

## This Week's Major Headlines

- Have you checked your child's [Schoolology account](#) for the upcoming week? [Schoolology 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](#)
- This week is Spirit Week! Check out the theme days below on the schedule!
- 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 Friday, 2/14 or Monday, 2/17.

## Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, February 9, 2020, to Sunday, February 16, 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

[Schoolology 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](#)

2/14 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, 2/10/20 Day 6 **Spirit Week: Neon Day**

Tuesday 2/11/20 Day 1 **Spirit Week: Throwback Day**

Wednesday, 2/12/20 Day 2 **Pep Rally Schedule Spirit Week: Blue & White Day** Boys & Girls Basketball Semi-Finals (4pm Boys @ NE, Girls @ NI)

Thursday, 2/13/20 Day 3 **Spirit Week: Red Out Day** 8th Grade Trip to Bethlehem Ice Rink, No One Eats Alone 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

## Upcoming Weekly Schedules & 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 5pm

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

## 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!](#)

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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](#)

**Congrats to Mathcounts Team!** (Lafey) Please congratulate the MathCounts students 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!

**LHS Basketball (Harris)** It's a great day to be a Hurricane! Following last night's victory over Freedom, The Boys Basketball Team takes their next step in their quest for an EPC Championship! The Hurricanes will play at 6PM Monday Night at the PPL Center in Allentown vs. Allentown Central Catholic. Thanks to the support of Service Electric Cable Television and The Lehigh Valley Health Network, The Semi Finals and Finals in Basketball will be held at The PPL Center in Allentown. Tickets for all three nights are on sale now at [PPLCenter.com](#), the QNB Box Office at PPL Center, and by phone at 610-347-TIXX [8499]. General Admission adult tickets can be purchased for \$7.00. Students (ages 18 & under) and Senior Citizens (ages 65 & over) can purchase tickets for \$4.00. Tickets are also available at the door while supplies last. Gates will open at 5PM Each Night.

***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)** Looking for a **part-time position**? This week's edition of the BASD e-News contains information on Census Positions that are currently available. This week's edition also features our **BASD Built by Bethlehem video** of a couple who met as students while attending BASD and yes, there is still time to submit your photos for the upcoming BASD Valentine's Day special edition video. Our highlighted recipe this week is for **Turkey Spinach Meatballs**. Did you hear that the **Bethlehem Area Public Library opened a new branch in Bethlehem Township**? For more details on the newest branch and many other interesting stories and events, view our BASD e-News February 7, 2020, edition. We hope you enjoy it.

[BASD e-News February 7, 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.

**Barnes & Noble Bookfair (Mrs. Hriniak)** The Barnes & Noble Bookfair sponsored by Nitschmann Dramatics is **February 16**. Our coupon code **12579421** be used during the rescheduled week of the book fair event in stores and online.

**Blue Mountain Snow Tubing** - If you're going to Blue Mountain for snow tubing on Friday, Feb. 14 take this flyer with you and they will donate \$5 per ticket to the instrumental music programs. Share it with your friends and family [Click here for the flyer.](#)

**Valentines Flower Sale (Nonemacher)** The Reading Olympics students will again be holding a Valentine's day flower sale. They will be selling the cards for the flowers during all 3 lunch periods on Thursday, February, 6, Friday, February 7, Monday, February 10, Tuesday, February 11, and Wednesday, February 12. The flowers will be delivered during homeroom on Thursday, February 13th.

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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](#)) On Friday we held our January Reward/Work Day. Many got to participate in Cup Stacking and Minute to Win It games. Others spent the time working on missing assignments from the 3rd quarter so that they don't fall behind. We are hoping February's Reward Day will include additional students! It would be great to have everyone participate.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) With report cards being mailed home this past week hopefully you have had a chance to discuss them with your child. We were working on Learning and Behavioral Goals during Lead class over the past week. We encourage you to have a discussion about these goals and a plan to achieve them as well. It is often nice for the students to have an accountability partner to check in with as they make progress to achieving their goal. Please check in with them from time to time to see how it is going. Pencils still seem to be an issue in our classes. We made sure everyone had a pencil case this past week and gave some out to students who did not have one. Please be sure they have several pencils to put inside. As always 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 [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#))

Students continue to work on their Egyptian projects. They should now be working on the third project that they want to submit for a grade. Please ask them what they are currently working on.

Missed assignments continue to be an issue. Please look at Schoolology to see which assignments have not been turned in.

Our Track and Field Day at Moravian has been scheduled for Thursday, February 13th. Students will again be allowed to purchase lunch at the college for five dollars. If possible, please bring the exact amount as it is easier for the staff at the college. Students may also pack a lunch.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) - **Team** - On Thursday, February 20th, the teachers from Team Kutztown will be hosting a Family Pasta & Meatball Dinner in the school cafeteria from 5 - 7 PM. The dinner is **FREE** to all our students **AND** their families. Forms were sent home with students on Thursday. All we ask is that you RSVP by returning the bottom portion of the form with the number of people who will be attending by this Thursday, February 13th. **English (Mr. Falteich & Mrs. Gomez)** - Students will finish Greek and Latin roots, short story, "Amigo Bros.", and uses of nouns/pronouns. Some of Mr. Falteich's classes will begin a unit on the play, [12 Angry Men](#). **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - Periods 2, 3, 6, & 9 will take Unit Test #5 on Monday, February 10th. This was rescheduled from Friday, February 7th. **Social Studies (Mr. Hess)** - There will be a test for all periods on Tuesday, February 11th. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This coming week, students will continue to learn about the chemical compounds that compose all living things. The following week of February 18th, Periods 2 & 3 will have a test on this material. More information to come in next week's email.

**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.** The students will be enjoying a team breakfast on Thursday. We also will be having our "engineering day". The homerooms will be competing (using the same materials) to build a boat which will be designed to hold the most pennies while floating in water. We then will be viewing the movie "Spare Parts". This is an inspiring true story about four high school students who enter a robotics competition against the nation's top tech colleges. **English (Getz)** - [We Beat the Street](#) final quiz Tuesday, February 11th. We will view the documentary, [The Pact](#) to compliment the novel. We will also continue our Unit #3 writing assignment based on an occupation or college admission for the future. **Science:** The assessment on Monday, Feb. 10 is on DNA, cell cycle and cancer. **Social Studies:** Canada final assessment is due Thursday 1/23. **Math:** Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same. Students in Periods 2,3,and 9 are beginning a unit on solving equations. There is a big emphasis on showing steps, because without them students will not be successful when we get to more complex equations. Periods 6 and 8 have their unit test on Tuesday and will be starting a short unit on probability. **SPIRIT WEEK THIS WEEK: MONDAY - Neon Day, TUESDAY - Throwback Day, WEDNESDAY - Blue and White Day, THURSDAY - Red Out**

**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. Please read the email that you received on Thursday regarding the upcoming trip to the United States Constitution center. The trips will be on February 27th for half of the students and March 5th for the remaining students. ELA classes will continue with Unit 3 in StudySync and will also be finishing 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. Also, ICE SKATING money is due Tuesday, Feb. 11. Our ice skating trip is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13. Our team celebration will follow that afternoon. If you would like to donate a giftcard, please send it with your child to Mrs. Hood.** All giftcards go GREATLY appreciated by our students! In **History** class, students will finish up a KAMI assignment on the battles of the American Revolution, KAMI is the leading PDF and document annotation app for schools. Through KAMI, students will be creating video/audio feeds to show thier understanding of the battles. We will begin examining the timeline showing the major events surrounding the creation and ratification of the United States Constitution. In **Science** class, we will be Counting Atoms and Elements. Quiz on Tues. 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](#))

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

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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](#)) Practice will be until 6 pm on Wednesday 2/5 and 2/12 after school. **ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY- \$5 needed for Kobe shirt no later than MONDAY.**

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 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 will be held this Thursday, 2/13 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](#)) Monday regular rehearsal for all cast/crew/house, Tuesday no rehearsal due to Clearview Reading Night event, Wednesday regular rehearsal for all cast/crew/house, Thursday **regular rehearsal for all cast/crew/house**, Friday no rehearsal (teacher in-service). **Photos are Tues. 2/18.** 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 11, 2020. We are doing well with our Valentine carnation flower sale! Flowers will be delivered to homerooms on Thursday, February 13th. Reading Olympics students had the honor of working with our guest author Matthew Landis this past Friday! He talked to them about writing techniques, where he gets his ideas, etc. The students asked a lot of great questions! You can be very proud! See our pictures on twitter! 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 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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\$8.50 per person.

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#### **CHECK SCHOOLGY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music](#)

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Pep band for the girls basketball game, Wed. Feb. 12, 4 PM.**
  - We will rehearse immediately following school, play the game and be finished by 5:30pm.
  - Click this link to sign up to participate in the pep band - [Pep band sign-up](#)
- **Quarter 3 chair auditions will begin for orchestra and band on February 18.**
  - Specific details will be available on schoology.



## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- 2/10 MONDAY** Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)  
**2/11 TUESDAY** Early morning orchestra 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)  
Day 1 Jazz band 8:25 am  
**2/12 WEDNESDAY** Early morning jazz band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7 am)  
**2/13 THURSDAY** Early morning band 7:15 AM (doors open at 7am)  
**2/14 FRIDAY** No School

## 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)
- 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:

February 12	NMS Basketball game (Instrumental volunteers)	3-5:30 pm
<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>
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	4-6 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
April 22	Mandatory Boston Trip Meeting	7 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.**

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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.)

<b>2/10 MONDAY</b>	No rehearsal
<b>2/11 TUESDAY</b>	7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra (doors open at 7am) 8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for ALL Glee & Singers 3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
<b>2/12 WEDNESDAY</b>	7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in Jazz Band (doors open at 7am)
<b>2/13 THURSDAY</b>	7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in Band (doors open at 7am) 3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
<b>2/14 FRIDAY</b>	No school

#### **Important Dates**

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

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 checked 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](#))

**Game Schedule:**

**Feb 12, 2020**

**Semi-Final game at Northeast 4:00PM**

**Feb 13, 2020**

**Final game (if victorious 2/12) @ Freedom 7:00**

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

**Game Schedule:**

**Feb 12, 2020**

**Semi-Final game at Home vs East Hills 4:00PM**

**Feb 13, 2020**

**Final game (if victorious 2/12) @ Freedom 5:30PM**

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

**Fall**

Boys Football (Head Coach [Mr. Villiani](#) [mvilliani@basdschools.org](mailto:mvilliani@basdschools.org))

Co-Ed Cross Country (Head Coach [Miss Schwartz](#) [lschwartz@basdschools.org](mailto:lschwartz@basdschools.org))

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach [Mrs. Hinkel](#) [ahinkel@basdschools.org](mailto:ahinkel@basdschools.org))

Girls Field Hockey ([Mr. Burzynski](#) [bburzynski@basdschools.org](mailto:bburzynski@basdschools.org))

**Intramurals**

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