

## This Week's Major Headlines

- Please join us to meet with Dr. Roy on Monday, December 9 at our NPG Meeting at 6:30pm.
- Have you checked your child's [Schoolology account](#) for the upcoming week? [Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)
- Please consider signing up for our Annual 2019 Blood Drive on January 24, honoring Mrs. Ellis & Mrs. Mendez, who are battling cancer. See more information & [the link to sign up below.](#)
- Do you need gift cards to give as gifts this fall? [Click the link!](#) Please consider joining us to help with our [Annual Holiday Giving Tree, Winter Clothing Drive, & Roadtrip Rescues!](#) (Information below)

## Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, December 8, 2019, to Sunday, December 15, 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](#)

*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, 12/9/19 Day 2 NPG Meeting with Dr. Roy 6:30pm

Tuesday 12/10/19 Day 3

Wednesday, 12/11/19 Day 4 Winter Orchestra/Jazz Concert 7pm

Thursday, 12/12/19 Day 5 Vaping Assemblies (All Grades); Jazz Band at LVIA

Friday, 12/13/19 Day 6 **Ugly Sweater Day**

Saturday, 12/14/19

Sunday, 12/15/19

## Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

Monday, 12/16/19 Day 1

Tuesday 12/17/19 Day 2

Wednesday, 12/18/19 Day 3 **Blue & White Day**, Winter Choral Concert 7pm

Thursday, 12/19/19 Day 4

Friday, 12/20/19 Day 5 **Elf Day**, Pride of the Lions Breakfast

Saturday, 12/21/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

Sunday, 12/22/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

Monday, 12/23/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

Tuesday 12/24/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

Wednesday, 12/25/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

Thursday, 12/26/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

Friday, 12/27/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

Saturday, 12/28/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

Sunday, 12/29/19 **No School Winter/Holiday Break**

**Monday, 12/30/19 No School Winter/Holiday Break**  
**Tuesday 12/31/19 No School Winter/Holiday Break**  
**Wednesday, 1/1/20 No School Winter/Holiday Break**  
**Thursday, 1/2/20 No School Winter/Holiday Break**  
**Friday, 1/3/20 No School Winter/Holiday Break**  
**Saturday, 1/4/20 No School Winter/Holiday Break**  
**Sunday, 1/5/20 No School Winter/Holiday Break**

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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 features holiday events going on in the Lehigh Valley this weekend along with pictures from the Freedom and East Hills Band at the Philadelphia Thanksgiving parade. You can view this week's edition at [BASD e-News December 6 edition](#).

**Nitschmann Blood Drive(Bouhana & McLaughlin)** We will be hosting our first annual blood drive on January 24 between 12:30 and 5:30pm. We will be honoring Lara Ellis and Dawn Mendez. The link below will take you to the search page. Interested donors can search for the event by date and it will come up. You will be able to see the available times and sign up to donate. [Blood Drive Search](#) and search for the drive at Nitschmann on the 1/24. The Red Cross is giving donors a T-shirt and coupon for Dunkin.

**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. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. McLaughlin at [gmclaughlin@basdschools.org](mailto:gmclaughlin@basdschools.org)

**Food Drive (Mr. Falteich)** - Thanks to all who contributed to make the 2019 Thanksgiving Food Drive a success. We collected over 250 dollars, which was enough to provide New Bethany Ministries with 15 turkeys. We also delivered a truckload of non-perishable food items as well. This year's drive surpassed last year's totals. The volunteers at New Bethany were thrilled to see what the Nitschmann students and staff provided. Well done, everyone!

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

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

None at this time.

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

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email: [Mr. Horlick, Assistant Principal](#); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](#); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](#)  
[Schoology 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](#)) As we approach the holidays, Team Lafayette will be working on holiday speeches/presentations. They are working in partners of their choice to research a holiday from another country. Students will represent their projects the week of Dec. 16th. This is a busy time of year, but please continue to check grades and assignments on Schoology. The quarter will be ending early in the new year.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) The middle of the 2nd marking period is here. Please check out Schoology to look at grades on and see that all missing assignments are completed. Just a reminder that nightly homework assignments can be found on Schoology as well. Also we seem to be suffering from a shortage of pencils across the 6th grade. With the holidays coming, pencils would make a great stocking stuffer. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) If your child has not completed the student led conference with you yet, please have him/her do it at home. There is a survey to be completed after. The link is found in an email from Dr. Mayes and on Schoology announcements under

Social Studies. We continue to have an issue with missing assignments. Please review Schoology grades with your child. We would like all late assignments to be submitted prior to the break. Speaking of the break, Elf Day is going to be here before you know it. Prepare your Elf wear!

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) - **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - Students in Period 8 will have a test on Tuesday, December 10th. **English (Mrs. Gomez)** - Students will be finishing the play [A Christmas Carol](#). Students in Periods 2 and 6 will have a test on Tuesday, December 10th. Students in Period 9 will have a test on this play later on in the week. **English (Mr. Falteich)** - Students will be finishing a grammar unit on irregular verbs on Monday. Tuesday through Friday students will be reading an adapted version of [A Christmas Carol](#) by Charles Dickens. They will also read an excerpt from the original version on Study Sync. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Students will be finishing the unit on the scientific method and will have a test on this information on Tuesday, December 17th.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) Mandatory after school help (of students/parents notified) will begin Tuesday and Wednesday when we return. Students are expected to immediately go to Mrs. Miller's room after the 3:05 bell. **English (Getz)** - Students will finish their argumentative papers. Students will then read *A Christmas Carol*. **Honors English** - Students will be reading *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. **Science:** Students will be completing the macromolecules stations on Monday. There will be a two day assessment on Thursday and Friday covering information on the cell and the microscope.. One test day will be a lab practical and the students will need to show proficiency with the microscope. **Math:** Students in Periods 2,3,and 9 have a quiz on sections 3-4 and 3-5 (percent change, percent error, markups, markdowns). Periods 6 and 8 are continuing to simplify expressions and will have a quiz on sections 5-1 through 5-5 on Friday. **UGLY SWEATER FRIDAY:** Starting [THIS FRIDAY](#) - "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 designing an interactive walking tour of Bethlehem this week. Please check on the progress of your student's Oral History project, it is due on December 16th at the start of class. English classes will continue studying poetry, speeches, and other passages focusing on the use of figurative language. The 2nd book report is due on December 20.

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) **History** classes will look at the power of protests in connection to the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. Dr. Mayes and Mr. Horlick will be presenting on the Writs of Assistance and its connection to the 4th Amendment as it pertains to a school setting. We will continue to supplement the curriculum with excerpts from the History Channel's Sons of Liberty and John Adams Documentary Mini Series. In **Science class**, we will be Counting Atoms and Elements. Quiz on Tues. In **Math 8** classes, quiz Tuesday on Relations and Function and notes on Increasing and Decreasing Intervals. In **Algebra** class, review Scatterplots and prepare for Unit 3 test.. In **Advance Math** class, quiz Tuesday Relations and Functions and notes on Increasing and Decreasing Intervals. In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we are working on unit 2 of StudySync. Please be sure to check StudySync daily for any missed or incomplete assignments. We are also starting to infuse a novel study with our curriculum. Block classes are continuing to read *The Contender* by Robert Lipsyte and the other class is reading *You Don't Know Me* by David Klass. We are working on figurative language in text and literary elements. Students have been writing short essays in preparation for our formal metaphor analysis writing assignment. **OUR TEAM'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION is Friday, December 20th. The theme is "anything festive" the more the merry as we say!!! We will be celebrating our 10 monthly students who are deserving of working hard in the classroom, good character, helping others, and having pride in being a LION. If you would like or donate a gift card for our celebration, we would GREATLY appreciate it. ALL GIFT CARDS go directly to our students.** 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](#))

Weinert in health Friday, December 6th through Friday, December 13th. Long and Villani in the gym.

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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** (Mayes) 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 meets on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15pm in Art room 011. **The next Art club meeting will be on Monday, December 16th.**

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) The last Tuesday afternoon Art Smart is this week, December 10. Thursday afternoon classes have already ended. Thank you to students and parents for participating in this wonderful activity. Keep your ears and eyes open for announcement about new Art Smart classes starting in late January.

**Dance Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice Wednesday 12/11 at 3:05, all members must be at practice by 3:10. **Thursday 12/12:** Wear black shirt and blue jeans! Meet in the cafeteria by 3:10 in order to eat before the show. Bus leaves to East Hills at 4:30. Parents must pick students up at East Hills after the show. Information for the show was sent home with team members: East Hills' Common Grounds Café--- Dec. 12 @ 6pm Tickets are 6.50 and include a light snack. Tickets can be purchased online for this show at: <https://tinyurl.com/2019EHDCCommonGrounds>

**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, 12/16**. We will be learning about and celebrating Skt. Nikolaus Tag. 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 learned about La Fête de St. Nicolas and decorated shoes for St. Nicholas Day. Students will be bringing home information about classroom holiday parties. Please consider contributing refreshments or paper products to the holiday party. Thank you!

**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](#)) 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 by December 17th. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. McLaughlin at [gmclaughlin@basdschools.org](mailto:gmclaughlin@basdschools.org). Our group will be meeting again Wednesday 12/18.

**Lion's Pride (online school newspaper)** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet after school in room 201.. 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. Think of snacks you would like to bring on 12/18 for our Holiday celebration!

**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 on Monday, January 13th 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. Students will be getting information this week about our annual Wawa fundraiser. This fundraiser is crucial to pay competition registration fees in order to continue the program.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs\\_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs\\_Nistchmann](#)) We updated some important dates and reminders on Schoology. Please check for our President's and Vice President's ideas for this upcoming winter service learning project and our LLS campaign.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Monday Flowers and any Ensemble not available Tuesday for costuming/work day, Tuesday Ensemble for costuming/work day, Wednesday no rehearsal, Thursday Theatrical Makeup Clinic in Mrs. Hriniak's classroom, Friday all cast for vocal rehearsal in Mrs. DeVries's classroom. 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](#)) Our last meeting before the holiday break is this Wednesday, December 11th. We will not be meeting on December 18th. We will encourage the students to make sure they have Reading Olympic books to read and write summaries about while they are home. We wish you all a happy holiday season! Our first meeting in the new year will be on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020. 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.

**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](#)) Students were given a form to ask your preference pertaining to bussing. Please fill out the form and return to Mr. Downey ASAP. If you did not see this form, have your child get one from Mr. Downey.

**Spanish Club** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet after school in room 201. Think of foods you want to bring in for our Navidad dinner party on 12/17.

**Step Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice Tuesday 12/10 at 3:05, all members must be at practice by 3:10. **Thursday 12/12:** Wear the color shirt that Big Momma told you , blue jeans, **and boots!** Meet in the cafeteria by 3:10 in order to eat before the show. Bus leaves to East Hills at 4:30. Parents must pick students up at East Hills after the show. Information for the show was sent home with team members: East Hills' Common Grounds Café--- Dec. 12 @ 6pm Tickets are 6.50 and include a light snack.

Tickets can be purchased online for this show at: <https://tinyurl.com/2019EHDCCommonGrounds>

**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: MODIFIED DUE TO THE WINTER CONCERT

**12/9 MONDAY** \*Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)  
\*\*Color guard 7:15 AM  
*NO BAND FOR WINDS AND PERCUSSION*

**12/10 TUESDAY** Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)  
String Ensemble 9:05 - rehearsal schedule can be found at  
<http://www.nmsim.org/small-ensembles/>

**12/11 WEDNESDAY** \*Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

**12/12 THURSDAY** \*JAZZ BAND at LVIA 7:30 AM  
\*\*Color guard 7:15 AM  
*NO BAND FOR WINDS OR PERCUSSION*

**12/13 FRIDAY** Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)  
String Ensemble 1:30 PM

### SPRING TRIP INFORMATION

- The spring trip this year is for students who are in the orchestra, jazz band, and Nitschmann singers.
- The first payment of \$60 was due on Wednesday, November 20.

- 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](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

December 11 7:30 PM Winter orchestra and jazz band concert  
December 12 Jazz band at LVI Airport

### Barnes & Noble Instrumental Music Book Fair (RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4, 2020)

December 17 String Ensemble to retirement homes (during the school day)  
December 17 NIMAS General Membership Meeting 7:30 PM

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

### Choral Rehearsal Schedule:

12/9	<b>MONDAY</b>	No Rehearsal
12/10	<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:15 AM rehearsal for all Glee members not in orchestra 3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal 4:00-4:30 Singers small ensemble rehearsal
12/11	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in jazz 3:05-4:00 PM Singers small ensemble rehearsal
12/12	<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:15 AM Rehearsal for all Glee and Singers not in band 3:05-4:00 Nitschmann Singers rehearsal



12/13 **FRIDAY** 3:05-4:00 Singers small ensemble rehearsal  
12/16 **MONDAY** 7:15 AM rehearsal on stage for all Glee and Singers  
8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal on stage for all Glee and Singers

**Important Dates**

**December 18** 7:15 AM Glee/Singers Concert rehearsal on stage  
8:30 AM Winter Choral Concert for students  
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. Grades are check bi-weekly by Student Services.*

**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**

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach [Mr. Wills](#))

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

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

**Fall**

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

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

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

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

Intramurals

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