

## This Week's Major Headlines

- [Have you checked your child's Schoology account for the upcoming week? Directions are listed below & online!](#)
- [Back-to-School Night](#) is tomorrow, Monday, September 16, 2019 @ 6pm in the Auditorium.
- Please update your phone & email information on the [Registration Gateway](#) before the window closes on September 30!
- **8th Grade Parents - Only 15 more days to purchase the optional insurance for your child's Chromebook!**
- [School photo ordering information is attached to this email.](#)

## Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update, [Home of the Nitschmann Nation!](#)

Sunday, September 15, 2019, to Sunday, September 22, 2019

All of this information can be viewed at our

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

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## Links to Review

[Schoology Directions for Parents](#)

[Back to School Night Schedule](#)

[Christmas City Photo Day Form to Purchase Online](#)

[2019 10 12 NIMAS Pancake Breakfast Information](#)

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## Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

9/16 NMS Back to School Night 6pm; 9/19 School Photo Day; 9/23 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 10/9 Yom Kippur/No School; 10/12 NIMAS Pancake Breakfast; 10/14 Teacher In-Service/No School; 10/15-18 BASD Education Week; 10/27 Bethlehem Halloween Parade; 10/29 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 10/30 End of 1st Quarter/School Photo Make-Up Day; 11/3 Daylight Savings Time Ends; 11/5 Election Day/Teacher In-Service/No School; 11/18 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences; 11/11 Veteran's Day; 11/19 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences; 11/27-12/2 Thanksgiving Holiday/No School; 12/23-1/3/20 Christmas/Winter Break/No School; 1/20 MLK Day/No School; 1/23 End of 2nd Quarter; 2/14 Teacher In-Service/No School; 2/17 Presidents' Day/No School; 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins; 3/11 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 3/27 End of 3rd Quarter; 4/7 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 4/8 11:30 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service; 4/9-4/13 Easter/Spring Break/No School; 5/TBA Primary Election Day/No School 5/25 Memorial Day/No School; 5/29 8th Grade Dance 6pm @ Ice House; 6/4 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 6pm; 6/8 8th Grade HersheyPark Trip; 6/9 Last Day of School/End of 4th Quarter

## Weekly Schedule & Highlights

**Monday, 9/16/19 Day 3** Back to School Night (6pm-8pm) *NMS FH home vs Naz (4PM)*

**Tuesday, 9/17/19 Day 4** Constitution Day & Judge Maura Assembly, Leadership Council Speeches *NMS VB home vs East Hills (4PM)*

**Wednesday, 9/18/19 Day 5** **Founder's Day - David Nitschmann's Birthday! (Wear Blue & White!)** *NMS FH at Lower Mac (4PM)*

**Thursday, 9/19/19 Day 6** NMS Photo Day (Dress Up Day!) *NMS XC at Naz (4PM) & NMS VB at Trexler (4PM)*

**Friday, 9/20/19 Day 1** *NMS FH home vs Broughal (4PM)*

**Saturday, 9/21/19** *NMS FB at Emmaus High School (9AM) Alice's Croquet Party noon-2pm*

**Sunday, 9/22/19**

## Next Week Weekly Schedule & Highlights

**Monday, 9/23/19 Day 2** **11:30 Dismissal (Teacher In-Service)**

**Tuesday, 9/24/19 Day 3**

**Wednesday, 9/25/19 Day 4**

**Thursday, 9/26/19 Day 5**

**Friday, 9/27/19 Day 6** September Pride of the Lions

Saturday, 9/28/19

Sunday, 9/29/19

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**Important Links**

[BASD Dining Services Menu & Website](#)

[NMS Staff Email Directory](#)

[BASD Volunteer Information](#)

**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 note: If you are submitting a written or doctor's note do not submit an email. It should be one or the other. Please email Mrs. Falcone at [mfalcone@basdschools.org](mailto:mfalcone@basdschools.org) with any questions or concerns. Please note that this is ONLY for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

*Do you need help with BASD Transportation?* Call 610-861-0360!

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**School-wide Announcements**

**BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)** This week's edition of the BASD e-News highlights the staff at Clearview Elementary School who are Built by Bethlehem. The BASD e-News is available to view at [BASD e-News September 13, 2019, Edition](#). Additionally, BASD Gear Wear is available for purchase at [Get Your BASD Gear Wear Here](#). When logging in, go to the top right of the page, and login under group sign in with the password BASD. Photos of some of the items can be found in the e-News.

**Registration Gateway (Mayes)** Please complete the Registration Gateway to update phone and email information before the system closes on September 30, 2019. Use your Home Access Center password at <https://www.beth.k12.pa.us/ParentsStudents/>

**8th Chromebook Optional Insurance (Mayes)** If you want to purchase optional insurance it is critical that parents/guardians purchase it within 30 days of your child/children receiving it. [More information is posted here.](#)

**Book Fair-** The Back to School Book Fair will run from September 10-18. Students will visit the fair with one of their core teachers.

**Back to School Night (Mayes)** Back to School Night will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6pm. Please join us to learn about our new school year & programs, help your child sign up for activities, and learn about our support for your child and your family. [More information is posted here!](#) [Schedule posted here!](#)

**School Photo Day (Mayes)** Nitschmann Middle School Photo Day is on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Please order ahead of time online with the code NMS19 or use the paper form when it comes home with your child. [More information is posted here!](#)

**Alice's Croquet Party (Hriniak)** All Nitschmann families are invited to Alice's Croquet Party Saturday, September 21, noon-2pm on the back field. This free family-friendly event is sponsored by Nitschmann Dramatics. Join us for lawn games, board games, craft stations, music, and flamingo croquet. Bring money for snacks and souvenirs. Celebrate the beginning of fall with your Nitschmann family. [More information is posted here!](#)

**Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast (Zettlemyer)** support Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music \$7.00 per person; Kids \$5; *WHEN:* Saturday, October 12, 2019; 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; *WHERE:* Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar; 3730 Nazareth Pike; Bethlehem, PA 18020. [More information is posted here!](#)

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**Counseling Corner (Stewart, Kehler, Hipp)**

Contact your child's counselor by email: [6th Grade Mrs. Stewart](#); [7th Grade Mr. Kehler](#); [8th Grade Mrs. Hipp](#)

None at this time.

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**Student Services Updates (Mr. Horlick)**

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email: [Mr. Horlick, Assistant Principal](#); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](#); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](#)

**Schoology Access for Parents USING WEBSITE (Mayes) [DIRECTIONS LINK!](#)** Schoology is the system where your child's homework, assignments, classes, quizzes, tests, and grade live each day. 7th & 8th grade parents are likely more comfortable with the Home Access Center (HAC), but we will only be using the HAC for final quarter grades. **Parents will be required to enter the USERNAME associated with their Home Access Center (HAC) and HAC password to log into the Schoology website.** This is only for middle school children (gr 6-8) in the BASD! The website is <http://app.schoology.com/login>. Use your username, password, and SELECT BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT!

**Schoology Access for Parents USING SCHOOLGY APP (Mayes) [DIRECTIONS LINK!](#)** Schoology is the system where your child's homework, assignments, classes, quizzes, tests, and grade live each day. 7th & 8th grade parents are likely more comfortable with the Home Access Center (HAC), but we will only be using the HAC for final quarter grades. **Parents will be required to enter the EMAIL associated with their Home Access Center (HAC) and HAC password to log into the Schoology App.** This is only for middle school children (gr 6-8) in the BASD! You can find the Schoology App in your smartphone app store. Use your email, password, and check the directions online!

**Dropping Off Forgotten Items (Falcone):** We strive to encourage each student to be responsible and organized in preparation for their future high school years. Recently there has been an increased volume of items that students have forgotten at home and parents have brought into the school for them. This has caused a decrease in class instruction time caused by frequent interruptions. We understand some items are necessary to conduct a normal school day such as: BASD Chromebooks, eyeglasses and lunch. Items such as clothing, sports equipment and phones do not warrant interruption to the entire class. To prevent interruptions to all our students, we ask that should you decide to drop off an item, you label that item with your child's name and grade and place the item in the designated area located within the Student Service Office. Send your child an email at their BASD email account to remind them, please do not text or call your child during the school day, which can lead to their cell phone confiscation.

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**Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG)** (Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](#))

[nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com)

**Executive Committee**

**PAC Representatives**

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**Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) All of sixth grade is participating in a service project to help 'Pajamas for Trauma'. We are asking for any donations to be brought into school by September 18th. Your child received a flyer with a list of items and the flyer is posted on schoology.. If you would like to know more about this cause, Fox 29 did an interview with the local Bethlehem family. <https://www.fox29.com/video/596332> Items

needed are chapstick, colored pens/pencils, journals, teen coloring books, and socks (sizes 2t-5t and adult sizes). Cash donations can also be made. Thank you! **Team Lafayette will visit the Book Fair on Monday, September 16th.**

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) We are starting to get on a roll. Hopefully every has their materials and they are trying to solve any at home technology issues there may be as far as getting into Clever and navigating to find their nightly homework assignments. Two links that you can use to access the Clever Hub are : BASD G Suite for Education (<https://sites.google.com/a/basdschools.org/google/>) then clicking on Clever or by going to the BASD district home page and clicking on parents/students (<https://www.beth.k12.pa.us/ParentsStudents/>). Remember that the students should be spending a consistent hour a night on school work. We will be collecting items for the Pajamas for Trauma campaign until Wednesday, September 18th. If you would like to know more about this cause, Fox 29 did an interview with the local Bethlehem family. <https://www.fox29.com/video/596332> Items needed are chapstick, colored pens/pencils, journals, teen coloring books, and socks (sizes 2t-5t and adult sizes). Cash donations can also be made. Thank you! Looking forward to seeing at Back to School Night.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) We have had a great start to the year. Students are learning the routines. Please ask your child to show you how to access the online resources that they have been using. All of sixth grade is participating in a service project to help 'Pajamas for Trauma'. We are asking for any donations to be brought into school by September 18th. Your child received a flyer with a list of items and the flyer is posted on schoology.. If you would like to know more about this cause, Fox 29 did an interview with the local Bethlehem family. <https://www.fox29.com/video/596332> Items needed are chapstick, colored pens/pencils, journals, teen coloring books, and socks (sizes 2t-5t and adult sizes). Cash donations can also be made. Thank you! **Team Moravian will visit the Book Fair on Monday, September 16th.**

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) **Team** - We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night this Monday, September 16th from 6 - 8 PM. **English (Mrs. Gomez and Mr. Falteich)** - This week students will be summarizing text, exploring various literary genres, making inferences, and reading the Japanese folktale, "The Wise Old Woman". **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Students will have a quiz on Lab Equipment & Safety on Tuesday, September 17th. Then, we will start our next chapter on the Metric System.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) Your child should be checking schoology/planner every evening in order to make sure all assignments are complete. We hope to see you at open house this Monday at 6:00. **Science:** Students have done well learning the equipment used in the lab and how to perform safely. This week we will be using the equipment and will end the week with a performance assessment. **English:** Study Sync continues! The students are really learning the program and have been working well during class activities. This week we completed topics such as peer review, predicting, and character. Next week, we will begin our second short story, *The Wise Old Woman*. **Math:** All classes are working working with integers and rational numbers in Unit 1. Periods 6 and 8 have a quiz Monday on sections 1-1 -1-5. Periods 2, 3 and 9 have a quiz Tuesday on adding and subtracting integers. **Social Studies:** Classes have started the "Map Skills" unit. All students should complete their continent quiz on schoology BY Monday (9/9) by 3:05. **Team Penn State will visit the Book Fair on Wednesday, September 11th.**

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamESU](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#)) English classes will continue Unit 1 and our exploration of mysteries as well as continuing skill development. The Lottery and The Monkey's Paw will be read. History classes will be studying the colony of Jamestown as a lens into the origin of America. The year 1619 will be a center of focus during this week.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) Iconic Image Google Slide project is due in all History classes on Wednesday, September 18th. We will continue our look at leadership, the institution of slavery, and self-government in relation to the founding of Jamestown through the use of PearDeck, small group inquiry and utilize Kami with primary source materials. In ELA classes this week (Wallach and Hinkel), students will continue working on characterization with an excerpt from *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers. Students also just completed their first benchmark reading test in StudySync. With all class textbooks online this year, it is ESSENTIAL that your child has a pair or two of earbuds with them daily! Students will be able to use the text to speech feature, be able to watch videos as part of the curriculum, and create their own WeVideo projects. Earbuds are sold at the school store if needed. Elections for the

8th grade Executive Board of Student Council will take place on September 17th. See Mrs. Ellis for an application. We look forward to meeting our team's parents on Monday at Open House!!!

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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 Field/ Gym** (TBA) None at this time.

**Anime Club** (Advisors [Ms. Fehr/Mrs. Wallach](#)) Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 24 in room 104. Please bring your drawings and books to the meeting.

**Art Club** (Advisors [Mrs. Kozero/Mrs. Lund](#)) None at this time.

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) The Banana Factory is once again offering FREE after school classes to Nitschmann students on Tuesdays and Thursdays for eight weeks, from October 1 to November 21. Classes include: acrylic painting, needle felting, cartooning & animé, mosaics, mask making, weaving, crocheting, wheel thrown pottery, and digital illustration. Students may sign up for one or both days. Students will be served a light snack. Bus transportation to and from the Banana Factory is provided. Parents must be able to pick up their child from the Nitschmann parking lot promptly at 6 p.m. Spaces are very limited - only 5 students per class. Students must commit to attending all 8 weeks of classes. Spaces will be allotted on a first come first served basis. Students may pick up a class schedule and registration form from Mrs. Lare in Room 317.

**Dance Team** ([Advisor Ms. Sierra](#)) Returning dancers practice continues during activity pd. Day 1 and Wednesdays after school until 5 in the Cafeteria. Back to school night is Sep. 16: 6-8pm. Sign up sheet for tryouts is on the door of room 217. Sign up between class, before or after school. Learn and practice the tryout routine: 9/20 in the aud. During pd. 1 and Wednesday 9/25 from 3:05-5. **Tryout day 9/26 3:05-5.**

**German Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) The first German club meeting of the 2019-2020 school year will take place during 1st period on day 1 on Friday, September 20th. If you are interested in joining German club to learn about German culture and festivities, please sign up outside Mrs. Sofka's room, 313 and take a green paper with the list of all the meeting dates. German club is open to all grades! I hope to see you there!

**Heart & Sole Club** (Advisor TBA) None at this time.

**Fitness Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) None at this time.

**FCS/DIY Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Hoffman](#)) None at this time.

**French Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) The first meeting of French Club will be on September 20 during the activity period in Mme Lare's classroom.

**Intramurals** ([Advisor Mr. Ortwein](#)) None at this time

**Leadership Council** ([Advisor Mrs. Ellis](#)) Elections for the 8th grade Executive Board of Student Council will take place on September 17th. See Mrs. Ellis for an application.

**Lion Service Club** ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) Information about the Lion Service Club and how to join will be available at Back to School night on 9/16. Please come and learn what we are about. The club plans on meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 3-4.

**Lion's Pride (online school newspaper)** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) Members will meet after school on Wednesday in room 201.

**Mathcounts** ([Advisor Ms. Novatnak](#)) Are you good at math? Then MathCounts is the place for you! MathCounts is a national middle school mathematics enrichment and competition program. Nitschmann usually does very well at competitions, winning awards almost every year. We need some new students to carry on that tradition! MathCounts is open to interested students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Our first meeting will be this Thursday, 9/19 in room 213 from 3:05 - 4:00, and after that we will meet every Thursday. If you are interested but unable to attend the first meeting, please stop by to see Miss Novatnak in room 213 or send her an email.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs\\_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs\\_Nistchmann](#)) Please listen for updates via announcements and Schoology. Any members running for an elected position should prepare a short speech and be ready to present on September 25. Elections will take place during team time in the morning.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Rehearsals this week are Monday 9/16, Wednesday 9/18, and Friday 9/20 after school until 4:30. These rehearsals are for all dramatics students (cast, crew, and house). Make sure you have signed up on Mrs. Hriniak's website and have read through the information document posted there. Check Mrs. Hriniak's website for updates, calendar, and information.

**Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)** ([Advisor Mr. Amen](#)) First meetings for PJAS will be held next week after school in Mr. Amen's Room 110. They will be from 3:05 PM to 3:45 PM. 8th Grade Girls are invited Tuesday 9/17 and 8th Grade Boys are invited Wednesday 9/18. If needed, he will hold meetings the following week as well. General Information on PJAS can be found [HERE](#), developed by our own students. Official PJAS site is [HERE](#).

**Reading Olympics** ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) Do you love to read? Do you love a friendly reading competition against many other middle schools? Then Reading Olympics is for you! Each year, in the late Spring, Easton High School hosts a reading competition with 40 schools from the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas. This year the competition is on Thursday, April 16th, 2020. We have a list of books we are to read. We meet all year to read, discuss, and write questions about the books to help us prepare for the competition. Last year we took 3 teams and came in 1st, 3rd, and 7th place!! We are very proud of this! We look forward to another fabulous year! Permission forms will be in the library from Sept. 17th on if you are interested. Take it home, fill it out and have your parents sign it, bring it back and place it in the returned forms Reading Olympics folder in the library no later than October 8th. We can only take up to 36 students! We will accept forms on a first come first serve basis. We will begin meeting on Wednesday Oct. 16th! If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Nonnemacher or Mr. Pearson.

**Riding for Focus** (Advisors [Mr. Miller](#) & [Mr. Hess](#)) None at this time.

**The Lion's Den School Store** (Advisors [Ms. Roufakis](#) & [Mrs. Evancho](#))  
[Application](#) for 6th graders  
[Online order form....click here.](#) **Orders will not be processed until payment is received!**

**Ski Club** ([Advisors Mr. Downey](#)) None at this time.

**Spanish Club** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) Current members will meet during activity period on Day 1 in room 201 for a short meeting.

**Step Team** ([Advisor Ms. Sierra](#)) Returning dancers practice continues after school Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5 in the Cafeteria. Back to school night is Sep. 16: 6-8pm. Sign up sheet for tryouts is on the door of room 217. Sign up between class, before or after school. Learn and practice the tryout routine: 9/17 and 9/19 in the cafeteria from 3:05-5.  
**Tryout day 9/24 3:05-5.**

**Strategy Club** ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) Welcome Back!! Get your Game On! Strategy Club will resume on Mondays and Tuesdays again for this year beginning on Monday Sept 16th. Hours will be extended on Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 so plan accordingly and make necessary travel arrangements. Tuesday's Strategy Club will remain from 3:00 to 4:00. Yes, I'm still working on making an e-Sports type league thing happen... more to follow. Also, I am hoping to get a project

funded(<https://www.donorschoose.org/B.Kehler>) for a way to replace/create games/game pieces. Our D&D crowd could design and print miniatures then paint them in an art activity, maybe. The project ends on Sept 23rd. Only \$250 left to raise. Please consider donating a few dollars.

**Yearbook** ([Advisor Mrs. Ellis](#)) None at this time.

## **Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates**

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

*[Mr. Dan Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music](#)*

### **Rehearsal Schedule:**

9/16	<b>MONDAY</b>	Early Morning Band 7:15am (doors open at 7am) <b>We plan to be outside</b>
9/17	<b>TUESDAY</b>	Early Morning Orchestra 7:15a, (doors open at 7 am)
9/18	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Early Morning Jazz band 7:15am (doors open at 7 am)
9/19	<b>THURSDAY</b>	Early Morning Band 7:15am (doors open at 7am) <b>Inside</b>
9/20	<b>FRIDAY</b>	Early Morning Orchestra 7:15a, (doors open at 7 am) Day 1 Jazz band 8:26 am

### **Band & Orchestra Chair audition information**

The chair audition schedule can be found [HERE](#).

- Student materials for the chair auditions can be found on Schoology.

### **Fundraising - <http://www.nmsim.org/nimas/fundraising/>**

- Mum flower sale - Orders due Wednesday, September 18
- SaveAround & Kid Stuff Books - Orders due Monday, September 30
- Gertrude Hawk Candy Boxes
- Wawa Shortie Hoagie Coupons
- Weis gift cards
- ShopRite gift cards
- Giant gift cards
- <https://www.donorschoose.org/donors/search.html?keywords=Nitschmann>

### **NIMAS meeting on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 PM**

#### **News of Note**

- Take a look at all the fundraising opportunities we currently have going to [HERE](#)
- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter. [@NMSBandOrch](#)
- Don't forget to check the Instrumental Music Website for everything dealing with instrumental music. [www.nmsim.org](http://www.nmsim.org)
- The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of the Amazon Smile program. Now you can shop at Amazon, get great deals and support the **Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association** all at the same time. Please share this with your friends and family. [Go here for more information.](#)

### **Color Guard: Early morning rehearsal on Monday and Thursday at 7:15am.**

It's not too late to join Color Guard! We are still looking for students to join Honor Guard to march with the band and color guard and carry honor equipment like the American flag, Pennsylvania flag, City of Bethlehem flag, and Nitschmann Banner. Contact Mrs. Hriniaik for more information [shriniak@basdschools.org](mailto:shriniak@basdschools.org)

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**Choral Music** (Twitter [@ldevriesmusic](#)) [Mrs. Linda de Vries, Choral Music Director](#)  
[Mrs. Jody Parris, Choral Music Director](#)

All groups began their full rehearsal schedule last week!

**Student Drop Off for AM rehearsals**

When you drop off your child please keep the line moving. Have them walk down the sidewalk of the parking lot and then cross the driveway. There should be no traffic in the driveway next to the school. Enter through the auditorium entrance which will be open and monitored by a staff member at 7 am.

**Choral Rehearsal Schedule:**

- 9/16 **MONDAY** 5:30 PM Warm Up for current Nitschmann Singers performing at Back to School Night  
6:00 PM performance in auditorium. Wear jeans and a navy blue band shirt or similar
- 9/17 **TUESDAY** 7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for members not in orchestra (doors open at 7)  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 9/18 **WEDNESDAY** 7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz (doors open at 7)
- 9/19 **THURSDAY** 7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for members not in band (doors open at 7)  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
- 9/20 **FRIDAY** Day 1 Rehearsal for All Glee and Singers, including jazz members 8:26 am

Do you love to sing? Then get involved in Glee Club! Interested students should attend an **open Glee Club rehearsal on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:15 AM**. Come and find out more about our Nitschmann Singing groups!

**Specifics: Glee Club** is open to all students without an audition. Glee rehearses every Tue., Wed. and Thurs. at 7:15 AM. Instrumental students go to their scheduled rehearsals and join us on days they are free. Glee also rehearses during activity period every day 1. **Nitschmann Singers** is a smaller, auditioned group. Selected members rehearse every Tues. and Thurs. From 3-4:00 PM. They are also required to participate in Glee Club every Wednesday morning and activity period. Nitschmann Singers auditions are now closed.

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**Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates** (Twitter [@NMS\\_Athletics](#))  
[Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director](#)

**Year-long**

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long [kllong@basdschools.org](mailto:kllong@basdschools.org))  
Practice Tuesday Sept. 17th 3:05-5pm. NO PRACTICE THURSDAY

**Fall**

Boys Football (Head Coach [Mr. Villiani mvilliani@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr. Villiani mvilliani@basdschools.org))

Co-Ed Cross Country (Head Coach [Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org](mailto:Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org))

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org](mailto:Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org))

The link for our spirit wear has been shared through the Remind App. All orders and money will be processed through Sports Center USA's online store. If you need the link, please contact Mrs. Hinkel.

Girls Field Hockey ([Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org](mailto:Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org))

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Web <http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/nitschmann/>

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