

This Week's Major Headlines

- Have you checked your child's [Schoolology account](#) for the upcoming week? [Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)
- Team & Club Pictures for the 2020 Yearbook are on Wednesday, 1/29
- Thank you to all members of our Nitschmann Nation who supported Mrs. Ellis & Mrs. Mendez at our 2020 NMS Blood Drive. PBS39 did a great job showcasing this event on their nightly news show. Check out the 1/24/20 show featuring our school at <https://www.wlvt.org/reportercorps/pbs39-news-tonight/>

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, January 26, 2020, to Sunday, February 2, 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](#)

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, 1/27/20 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 Football Jersey Day

Saturday, 2/1/20 Nitschmann Dramatics Pancake Breakfast @ Applebees

Sunday, 2/2/20 Groundhog Day, Super Bowl Sunday

Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

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

Tuesday 2/4/20 Day 2 2nd Quarter Report Card Distribution by US Mail/Home Access Center

Wednesday, 2/5/20 Day 3

Thursday, 2/6/20 Day 4 Valentine's Flower Sale Begins

Friday, 2/7/20 Day 5

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

Sunday, 2/9/20

Monday, 2/10/20 Day 6

Tuesday 2/11/20 Day 1

Wednesday, 2/12/20 Day 2 Boys & Girls Basketball Semi-Finals

Thursday, 2/13/20 Day 3 8th Grade Trip to Bethlehem Ice Rink, Red Day, Boys & Girls Basketball Championships

Friday, 2/14/20 **No School - Teacher In-Service, Valentine's Day**

Saturday, 2/15/20

Sunday, 2/16/20 Nitschmann Dramatics Fundraiser @ Barnes & Nobles

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](#)

[Liberty High School Program of Studies](#)

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 the 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 Stick to Your New Years Resolutions We hope you take a moment to watch this short, funny and informative video. This week's edition also highlights a super recipe for Breakfast Berries and Chia Seed Parfait. I hope you enjoy the e-News and find it informative. [BASD e-News from Dr. Roy - January 24, 2020 Edition](#)

Shoe Collection Kindness is Magic, Inc. is collecting gently used and new shoes to raise money to pay off BASD lunch account debt. All shoes may be placed in the labeled box located in the Student Service Center from now until March 28th. Please see attached flyer for details.

Yearbook Sale (Getz) Yearbook sales have started! Order your 2020 Nitschmann Yearbook by **FRIDAY**, January 31st. Cost is \$36. **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

Please fill out the bottom portion of this form, and place the money and order form in an envelope labeled with the student name and homeroom. Turn in all forms to your homeroom teacher by Friday, January 31, 2020.

\$36 - January 25th - January 31st

Yearbook Survey (Getz) Students, would you like to be quoted in this year's yearbook? Fill out the appropriate form for a chance to see your quote!

[6th Grade Yearbook Survey](#)

[7th Grade Yearbook Survey](#)

[8th Grade Yearbook Survey](#)

Got Yearbook 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) - Wednesday's school final of the National Geographic Bee was epic! To start, we had SEVEN returning finalists, which is FAR more than anytime in the past 10 years. We also had an 8th grade student, Ethan Hawkes, who was competing for the third year in a row, which also hasn't happening in the past decade. The Bee went longer than usual and that is a testimony to the quality of students and their geographic knowledge. It took 11 rounds to narrow it down to 2 students needed for the champion round. Those 2 students were Robert Matthews and Rowan Walters. The championship round then went to 2 tiebreaker questions after the initial best out 3 and it wasn't because they were getting questions wrong...they were getting them correct! Robert finished 2nd with 12 out 16 correct through the entire competition and 3 out 5 in the championship. Rowan successfully defended his champion with a total of 13 out 15 correct and 4 out of 5 in the champion!! Next, Rowan will take an exam to see if he qualifies for the state competition on March 27. If you see him, congratulate him and ask him a geography question (look up something obscure because he knows a ton!).

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.

Yearbook Photos (Falcone) On Wednesday, 1/29, we will be taking club & team pictures for the 2019-2020 NMS Yearbook. Please make sure you are present for your club or team photo at the correct time. No announcements will be made.

Date: 1/29/20

Location: GYM

8:30 Team Temple
8:35 Team LCC
8:40 Team Pittsburgh
8:45 Team Northampton (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
8:50 Team ESU (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
8:55 Team PSU (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:00 Team KU (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:05 Team Lehigh (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:10 Team Lafayette (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:15 Team Moravian (classroom teachers will bring students to the gym)
9:20 Glee Club
9:25 Nitschmann Singers
9:30 Lions Mane
9:35 Newspaper Club
9:45 Strategy Club
9:50 School Store
9:55 Step Team
10:00 Dance Team
10:05 String Ensemble
10:10 Woodwind Ensemble
10:15 Brass Ensemble
10:20 Jazz Band
10:25 Orchestra
10:30 Math Counts
10:35 Anime Club
10:40 Art Club
10:45 Baum Art Award Winners
10:50 Mountain Biking Club- Riding for Focus
10:55 Geography Bee Finalists
11:00 Reading Olympics
11:05 Wrestling Team
11:10 Ski Club
11:15 French Club
11:20 Spelling Bee Contestants
11:25 Student Council Representatives and Alternates- not executive board
11:30 Leadership Council Executive Board
11:35 NJHS
11:40 8th Grade Leadership Group
11:45 PJAS
11:50 Lions Service Club
11:55 Nitschmann Dramatics
12:00 Golf Club
12:05 Art Smart

12:10 Save the Sea Turtles
12:20 Spanish Club
12:25 German Club
12:30 Band (concert/marching)
12:35 Color Guard
12:40 Star Spangled Banner soloists
12:45 Women's Small Ensemble

Counseling Corner (Stewart, Kehler, Hipp)

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

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](#)) The third quarter is here! Now is a great time to clean out bookbags, lockers and folders. Let's start off the 2nd half of the year on the right foot. Wednesday 1/29 is Team Photo Day for the yearbook. We would like Team Lafayette students to wear Lafayette or Nitschmann colors if possible.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) We are officially into the 3rd marking period; the second half of the year. At this point your child is closer to 7th grade than they are to 5th and we should be expecting behaviors and work habits that demonstrate that. This is a good time to evaluate what has been working as well as what has been not and to make proactive plans for improvement if necessary. Do they have a consistent homework time each night? Do they have the proper supplies? Etc. Please be sure you are able to log into Schoology to monitor your child's progress. If you are not, see the directions above in this email. Let's have a great 2nd half!!!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) Students continue to work on their Egyptian projects. The first assignment was due on Friday. They should now be working on the second project that they want to submit for a grade. Please ask them what they are currently working on. Some students continue to miss math assignments. Please look at Schoology to see which assignments have not been turned in.

We are working to schedule our second Moravian trip. We are tentatively scheduled for February. We will share more information as it becomes available.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) -

English (Mr. Falteich & Mrs. Gomez) - Students have completed the reading of [We Beat the Streets](#). Students in Mrs. Gómez's class will be taking a test on chapters 13 - conclusion on Tuesday, January 28th. Students will also be reviewing thesis statements in order to prepare for the writing of an argumentative essay. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - To begin the 3rd quarter, students will be learning about the characteristics that all living things share. After that, we will be specifically looking at the chemical compounds that compose living things.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) **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](#). Tuesday (1/28) - quiz on Chapters 1-11 of the novel. In addition, students will receive new vocabulary words and work on adverbial clauses. **Science:** This week we are learning about DNA and we will simulate a crime scene and learn about DNA fingerprinting. The understanding of the DNA molecule will be connected to learning about cell division. **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 have a quiz Tuesday on the first five sections of the unit. Periods 6 and 8 are still solving equations and have a quiz Wednesday on 6-1 - 6-3. After that, they will begin working with inequalities.

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 finishing the Pre-Revolution era, their project is due Friday January 31st at the start of class. We will be reviewing their self-guided learning on Wednesday and Thursday. ELA classes will continue to read Soldier X and will also be finishing the responses to literature essays.

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, Unit 4 Test on Thursday. In **Algebra** class, Unit 4 Test on Thursday. In **Advance Math** class, Unit 4 Test on Thursday. In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we have finished unit 2 of StudySync and are working on our literary analysis essay. 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 are still reading *You Don't Know Me* and have started current events presentations. 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 February 10 in room 104.

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 this week 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. There are still some openings in some classes. If interested, please see Mrs. Lare in Room 317 ASAP 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.

French Club - Students learned about québécois teen tennis phenom Félix Auger-Aliassime and middle school French pop star *Angéline*. On February 3 French Club will be celebrating La Chandeleur, a day when people eat lots of crepes in France. Please consider sending in some crepes and/or crepe fillings to share with French Club students. Merci en avance!

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.

Lion's Pride Newspaper ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#))- **Baking Contest** 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.

Yearbook group photos are this Wednesday, 1/29. Our scheduled time is 10:30am. Please be there promptly.

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs_Nistchmann](#)) Thank you to Terri Dressler for coming and informing us about our LLS fundraiser which will begin in February. Currently, the NJHS is running a short campaign to benefit local residents who are struggling with their heating bills. We are asking for donations this week and students who donate \$1.00 will get a ticket to put into a jar at lunch to determine which teacher will get a pie in the face. This is a fun way to help give back to our community. Please help us out!

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) 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. 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 next meeting is on Wednesday, January 29th, 2020. We are holding our competition T-shirt design contest this week! We have 8 amazing entrees to vote on! Wednesday, January 29 we will be taking our picture for the yearbook at 11:00 A.M. Remind your child to be on time, they will not wait to take the picture. We now have a twitter account! It is Nitschmann Reading Olympics @NMSReadOlympics . We will be sharing things on there throughout the year so please follow us!** 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](#)) See you Monday night! Reminders; The bus will depart at 4:10. Items can be stored in Mr. Downey's room for the day. Bus students who are not off the Mountain by 8 will be disciplined. Ski Club picture is Wed. in school; bring ski hats, goggles, helmets, gloves, ect. Bus refunds have been submitted to the office.

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](#)) Practice Tuesday and Thursday after school. **ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY.**
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Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) Strategy club meeting days will be Tuesday until 4 pm and Wednesdays until 5 pm. See Schoology for updates and note calendar.

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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\$36 - January 25th - January 31st -- PRICE RISES

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Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

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

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. All Students (band, orchestra, jazz) need to have their blue ID shirt with them on Wednesday for TEAM & CLUB photos for the yearbook. The schedule is linked under Wednesday on the rehearsal schedule.
2. This Saturday, February 1 from 10-11 am is fundraiser pickup for pizza, pierogies, and soup.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

1/27 MONDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

1/28 TUESDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

1/29 WEDNESDAY Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

CLUB & TEAM PICTURE DAY (ALL BAND, ORCHESTRA, & JAZZ STUDENTS NEED THEIR BLUE ID SHIRT FOR PICTURES) (Click for photo schedule)

1/30 THURSDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

1/31 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 4th payment of \$60 is due on Wednesday, February 19. (3rd 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

- Final payment of \$40 is due on Friday, February 7.
- Complete details regarding the trip can be found at <http://www.nmsim.org/8th-grade-trip/>

INSTRUMENTAL LESSON INFORMATION

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 Delivery Feb. 1, 10-11am
- Soup Sale Delivery Feb. 1, 10-11am
- Uncle Paul’s home-made pierogi Delivery Feb. 1, 10-11am
- 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 1	Fundraiser pickup day (Pizza, Pierogies, Soup)	10 -11 AM
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 [@Idevriesmusic](#)) [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 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)

- 1/27 MONDAY** No rehearsal
- 1/28 TUESDAY** 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
- 1/29 WEDNESDAY** 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in jazz (doors open at 7am)
All students need their navy blue ID shirts or similar for pictures:
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- 1/31 FRIDAY** No rehearsal

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:

1/27/2020 vs East Hills at home

1/30/2020 at Orefield 2675 PA-309, Orefield, PA 18069

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

Game Schedule:

1/27/2020 at East Hills Middle School 2005 Chester Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017

1/30/2020 vs Orefield at home

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

Fall

Boys Football (Head Coach Mr. Villiani mvillani@basdschools.org)

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

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

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

Intramurals

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