thursday go home at 3:05, Friday go home at 3:05. Thank you for a fantastic season! And now we start planning for next year...

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

Reading Olympics (Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher) Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2018, from 3:05 till 4:00 P.M. in the library. It is the last day we meet till 4:00 P.M. Beginning March 13th through April 10 we will meet each Wednesday until 5:00 P.M. The “pot of gold” fundraiser info was sent home with students on Feb. 27th Please consider donating. We are asking for \$5.00 gift card donations. They are listed on sign up genius at website below or were on the form sent home this week. You can go on sign up genius at the sight below and sign up. We need them no later than March 6th. 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) Ski club has concluded. If you have any extra passes, use them at your convenience. The passes are good Mon-Thursday until March 4, then passes are good any day of the week. 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) Practice resumes on 3/5 **Every Tuesday and Thursday until 5:30 pm. NMS (Notable Moves Night) night April 26!!!!

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

- 3/4 Monday - Early morning band 7:15 AM
- 3/5 Tuesday - Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM
- 3/6 Wednesday - Early Morning Jazz Band 7:15 AM
- 3/7 Thursday - Early morning band 7:15 AM
- 3/8 Friday - Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM
Day 1 Jazz Band

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 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) MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD GROUP PHOTOS

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

5) LHS BAGPIPES

- It is my understanding that new pipers are meeting on Wednesdays in the LHS band room at 3:15 PM for new piper practice.

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) NORTHEAST JAZZ FESTIVAL – Friday, March 8

- The festival begins at 6:25 PM.
- Doors open at 6 PM.
- Tickets are \$3.00 adults / \$1.00 for children
- Nitschmann students should arrive by 6 PM.
- Nitschmann warm-up time is 6:30 PM.
- Nitschmann performance time is 6:55 PM.
- Awards are scheduled for 9:50 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 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	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

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

Weekly Choral Rehearsal Schedule:

- 3/4 Monday- No rehearsal
- 3/5 Tuesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 3/6 Wednesday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for **all** Glee & Singers not in jazz band
- 3/7 Thursday-7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee members not in band
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 3/8 Friday-8:25-Activity period rehearsal for **all Glee & Singers members**

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
- 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 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- Tryouts will begin Monday, March 4 at Nitschmann. Players will be done at 4:45.
Girls will have further instructions for the rest of the week on Monday. Players must have a physical or recertification paperwork in order to try out.
Head Coach [Mr. Downey](#)

Mr. Peter Mayes
Principal
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