

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope that you have seen Dr. Roy's announcement on Friday that the BASD is planning to open in a hybrid schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. You can find all of this information at <https://www.basdschools.org/reopening>.

I have spoken to many parents over the past few weeks about our concerns. As the father of a Nitschmann student and a Liberty student, I have lots of worries too. However, I am excited that we will have an opportunity to bring smaller groups of students into school two days a week to begin as we move forward into the 2020-2021 school year. Personally, I am happy to have my girls back in school for a part of the week with all of the safety and clearing procedures in place.

Now, it is time for us to finalize for the planned opening for the First Day of School on Monday, August 31, 2020. Our school team has been preparing our safety, cleaning, and academic plans all summer to make this school year the best one ever! We will be meeting with parents through Zoom Webinars as we approach the start of the school year. Please watch these Sunday emails for information as we move ahead. Our first one is this Wednesday (see below).

If you would like to explore e-classroom or cyber learning options for the 2020-2021 school year, I recommend you read the information at the link above. In addition, please email or call Mr. Horlick or myself and we can assist with your questions. I recommend listening to the start of the school year plan in our webinars before making this important decision!

Thank you.

Dr. Mayes, Principal

This Week's Major Headlines:

- **Parent Information/Q&A Session this Wednesday:** Dr. Mayes & Mr. Horlick will be meeting with parents this Wednesday to review questions about our proposed start of school in the hybrid schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. While there are still lots of unanswered questions, we will be holding this Q&A to help parents & guardians prepare for the start. We are limited with only 100 participants in a webinar, but will also be live streaming to our YouTube site. You must pre-register and can register here at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N5j_fRDSSNiMwS3xJnflBw We look forward to getting the Nitschmann Nation ready for the 2020-2021 school year!
- **Offices:** The Main & Student Service Offices will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 9 am-1 pm. Face masks & social distancing procedures must be followed to enter the building. Enrollment/disenrollment, address changes, and phone changes should be emailed immediately to Mrs. Scott at sscott@basdschools.org. Chromebooks must be returned before disenrollment may occur.
- **2020-21 Schedule Distribution:** Academic schedules will be handed out IN-PERSON the first week of August (they will also be mailed). Please see the schedule & locations below.
- **Yearbooks:** The 2019-2020 yearbooks have been delivered! They may be picked up at the Main Entrance on Tuesday, July 28 from 6pm-7pm. There are also a few extra yearbooks for purchase - first come, first served and cost \$40 (only cash accepted).
- **2020-2021 School Supply List:** Please see the 2020-2021 NMS School Supply List [at this link](#). Please contact your child's guidance counselor if you have a specific need!

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, July 26, 2020, to Sunday, August 2, 2020

All of this information can be viewed at our

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

Links to Review

[Schoolology Directions for Parents](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive!

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

Weekly Schedule & Highlights

Monday, 7/27/20

Tuesday, 7/28/20 Student Services Office Open 9am-1pm, Mask Required

Wednesday, 7/29/20 Student Services Office Open 9am-1pm, Mask Required

Thursday, 7/30/20 Student Services Office Open 9am-1pm, Mask Required

Friday, 7/31/20

Saturday, 8/1/20

Sunday, 8/2/20

2020-2021 School Year (All Dates & Activities are tentative based on BASD directives)

8/3/20 Tentative Schedule Distribution; 8/10/20 First Day of Summer Music Camp; 8/17/20 First Day of Fall Sports Practice; 8/27 Tentative Open House 7pm; 8/31/20 First Day of School; 9/7/20 Labor Day, No School; 9/18 School Picture Day//David Nitschmann’s Birthday; 9/28 Yom Kippur, School Closed;

School-wide Announcements

School Supply List (Mayes) Please see the 2020-2021 NMS School Supply List [at this link.](#) Please contact your child’s guidance counselor if you have a specific need!

BASD Chromebooks (Mayes) All students should keep their Chromebooks until the fall, unless you are disenrolling your child from the Bethlehem Area School District. Then, they would be returned at disenrollment to Mrs. Scott in Guidance. A reminder that Go Guardian is still active on all student accounts & laptops.

2020-2021 Interscholastic Sports (Ortwein) BASD Physical Forms must be completed prior to practice starting on Monday, August 17, 2020. Please submit completed forms to the Student Services Office. [The forms are available at this link.](#)

Academic Schedule Distribution Dates/Locations:

Day	Location	Start Time	End Time	Proximity School
Monday 8/3	Rose Garden Playground	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Calypso
Tuesday 8/4	Clearview Park Pavillion	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Buchanon/Clearview
Wednesday 8/5	Parkridge Community Center	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Clearview/Calypso
Thursday 8/6	Hanover Twp Park Pavillion	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Asa Packer/Hanover
Friday 8/7	Nitschmann Middle School FB Field	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	ALL/Anyone else

Teacher Updates

Nitschmann Band:

Attention 6th grade students! If you are interested in joining the Nitschmann band as a majorette, flag, rifle, or member of the honor guard, click this link (<https://forms.gle/fx9capDJwA1bxGo97>) to request information.

Here is a video that describes each section: <https://youtu.be/Cy4kzkstGOU>

Assistant Principal None at this time.

Student Services:



<https://www.safe2saypa.org/>

If you have a concern, or you or someone you know is experiencing cyberbullying, please make a SAFE2SAY referral. If it is an immediate safety matter, please contact the Police first.



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Our Collective Vision Nitschmann Middle School is committed to cultivating a respectful community of innovative learners who are socially competent citizens ready to meet the challenges of their future.

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