

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](#)

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, February 23, 2020, to Sunday, March 1, 2020

All of this information can be viewed at our

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

Links to Review

[Schoology Directions for Parents](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

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

National Public Schools Week

Monday, 2/24/20 Day 2 BASD Transportation Spring Bus Evacuation Drills at Arrival

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); Vo-Tech Tour for Team ESU

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!](#) **Pink Day in honor of Mrs. Mendez**

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!](#)

Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

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 8th Grade BASD Foundation Field Trip To Philadelphia (Group 4); Vo-Tech Tour for Team NCC

Friday, 3/6/20 Day 5

Saturday, 3/7/20

Sunday, 3/8/20 Daylight Savings Time Returns (Clocks Spring Forward 1 Hour)

Monday, 3/9/20 Day 6

Tuesday 3/10/20 Day 1

Wednesday, 3/11/20 Day 2 **11:30am Dismissal In-Service for Teachers**

Thursday, 3/12/20 Day 3

Friday, 3/13/20 Day 4 Broughal Jazz Festival, Leprechaun Dance 6pm-8:00pm

Saturday, 3/14/20 Parade of Shamrocks

Sunday, 3/15/20

Important Links

[BASD Dining Services Menu & Website](#)

[NMS Staff Email Directory](#)

[BASD Volunteer Information](#)

Recent Nitschmann News! (Always posted on our Social Media sites too!)

Twitter: [@NitschmannMS](#); Facebook [@NitschmannMiddleSchool](#); Instagram [@BASDNitschmannMS](#); [NMS School Website](#); [YouTube](#)

Is your child sick? You can submit your child's sick note by email to ni-attendance@basdschools.org, as long as the email on your child's account matches the email address. Please note: If you are submitting a written or doctor's note do not submit an email. It should be one or the other. Please email Mrs. Falcone at mfalcone@basdschools.org with any questions or concerns. Please note that this is ONLY for sick notes, not for early release or any other questions!

Do you need help with BASD Transportation? Call 610-861-0360!

Transition Information

8th Grade (NMS to LHS)

[Liberty High School Website Link](#)

[Liberty High School Program of Studies](#)

3/16/20 Student Circle Groups with Mr. Bailey (@ Nitschmann Middle School)

3/16/20 Small Group Parent Meeting with Mr. Bailey (@ Nitschmann Middle School NPG Meeting 6:30pm)

3/24/20 Shadow Visit to Liberty High School

5/29/20 8th Grade Dance 6pm @ Ice House

[Directions & Information](#)

6/4/20 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 6pm

[8th Grade T-Shirts & Flower Pre Orders Website](#)

6/8/20 8th Grade Hershey Park Trip

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) Looking for something to do this weekend? East Hills Middle School Theatre Company Presents FROZEN Jr. Chill out with Anna, Elsa, Olaf and the cast of Frozen as East Hills Theatre Company presents FROZEN Jr. - February 2st - February 23rd, 2020. Learn more about the play in this week's edition of the e-News. Our WELLNESS 101 Video from St. Luke's Health Network features the video tip on How to Stay Healthy in the Workplace. This week's healthy lunch recipe is for a Collard Wrap Bento. [You can view this week's BASD e-News by Clicking Here.](#)

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!

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 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

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)

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. Hope to see you there.

Academic Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) Midquarter is quickly approaching. Please remind the students to check on Schoology for grades and missing assignments. Students will be turning in their first Egypt project on Tuesday. Ask your child about the novel we are currently reading in English.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#))

We are approaching the middle of 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 Schoology Pearson, and Study Sync frequently with your child to monitor your his/her progress.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) Our Moravian trip has been tentatively rescheduled for March 20th. Students will be allowed to purchase lunch on campus for \$5 or bring a bagged lunch. Students are going to be turning in their fourth social studies project on Monday. Please check Schoology for missed assignments in all classes.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) - **Team** - The Team Kutztown Annual Family **Pasta and Meatball Dinner** has been rescheduled. The new date for the dinner is **Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 5:00** in the school cafeteria. Please RSVP by Friday, February 28, 2020. Students were given the new attendance form on Friday in class. **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. The classes that have finished the reading of the play are working on a characterization slide project on each of the 12 jurors.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) **SCIENCE (MILLER)**- All classes have the family traits lab due on MONDAY 2/24. Next week, the students will learn some additional types of inheritance patterns. Each student will be assigned a genetic disorder to research this week and present a slide presentation Wed. March 4. **ENGLISH (GETZ)** - Period 2/3 and 8/9 Students will continue Unit #3 Study Sync. They will also finish up their argumentative presentations. Presentations will be Thursday and Friday. Students should be practicing at home. Vocabulary Quiz - Tuesday. Period 6 - students will continue Unit #3 Study Sync and complete their "college entrance essays". Vocabulary Quiz - Tuesday. **MATH** - Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same. Periods 6 and 8 have a short quiz on Monday and will be finishing their study of probability with a unit test on Friday. Periods 2,3 and 9 are continuing to solve equations. Students who struggled with last week's quiz on two-step equations should make a plan to stay after school for help this week.

Team East Stroudsburg (8th) (Twitter [@nmsteamesu](#) Team Leader [Mr. Amen](#) Instagram [@nmsteamesu8](#)) **Hershey PARK form and payment is NOW BEING ACCEPTED. All students received their forms on January 6th. Final DUE DATE for form and payment is March 27th.** 8th Grade students will be travelling to Philadelphia and the United States Constitution Center on February 27th or March 5th. The students are divided in 2 groups and the lists are available on Schoology. All details were sent in an email and are on Schoology. English classes will be reading Part 3 of Soldier X and also continuing with Unit 3 of StudySync.

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. NO FORMS OR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. Tickets are ordered that day!** In **History** class, students will be heading to The United States Constitution Center in Philadelphia on February 25th and 26th to take part in the Student Ambassadors Program. An email was sent out to ALL PARENTS and STUDENTS regarding the trip. If you have any questions, please ask your child, as we went over the details in class. 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. In **Science** class we are exploring Newton's 2nd and 3rd Laws. Test on All of Newton's Laws will be on March 6th. In **Math 8** classes, Solving Systems of Equations (word problems) - Unit 5 Test the following week - start reviewing for the Unit 1-4 Benchmark test. In **Algebra** class, Exponents and Exponential Functions - Quiz Thursday. In **Advance Math** class, Solving Systems of Equations (Word Problems) - Quiz Thursday - Unit 5 Test the following week - start reviewing for the Unit 1-4 Benchmark test. In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we are working on Unit 3 of StudySync. We will be focusing on informational text and all classes will be starting to read a new novel, *A Night to Remember*. Students have

a notebook quiz on Monday and a Louisiana map paper due on Monday. 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.

Team Pitt (Health and PE/FCS) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#))

Health and PE-

Villani is in Health 2/21-2/28. Long and Weinert in the gym

Make-up fitness testing TBD

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 March 16th 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](#)) Practice will resume Wed. until 5pm in the cafeteria.

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, 3/2**. 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](#)) Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th. We will finalize our next event at that time. See you then.

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 third 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.

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. 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!**

There are additional Wawa hoagie 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_Nistchmann](#)) 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. Hrinik](#)) Mandatory Dress rehearsals Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Preview Show during school Thursday. Call times for performance weekend are 5:00 Friday and noon Saturday and Sunday. See the email from Mrs. Hrinik 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](#)) Blue Mountain has been blowing snow for 24 hours!!! 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! I hope you can make our final meeting.

Spanish Club ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will not meet after school this week.

Step Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice will resume Tuesday in room 207 and Thursday in the cafeteria until 5pm.

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 . Include your grade and team in the email. Thank you!

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates

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

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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 and at <http://www.nmsim.org/band/chair-audition-information/>
- Cheesecake fundraiser currently ongoing - Information can be found [here](#).

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

2/24 MONDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)
2/25 TUESDAY Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)
2/26 WEDNESDAY Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7 am)
2/27 THURSDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)
2/28 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

- 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 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:

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| February 28 | Cheesecake orders are due | |
| March 6 | Northeast Jazz Band Festival | TBD |
| March 7 | Cheesecake delivery | 11am - 12pm |
| March 13 | Broughal Jazz Festival | TBD |
| March 14 | Middle School Instrumental Music Student Ice Skating | 4:30-6:30 PM |
| March 18 | NIMAS General Membership Meeting | 7:30 PM |
| March 20 | Nitschmann Jazz Festival | 6:30 PM |
| April 4 | Barnes & Noble Fundraiser | 12-4 PM |
| April 8 | 8th grade Music & Drama Trip to NYC | 7am - 8:30pm |
| April 15 | PMEA Intermediate Band & Orchestra Festival | All Day |
| April 18 | Nitschmann Jazz Cafe' | 7 PM |

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| April 22 | Mandatory Boston Trip Meeting | 7 PM |
| May 4 | Orchestra & Jazz Spring Concert | 7 PM |
| May 20 | Spring Band Concert | 7 |

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

Congratulations on a spectacular Winter Guard Performance! We are now in the spring season.

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.)

- 2/24 MONDAY** No rehearsal
- 2/25 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)
- 2/26 WEDNESDAY** 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in Jazz Band (doors open at 7am)
- 2/27 THURSDAY** 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in Band (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal. Drama students attend Singers.
- 2/28 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)

Spring

Girls MS Softball (Head Coach Mr. Kocon ekocon@basdschools.org)

Co-Ed MS Soccer (Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach srodenbach@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 mwilliani@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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Our Collective Vision Nitschmann Middle School is committed to cultivating a respectful community of innovative learners who are socially competent citizens ready to meet the challenges of their future.

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