

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for your support of our school family last week with the loss of Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Mendez to their battles with cancer. I found Thursday to be one of my very best days and very worst days as a school principal. Your children rose to the occasion and supported each other and their teachers in a way I have never seen before by middle school children. I observed students consoling teachers and each other wherever I turned. This is one of those things that makes our school so special! We will continue to monitor all students and staff who may need help in the short term. Please reach out to your child's counselor if you need additional help or resources for your child.

I have included the information for services & notes at the following link:

[https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/nitschmann/2020/02/16/2020\\_2\\_16-service-information-for-mrs-ellis-mrs-mendez/](https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/nitschmann/2020/02/16/2020_2_16-service-information-for-mrs-ellis-mrs-mendez/)

Thank you.

Dr. Mayes

### This Week's Major Headlines

- Have you checked your child's [Schoology account](#) for the upcoming week? [Schoology Directions for Parents](#)
- Don't forget to order tickets for our school play Alice in Wonderland, Jr. on February 28, 29, & March 1! [Ticket Link](#)
- We have a dance this Friday 6pm-8pm. Tickets will be on sale at lunches Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday. If you can donate supplies for our Nitschmann Parent Group, click the attached link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A48A8A623ABFE3-nitschmann5>
- Is your 7th or 8th grade child planning on trying out for girls softball or boys/girls soccer? Make sure they have their physical or recertification physical form complete before tryouts begin during the first week of March.
- There is no school on Monday, 2/17 due to Presidents' Day.

### Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, February 16, 2020, to Sunday, February 23, 2020

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

[Schoology 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](#)

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, 2/17/20 **No School, President's Day**

Tuesday 2/18/20 Day 4

Wednesday, 2/19/20 Day 5

**Thursday, 2/20/20 Day 6** Team Kutztown Spaghetti Dinner POSTPONED due to Staff Memorial Services/  
New Date TBA  
**Friday, 2/21/20 Day 1** School Dance 6pm-8pm Benefiting NMS Athletics/Tickets \$6 during lunches  
**Saturday, 2/22/20**  
**Sunday, 2/23/20**

### Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

#### National Public Schools Week

**Monday, 2/24/20 Day 2**

**Tuesday 2/25/20 Day 3** 8th Grade BASD Foundation Field Trip To Philadelphia (Group 1); What's So Cool About Manufacturing Awards Dinner

**Wednesday, 2/26/20 Day 4** 8th Grade BASD Foundation Field Trip To Philadelphia (Group 2)

**Thursday, 2/27/20 Day 5** 8th Grade BASD Foundation Field Trip To Philadelphia (Group 3)

**Friday, 2/28/20 Day 6** Nitschmann Dramatics "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." 7pm [Ticket Link!](#)

**Saturday, 2/29/20** Nitschmann Dramatics "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." 2pm & 7pm [Ticket Link!](#)

**Sunday, 3/1/20** Nitschmann Dramatics "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." 2pm [Ticket Link!](#)

**Monday, 3/2/20 Day 1** March Faculty Meeting (No Afterschool Activities unless announced!)

**Tuesday 3/3/20 Day 2**

**Wednesday, 3/4/20 Day 3**

**Thursday, 3/5/20 Day 4**

**Friday, 3/6/20 Day 5**

**Saturday, 3/7/20**

**Sunday, 3/8/20**

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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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#### Transition Information

**8th Grade (NMS to LHS)**

[Liberty High School Website Link](#)

[Liberty High School Program of Studies](#)

3/16/20 Student Circle Groups 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)*

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### School-wide Announcements

**BASD E-News (Dr. Roy)** Did you hear about the First Annual Lehigh Valley-wide Reading Challenge? Check out this edition of the BASD e-News to enter your class today! Also included in this week's edition is a super easy recipe for Egg and Avocado Salad. Click on the link in the BASD e-News for the What's So Cool About Manufacturing contest to cast your vote. Voting starts on February 19! I hope you enjoy this week's edition! [BASD e-News February 14, 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.

**3-3 Basketball Tournament (Mayes)** [LINK TO REGISTER](#) Dear Students, This March, we will be hosting a 3-3 basketball tournament in honor of March Madness! You and your friends can sign up as a team. Teams must have 3 students on them. All students in all grades are eligible to play. The team captain for your team should complete the form below to register for the 2020 NMS March Madness 3-3 Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be held on Tuesday & Thursday mornings in between 7:15 am and 7:45 am in March 2020. Bus transportation is not provided to morning basketball for the tournament. Once we have the list of teams, Dr. Mayes will build the tournament bracket and assign dates/times for games. This tournament bracket will be posted in the gymnasium lobby. The cost for the tournament is \$5 per team, which will cover awards & a celebration breakfast at the end of the tournament. Tournament money should be paid to the Main Office in an envelope with your team name on it. Registration will end on Thursday, February 13. Good luck!

**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](mailto:jgetz@basdschools.org). Include your grade and team in the email. Thank you!

**Alice in Wonderland Jr. (Mrs. Hriniak)** Feb. 28 at 7:00pm, Feb. 29 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm, Mar. 1 at 2:00pm. Tickets are available at [NitschmannDramatics.Ludus.com](http://NitschmannDramatics.Ludus.com) and at the box office.

**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 **February 18th** 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>

**[Lion's Pride Second Edition](#)**

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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](#)

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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](#)  
[Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)

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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)**

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM in the Library. After our regular meeting, the administration from Liberty High School will be on hand to discuss the transition from 8th grade at Nitschmann to 9th grade at Liberty. All parents are welcome, but parents of 8th grade students are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Coughlin (President) at the email above or Bob Pearson (faculty representative) at [rpearson@basdschools.org](mailto:rpearson@basdschools.org). Hope to see you there.

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**Academic Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#))

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) While our students were enjoying a day off Friday, we got to listen to a very interesting presentation by the author of the book Disconnected, Thomas Kersting. The book discusses the affects screen time, in particular smart phones, social media and gaming, has on our youth. Very alarming!!! He will be holding another speaking engagement for parents and students in the Bethlehem School District in the near future. We encourage you to watch for it and attend with your child.

We are well on our way into the 3rd marking period. Most students were totally caught up on work as of the end of January, but we are beginning to see some of them fall behind again. Please log on to Schoolology Pearson, and Study Sync frequently with your child to monitor your his/her progress. The middle of the marking period will be here sooner than you think!

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#))

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) - **Team** - Unfortunately, due to staff memorial services we need to postpone our Family Meatball and Pasta Dinner scheduled for this Thursday. When a new date is determined, we will send out forms again so everyone has a chance to RSVP to the new date. We apologize for any inconvenience. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This coming week, Periods 6, 8, & 9 will continue to learn about the chemical compounds that compose all living things. The following week of February 24th, they will have a test on this material. There will be more information in next week's email. Periods 2 & 3 will have their test this coming Wednesday, February 19th. These students will then be learning about the discovery of cells. **English (Falteich)** - This week students will continue their dramatic reading of the play, 12 Angry Men. The focus of this literature unit includes fictional characterization, theme, and courtroom terminology.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#))

**Team East Stroudsburg** (8th) (Twitter [@nmsteamesu](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#))

**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 begin examining the timeline showing the major events surrounding the creation and ratification of the United States Constitution. Over the next week or two, we will take a look at the significance of the Six Big ideas in the Constitution historically and for Americans today. Our Constitution Center trips to Philadelphia are slated for Tuesday, February 25th and Wednesday, February 26th. Updates have been emailed home and posted on Schoology. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Hood. In **Science class** we are exploring Newton's First Law. Test on All of Newton's Laws will be on March 6th. In **Math 8** classes, Solving Systems of Equations (3 methods) - Quiz on Tuesday. In **Algebra** class, Step Functions - Quiz Monday. In **Advance Math** class, Solving Systems of Equations (3 methods) - Quiz Tuesday. In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we have finished unit 2 of StudySync and are starting Unit 3 this week. We will be focusing on informational text and all classes will be starting to read a new novel. Look for updates via Schoology. Please be sure to check StudySync daily for any missed or incomplete assignments. 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](#) )

**Health and PE-**

**ALL CLASSES IN PE THIS WEEK!**

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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](#)) The next meeting is February 10 in room 104.

**Art Club** (Advisors [Mrs. Kozero](#)/[Mrs. Lund](#)) Our next meeting is Monday, February 10, after school in Room 011 (Mrs. Lund's Art room).

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) Art Smart classes at the Banana Factory have resumed on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. These classes run for 8 weeks, are free, and open to all students. There are still some openings in some classes. Students must commit to attending all classes and parents must be able to pick up their child at Nitschmann at 6 p.m. 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](#)) **No practice this week. CHECK SCHOOLGY ANNOUNCEMENTS for show video**

**French Club** - On Monday, 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 **Monday, 2/3**. 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.

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](#))- We will meet after school on Wednesday.

**Mathcounts** ([Advisor Mrs. Novatnak Lafey](#)) Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same.

**Congratulations on a great showing at the Lehigh Valley Chapter MathCounts competition this morning. Team members Mahdi Ali, Josh Freedman, Owen Lansing and Stephanie Zheng came in 12th out of all the schools in the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos. Josh was our top student, he came in 49th out of everyone there. Our other competitors were Hadi Ali, Ben Blum, Ethan Caine and Neil Rana. All of our Nitschmann students ranked in the top half of the students in attendance. It was a great day!**

Our annual ice cream party has been rescheduled for this Thursday, 2/20 in the large group room during our regular meeting time.

The Wawa hoagie coupons are in and pre-orders were given to students at Thursday's meeting. There are additional coupons available for \$4.50, they are good for a Wawa Shorti hoagie (regularly priced \$4.59) and have no expiration date. Please help support our team!

We will be sponsoring a dance along with the Reading Olympics team on May 15th. We'll need students to volunteer to help when we get closer to the date.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs\\_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs\\_Nitschmann](#)) We have officially started our LLS fundraiser to raise awareness and hope for a cure for blood cancer. Please consider making a donation via the online link to our school to show your support. Thank you.

<https://events.lls.org/pages/epa/Nitschmann-Middle-School-2020>

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Mandatory full rehearsals begin this week. **Photos are Tues. 2/18.** Dress rehearsals Wed. 2/19, Thurs. 2/20, and Fri. 2/21. 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, February 19, 2020. We did well with our Valentine carnation flower sale! Thank you to all of the students who sold flower cards over the three lunch periods for a week and delivered the flowers on Thursday. 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 and Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) This coming Monday will be our last official meeting and the last bus trip. If you missed a Monday, you can make up another (non-holiday) Monday or in March. Ms. Weinert will be joining on Monday!

**Spanish Club** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet after school in room 201. We will decorate our March bulletin board, and plan our taco night. Reminder of our field trip on March 30th.

**Step Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) **No practice this week. CHECK SCHOOLGY ANNOUNCEMENTS for show video**

**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](#)) 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](mailto:jgetz@basdschools.org). Include your grade and team in the email. Thank you!

### **Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates**

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

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

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **The Winter Guard Performance is Feb. 19!**
  - Students should report to the gym at 7:00pm while parents go to the band parent meeting.
  - The performance will begin as soon as the meeting is over.
- **Quarter 3 chair auditions will begin for orchestra and band on February 25 and last until March 2.**
  - Specific details will be available on schoology.
- **Cheesecake fundraiser currently ongoing - Information can be found [here](#).**

### **REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

**2/17 MONDAY NO SCHOOL**

**2/18 TUESDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)**

2/19 WEDNESDAY Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7 am)

2/20 THURSDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

2/21 FRIDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

Day 1 Jazz band 8:25 am

#### 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

- FULL PAYMENT IS NOW DUE.
- 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/>

- Pocono Cheesecake Factory Cheesecakes Feb. 9 - Feb. 28 (Delivery March 7, 11am - 12pm) **WE ARE NOT SELLING THE PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE!**
- 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/>

**Calendar at a Glance:**

<b>February 19</b>	<b>NIMAS general membership meeting</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Winter color guard performance</b>	<b>8:15 PM</b>	
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Northeast Jazz Band Festival</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Cheesecake delivery</b>		<b>11am - 12pm</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Broughal Jazz Festival</b>		<b>TBD</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>Middle School Instrumental Music Student Ice Skating</b>		<b>4-6 PM</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>NIMAS General Membership Meeting</b>		<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Nitschmann Jazz Festival</b>		<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Barnes &amp; Noble Fundraiser</b>		<b>12-4 PM</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>8th grade Music &amp; Drama Trip to NYC</b>		<b>7am - 8:30pm</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>PMEA Intermediate Band &amp; Orchestra Festival</b>		<b>All Day</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Nitschmann Jazz Cafe'</b>		<b>7 PM</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Mandatory Boston Trip Meeting</b>		<b>7 PM</b>

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

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

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**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 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:** (Calendar dates below.)

- 2/17 MONDAY** No school
- 2/18 TUESDAY** 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra (doors open at 7am)

3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal (Drama students go to drama)  
**2/19 WEDNESDAY** 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in Jazz Band (doors open at 7am)  
**2/20 THURSDAY** 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in Band (doors open at 7am)  
 3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal (Drama students go to drama)  
**2/21 FRIDAY** 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

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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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