

This Week's Major Headlines

- Have you checked your child's [Schoolology account](#) for the upcoming week? The end of the 2nd Quarter is this week! [Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)
- There is no school on Monday, January 21, 2020 due to the MLK Jr. Holiday.
- 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 19, 2020, to Sunday, January 26, 2020

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](#)

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; 4/28 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, 1/20/20 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, School Geography Bee (8th period)

Thursday, 1/23/20 Day 6 **End of the 2nd Quarter**

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

Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

Monday, 1/27/20 Day 2

Tuesday 1/28/20 Day 3

Wednesday, 1/29/20 Day 4 Teams and Club Pictures Taken by Christmas City Studios

Thursday, 1/30/20 Day 5

Friday, 1/31/20 Day 6

Saturday, 2/1/20

Sunday, 2/2/20 Groundhog Day

Monday, 2/3/20 Day 1 February Faculty Meeting

Tuesday 2/4/20 Day 2 2nd Quarter Report Card Distribution

Wednesday, 2/5/20 Day 3

Thursday, 2/6/20 Day 4

Friday, 2/7/20 Day 5

Saturday, 2/8/20 Mathcounts Competition @ Trexler MS

Sunday, 2/9/20

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](#)

LEED Certification (Mayes) Congratulations to our BASD Steering Committee and construction team for Nitschmann Middle School’s honor as a LEED Gold school! More information to come!

<https://www.centerforgreenschools.org/explore-30-leed-certified-schools-2019>

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](#)

[Liberty High School 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. 8th grade will be selecting their high school courses on Tuesday 1/21/2020 with their assigned Liberty Counselor. Students will need their **Student Request Verification** form signed by a parent/guardian and their **Course Selection Worksheet**.

Info sent to 8th Grade Students by BASD email:

Tuesday (21st) you will be meeting with your assigned Liberty Counselors again to select your high school courses. Same period/ Same classroom as before. You will need your **Student Request Verification** form signed by a parent/guardian and your **Course Selection Worksheet**. Remember 2nd period encore to 3rd period core class will be switching:

8th grade Schedule

1st- 8:25 to 9:01

3rd- 9:01 to 9:48

2nd- 9:48 to 10:35 Liberty First Session

4th- 10:35 to 11:22

5th- 11:22 to 12:09 Liberty Second Session

6th- 12:09 to 12:56

7th- 12:56 to 1:26 Lunch

8th- 1:26-to 2:13

9th- 2:13- 3:05

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

A-D	Last Names	
Mr. Uhler	A-BE	Room 102
Mr. Zullo	BI-CI	Room 103
Ms. Coomer	CO-D	Room 104

E-L	Last Names	
Mrs. Litak	E-GO	Room 105
Mrs. Adelsberger	GR-JOH	Room 109
Ms. Walke	JON-L	Room 111

SSC 103: M-Ri	Last Names	
Mr. Wuchter	M-Mi	Room 106
Mrs. Berry	MO-PA	Room 106/112
Mrs. Parra	PE-RI	Room 112

Ro-Z	Last Names	
Ms. Vázquez	RO-SE	Room 113
Mrs. Abboud	SF-T	Room 114
Mrs. Clewell	U-Z	Room 115

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

3/16/20 Circles with Mr. Bailey (@ Nitschmann Middle School)

3/24/20 Shadow Visit to Liberty High School

5th Grade (Elementary Schools to NMS)

[Link to Dates & Information](#)

[Link to January Presentation](#)

2/27/20 Grade 5 Visit for our Spring Musical, Alice in Wonderland Jr. at Nitschmann Middle School All regional elementary schools, Thursday, 2/27, 2019, 10:00 am (BASD Students will be bussed)

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) This week's edition of the BASD e-News contains a new section titled WELLNESS 101 and is presented by St. Luke's Health Network. Each week we will highlight a new video. This week's edition includes a short video on How to Survive Flu Season. We hope you take a moment to watch this short, funny and informative video. This week's edition also highlights Lenny Capuano this month's Employee of the Month. This edition also includes information on a **FREE Pre-K Program** offered at BASD. I hope you enjoy the e-News and find it informative. [BASD e-News January 17, 2020, Edition.](#)

Collection for Victims of Earthquakes (Dr. Roy) The Bethlehem Area School District is doing a Collection Campaign for Earthquake Victims in Puerto Rico. Donations are needed as soon as possible. Items will be distributed to Puerto Rico as early as Monday, January 20, 2020. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Please feel free to share this flyer with friends and family. Drop off donations at any BASD school office or the Education Center. Questions can be directed to Carole Schachter at cschachter@basdschools.org or Vivian Robledo Shorey at vrobledoshorey@basdschools.org.

Collection Campaign *for* Puerto Rico

January 13 to 27, 2020

<p>Personal Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bathroom Curtains w/ Hooks Tarps (Harbor Freight) Hand & Body Soap Toilet Paper Hand Sanitizer Paper Towels Bath & Hand Towels Feminine Hygiene Products Baby Wipes Adult Diapers Blankets & Quilts Pillows & Pillow Cases 	<p><i>First pick-up will be 1/17/2020 at noon to be shipped 1/20/2020</i></p> <p>Cleaning Products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trashbags (15 Gallon Size) Cleaning Gloves (L & XL) Clorox Liquid & Wipes <p>Emergency Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flashlights Batteries Portable Chargers Matches/Lighters Whistles 	<p>Medical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glucose Strips & Lancets Alcohol & witch hazel First Aid Kits <p><i>Medicine:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acetaminophen & Ibuprofen <p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snacks Children's Games & Toys Coloring books & crayons/pencils Sunblock & Bug Spray
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Drop Off at Any
BASD School or
The Education Center

BASD Contacts
Vivian Robledo-Shorey
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cschachter@basdschools.org

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

1. Online Orders

Yearbook orders may also be placed online at yearbookordercenter.com.

When prompted enter the school code for Nitschmann Middle School: **5049**

OR

2. In School Order Form (will be handed out Monday, January 13th during HR)

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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!

Spring Baseball (Lehigh Little League) Signups are now starting for Lehigh Little League. Please go to www.lehighsportsassociation.org for registration information!

National Geographic Bee - (Mr. Hess) - The school finals of the National Geographic Bee will occur during school on Wednesday afternoon. The ten finalists are 8th graders Hadi Ali, Dylan Benway, Ethan Hawkes, Robert Matthews, Logan Scheetz, Rowan Walters, and 7th graders Ben Blum, Aiden Brock, Luis Maldonado, and William Riker. The alternate is Connor McLaughlin. If you see one of these finalists, wish them luck and ask them a geography question.

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. If you are interested in signing up for the blood drive, please email Bouhana or McLaughlin with your name and preferred time slot. Online registration is no longer available, so we will send the information to our contact in the Red Cross and they will register you.

Cheshire Cat Clothing Orders (Mrs. Hriniak) Several people have been asking where they can get an official Nitschmann Lion Logo shirt featuring the Cheshire Cat. Click here to order one: <https://forms.gle/2Po1AEBYfUijZvbUA> Fill out the online form to order and send in your payment to Mrs. Hriniak in a clearly marked envelope. The deadline to order is the end of January.

Barnes & Noble Bookfair (Mrs. Hriniak) Due to Saturday's winter weather, the Barnes & Noble Bookfair sponsored by Nitschmann Dramatics has been postponed until **February 16**. Our coupon code is still good and can be used during the rescheduled week of the book fair event.

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast (Mrs. Hriniak) Nitschmann Dramatics will be hosting an Applebee's Pancake Breakfast on February 1. See the attached flyer for information.

Counseling Corner (Stewart, Kehler, Hipp)

Contact your child's counselor by email: [6th Grade Mrs. Stewart](mailto:6thGradeMrsStewart@gmail.com); [7th Grade Mr. Kehler](mailto:7thGradeMrKehler@gmail.com); [8th Grade Mrs. Hipp](mailto:8thGradeMrsHipp@gmail.com)

Student Services Updates (Mr. Horlick)

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email: [Mr. Horlick, Assistant Principal](mailto:MrHorlick@nitschmannpg.org); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](mailto:MrsScott@nitschmannpg.org); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](mailto:MrsFalcone@nitschmannpg.org)
[Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)

Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG) (Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](https://twitter.com/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](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](https://twitter.com/MrsHackman)) 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](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](https://twitter.com/MrsOliver)) A big congratulations goes out to Jaiden Smith who finished as runner-up in the Nitschmann Middle School Spelling Bee - Way to go Jaiden!!! The end of the 2nd marking period is this coming Thursday, January 23rd. Math progress reports were sent home last Wednesday, please sign and return. Check on Schoology see your child's current grade and to be sure that all assignments are complete. This would also be a good time to check their folders, notebooks and see that they have an ample supply of pencils.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamMoravian) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](https://twitter.com/MrsRoufakis)) Students have started working on their Egyptian projects. They have the choice to study different areas of Egyptian culture. A packet was sent home for you to see and sign. Please ask them what they are currently working on. Also, the 2nd quarter is quickly coming to an end. Any missing assignments need to be turned in. Any blank spaces will turn into a zero and will lower your child's grade.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](https://twitter.com/MrHess)) - **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - We will finish learning about the microscope this week. Periods 2 & 3 will have a quiz on the microscope on Wednesday, January 22nd and Periods 6, 8, & 9 will have their quiz on the microscope on Friday, January 24th. This quiz will be the last grade for the second marking period.

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!!** Students are required to have their own pair of earbuds to use in classes. 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)** - We are currently reading the novel We Beat the Street. This week, we will write letters of gratitude in connection with the novel. **Science:** This week we will be completing a "feel the burn" lab to examine the difference between lactic acid fermentation and respiration. The unit will conclude with an escape room competition. We will begin a unit on DNA at the end of the week. All photosynthesis/respiration schoolology station fact finding packets are due by THURSDAY, Jan 23. **Social Studies:** Canada final assessment is due Thursday 1/23. **Math:** Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same. Students in Periods 2,3,and 9 are simplifying expressions by combining like terms and using the distributive properties. Periods 6 and 8 have started solving equations, They will have a short quiz Wednesday on two-step equations.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@nmsteamesu](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#)) Hershey Park money i now being collected. Final due date for permission form and payment is March 27. Students will be working on a self directed study of the people, places and events that led to the American Revolutionary War. . 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 be assessed on the Causes of the American Revolution. Students will be using an animation website to learn how the Battles of Bunker and Breed's Hill set the tone for the ensuing war. 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, Scatter Plot #2 quiz on Tuesday and practice with Two Way Frequency Table. Khan Academy assignments due 1/24. In **Algebra** class, Solving Systems of Equations Quiz on Tuesday and practice with Solving Systems of Inequalities. Khan Academy assignments due 1/24. In **Advance Math** class, Scatter Plot #2 quiz on Tuesday and practice with Two Way Frequency Table. Khan Academy assignments due 1/24. In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we have finished unit 2 of StudySync. All students should have taken and completed the Unit 2 Test. Please be sure to check StudySync daily for any missed or incomplete assignments. Students in the block classes are continuing to read *The Contender* and should be keeping up with the guiding reading questions on Schoology. Students in period 3/6 will be starting a literary analysis written piece which we will introduce sometime this 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](#))

Long and Weinert in gym through Monday 1/23 while Villani is in health. Long and Villani will be in the gym starting Tuesday 1/24 while Weinert 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](#)) Practice Wednesday after school. ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY.
Stomp Show date change
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th.

Why a Thursday? It is the day before an In-Service here, so it is a day off for the students, and it will "Feel" like a Friday. Also, it's the day before a long weekend, with President's Day being Monday, so some schools might have Friday off anyways. I can't do it the Friday, because there's no school, and it is Valentine's Day, so there might be conflicts.

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 **Friday, 1/24**. 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.

Congratulations to the students who will be representing Nitschmann at the Lehigh Valley Chapter Competition on Saturday, February 8th at Trexler Middle School in Allentown.

Team members: Mahdi A, Josh F, Owen L, Stephanie Z

Individual Competitors: Hadi A, Ben B, Ethan C, Neil R

Alternates: Owen F, Pantelis G, Elias R, Carsten R

Our t-shirt order has been placed. If you haven't paid yet, please give Mrs. Lafey your \$5 by 1/30.

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. Hriniaik](#)) Monday no rehearsal, Tuesday cast & crew, Wednesday cast & crew, Thursday cast & crew (art crew to Ms. Kozero), Friday cast & crew & house. See the email from Mrs. Hriniaik 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 of the new year went well! Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020. We are holding our competition T-shirt design contest this week! Students are to turn in their designs on plain white paper and outlined with black marker when done. There designs must be handed in no later than the end of our meeting on Jan. 22. We will vote on them on January 29th! We encourage students who were in Reading Olympics previous years to wear their t-shirts this Wednesday to promote the t-shirt design competition! Wednesday, January 29 we will be taking our picture for the yearbook at 11:30 A.M.** 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](#)) There is not a meeting on MLK Jr. day. Passes will not work on a holiday. Transportation refunds are being processed for members not using the bus. Contact Mr. Downey directly about your refund at cdowney@badschools.org.

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.

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Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) Strategy club meeting days will be Tuesday until 4 pm and Wednesdays until 5 pm

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:

1/20 MONDAY NO SCHOOL

1/21 TUESDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

1/22 WEDNESDAY Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

FUNDRAISER ORDERS DUE Jan. 22 (Pizza, Soup, Pierogies)

1/23 THURSDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

1/24 FRIDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

Day 1 Jazz band

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
- Soup Sale Jan. 8 - Jan 22
- Uncle Paul’s home-made pierogi sale Jan 8 - Jan. 22
- 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:

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 12	NMS Basketball game (Instrumental volunteers)	TBA
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 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. Not able to come before school? Contact Mrs. de Vries for a new opportunity.

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

1/21 MONDAY No school
1/22 TUESDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
1/23 WEDNESDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in jazz (doors open at 7am)
1/24 THURSDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in band (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
1/25 FRIDAY No rehearsal
8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for all Glee/Singers

Important Dates

April 8 8th Grade optional music and drama trip to NYC \$140
April 18 Cops and Kids performance
April 23 7:00 PM tentative performance at Liberty's pop concert
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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