

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>
- All students will be going to Lehigh University on Wednesday for [Lehigh Education Day](#). Please make sure students pack their own lunch or have requested a free/reduced lunch for Wednesday (See info 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.

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, November 10, 2019, to Sunday, November 17, 2019

All of this information can be viewed at our

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

Links to Review

[Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

11/3 Bethlehem Halloween Parade & Daylight Savings Time Ends; 11/5 Election Day/Teacher In-Service/No School; 11/11 Veteran's Day; 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, 11/11/19 Day 4 [Veterans Day](#)

Tuesday, 11/12/19 Day 5 [PAYS Survey \(Grades 6 & 8\)](#)

Wednesday, 11/13/19 Day 6 [Lehigh Education Day \(See info below\)](#)

Thursday, 11/14/19 Day 1

Friday, 11/15/19 Day 2

Saturday, 11/16/19

Sunday, 11/17/19

Next Week Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 11/18/19 Day 3 **11:30 Dismissal, Student Conferences 12pm-3pm** ([Register Here, Directions Below](#))

Tuesday, 11/19/19 Day 4 **11:30 Dismissal, Student Conferences 5pm-8pm** ([Register Here, Directions Below](#))

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

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

Sunday, 11/31/19

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, 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 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!

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) This month's edition of the BASD e-News highlights the City of Bethlehem Police Department who are #BuiltbyBethlehem, contains information about the Census 2020, has a super delicious recipe for a Tangy Chicken Salad with Grapes, and as always lists current BASD job opportunities. We hope you enjoy it. [BASD e-News November 8, 2019, Edition.](#)

A special congratulations to **Denise Tocci** from **Liberty High School** who was named Employee of the Month. Watch BASD social media for more info. Congrats Denise! #BASDproud

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!

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

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

PAYS Survey (Mayes) All 6th & 8th grade students in the BASD & statewide will be participating in the PAYS Survey next week in Health/PE classes. You can read more information about the survey [here](#). Information was sent home with your child. Please contact Dr. Mayes with any questions.

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. 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!

Lehigh Education Day (Mayes) Nitschmann Middle School has been invited to participate as the honored school for the 2019 Lehigh University Education Day basketball game. The entire school will be attending on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Students will be bussed to and from the game. Our band, chorus, color guard, cheerleaders, and mascot Genoa the Lion will be participating in the event and cheering the Lehigh Mountain Hawks to victory! Students should bring their lunch with them for the event. Students will also be permitted to request a bagged lunch from the cafeteria for those who are eligible.

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.

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.

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.

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

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee President Erin Coughlin

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

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) Students are currently working on their S.M.A.R.T. goals and slides for their student led conferences. They are anxious to share their work with you in the coming weeks. Please remember to bring your canned goods in for our food drive this week. Also, be sure to wear blue and white on Wednesday to show our Nitschmann Pride at Lehigh Education Day.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) Team Lehigh goes to Lehigh. This past week we had a great trip to Lehigh University. Students took a self-guided tour as they completed a scavenger hunt around campus and were treated to a college style lunch in the dining hall. This coming week, on Wednesday November 13th, we will go to Lehigh again for education day and to see a woman's basketball game. Students will need to bring a bagged lunch for this event. Finally we are at the start of the 2nd marking period. We honestly have had several students who fell very far behind the first marking period and had to work really hard to catch up. Please be proactive and continuously check on schoology and Study Synch to see your child's grade and any work that they may owe.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) The end of the first quarter is quickly approaching. Make sure to check out Schoology for any missing assignments. We had our Moravian Kick-off on Friday with Moravian athletes and coaches. Students learned about the college and college life. We enjoyed Moravian Sugar Cake and chocolate milk to celebrate the partnership. We look forward to seeing the students again at their campus.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) - **Team** - Students are encouraged to wear blue and white this coming Wednesday for the Lehigh University Education Day basketball game. They should also bring a lunch that day unless they are eligible to receive a bagged lunch from the cafeteria, in which case, they need to notify their homeroom teacher. **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - Periods 2, 3, 6, & 9 will have a test on Friday, November 15th.

English (Mrs. Gomez & Mr. Falteich) - Students will continue with persuasive writing and speaking. Students must select a debatable/controversial topic for a 3-5 minute persuasive speech. Students will learn the types of speech attention getters and the ten parts of an effective persuasive speech. Research will be a major part of this assignment.

Science (Mr. Pearson) - Students will begin learning about the scientific method, which is the organized process that scientists use to solve problems.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) **All English** - Students have been studying poetry as well as informational texts based on love and loss. Our essential question for Unit #2 is "What do we learn from love and loss?" We have had some great class discussions about this topic. **Honors English** - Heirloom/Artifact Project due 11/12. **Social Studies:** The West folder is due Tuesday, Nov 12 at 8 am. US region advertisement is due Monday, November 11 **Science:** Quiz on the parts and use of the microscope on Tuesday, November 12. **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.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@nmsteamesu](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#)) History classes will be studying the growth of the English colonial regions, we will emphasize economic activities. Please have your child look at their Oral History assignment that is posted on Schoology. English classes will continue to work on Unit 2 of Study Sync with an emphasis on poetry. The 1st book reports are due on November 20.

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. Students are working on a song lyric project applying elements of poetry and figurative language. 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.

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

All classes will be in the gym this cycle. Mrs. Long will start health on Thursday the 14th. All 6th and 8th grade students must bring a pencil to gym on Monday November 11th and Tuesday November 12th in order to complete the state mandated PAYS survey.

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 November 11 in room 104. Please bring your drawings and books to the meeting. We will vote on our favorite drawings and the winners will receive prizes!

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 4 , Art Club will NOT meet due to a faculty meeting. The next Art Club will meet on November 11.**

Artsmart @ Banana Factory ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) Tuesday and Thursday Art Smart classes will be occurring on their normal schedule this week. 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: Wednesdays from 3:05-5 in the cafeteria and day 1 pd 1 in the auditorium- Team members are in schoology group: NMS Dance. Calendar has practice days- any updates/announcements will be on Schoology. **Check your schoology groups for updates and calendar for information-\$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 **Thursday, 11/14**. 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. Koon, 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. If you have any leftover Halloween Candy, we are collecting candy to send to our military troops serving overseas. Donations should be brought to your child's homeroom teacher.

Lion Service Club ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) Lion Service Club did a great job decorating for our Leadership Day. Thank You!! The club will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month from 3-4. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 6th. I created a group on Schoology so we can communicate information more quickly. Those of you who are members already, please check it out.

Lion's Pride (online school newspaper) ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet during activity Period 1 and Wednesday after school.

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](#)) Thank you to all who participated in the Chipotle fundraiser. We raised \$120 for the club. Our next tutoring session is 11/12 after school. We are hoping to come up with a service learning project for the fall/winter. 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 - 9 P.M. during conferences. A letter was sent home last week and an email went out about it. 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](#)) Practice 3:05-5 in the cafeteria on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Team members are in schoolology group: NMS Step. Calendar has practice days- any updates/announcements will be on Schoology. **Check your schoolology groups for updates and calendar for information-\$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](#)) UPDATE: CANCELED for Monday 10/21, due to School Board meeting event that will be using the space. The 3D printer is here and printing! Search for Gaming related designs online and maybe we can try them out! Hours continue to be 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. Gaining lots of support from elsewhere in the district.

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

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

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

[Mr. Daniel Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music](#)

Rehearsal Schedule:

11/11	MONDAY	Early morning band 7:15am (doors open at 7am)
11/12	TUESDAY	Early morning orchestra 7:15am (doors open at 7am)
11/13	WEDNESDAY	Early morning jazz band 7:15 am (doors open at 7 am) Lehigh Education Day - Band students need their instrument and BLUE ID shirt
11/14	THURSDAY	Early morning band 7:15am (doors open at 7am) Day 1 jazz band 8:25AM
11/15	FRIDAY	Early morning orchestra 7:15am (doors open at 7am)

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/>

- 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 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 13 Lehigh University Education Day BAND
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

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

Choral Rehearsal Schedule:

11/11 **MONDAY** 7:15 AM Nitschmann Singers small ensemble only
11/12 **TUESDAY** 7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee members not in orchestra
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
11/13 **WEDNESDAY** 7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz band
Glee Club performs at Lehigh University. Wear blue ID shirt and jeans.
3:05-4:00 Singers small ensemble only
11/14 **THURSDAY** 7:15 AM Singers small ensemble and Glee rehearsal for members not in band
8:25 AM activity period rehearsal for all Glee and Singers members, including jazz
3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
11/15 **FRIDAY** 7:15 AM officers meeting

Important Dates

November 13 9:00 AM Glee/Singers sing at Lehigh University Education Day
December 18 7:00 PM Glee/Singers Winter Choral Concert at Nitschmann
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

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 to have a recert page emailed to them.

Year-long

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long 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

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

All students MUST have a physical to try out for basketball. Students who participated in Fall Sports must have a recert 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 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)

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 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 recent 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 mvillani@basdschools.org)

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

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org)

All CLEAN uniforms are due to Mrs. Hinkel by Friday, Nov. 1!

Girls Field Hockey (Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org)

Intramurals

Fall Intramural Season is Starting! (Mayes) During the session between fall and winter sports, we host three opportunities for students to participate and try new activities. Check out the information below or contact the faculty member for more information.

Boys & Girls Lacrosse ([Weinert](#)) Boys & Girls Grades 6-7-8 [Link to NMS Website for more information](#)
Boys & Girls Wrestling ([Horlick](#)) Boys & Girls Grades 6-7-8 [Link to NMS Website for more information](#)
Boys Volleyball ([Kocon](#)) Boys Grades 6-7-8 [Link to NMS Website for more information](#)

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