

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>
- We are looking for a large rock (diameter of about 4-5 feet) to use for an outdoor project we are working for our NMS Class of 2020. If you have a suggestion for a donation, please email Dr. Mayes at pmayes@basdschools.org.

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, November 3, 2019, to Sunday, November 10, 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, 11/4/19 Day 6

Tuesday, 11/5/19 No School [Election Day Teacher In-Service](#)

Wednesday, 11/6/19 Day 1

Thursday, 11/7/19 Day 2

Friday, 11/8/19 Day 3 [NIMAS Fall Bingo 6pm](#)

Saturday, 11/9/19

Sunday, 11/10/19

Next Week 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

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 week's edition of the BASD e-News features a video highlighting some BASD elementary schools Halloween celebrations and includes open positions in the BASD. Click on this link to view the [BASD e-News October 31, 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!

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.

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.

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

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](#)

[Schoology 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](#)) We had a great trip to Lafayette College last week. The students were complimented on their behavior around campus and in the dining hall. We are Nitschmann Proud! The 2nd quarter has started. Please check supplies to be sure they are starting off on the right foot.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) This week we had our annual Idiom Daty. The students dressed up as their favorite idioms and presented them on stage to the whole 6th grade. It was a wonderful display of literary skills. Our trip to Lehigh University will be this Thursday November 7th; please contact us if you have your clearances and are available to chaperone. Lehigh University is generously providing lunch for us in their cafeteria. 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** - The second marking period has begun! Please help your child start off on the right foot by completing and handing in their homework on time and studying for their upcoming quizzes and tests. **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - Periods 2, 3, 6, & 9 will have a quiz on Monday, November 4th and Period 8 will have a Unit 3 test on Wednesday, November 6th. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - We will be concluding our unit on measuring in the metric system and then we will be reviewing and having a test on Friday, November 8th. The test will be the first major grade for the second marking period.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) **English** - We have started Unit #2 (Highs and Lows). This unit begins with an emphasis on poetry. We have discussed imagery and figurative language. **Social Studies:** National Parks and SE folder due NOV. 4 **Science:** Quiz on the characteristics of life on Wednesday, Nov 6. Students will learn the parts and proper usage of a microscope this

week and will be looking at a variety of items to practice the skill of focusing. **Math:** Students in Periods 2,3,and 9 are continuing their unit on proportional relationships. Periods 6 and 8 are working with applications of the percent proportion, like percent change and percent error. All classes will be getting information on Monday about The Hardest Math Problem student contest from Scholastic. Entries must be turned in to Miss Novatnak by Friday, 11/22 to be eligible for extra credit. Scholastic is also offering prizes, like a laptop or \$5,000, for successful students.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@nmsteamesu](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#)) History classes will have a Unit 1 test on Monday, don't forget to vote on Tuesday. Wednesday we will begin our unit on colonial living, featuring a mini-unit on Historic Bethlehem. English classes will continue with Unit 2 in Study Sync.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) **History** classes will be working on a texting conversation promoting the Middle Colonies. We will finish the week looking at the Moravians and the beginning of colonial Bethlehem. In **Science class** will be reviewing the Periodic Table and having a quiz on Thursday. In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we started unit 2 of StudySync. Students received a worksheet on poetic vocabulary they are expected to know and apply to the poetry we study. Students have begun their own poem based on "Where I'm From" by George Ella Lyon. The rough draft (completion of the template) is due on Monday, Nov. 4. 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](#))
Ms. Weinert's classes will be in health 10/28-11/4.

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](#)) There will be no Tuesday Art Smart classes at the Banana Factory this week due to the half day. Thursday Art Smart classes will meet as scheduled. 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.

German Club ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) German club meets every day 1 during 1st period in Mrs. Sofka's room 313. Our next meeting is **Monday, 10/28**. German club is currently full. Please see Frau 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 has been celebrating all things pink during the month of October. Students have learned about the city of Toulouse, called "la ville rose" because of all the buildings made in rose colored bricks. They have also learned about "les vitraux de rose," the beautiful rose-shaped stained glass windows found in many French cathedrals. They have made puffy French poodles while enjoying pink treats (thank you, families, for providing baked goods!). Finally, they will get a glimpse of The Pink Panther and hear one of France's most famous songs, "La vie en rose", as we close out the month of October.

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](#)) The Walk a Thon will be held on Friday, October 25th. Students were given the pledge forms on October 8th. Our goal is for every student to raise \$15. The pledge form is attached to this email. This fundraiser offsets the costs of our field trips and student activities. Homerooms with 100% participation will earn an ice cream party. All students who raise more than \$5 are eligible to enter for great prizes.

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 given information about The Hardest Math Problem Contest from Scholastic. There are opportunities to win prizes like \$5,000 or a laptop. The deadline to return entries to Miss Novatnak is Friday, 11/22.

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 are hoping it was a great success. Continue to listen for updates via announcements and Schoology. Our next meeting is November 6 both before and after school. All members must attend ONE of these meetings. We are hoping to come up with a service learning project for the fall/winter. Let's get some ideas started:)

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniaik](#)) Monday House & officers, Tuesday no rehearsal, Wednesday principal characters & understudies, Thursday crew, Friday cast. Check Mrs. Hriniaik'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. Information will be coming home this Wednesday with sign up information. We will try to get an email out to you as well. 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](#)) **You must sign up on the portal website by October 31, 2019, to receive 5 visits for the prices above. We welcome all students (Grades 6-8) to join the Nitschmann Middle School Ski/Snowboard Club for our 2020 season.** This is a great way for students to get involved and explore a new life-long sport! In addition, this makes a great holiday gift to get your child outside during the winter months! **Mr. Downey is our club advisor.** You can contact him for more information at cdowney@basdschools.org. **You are responsible to purchase your child's ticket. You may also choose to purchase transportation, equipment rental, or lessons.** All payments and orders will be done online using the following Blue Mountain Ski Area secure website: <https://bit.ly/2Ozoyko>

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 schoology group: NMS Step. 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.

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:

11/3	SUNDAY	Bethlehem Halloween Parade - Report to the band room, in full uniform by 1 PM
11/4	MONDAY	Early morning band 7:15am (doors open at 7am)
11/5	TUESDAY	NO SCHOOL
11/6	WEDNESDAY	Early morning jazz band 7:15 am (doors open at 7 am)

Day 1 jazz band 8:25AM

11/7 THURSDAY Early morning band 7:15am (doors open at 7am)
11/8 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 3](#) [Bethlehem Halloween Parade RAIN DATE](#) [12:00 PM BAND](#)
November 8 NIMAS fall bingo 6-9 pm
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:

10/28 **MONDAY** 8:25 Day 1 activity period rehearsal for all Glee and Singers, including jazz
 10/29 **TUESDAY** 7:15 AM Glee and Singers rehearsal for all members not in orchestra
 No afternoon Nitschmann Singers due to early dismissal
 Singers, please come to AM rehearsal if you aren't in orchestra
 10/30 **WEDNESDAY** 7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz band
 10/31 **THURSDAY** 7:15 AM Glee rehearsal for members not in band
 3:05-4:00 PM Nitschmann Singers rehearsal
 11/1 **FRIDAY** No rehearsal

Important Dates

November 1 \$50 non-refundable deposit due for optional music and drama trip to NYC
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 check 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

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.

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 in the gymnasium with Coach Wills and Coach Rodenbach. 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.

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 recert 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.

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 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, starting this week. Transportation is provided at the end of the school day for all students who wish to participate in Freshman Wrestling. Information about tryout dates will be posted here in next week's Sunday email.

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 \[ahinkel@basdschools.org\]\(mailto:ahinkel@basdschools.org\)](#))

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

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

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](#)

Nitschmann Middle School

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"Lions Lead the Way!"

Our Collective Vision Nitschmann Middle School is committed to cultivating a respectful community of innovative learners who are socially competent citizens ready to meet the challenges of their future.

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