

This Week's Major Headlines

- Have you checked your child's [Schoology account](#) for the upcoming week? [Schoology Directions for Parents](#)
- The 2020 PSSA & Keystone information letter has been emailed & posted on our NMS website. Please review! Dates for testing are ELA (April 21, 22, 23); Math (April 29, 30); and Science (May 5, 6). Excuses for absences or trips will not be approved for these dates.
- Please read! We've seen a dramatic increase of student disagreements stemming from miscommunication through all forms of social media. This article is a reasonable, common sense approach to middle schoolers and social media! Read the article: <https://bit.ly/2PULj2c>

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, March 8, 2020, to Sunday, March 15, 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 5/7 Tom Kersting Talk re. Social Media 7pm; 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

PSSA Exam Dates ([See Parent PSSA Letter for Information](#))

ELA (April 21, 22, 23); Math (April 29, 30); and Science (May 5, 6)

Weekly Schedule & Highlights

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

Saturday, 3/14/20 Bethlehem Parade of Shamrocks

Sunday, 3/15/20

Upcoming Weekly Schedules & Highlights

Monday, 3/16/20 Day 5 NPG Meeting/8th Grade Parent Meeting with LHS Admin @ NMS; 8th Grade Circles

Tuesday 3/17/20 Day 6 **St. Patrick's Day/Wearing of the Green**

Wednesday, 3/18/20 Day 1

Thursday, 3/19/20 Day 2

Friday, 3/20/20 Day 3 Nitschmann Jazz Festival 7pm; Team Moravian@Moravian College

Saturday, 3/21/20

Sunday, 3/22/20

Monday, 3/23/20 Day 4

Tuesday 3/24/20 Day 5 8th Grade Shadow Visit to LHS

Wednesday, 3/25/20 Day 6

Thursday, 3/26/20 Day 1
Friday, 3/27/20 Day 2
Saturday, 3/28/20
Sunday, 3/29/20

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](#)

School-wide Announcements

BASD E-News (Dr. Roy) This week's edition of the BASD e-News contains information about the YWCA's "WeBuild" Logo Contest, the 2020-2021 School Calendar and a super delicious recipe for Sautéed Shrimp and Zoodle Bowl. To view this week's edition [click here](#).

ADL'S SPRING 2020 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST FOR GRADES 5-8- We are delighted to announce the Anti-Defamation League's Spring 2020 Student Essay Contest, generously sponsored by TD Bank. Respecting others' differences and challenging bias and bullying have always been a part of the Anti-Defamation League's mission and the theme of No Place for Hate. The Spring 2020 Essay Contest is asking students to write a personal essay reflecting on the topics found on the attached flyer. Essays will be judged in two divisions: students in grades 5-6 in Division I and students in grades 7-8 in Division II. The Grand Prize winner in each Division will receive a \$250 TD Bank VISA® Gift Card and the Runner-Up in each Division will receive a \$50 TD Bank VISA® Gift Card. **All essays must be postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2020**

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!

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 \(Sub Mrs. Cenci\)](#); [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](#)) Permission slips went home last week for the 6th grade field trip to Medieval Times. The first payment is due Monday, March 16th and the final payment is due

Monday, March 30th. Payments and permission slips should be turned in to homeroom teachers. Instead of a dance this month, we are going to run a 6th Grade Hang Out Day on Friday, March 13th from 3:05 to 5:00. The cost to participate will be \$5.00. There will be music, sports, and other activities for the students to enjoy while they hang out with their friends. The profits will all be put towards our 6th grade trip to Medieval Times. Egypt project #3 is due on Wednesday and current event #5 is due on Thursday for Social Studies.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) This past week has been as close to a normal week as we have had in awhile: no days off, no early dismissals, just a good solid week of learning. We encourage you to please check Schoology, Study Sync, and Pearson to see your child's current grade and to check on any missing work. The end of the 3rd marking period will be here sooner than you think. In addition both Encore and Foreign Language classes will switch as of Tuesday. Next week the students have an early dismissal on Wednesday (no lunch will be served) and a fun event on Friday after school for those who wish to participate. Instead of a dance this month, we are going to run a 6th Grade Hang Out Day on Friday from 3:05 to 5:00. The cost of entrance will be \$5.00. There will be music, sports, and other activities for the students to enjoy while they hang out with their friends. The profits will all be put towards our 6th grade trip to Medieval Times. Information/permission and payment papers were sent home this past week. Please ask your child about it if you have not seen it as of yet. We are officially at the middle of the 3rd marking period. Please check Schoology, Study Sync, and Pearson to see your child's current grade and to check on any missing work. Math progress reports were sent home to be signed as well. Please sign and return as soon as possible. We also had much to be proud of and recognize over the past several weeks at our monthly team celebration. Let's start with our February Pride of the Lions and Mountain Hawk winners for the month: Adrianna O'Neill, Colin Panik, Andrew Riggs, and Brady Carvajal (Brady will also be representing us at the upcoming Reading Olympics). We would also like to give a shout out to our members of the Dance/Step team: Hendrix Bromfield and Rahmell Johnson; and our Color Guard: McKenna Boyle and Eliana Episcopio. Each of these groups also had performances over the past week. Finally, but definitely not least, we would like to congratulate Mrs. Hriniaik and all of our Team Lehigh members of the Drama Club (Andrew Bays, Laila Bryant, Lauren Cheatham, Michaela Deemer, Lila Dobrowolski, William Garcia, Denise Green, Kaedon Hall, Alexander Koch, Robert Leuthardt, Jayden Smith-Perez, and Jeniya Zayas) for their outstanding performance of Alice Jr. and Wonderland this weekend.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/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. All Egyptian projects must be turned in by March 16th. Students will not be allowed to turn in any projects after this date. Please continue to check Schoology for any missing assignments.

Team Kutztown (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Hess](#)) - **Team** - The Team Kutztown Annual Family Pasta and Meatball Dinner is this **Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 5:00 PM** in the school cafeteria. If you would still like to come, please email any last minute RSVPs to one of us by the end of the day **MONDAY**. **Math (Mrs. Van Woert)** - There will be a test on Tuesday, March 3rd for Periods 2, 3, 6, & 9. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - Students will continue to learn about the different types of cells and the location, structure, and function of the various parts that make up a cell. **English (Mr. Falteich)** - This week students will discuss the setting, theme, and characters from Farley Mowat's - "Walk Well, My Brother." Periods 2,3,8, & 9 will be presenting their 12 Angry Men Characterization Slide Show Projects on Monday. All students should have completed detailed slides on 6 of the jurors from the play. Each slide must contain textual support. On Wednesday, Periods 2/3 and 8/9 will have a brief quiz on possessive noun usage. Looking ahead, Studysync Unit 4 Moment of Truth begins Monday, March 9, 2020. Extra help is available Monday, Tuesday, and Friday next week.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Miller](#)) **TEAM: Students received information about the bike and boat trip occurring this spring. The release form AND bike/lunch/health form with \$10 is due by March 20 to your child's homeroom teacher. Forms and money are collected together.** **SCIENCE (MILLER)**- This is the last week of the genetics unit. Students will be learning about advances in the field (genetic engineering, cloning, gene therapy) and the epigenome. Unit test is Tuesday, March 17 **ENGLISH (GETZ)** - Period 2/3 and 8/9 Students will complete presentations on Monday. On Monday, ALL students will begin the Unit #3 assessment. **MATH** - Miss Novatnak is now Mrs. Lafey, but her email is still the same. Periods 6 and 8 are working on geometry, this week our focus will be using area formulas. Periods 2,3 and 9 will be

solving more inequalities. **Social Studies**- All classes will be working on their projects, please remind students to bring poster boards and other materials if needed.

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.** History classes will be learning about the battle of Saratoga and Valley Forge. 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](#)) **15 days left to pay for Hershey PARK! Payment and forms will NOT be accepted after March 27th. 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.** In **History** class, WE will be taking a look at various court cases regarding the amendments of the Constitution. In **Science** class we will be working on Graphing Motion. In **Math 8** classes, notes and practice - Transformations. Unit 1-4 Benchmark test on Thursday and Friday. . In **Algebra** class, notes and practice - Geometric Sequences - quiz on Tuesday - graphing Exponential Functions. In **Advance Math** class, notes and practice - Transformations. Unit 1-4 Benchmark test on Thursday and Friday. In **English** class (Hinkel and Wallach) we are working on Unit 3 of StudySync. We will be focusing on informational text and all classes are reading *A Night to Remember*. 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-

Weinert's last day of health is 3/9. Long is in Health 3/10-3/17 while Weinert and Villani are in the gym. Half day Wednesday 3/11, students do not need to change for class on this day.

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, March 9, 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. Kids are doing beautiful work! Thank you, parents, for picking up your children at Nitschmann promptly at 6 p.m.

Dance Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice starts at 3:05. If a student is late they need to report to practice with a pass. Wed. in the cafeteria until 5pm.

French Club - (Advisor Mrs. Lare) Thank you to students and parents who sent in refreshments and paper products for our Mardi Gras celebration; we had a great time! - French Club students will be starting on a weeks long project to create a mural of the city of Paris!

German Club ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) German club meets every day 1 during 1st period in Mrs. Sofka's room 313. German club enjoyed Fastnachts and learned about Karneval in February! March started with learning how to read and write Kurrent, an old form of German handwriting used in most historical documents about Bethlehem. Our next meeting is

Tuesday, 3/10. 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](#))

8th Grade Parents, in the coming months I will put out a sign-up genius for volunteering to help make our students 8th Grade Dance a success. I will need volunteers to help with setup during the day, cleanup after the dance, and also volunteers for food/beverage donation. Please email me with any questions regarding the dance. More information to follow.

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. Check Schoology group page for updates.

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_Nitschmann](#)) Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for LLS. We will update our totals via Schoology and announcements.

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hrinjak](#)) Have a great spring season, and check your email for spring performance opportunities!

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, March 18, 2020. (We do not meet on 3/11 due to the teacher inservice) We will be meeting until 5 P.M. from now until the competition. Team names have been chosen! The students have picked Team Book Gardeners, Team Code Red and Team Overbooked as their choice for their teams! 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 at Easton High School is on Thursday, April 16th, 2020. More info will come home closer to that date. Also, we will not be meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 due to a teacher inservice.

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](#)) If you missed a Monday, you can make up after March 2. Your unused passes are good ANY day.

Spanish Club ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will meet after school on Tuesday in room 201. Check Schoology group page for updates.

Step Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Practice starts at 3:05. Those who are late must have a pass. Tuesday 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 continue for orchestra and band on March 2 & 3.**
 - **Specific details will be available on schoology and at <http://www.nmsim.org/band/chair-audition-information/>**
- **Mark your calendar: Boston Trip Mandatory Meeting for students, parents and chaperones, on April 22 at 7pm.**
- **Jazz festival volunteers and donations needed**
 - **FOOD DONATIONS - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa8af2ea2f85-food>**
 - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa8af2ea2f85-nitschmann>**
- **LHS bagpipe information** - If you are interested in receiving information regarding playing the bagpipes at Liberty text @piping2020 to the number 81010.
- **March 14 BASD Instrumental Music Ice Skating Night 4:30-6:30pm.**

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

LHS Majorette tryouts will be on APRIL 20 beginning at 3:30 pm in the LHS band room.

As usual – LHS will teach you 64 counts of routine.

Each person who auditions should prepare a 64 count LHS/traditional style routine with music accompaniment.

Our sound system can accommodate iphones, computers, etc.

All candidates need to bring their “most current” report card that contains their “current” GPA.

If there are any questions please contact me. klong@basdschools.org

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

SPRING TRIP INFORMATION

- The spring trip this year is for students who are in the orchestra, jazz band, and Nitschmann singers.
- The final payment for Boston of **\$70 is due on Wednesday, March 18.** (4th 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

- Trip date is Wednesday, April 8. (more specific details will be coming shortly).

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
- Fun Pasta - March 7 - March 25 (More information coming shortly)
- [Jersey Mike's Dine to Donate event - March 10, 4-8pm \(This is a General Fund Fundraiser\)](#)
- 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/>

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.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

March 10	Jersey Mike's Dine to Donate fundraiser (Rt. 248 location)	4-8 pm
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
April 20	LHS Majorette tryouts (LHS band room)	3:30pm
April 22	Mandatory Boston Trip Meeting	7 PM
May 4	Orchestra & Jazz Spring Concert	7 PM
May 8 & 9	Spring Trip to Boston	
May 20	Spring Band Concert	7 PM

Choral Music (Twitter [@ldevriesmusic](#)) [Mrs. Linda de Vries, Choral Music Director](#)
[Mrs. Jody Parris, Choral Music Director](#)

Rehearsal Schedule: (Calendar dates below.)

3/9 MONDAY	No rehearsal
3/10 TUESDAY	7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in orchestra (doors open at 7am) 8:25 AM Activity period rehearsal for <u>all</u> Glee and Singers 3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal
3/11 WEDNESDAY	7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee & Singers not in Jazz Band (doors open at 7am)
3/12 THURSDAY	7:15 AM Rehearsal for Glee members not in Band (doors open at 7am) 3:05-4:00 PM Singers rehearsal.
3/13 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 rodenbach@basdschools.org)

Winter

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach [Mr. Wills](#))

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

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

Fall

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

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

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

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

Intramurals

Nitschmann Middle School

A LEAD School, partnering with The Leader in Me

"Lions Lead the Way!"

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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