

This Week's Major Headlines

- [Have you checked your child's Schoology account for the upcoming week? Schoology Directions for Parents](#)
- We will be welcoming author Matthew Landis to Nitschmann on Friday for our annual Author Day assemblies! If your child is interested, there are forms to order his books this week at school.
- Tickets are on sale for our BASD Middle School Dance @ Liberty High School this Friday night. Tickets are on sale at lunches from Officer Joniec for \$8.
- Join us for our Nitschmann Parent Group Meeting on Monday @ 6:30pm in the Library.
- Yearbook orders end on Friday 2/7. You are NOT able to order later in the school year! Please order today, information below.
- This week is National Counselor Week. Take a moment to send a small note to your child's counselor for the work they do each day with your child!

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, February 2, 2020, to Sunday, February 9, 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](#)

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, 2/3/20 Day 1 February Faculty Meeting (No after-school tutoring), NPG Meeting 6:30pm

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 Author Day with Matthew Landis, BASD Middle School Dance @ LHS (Tickets \$8)

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

Sunday, 2/9/20

Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

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

Monday, 2/17/20 No School - Teacher In-Service, President's Day

Tuesday 2/18/20 Day 4

Wednesday, 2/19/20 Day 5

Thursday, 2/20/20 Day 6

Friday, 2/21/20 Day 1 School Dance 6pm-8pm Benefiting NMS Athletics
Saturday, 2/22/20
Sunday, 2/23/20

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)

3/24/20 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) We hope you take a moment to view this week's edition of the BASD e-News to see how you can help to reduce the student lunch debt in BASD school by donating gently used and new shoes. Also included is a great recipe for on Vegetable Orzo Soup. For those who crave that sweet treat, watch the Wellness 101 video presented by St. Luke's Health Network on How to Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth without Destroying Your Health. I hope you enjoy it! [BASD e-News January 31, 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 Sale (Getz) Yearbook sales have **BEEN EXTENDED** until Friday, February 7th! Cost is \$36.

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, February 7th, 2020.

\$36 - NOW - February 7th (LAST CALL)

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!

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 **12579421** is still good and can be used during the rescheduled week of the book fair event.

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.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) On Friday we held our monthly Team Celebration/Work day. We are pleased to say the overwhelming majority of our students worked very productively during our work time and got to participate in playing board games as well as several activities in the Gym. We also recognized our January Pride of Lions: Dresden Leigeb, Jeniya Zayas, and Alayna Issa; as well as our Mountain Hawk Award winners: Selman Eris and Theresa-Ann Cao. Congratulations on their hard work. As we enter February, it is nice to see that most of our students are off to a good start for the 3rd quarter and have made up all back assignments. Please log on to Schoolology Pearson, and Study Sync frequently with your child to monitor your his/her progress. Let's keep those plates clean!!!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) Students continue to work on their Egyptian projects. They should now be working on the second project that they want to submit for a grade on Monday, February 3rd. Please ask them what they are currently working on.

Some students continue to miss math assignments. Please look at Schoolology 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** -(Falteich) - periods 2,3, 8, and 9 have a Response to Literature Essay due this week. Period 2's essay is due on Wednesday, and period 8's is due on Friday. Period 6 will complete the novel, We Beat the Street and begin a grammar unit on noun and pronoun usage. **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - Periods 6 & 9, who did not have their Math quiz this past Friday, will take it this Monday, February 3rd. In addition, Periods 2, 3, 6, & 9 will take Unit Test #5 on Friday, February 7th. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This coming week, students will be learning about the chemical compounds that compose all 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.** **English (Getz)** - We are currently reading the novel We Beat the Street. This week, we will begin our Unit #3 writing assignment based on an occupation or college admission for the future. **Science:** Plant mitosis lab is due on Monday, Feb 3. This week we will be connecting the cell cycle with cancer and complete a virtual lab on identifying cells. A review will occur at the end of the week for an assessment on Monday, Feb. 10 **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 their unit test on Thursday. Periods 6 and 8 are 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. Ice skating money is

due by Tuesday, February 11. We will be ice skating on Thursday, February 13. History classes will be moving into the Revolutionary War unit. We will begin with a textual study of the Declaration of Independence this week. ELA classes will begin Unit 3 in StudySync. We will continue with Part 2 of 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 using KAMI, the leading PDF and document annotation app for schools, to learn about the battles of the American Revolution. In **Science** class, we will be Counting Atoms and Elements. Quiz on Tues. In **Math 8** classes, Solving Systems of Equations (3 methods). In **Algebra** class, graphing Absolute Value and Piecewise Functions. In **Advance Math** class, Solving Systems of Equations (3 methods). 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. All classes will be starting Unit 3 of StudySync next week. Please be sure students have their own set of earbuds so they can listen to the text online and watch the content-related videos! Please encourage your child to check Schoology for grades, assignments and future events. It is their responsibility to communicate with teachers for clarification and if an absence occurs.

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

Villani and Weinert in gym Monday 2/3- Monday 1/10 while Long is in health. Bring a change of clothes for class.

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](#)) Practice will be until 6 pm on Wednesday 2/5 and 2/12 after school. **ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY- \$5 needed for Kobe shirt.**

Stomp Show is THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th. **Tickets will go on sale on Monday, 2/3/2020 at 5pm Sharp.**

No tickets sold at the door, or in person. Online only.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-northeast-stomp-show-tickets-92059254709>

\$8.50 per person.

Ticket sales END on 2/13/2020 at NOON (or when they sell out)

CHECK SCHOOLGY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](#))- **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 is in. If you still haven't paid, please give Mrs. Lafey your money ASAP!

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!

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs_Nistchmann](#)) 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! We will begin our service project with LLS and collecting donations for blood cancer research. Look for details to come!

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Monday no rehearsal (faculty meeting) and parent meeting at 7:30, Tuesday cast & crew & house, Wednesday cast & crew & house, Thursday cast & crew & house, Friday cast & crew & house. Rehearsals now go until 6:00. 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 5, 2020.**
Congratulations to Sophia O'hara, Katie Bruno and Hadi Ali for winning the competition t-shirt design contest!

Sophia and Katie's T-shirt design they both worked on will be on the back of the competition shirts! Hadi's will be on the front of the competition shirts. 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. Everybody was off the mountain in time, thanks!! 2 more meetings. If you missed a Monday, you can make up on another non-holiday Monday or March.

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 until 5 pm. **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!**

1. Online Orders

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OR

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

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.

\$30 - NOW through January 24th -- DISCOUNT

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

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 Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music](#)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. All-City band rehearsal is for selected students only.
 - a. All-City band rehearsal is on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, 7:15 am, at Northeast Middle School
 - b. Students report directly to Northeast with their instrument and are bused back to Nitschmann
 - i. Students will return to Nitschmann by 12:00 on Tuesday
 - ii. Students will return to Nitschmann by 11:00 on Wednesday
 - c. Tickets are \$3.00 per person. See Mr. Zettlemoyer for tickets.
 - d. The concert is Wednesday night at 7:30 pm.
 - i. Students report to Northeast by 7:00 pm in their band uniform

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

2/3 MONDAY Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

Day 1 Jazz band 8:25 am

2/4 TUESDAY No early morning orchestra (lessons will run in the afternoon as scheduled)

2/5 WEDNESDAY No early morning jazz band (lessons will run in the afternoon as scheduled)

2/6 THURSDAY Early morning **JAZZ BAND & COLOR GUARD** 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)

2/7 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/>

- 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.

The Winter Guard Performance is Feb. 19!

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 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 is slightly different this week! Please see it and calendar dates below:

2/3 MONDAY 8:25 AM Activity period Glee/Singers rehearsal for ALL members
2/4 TUESDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in All City Band (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
2/5 WEDNESDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in All City Band (doors open at 7am)
2/6 THURSDAY 7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in Jazz (doors open at 7am)
3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
2/7 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:

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

Game Schedule:

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)

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