

## This Week's Major Headlines

- Have you checked your child's [Schoolology account](#) for the upcoming week? [Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)
- Don't forget to sign up for Student Conferences on November 18 or 19: [Link to Registration \(Directions below\)](#) <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/NitschmannMS>
- Child Care for children 2 years and older will be provided during [Student Conferences](#) in the Main Lobby. Thank you to our 8th grade volunteers!
- Not sure what to expect to see during Student Conferences? [See the Survival Guide below!](#)
- See Basketball & Wrestling (for Boys & Girls) [Tryout Information](#) below (LHS for 8th graders, NMS for 7th & 8th graders). [New physicals for new student-athletes or recertification of fall physicals are required.](#)
- Congrats to the City of Bethlehem for receiving a grant of \$210,000 from the State of Pennsylvania for upgrades to the Rose Garden Park! [Link](#)

## Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, November 17, 2019, to Sunday, November 24, 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

[Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)

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## Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

11/18 11:30 Dismissal Student Conferences; 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, 11/18/19 Day 3 11:30 Dismissal, Student Conferences 12pm-3pm** ([Register Here](#), [Directions Below](#)); [Winter Sports \(LHS Basketball, NMS Basketball, LHS Wrestling Information Here!\)](#)

**Tuesday, 11/19/19 Day 4 11:30 Dismissal, Student Conferences 5pm-8pm** ([Register Here](#), [Directions Below](#)) [Winter Sports \(LHS Basketball, NMS Basketball, LHS Wrestling Information Here!\)](#)

**Wednesday, 11/20/19 Day 5** 6th Grade Social Media Assembly (See explanation below!)

**Thursday, 11/21/19 Day 6**

**Friday, 11/22/19 Day 1** NMS Dramatics Alice in Wonderland Dance (Rescheduled from 10/11 - Use Yellow Ticket)

**Saturday, 11/23/19**

**Sunday, 11/24/19**

## Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

**Monday, 11/25/19 Day 2**

**Tuesday, 11/26/19 Day 3**

**Wednesday, 11/27/19 No School Thanksgiving Break**

**Thursday, 11/28/19 No School Thanksgiving Break**

**Friday, 11/29/19 No School Thanksgiving Break**

**Saturday, 11/30/19 No School Thanksgiving Break**

**Sunday, 11/31/19 No School Thanksgiving Break**

**Monday, 12/1/19 No School Thanksgiving Break**

**Tuesday 12/2/19 Day 4**

**Wednesday, 12/3/19 Day 5**

**Thursday, 12/4/19 Day 6**

**Friday, 12/5/19 Day 1**

**Saturday, 12/6/19**

**Sunday, 12/7/19**

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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 our newest Employee of the Month - Denise Tocci. Read more about Denise and watch the video when she was surprised by Dr. Roy with the news. We are #BASDproud of you Denise. This week's edition also spotlights Veteran's Day Assemblies at our elementary schools and contains an amazing recipe for a Tangy Chicken Salad with Grapes. We hope you enjoy it. [BASD e-News November 15, 2019 Edition](#).

**1st Quarter Fall Conferences (Mayes)** 1st Quarter Fall Conferences are right around the corner! *Monday, November 18, 2019 12pm-3pm & Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5pm-8pm.* Please sign up at the link below for your conference with your child at school. All scheduling is done online at <https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/NitschmannMS> Please note that you can not just Google the website - you must use the link above! I have included a photo of the website where you register. Once you register on the website above, you will receive an email. In the email is the directions to select your conference times. Make sure to wait for the email! Schedule early and get it on your calendar for November 18 or 19! During conferences, eighth grade volunteers will be available in the main lobby to watch children 2 yrs. and older. Need a little more information? Here is a helpful link: [Conference Survival Guide](#)

**Lions Pride Newspaper (Bouhana)** click on the following link to read our first edition.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/dgR5mx2gvTIGS/>

**6th Grade Social Media Assembly (Horlick)** Over the past few weeks, we have helped many 6th grade students over their inappropriate use of social media accounts. Students in 6th grade are often too immature to handle unsupervised social media. The consequences can be severe to use social media to harass, mock, or insult other students. We are taking a proactive step to talk to all 6th grade students about the challenges and consequences of social media on Wednesday, November 20th. We will be talking with students about taking a social media pledge on Wednesday during the assembly. You may want to consider reading up on social media before talking with your child. Common Sense Media provides a great set of information on the topic: <https://www.common Sense Media.org/social-media> Now is a great time to check your child's phone for these accounts and look at what they have posted. In addition, it is a great time to review what social

media you want your child to use when they get a smartphone. We strongly encourage parents to wait for children to use social media until they are mature enough to handle the responsibility. Remember, make sure you have your child's social media passwords so you can keep an eye on their accounts!

**8th Grade Chromebook Reminder (Mayes)** Dear 8th Grade Students, Parents, & Guardians, Just a reminder that all 8th-grade students should be taking their Chromebooks home nightly to charge them and complete their homework. Your Chromebook should never be left in your locker overnight. Your teachers and I have noticed an increase in students requesting to charge laptops during the day. Students who do not come prepared for class with a charged laptop may have consequences assigned by the teacher. If you are having an issue with your Chromebook not holding a charge, please see Mrs. Ellis immediately for repair. We want you to have everything you need each day! Thank you.

**8th Grade Chromebook WiFi Needs (Mayes)** If you are an 8th grade student and do not have reliable wi-fi at home, please see Mrs. Ellis.

**Upcoming Dances (Mayes)** [The rescheduled Alice in Wonderland Dance will be held on Friday, November 22.](#)

**Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive (Mr. Falteich)** - The Nitschmann Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is underway. All food and monetary donations will be delivered to New Bethany Ministries in South Bethlehem. Students are asked to contribute any non-perishable food items to their homeroom's basket. In addition, if students are able to donate 50 cents, turkeys will be purchased to accompany each homeroom's Thanksgiving basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Holiday Gift Giving Tree-** The Leadership Council has adopted the "Holiday Giving Tree" as its community service project. **The "Holiday Giving Tree" is decorated with ornaments (tags) that identify the age, gender, and a holiday wish for a less fortunate child.** This project is sponsored by Northampton County and benefits children, youth, and families in our community. **If you choose to participate, return the attached permission slip to Mrs. Ellis or Mr. Kocon in the library and select an ornament (tag) from the Giving Tree located in the NMS library.** The ornaments will be available beginning November 18th.

**Roadtrip Rescues-**The Lions Service Club is collecting items to donate to this great cause. We are collecting dog treats, blankets, laundry detergent, leashes, dog food, dog toys, paper towels, brushes, sponges or mops, etc. If you would like to donate an item, please bring it to room 209.

**SAVE THE DATE--1st Annual NMS Blood Drive-**NMS will be hosting its first annual Blood Drive on January 24th. More information will be coming out shortly along with a link to sign up. We hope to see you there.

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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](#)  
[Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)

**Picking Up Your Child For An Appointment (Falcone):** Please make sure to send a parent signed excuse with your child the morning of your child's appointment. Your child will bring the excuse to Student Services during Homeroom Period in order to receive a pass to leave class. This method inturn minimizes the interruption of educational instruction to the entire classroom.

**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 President Erin Coughlin**

**PAC Representatives (Erin Coughlin, Therese Gyauch, Amy Wuertel, Cara Pyle)**

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### **Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) Conferences are Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening. Please make sure you bring your child with you as these are student led conferences. They have been working very hard on their presentations for you. The students are anxious to share their work with you. Please remember to bring your canned goods in for our food drive this week and mittens, socks, and hats for our warm weather drive if you are able to. It would be greatly appreciated in the community!

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) We got to watch our name sake beat George Washington University at the annual Lehigh Education Day women's basketball game this past week. Go Lehigh!!! Next week we have conferences on Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening. If you did not sign up as of yet, please contact us so that we can schedule you. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on those days. We are currently conducting a food drive and a sock, hat and mitten drive to help out our community. If you are able please donate. You can find lists of what is needed on the school web site and in your child's citizenship course on schoology. Please continue to look at grades on Schoology. Looking forward to seeing you at conferences.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) Our first walking trip to Moravian College has been scheduled for November 26th. We will be leaving Nitschmann about 9:30AM and returning around 1PM. Students will be taking a tour of the campus. We will be eating at the college. Students may bring \$5 or they may pack lunch.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) -

**Team** - We look forward to seeing our Team Kutztown parents at student-led conferences this coming Monday, November 18th from 12 - 3 PM and Tuesday, November 19th from 5 - 8 PM. There is an 11:30 AM dismissal for students on both days.

**Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - The test for periods 2, 3, 6, & 9 originally on Friday, November 15th has been postponed until this Wednesday, November 20th.

**English (Mr. Falteich)** - This is a big week for students in my English classes. On Wednesday, students will begin delivering their 3-5 minute persuasive speeches to the class. This is a major project grade for the second marking period. All classes have studied and reviewed the 10 parts of an effective persuasive speech. Students chose a controversial/debatable topic and had some class time to research their supporting points. Students should complete their notecards/speech this weekend. We will discuss good public speaking habits on Monday and Tuesday, and the presentations begin Wednesday in class. Why not have them practice presenting their speech to you? While many students may be a little nervous, certainly all of them will benefit from this educational opportunity. In addition, for blocks 2/3 & 8/9 there will be a short vocabulary quiz on Monday. It will be on the 8 words that students used in their vocabulary picture

booklets. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Students will continue to learn about the scientific method and will have a scientific method vocabulary quiz on Friday, November 22nd.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) Student -Led Conferences will take place in our classrooms during the day on Monday and the evening of Tuesday. It is an important time for your child to share their progress and self reflect on habits that may help or impede success in a class. **All English** - Students have started researching for their argumentative topics. We are working on the setup of argumentative writing. **Honors English** - Officer Joniec will visit our class on Monday to discuss the topic of police body cameras. Students have formulated opinions on whether they are a good use of taxpayers' money. **Social Studies:** The Midwest Folder is due Tuesday, November, Nov. 19. The midwest comparison chart and venn diagram is due Nov. 20. **Science:** We are learning about the basic parts of the cell and will be using the microscope to observe slides of live cells that the students will be making with stains. **Math:** Students in Periods 2,3, and 9 have their second unit test on Monday. Their next unit will involve proportional relationships. Periods 6 and 8 are working with applications of the percent proportion, like markups and markdowns. **A Look Ahead:** Every Friday in December is "Ugly Sweater Friday". The uglier, the better. Just wait until you see the Team Penn State teachers! Wear something ugly for a chance to win a prize. Each teacher will choose his/her favorite ugly sweater, shirt, etc.

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@nmsteamesu](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#)) History classes will be taking the preliminary round of the National Geography Bee during class this week. Students will also be learning how to carry out an Oral History project. The project guidelines are on Schoology, the person being interviewed must be 50 years older than the student. Please email with any questions about this major project. English classes will continue with Unit 2 in Study Sync.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) **History** classes will be learning about the Causes of the French and Indian War. Texting Conversations are due November 16th. In **Science class** will be reviewing the Periodic Table and having a quiz on Thursday. In **English class** (Hinkel and Wallach) we are working on unit 2 of StudySync. Students received a worksheet on poetic vocabulary they are expected to know and apply to the poetry we study. We are working on a classroom Google Maps assignment related to who we are and where we come from and how that relates to the theme of identity and belonging. Please be sure to check StudySync daily for any missed or incomplete assignments. Please be sure students have their own set of earbuds so they can listen to the text online and watch the content-related videos! Please encourage your child to check Schoology for grades, assignments and future events. It is their responsibility to communicate with teachers for clarification and if an absence occurs.

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**Team Pitt** (Health and PE/FCS) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#))

Long will be in health through November 21st. Villani starts health November 22nd.

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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** (TBA) Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:15am to 7:45am. All students are required to attend breakfast after practice. Doors only open at 7:15am, so do not come late!

**Anime Club** (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#)) Our next meeting is December 16 in room 104. Please bring your drawings and books to the meeting. We will announce the winner of the drawing contest.

**Art Club** (Advisors [Mrs. Kozero](#)/[Mrs. Lund](#)) Art Club began on Monday, October 21, 2019 from 3:15 to 4:15pm. If you have returned the completed and signed Art Club form, come to the art room 011 afterschool on Mondays. **This Monday November 18, Art Club will NOT meet due to the half day schedule. The next Art Club will meet on November 25.**

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) Art Smart classes will not meet this week on Tuesday due to the early dismissal. Classes will meet on Thursday of this week, as scheduled. Students who signed up for classes are expected to



attend Art Smart if they are in school. Parents should pick up their children at 6 p.m. sharp at Nitschmann's main entrance. Thank you.

**Dance Team** ([Advisor Ms. Sierra](#)) Practice: Wednesday-**\$10 for shirt due ASAP**. Students who miss 3 practices are in jeopardy of being dismissed from the team. **Show at East Hills will be Dec. 12- more information will be shared soon.**

**German Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) German club meets every day 1 during 1st period in Mrs. Sofka's room 313. Our next meeting is **Friday, 11/22**. We will be learning about and celebrating Saint Martin's day. German club is currently full due to space and is limited to Mrs. Sofka and Ms. Schwartz's students only. Please see Mrs. Sofka if you are still interested in joining.

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

**Fitness Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) Fitness club this week will be on Wednesday and Thursday until 4pm

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

**French Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) French Club tee shirts are on sale for \$9.00 each. Please initial your son or daughter's order form when sending in your payment. We need an order of at least 24, so we really need every student to buy a shirt! Merci! - French Club learned about La Toussaint - All Saints Day - which is a holiday in France on November 1.. Students learned that all over France graves are visited and adorned with beautiful flowers and candles. Students also learned about Père Lachaise cemetery, the Panthéon, and the Catacombs, all in the city of Paris.

**Intramurals** ([Advisor Mr. Ortwein](#)) Current intramural activities are boys' volleyball, lacrosse for boys and girls, and wrestling for boys and girls. If you are interested in these activities meet with the supervisors to see if there is still room for you to join. *VB-Mr. Kocon, LAX-Miss Weinert, Wrestling- Mr. Horlick*

**Leadership Council** ([Advisor Mrs. Ellis](#)) Leadership Council is collecting new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks to donate to New Bethany Ministries. Please send in your donations with your child. There is a box in the library for the items. The Leadership Council has adopted the "Holiday Giving Tree" as its community service project. **The "Holiday Giving Tree" is decorated with ornaments (tags) that identify the age, gender, and a holiday wish for a less fortunate child.** This project is sponsored by Northampton County and benefits children, youth, and families in our community. **If you choose to participate, return this permission slip to Mrs. Ellis or Mr. Kocon in the library and select an ornament (tag) from the Giving Tree located in the NMS library.** The ornaments will be available beginning November 18th.

**Lion Service Club** ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) We will meet this Wednesday 11/20. We will finalize the Roadtrip Rescues Drive. We will also be discussing the Blood Drive we will host on 1/24. Check out our Schoology group I created....there is a lot of information and pictures from Leadership Day.

**Lion's Pride (online school newspaper)** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet during activity Period on Day 1. Please stay on top of your articles and stories, and submit them on our shared drive to the FINISHED folder, so that our editor can look them over.

**Mathcounts** ([Advisor Ms. Novatnak](#)) We have a great group of kids, but new students are still welcome to join. Just come to room 213 after school on Thursday! In the fall, MathCounts is an enrichment activity. Students will be working together and helping each other. We meet every Thursday from 3:05 - 4:00, and everyone is welcome. We will hold our school level competition soon after the holiday break to determine which students will be representing Nitschmann at the **Lehigh Valley Chapter Competition on Saturday, February 8th at Trexler Middle School in Allentown.** Students who don't qualify can still come to practices to get stronger for next year. Congratulations to our newly elected officers, President Neil R, Treasurer Owen L, and Secretary Hadi A. This week, students will be starting the practice competition with the Sprint Round, 30 questions in 40 minutes. The results of these are unofficial and just a chance for students to experience testing conditions and a time limit before taking the real school level competition in January.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs\\_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs\\_Nistchmann](#)) Please contribute to our winter drive by donating hats, gloves, and socks. We will be donating to New Bethany Ministries. Continue to listen for updates via announcements and Schoology.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Monday cast, Tuesday cast, Wednesday no rehearsal (preview show at Liberty for those who signed up), Thursday ALL CAST CREW HOUSE, Friday ALL CAST CREW HOUSE REPORT AT 6:00 FOR WELCOME TO WONDERLAND PERFORMANCE. Check Mrs. Hriniak's website for updates, calendar, and information.

**Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)** ([Advisor Mr. Amen](#)) PJAS students are to come after school whenever they need help on their projects. Students are encouraged to use pjas.net. Please review your email and bring in all documentation so experimentation can begin.

**Reading Olympics** ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) This year the competition is on Thursday, April 16th, 2020. We will be meeting every Wednesday after school until 4 P.M. through the end of February to read, discuss, and write summaries about the books to help us prepare for the competition. We will be meeting until 5 P.M. in March and April up until the competition. A schedule will be sent home for the last few weeks. **Our Fall bake sale fundraiser is coming up on November 19th from 5 - 8 P.M. during student led conferences. A letter was sent home last week and an email went out about it. You can also click on the sign up genius link below to donate. There are many fees that go along with the competition and the fundraisers help offset the fees.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0848a8a82ba2f85-reading1>

If you have any questions, please contact 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!**

**Save the Sea Turtles Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) Thanks to a group of very ambitious 7th graders we are continuing our Save the Sea Turtles Club this year! We will meet Fridays after school until 4pm in room 307. Guess what? Nitschmann Middle School adopted a sea turtle this summer. His name is Gerry and he is a resident sea turtle that lives in South Padre Island, Texas. We will have the opportunity to do a virtual field trip and check in on Gerry and the other resident sea turtles. This club is open to grades 6, 7, & 8. We look forward to a great year full of lots of ideas and putting things in action to do our part in saving sea turtles!!

**Ski & Snowboard Club** ([Advisors Mr. Downey](#)) When the ski passes arrive, I will contact members to pass them out. Our numbers were too low to pay for a 55 person bus. I am currently looking for another option.

**Spanish Club** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will not meet this week due to the half day.

**Step Team** ([Advisor Ms. Sierra](#)) No practice Tuesday. Practice Thursday 11/21. **-\$10 for shirt due ASAP.** Students who miss 3 practices are in jeopardy of being dismissed from the team. **Show at East Hills will be Dec. 12- more information will be shared soon.**

**Strategy Club** ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) Conferences!!! No Strategy Club on Monday 11/18, and Tuesday 11/19, So sign up for the conference time instead... see you there!

**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. Daniel Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music](#)

**Rehearsal Schedule:**

11/18	MONDAY	Early morning band 7:15am (doors open at 7am)
11/19	TUESDAY	Early morning orchestra 7:15am (doors open at 7am)
11/20	WEDNESDAY	Early morning jazz band 7:15 am (doors open at 7 am)
11/22	THURSDAY	Early morning band 7:15am (doors open at 7am)
11/22	FRIDAY	Early morning orchestra 7:15am (doors open at 7am) Day 1 jazz band 8:25AM

**SPRING TRIP INFORMATION**

- The spring trip this year is for students who are in the orchestra, jazz band, and Nitschmann singers.
- I need a yes or no response from everyone one in each ensemble. [Click here to register.](#)
- Complete details of the trip are on the website at <http://www.nmsim.org/spring-trip/>

**8th GRADE MUSIC AND DRAMA TRIP TO NYC**

- Complete details regarding the trip can be found at <http://www.nmsim.org/8th-grade-trip/>

**School Instrumental Lesson Information**

The lesson groups and schedule information is located [HERE](#).

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

- [Poinsettia flower sale](#) - Orders due Nov. 25.
- Gertrude Hawk Candy Boxes
- Wawa Shortie Hoagie Coupons
- Weis gift cards
- ShopRite gift cards
- Giant gift cards

**News of Note**

- Take a look at all the [fundraising opportunities](#) we currently have going on [HERE](#)
- Stay up to date on the latest by following the instrumental music groups on Twitter. [@NMSBandOrch](#)  
Do not forget to check the Instrumental Music Website [www.nmsim.org](http://www.nmsim.org) for everything dealing with instrumental music.
- 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:  
<http://www.nmsim.org/nimas/fundraising/>

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

See the email updates from Mr. Z for specific details and reminders.

**Upcoming Events**

November 18 & 19 Orchestra chair auditions

November 20-22 Band Chair Auditions

November 30 Santa Comes to Wind Creek 2:15pm - 3:45 pm BAND VOLUNTEERS

December 11 7:30 PM Winter orchestra and jazz band concert



December 12 Jazz band at LVI Airport  
December 14 Barnes & Noble Instrumental Music Book Fair

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

**Choral Rehearsal Schedule:**

11/18 **MONDAY** No rehearsal  
11/19 **TUESDAY** 7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee members not in orchestra  
**11:30-3:00 PM Nitschmann Singers Pizza and Practice**  
11/20 **WEDNESDAY** 7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz band  
3:05-4:00 Singers small ensemble only  
11/21 **THURSDAY** 7:15 AM Singers small ensemble and Glee rehearsal for members not in band  
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal  
11/22 **FRIDAY** 8:25 AM activity period rehearsal for all Glee/Singers, including jazz  
3:05-4:00 Singers small ensemble only

**Important Dates**

November 19 **11:30-3:00 Nitschmann Singers Pizza and Practice**  
December 18 **7:00 PM Glee/Singers Winter Choral Concert at Nitschmann**  
December 19 **3:05-4:30 Glee Club winter celebration**  
April 8 **8th Grade optional music and drama trip to NYC \$140**  
May 6 **7:00 PM Glee/Singers Spring Choral Concert at Nitschmann**  
May 8-9 **Optional Music Department Spring Trip to Boston for Nitschmann Singers \$310**  
May 27 **7:00 PM Nitschmann Talent Show for Glee and Singers**

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

*A reminder for all students who participate in athletics that keeping your grades up is a requirement of participating at Nitschmann Middle School and Liberty High School. Students should be in good academic standing at the end of the 1st Quarter prior to try-outs in November. Grades are checked bi-weekly by Student Services.*

**Physical Packet to Download** (done once a school year **AFTER** June 1, 2019)

**Recertification forms must be completed by returning athletes at the start of every season. Recertification Forms are available from Mr. Ortwein during homeroom in room 310 (complete this if a PIAA Physical was already completed for this year). Students/families can also email at [jortwein@basdschools.org](mailto:jortwein@basdschools.org) to have a recert page emailed to them.**

**After-School Bus Transportation for Student-Athletes (5:15pm Pickup @ NMS)**

**Bus Run Stops for NMS Students West: (Stops are as assigned based off the ridership) - Students MUST already receive BASD Bus Transportation home from school.**

- *W Broad Street (West from 10<sup>th</sup> Ave to Pennsylvania Ave)*
- *Pennsylvania Ave (North to Catty Road)*
- *Catty Road (East to Jacksonville Road)*
- *Jacksonville Road (North to Hanoverville Road)*

*Hanoverville Road (East to 512)*

**Year-long**

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long [kllong@basdschools.org](mailto:kllong@basdschools.org))

**Winter**

Dear 7th & 8th grade Nitschmann Middle School students,

Please review the information carefully below if you are planning to try out for basketball or wrestling this winter.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & EMAIL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!!

Thank you.

Dr. Mayes

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Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach [Mr. Wills](#)/Asst. Coach [Mr. Rodenbach](#) [srodenbach@basdschools.org](mailto:srodenbach@basdschools.org))

All students MUST have a physical to try out for basketball. Students who participated in Fall Sports must have a recent form signed by a parent before trying out for basketball.

Tryouts will be held differently this year.

**All 8th grade boys are first eligible to try out for the Liberty High School Freshman Basketball Team on Monday, 11/18 and Tuesday, 11/19.** LHS Boys Freshman tryouts are from 3pm-5pm at Liberty High School. Transportation is the responsibility of the student for try-outs and the regular season. Students should enter Liberty High School through the Athletic Office entrance by the pool and proceed up the stairs to the Aux Gym. Contact Coach Golden at [cgsbgdg@aol.com](mailto:cgsbgdg@aol.com) for more information. Students who make the team will receive information from Dr. Mayes about PIAA eligibility and dismissal from school for games/practices.

**All 7th & 8th grade boys are eligible to try out for the Nitschmann Middle School Basketball Team.** Tryouts will be held on Wednesday, 11/20 and Thursday, 11/21 from 3pm - 5:30pm in the gymnasium with Coach Wills and Coach Rodenbach. A limited number of students will be assigned to the team for the year. If 8th graders do not make the LHS team, I encourage you to try out for the NMS team on Wednesday 11/20 and Thursday 11/21.

Practice will begin for the NMS team on Friday, 11/22.

Girls MS Basketball(Head Coach [Mr. Ortwein](#) [jortwein@basdschools.org](mailto:jortwein@basdschools.org))

All students MUST have a physical to try out for basketball. Students who participated in Fall Sports must have a recent form signed by a parent before trying out for basketball.

Tryouts will be held differently this year.

**All 8th grade girls are first eligible to try out for the Liberty High School Freshman Basketball Team on Monday, 11/18 and Tuesday, 11/19.** LHS Girls Freshman tryouts are from 5pm-7pm at Liberty High School. In addition, for any

girl that expresses interest in trying out for the JH Basketball Team, player and parents are invited to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30PM in The Liberty High School Cafeteria. Transportation is the responsibility of the student. Students should enter Liberty High School through the Athletic Office entrance by the pool and proceed up the stairs to the Aux Gym. Contact Coach Aughton at [aaughton@basdschools.org](mailto:aaughton@basdschools.org) for more information. Students who make the team will receive information from Dr. Mayes about PIAA eligibility and dismissal from school for games/practices.

**All 7th & 8th grade girls are eligible to try out for the Nitschmann Middle School Basketball Team.** Tryouts will be held on Wednesday, 11/20 and Thursday, 11/21 from 3pm - 5:30pm in the gymnasium with Coach Ortwein. A limited number of students will be assigned to the team for the year. Times TBA.

Practice will begin for the NMS team on Friday, 11/22.

#### Boys & Girls LHS HS Wrestling (Head Coach Mr. Hall)

All students MUST have a physical to try out for wrestling. Students who participated in Fall Sports must have a recert form signed by a parent before trying out for wrestling.

All 7th & 8th grade boys and girls are eligible to try out for the Liberty High School Freshman Wrestling Team. We encourage students who may be interested to try out wrestling with Mr. Horlick's Wrestling intramurals. Transportation is provided at the end of the school day for all students who wish to participate in Freshman Wrestling. Tryouts begin Monday, November 18 from 3:30pm-5:00pm at Liberty High School. Students who are trying out for basketball and waiting to hear if they make the team should email Mr. Horlick and Coach Hall ASAP.

#### **Fall**

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

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

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

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

#### **Intramurals**

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