

This Week's Major Headlines

- [Have you checked your child's Schoology account for the upcoming week? Schoology Directions for Parents](#)
- [Liberty High School Counselor will be visiting with 8th grade on the 14th to discuss course selection and transition to high school \(see information below\)](#)
- [Lunch Menu Updates: Along with posted meal options, Nachos will be offered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This includes tortilla chips, meat, cheese, salsa, sour cream, and shredded lettuce.](#)
- [Our 2019-2020 Yearbook Sale has begun! Take advantage of the reduced price only until 1/24! Click this link for more information!](#)

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, January 12, 2020, to Sunday, January 19, 2020

All of this information can be viewed at our

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

Links to Review

[Schoology Directions for Parents](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

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, 1/13/20 Day 5

Tuesday 1/14/20 Day 6 LHS Scheduling for 8th Graders, School Spelling Bee 6pm

Wednesday, 1/15/20 Day 1 [New 6th Grade for 2020 Transition Meeting 7pm](#)

Thursday, 1/16/20 Day 2 [New 6th Grade for 2020 Transition Meeting 2pm or 7pm](#)

Friday, 1/17/20 Day 3

Saturday, 1/18/20

Sunday, 1/19/20

Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

Monday, 1/20/20 No School, MLK Holiday, MLK Annual Observance @ City Hall 1pm

Tuesday 1/21/20 Day 4 LHS Scheduling for 8th Graders

Wednesday, 1/22/20 Day 5 LHS Freshman Orientation 7pm LHS Auditorium

Thursday, 1/23/20 Day 6 **End of the 2nd Quarter**, School Geography Bee (8th period)

Friday, 1/24/20 Day 1 **Start of the 3rd Quarter**, Pride of the Lions, School Blood Drive, PIAA Athletic Grade Check 3pm

Saturday, 1/25/20

Sunday, 1/26/20

Monday, 1/27/20 Day 2

Tuesday 1/28/20 Day 3

Wednesday, 1/29/20 Day 4

Thursday, 1/30/20 Day 5

Friday, 1/31/20 Day 6

Saturday, 2/1/20

Sunday, 2/2/20

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!

Transition Information

8th Grade (NMS to LHS)

[Liberty High School Website Link](#)

1/14/20 [Freshman Course Scheduling Session 1](#): information for all 8th Graders (2nd & 5th periods).

Liberty Counselors will meet with their assigned students in small groups Tuesday (14th) to provide them information on scheduling. This is an opportunity for students to ask questions. Students will come home with a parent letter, 2019-2020 Course Offerings (to assist with selecting electives), and a Course Selection Worksheet to help with preparation. Students will have time to review this material and the Program of Studies book during first period on Thursday, followed by grade level presentation Friday Morning. <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/liberty/program-of-studies/>

1/21/20 [Freshman Course Scheduling session 2](#): students will select their courses (2nd & 5th periods) with their assigned Liberty High School Counselor

1/22/20 Incoming Freshman Parent Orientation at Liberty High School 7:00 p.m. in LHS Auditorium

5th Grade (Elementary Schools to NMS)

[Link to Dates & Information](#)

5th Grade Parent Meeting & tour for an introduction at Nitschmann Middle School

You may attend any of the following meetings at Nitschmann Middle School in the Auditorium

1/15 Transition Meeting & Tour for New Students 7pm (all schools)

1/16/20 Transition Meeting & Tour for New Students 2pm (all schools)

1/16/20 Transition Meeting & Tour for New Students 7pm (all schools)

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) Happy New Year. The first edition of the BASD e-News for 2020 is available to view. It features a video about staying connected with BASD when inclement weather happens. This awesome video was produced by the students at Liberty High School in the broadcasting class with Dr. Roy making a guest appearance. It also contains a super recipe for Corn and Quinoa Salad and mentions some current job opportunities here in BASD and summer job opportunities in the City of Bethlehem. We hope you enjoy it. [The BASD e-News January 10, 2020 edition.](#)

Yearbook Sale (Getz) Yearbook sales have started! Order your 2020 Nitschmann Yearbook by January 24th to **receive a discount**. **Don't hesitate -- books sell out quickly!**

1. Online Orders

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Got Pictures? Students, do you have pictures from school events that you'd like to see included in the 2020 yearbook? Email them to Mrs. Getz at jgetz@basdschools.org . Include your grade and team in the email. Thank you!

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. We're currently at 49 donors, and only need eight more to reach our goal of 57! 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.

Spelling Bee (Mr. Falteich) - The Nitschmann School Spelling Bee will take place this Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Nitschmann auditorium. All contestants should arrive at 5:45 for check-in and seating assignments. Congratulations and good luck to our 36 finalists!

Counseling Corner (Stewart, Kehler, Hipp)

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

Vaping Resources (Counselors) The popularity of e-cigarettes and vaping among students has ballooned almost out of control. The number of teens vaping grew 900 percent from 2011 to 2015. Surgeon General Jerome Adams has called it an "epidemic of youth e-cigarette use." To address these concerns, view this new guide that covers the dangers of vaping, is vaping safer than smoking, and what parents can do. You can check it out here: www.consumernotice.org/products/e-cigarettes/students-and-vaping/

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](#)

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](#)) Team Lafayette will be completing the second Acadience test. As the end of the quarter draws near, please sit with your child and check all grades on schoology. Please encourage them to complete any missing work. Good Luck to Elias Negron, Carsten Rothbauer, Connor Terefinko, and Jack Tracey who will be representing Team Lafayette in the schoolwide Mathcounts competition on Monday!

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) We are all settling in after coming back from our long winter break and we have much to celebrate. We would like to proudly announce our December Pride of Lions: Rmani Hernandez, Denise Green, Ruben Rodriguez, and Leah Onia; and December Mountain Hawk Award winners: Anna Li and Kevin Wong. We would also like to call out several decent human beings for month of December: Theresa Cao, Michaela Deemer, Christopher Dickerson, Selman Eris, Jeniya Zayas, Daniella Arthur, and Hendrix Bromfield. In addition we would like to wish good luck to Elias Reyes, Kevin Wong, and Patrick Zheng as they compete in the Math Counts Competition on Monday, and Alexandra Vinson, Jaiden Smith, Kaedon Hall, Elias Reyes, and Jenna Omar as they compete in the school spelling bee on Tuesday. Lastly the end of the 2nd marking period is on January 23rd. Please check out your child's grade on Schoology and have them complete any missing assignments.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) None at this time.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) - **Math (Van Woert)** - There will be a Math test on Tuesday, January 14th for Periods 2, 3, 6, & 9. **ELA (Mrs. Gomez & Mr. Falteich)** - Students will continue the novel, "We Beat the Street." Setting a purpose for reading, making inferences, and prediction strategies will be applied.

Science (Mr. Pearson) - We will continue to learn about the names of the parts of the microscope, what they are used for, and how to use the microscope itself. There will be a quiz on the microscope on Thursday, January 23rd for all periods.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) **THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD ENDS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 23. PLEASE CHECK GRADES AND TURN IN ANY MISSING WORK!!** Mandatory after school help (of students/parents notified) will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school. Students are expected to immediately go to Mrs. Miller's room after the 3:05 bell. **English (Getz)** - Students have started Unit #3 on Study Sync - Chasing the Impossible. This week, students will begin reading the novel We Beat the Street. **Science:** Students will be completing, on schoology, individual learning tasks on photosynthesis and respiration as well as joining their lab group to perform activities to support the information they are learning. **Social Studies:** ABC projects will be due this week. **Math:** Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same. Students in Periods 2,3,and 9 are working with expressions and will be taking a short quiz mid-week on writing algebraic expressions and evaluating expressions using the order of operations. They are also working on simplifying expressions by combining like terms and using the distributive property. Periods 6 and 8 have their Unit 4 Test on Tuesday. Their next unit will be about solving equations.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@@nmsteamesu](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#)) Hershey Park money is now being collected. Final due date for permission form and payment is March 27. History classes will be learning about the events that led to the American Revolution: taxation, representation and human rights. English classes will continue to work on the Response to Literature essay and will continue reading the novel Soldier X.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) **Hershey PARK form and payment is NOW BEING ACCEPTED. All students received their forms on January 6th. If you have any questions about the Hershey Park trip, please feel free to email Mrs. Hood. Final DUE DATE for form and payment is March 27th.** In **History** class, students will finish their inquiry lesson into whether the Boston Tea Party was an act of Vandalism or Activism. We will also take a look at The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, comparing and contrasting the many versions in history to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's literary poem in 1861. Clips from the History Channel's Sons of Liberty and John Adams Documentary Mini Series will continue to supplement the curriculum. In **Science class**, we will be Counting

Atoms and Elements. Quiz on Tues. In **Math 8** classes, finishing up Scatter Plots and introducing Two Way Frequency Table. Khan Academy assignments due 1/24. In **Algebra** class, finishing up Systems of Equations and introducing Systems of Inequalities. Khan Academy assignments due 1/24. In **Advance Math** class, finishing up Scatter Plots and introducing Two Way Frequency Table. Khan Academy assignments due 1/24. . In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we are finishing unit 2 of StudySync. Please be sure to check StudySync daily for any missed or incomplete assignments. Students in the block classes will have a test on chapters 1-10 on Monday. Students should study their review questions and notes to prepare. All students have submitted their formal writing piece for this marking period based on a short story from StudySync and an interview they completed. The StudySync unit test will be next week. 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](#))

Villani and Weinert in gym through Monday 1/13 while Long is in health. Long and Weinert will be in the gym Starting Tuesday 1/14 while Villani is in health.

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](#)) The next meeting is January 23 in the large group room in the cafeteria. Please sign up on Schoology to bring treats to our Cosplay Social.

Art Club (Advisors [Mrs. Kozero](#)/[Mrs. Lund](#)) Our next meeting is Monday, January 27 after school in Room 011 (Mrs. Lund's Art room).

Artsmart @ Banana Factory ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) Art Smart classes at the Banana Factory will resume on January 28 and 30. These classes run for 8 weeks, are free, and open to all students. Classes this semester include: Animal Painting & Sculpting, Mosaics, Mask Making, Fabric Design, Needle Felting, Digital Illustration, and Weaving. Students must commit to attending all 8 weeks of classes, and parents must be able to pick students up at Nitschmann promptly at 6:00 p.m. Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. If interested, please see Mrs. Lare in Room 317 to pick up information and a registration form. Thank you.

Dance Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) None at this time.

French Club - On the first French Club meeting of the year, students learned about Epiphany and the medieval Feast of Fools tradition. They also tested their reading comprehension in the current issue of *Allons-y* magazine.

German Club ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) German club meets every day 1 during 1st period in Mrs. Sofka's room 313. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, 1/15**. We will be learning about and celebrating Silvester. 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](#)) None at this time.

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

Leadership Council ([Advisor Mr. Kocon](#))

Lion Service Club ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) None at this time.

Lion's Pride (online school newspaper) ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet after school in room 201. Please make sure you are signed up for an article on our second edition spreadsheet. We will begin working at a faster pace in order to complete articles by the given deadline, and will need to work outside of club time.

Baking Contest (Lion's Pride Newspaper) The newspaper will be hosting a baking challenge that is open to all students and the winner will receive a \$30 Skyzone Gift Card. Interested students will bring in a home-made baked good on January 24th to the large group room. A panel of five teachers will taste all baked goods and cast their votes. If you are interested in entering the baking contest, please fill out the google form <https://forms.gle/PqDzgs8Q49zTeAff9>

Mathcounts ([Advisor Mrs. Novatnak Lafey](#)) Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same. We will hold our school level competition on Monday, January 13th during periods 8 and 9 to determine which students will be representing Nitschmann at the **Lehigh Valley Chapter Competition on Saturday, February 8th at Trexler Middle School in Allentown**. You will get a pass in homeroom Monday. Students who don't qualify can still come to practices to get stronger for next year. The deadline for our annual Wawa fundraiser is this Thursday, 1/16. This fundraiser is crucial to pay competition registration fees in order to continue the program. A t-shirt design was selected on Thursday, and after the meeting I called to get a price. They will be \$5 each, order forms will be available on Monday.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs_Nistchmann](#)) Our next meeting will be after school with Terri Dressler from LLS on 1/16. All members are expected to attend.

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Monday and Tuesday Theatrical Makeup Clinic in Mrs. Hriniak's classroom, Wednesday no rehearsal, Thursday all cast and crew, Friday no rehearsal. See the email from Mrs. Hriniak for updates, calendar, and information.

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) ([Advisor Mr. Amen](#)) Meeting after school Friday, January 10th. Online registration is due on the 10th as well. Please make sure all forms are in.

Reading Olympics ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) **Our first meeting in the new year will be on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020. We look forward to seeing everyone this Wednesday!** The competition is on Thursday, April 16th, 2020. We continue to meet 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](#))

Spanish Club ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet after school in room 201. We will finish our January bulletin board, and work on the remaining months of the year. I will be giving everyone a permission slip for our club trip on March 30th. Make sure to bring it back as soon as possible. If you want to stop by and get it before our meeting, even better.

Step Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) None at this time.

Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) None at this time.

Yearbook ([Advisor Mrs. Getz](#)) Yearbook sales have started! Order your 2020 Nitschmann Yearbook by January 24th to receive a discount. **Don't hesitate -- books sell out quickly!**

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Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

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

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

Rehearsal Schedule:

1/13 MONDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

1/14 TUESDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

1/15 WEDNESDAY Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

Day 1 jazz band 8:25 AM

1/16 THURSDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

1/17 FRIDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (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.
- The third payment of \$60 is due on Wednesday, January 15. (2nd payment of \$60.00 for chaperones)

- Complete details of the trip are on the website at <http://www.nmsim.org/spring-trip/>

8th GRADE MUSIC AND DRAMA TRIP TO NYC

- The next payment of \$50 was due on Friday, January 10, 2020
- Complete details regarding the trip can be found at <http://www.nmsim.org/8th-grade-trip/>

School Instrumental Lesson Information

MAJOR CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE LESSON SCHEDULE.

1. Check the group list to make sure you know what group you are in.
2. Find your group on the chart for the week as your day may have changed.

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

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

- Matey's pizza sale Jan. 8 - Jan. 23, 2020
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- 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/>

Calendar at a Glance:

January 15	NIMAS general membership meeting	7:30 PM
January 15	Spring trip payment #3 for students and payment #2 for chaperones is due.	
February 4	All-City Band rehearsal at Northeast M.S.(select students)	7:15 AM
February 5	All-City Band rehearsal at Northeast M.S.(select students)	7:15 AM
February 5	All-City band concert at Northeast	7:30 PM
February 19	NIMAS general membership meeting	7:30 PM

February 19 Winter color guard performance

8:15 PM

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

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

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

Do you know a student who loves to sing? Our Glee Club family is now accepting new members for the spring! Anyone is welcome to join. The only requirement is a commitment to rehearsals as follows: 7:15 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Instrumental students are excused to go to their rehearsals, joining us on alternate mornings. All of our choral groups rehearse during day 1 activity periods. Joining Glee Club is a great way to prepare for next year's Nitschmann Singer auditions at the end of the school year. Check out our concert dress rehearsal here: [Glee Club concert Rehearsal](#)

Rehearsal Schedule: (Also, please see calendar dates below)

1/13 MONDAY No rehearsal
1/14 TUESDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
1/15 WEDNESDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in jazz (doors open at 7am)
8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for all Glee/Singers
1/16 THURSDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in band (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
1/17 FRIDAY No rehearsal

Important Dates

April 8 8th Grade optional music and drama trip to NYC \$140
April 18 Cops and Kids performance
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. 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 10th 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)

Winter

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach Mr. Wills)

Game Schedule

1/13/2020 vs Eyer at home

1/17/2020 vs Northampton at home

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

1/13/2020 at Eyer Middle School 5616 Buckeye Rd #1739, Macungie, PA 18062

1/17/2020 at Northampton Middle School 1617 Laubach Ave, Northampton, PA 18067

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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