

**This Week's Major Headlines:**

- **FAQ:** [Please review this linked Start of School FAQ!](#) Chances are that your question about the start of school is in this link. If it is not answered in the FAQ, email Dr. Mayes to have it added!
- **6th Grade Orientation:** 6th Grade Orientation will be held on Monday, August 31, 2020. Information has been emailed directly to 6th grade parents & [is posted at our NMS Website at this link.](#)
- **Chromebook Exchange & Distribution:** Information is posted below on dates & times.
- **BASD Dining Services:** Cash will no longer be accepted as payment at the registers in the cafeteria. Please review the information below or [on the BASD website at this link.](#)
- **6th Grade Parent/Guardian Webinar on Wednesday:** Dr. Mayes will be meeting with parents this Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7pm to review questions for 6th-grade parents/guardians about the start of school for the 2020-2021 school year. He will be reviewing the start of the year, orientation, BASD Chromebooks, Schoology, etc. This will be geared to new families to Nitschmann. We are limited with only 100 participants, but will also be live streaming to our YouTube site. [You can register at this link.](#)

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**

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

Sunday, August 16, 2020, to Sunday, August 23, 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**

[Schoology 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](#)

**Weekly Schedule & Highlights**

**Monday, 8/17/20** All Office Hours return to normal 8am-3:30pm, Mask Required; Virtual Music Camp ([See NIMAS website](#))

**Tuesday, 8/18/20** Virtual Music Camp ([See NIMAS website](#))

**Wednesday, 8/19/20** Virtual Music Camp ([See NIMAS website](#))

**Thursday, 8/20/20** Virtual Music Camp ([See NIMAS website](#))

**Friday, 8/21/20** Virtual Music Camp ([See NIMAS website](#))

**Saturday, 8/22/20**

**Sunday, 8/23/20**

**Monday, 8/24/20**

**Tuesday, 8/25/20**

**Wednesday, 8/26/20** First Day for Teachers (K-12); Teacher In-Service

**Thursday, 8/27/20** Teacher In-Service

**Friday, 8/28/20** Teacher In-Service, e-Classroom Chromebook Distribution 12pm-3pm

**Saturday, 8/29/20**

**Sunday, 8/30/20**

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom
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Monday	8/31	None	<a href="#">6th Grade Orientation Day</a> (Schedule 6th Graders A-L 8:05am-10:05am; M-Z 1:05pm-3:05pm)	@ Home	@ Home	@ Home
Tuesday	9/1	Day 1/Odd Day	First Day of School, Hybrid A-L Chromebook Distribution & Exchange	@ School	@ Home	@ Home
Wednesday	9/2	Day 1/Odd Day	First Day of School, Hybrid M-Z Chromebook Distribution & Exchange	@ Home	@ School	@ Home
Thursday	9/3	Day 2/Even Day		@ School	@ Home	@ Home
Friday	9/4	Day 2/Even Day		@ Home	@ School	@ Home

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom	
Monday	9/7	<a href="#">No School Labor Day</a>					
Tuesday	9/8	Day 3/Odd Day		@ School	@ Home	@ Home	
Wednesday	9/9	Day 3/Odd Day		@ Home	@ School	@ Home	
Thursday	9/10	Day 4/Even Day		@ School	@ Home	@ Home	
Friday	9/11	Day 4/Even Day	<a href="#">NMS Patriot Day</a> (Wear Red/White/Blue)	@ Home	@ School	@ Home	

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

9/18 School Picture Day/David Nitschmann's Birthday; 9/28 Yom Kippur, School Closed;

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**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 Chromebook (Mayes)** The BASD Chromebook for 2020-2021 is the 11.6" Lenovo 500E series 2-in-1 Chromebook Laptop, 2nd generation. Students may purchase a Chromebook case to protect it themselves. When a case is used, a student may put stickers, etc, on the case. Nothing may be placed on the actual Chromebook without a case.

**BASD Chromebooks (Mayes)** Please see the chart below for pickup or exchange. If your child already has a Chromebook (6th grade from elementary or 7th/8th from last school year), it MUST be exchanged with the Chromebook & Charger.

**2020-2021 BASD Chromebook Pickup or Exchange @ Nitschmann Middle School**

Day	Date	Hybrid A-L	Hybrid M-Z	e-Classroom	
		6th Grade	7th & 8th Grade	6th Grade	7th & 8th Grade
Friday	8/28	No	No	Yes. Pickup/Exchange between 12-3pm in Bus Lane	Yes. Pickup/Exchange between 12-3pm in Bus Lane
Monday	8/31	Yes. Pickup/Exchange at Orientation	Yes. Pickup/Exchange at Orientation	Yes. Pickup at Orientation	No
Tuesday	9/1	Yes. Pickup or Exchange during school.	No	No	No
Wednesday	9/2	No	Yes. Pickup or Exchange during school.	No	No

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**Student Services Updates (Mr. Horlick)**

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email: [Mr. Horlick, Assistant Principal](mailto:Mr.Horlick@basdschools.org); [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](mailto:Mrs.Scott@basdschools.org); [Mrs. Falcone, SSC Attendance Secretary](mailto:Mrs.Falcone@basdschools.org)

[Schoolology Directions for Parents](https://www.safe2saypa.org/)  
<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.



Check in with Mr. Kehler

bkehler@basdschools.org

Schoolology: Access Code PRXX-SXVP-PKGTD

@bruce\_kehrer



Check in with Ms. Stewart

mstewart@basdschools.org

Schoolology: Access Code F8CS-4J38-PDPNG

@MsNatStewart



Check in with Mrs. Hipp

khipp@basdschools.org

Schoolology: Access Code 2DKC-PQ39-RKHZ6

@kelly\_hipp

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**BASD Dining Services**

For the safety of students and staff, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, BASD is implementing touchless and cashless transactions for Dining Services for the 2020-2021 school year as part of the reopening plan. Touchless Transaction means that students will be required to scan their BASD Student ID card at the register to access their account. Pin pads will no longer be used to access student accounts. Immediate deposits (cash and checks) will not be accepted by the lunch cashier. Funds may be added to cafeteria accounts in the following ways:

- Online at schoolcafe.com
- Mail a check (include student name and ID) payable to “BASD Dining Services” to: BASD Dining

Services 1170 Fernwood Street Bethlehem, PA 18018

- Place cash or check payable to “BASD Dining Services” in an envelope clearly labeled with student first name, last name and ID number. The labeled envelope may then be handed to a Dining Services team member at breakfast. Elementary students may hand the envelope to their teacher. Cash or check that is not in a labeled envelope will not be accepted.

For questions regarding student accounts, visit us online at <https://www.basdschools.org/dining> or contact us at [crosado@basdschools.org](mailto:crosado@basdschools.org) or (610) 861-8135.

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**Nitschmann Parent Group (NPG)** (Twitter! [@NitschmannPG](https://twitter.com/NitschmannPG))

[nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com)

**Executive Committee President**

**PAC Representatives**

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### **Core & Encore Team Updates**

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](https://twitter.com/Hackman)) None at this time.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](https://twitter.com/Oliver)) None at this time.

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamMoravian) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](https://twitter.com/Roufakis)) None at this time.

**Team Kutztown** (7th) (Twitter [@TeamKutztown](https://twitter.com/TeamKutztown) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](https://twitter.com/Falteich)) None at this time.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](https://twitter.com/NMSPennState)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamPennState)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](https://www.instagram.com/pennstatenms) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](https://twitter.com/Getz)) None at this time.

**Team DeSales** (8th) (Team Leader [Mrs. Pogue](https://twitter.com/Pogue)): Our newly established team is so excited to meet our new students. We welcome new teachers, Mrs Alison Tannou and , Ms. Nicoletta Napoli. We also welcome Mrs VanWoert who is coming to us from 7th grade. Get ready for a great year and some exciting team challenges!

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](https://twitter.com/TeamSpartanNMS) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](https://twitter.com/Hood)) None at this time.

**Team Pitt** (Encore) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamPitt) ) None at this time.

**Team Bloomsburg** (Encore World Language and Library) (Twitter [@NMSBloomsburg](https://twitter.com/NMSBloomsburg))- Hello! Bonjour! Guten Tag! ¡Hola! We hope you have received your schedule and looked to see what language and teacher you will have. We are excited to meet you and look forward to a great year.

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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)

**Anime Club** (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](https://twitter.com/Fehr)/[Mrs. Wallach](https://twitter.com/Wallach)) None at this time.

**Art Club** (Advisors [Ms. Krause](https://twitter.com/Krause)/[Mrs. Lund](https://twitter.com/Lund)) None at this time.

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](https://twitter.com/Lare)) None at this time.

**Dance Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Will not begin until the end of Sep/ beginning of Oct. Announcements will be made. Contact me w/ any questions.

**French Club** - ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) None at this time.

**German Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#)) None at this time.

**Fitness Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) None at this time.

**FCS/DIY Club** ([Advisor Mrs. Hoffman](#)) None at this time.

**Intramurals** ([Advisor Mr. Ortwein](#)) None at this time.

**Leadership Council** ([Advisor Mr. Kocon](#)) None at this time.

**Lion Service Club** ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) None at this time.

**Lion's Pride (online school newspaper)** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) None at this time.

**Mathcounts** ([Advisor Mrs. Novatnak Lafey](#)) None at this time.

**National Junior Honor Society** (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs\\_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs\\_Nistchmann](#)) None at this time.

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniaik](#)) Great job to our Dramatics students who have been participating in virtual Young Playwrights' Lab!

**Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)** (Advisor TBA) None at this time.

**Reading Olympics** ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) None at this time.

**Riding for Focus** (Advisors [Mr. Miller](#) & [Mr. Bellucci](#)) 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](#)) None at this time.

**Ski & Snowboard Club** ([Advisors Mr. Downey](#) and [Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) None at this time.

**Spanish Club** ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) None at this time.

**Step Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) Will not begin until the end of Sep/ beginning of Oct. Announcements will be made. Contact me w/ any questions.

**Strategy Club** ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) None at this time.

**Yearbook** (Advisor TBA) None at this time.

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**Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates**  
**[Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music Website \(Click Here!\)](#)**  
[Mr. Daniel Zettlemyer, Instrumental Music](#)

## Summer Music Camp Week 2

Please check your Cut Time account and NIMAS website for times & dates for practices this week.

**Color Guard Updates:** Great job with our first week of virtual band camp! You should be working on the following at home on your non-Zoom days:

1. March for at least 10 minutes (your choice of music)
2. Review basic skills, spins, and routines (YouTube playlist is here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMBPh7pCik7MnNmg7B44KMw>)
3. Check for updates on Cut Time

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

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**Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates** (Twitter [@NMS\\_Athletics](#))  
*Mr. Jon Ortwein, NMS Athletic Director*

**2020-2021 Interscholastic Sports (Ortwein)** The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference (EPC) has delayed practices until September. Practices and games will be delayed until then. BASD Physical Forms must be completed. Please submit completed forms to the Student Services Office. [The forms are available at this link.](#)

### Year-long

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long [kllong@basdschools.org](mailto:kllong@basdschools.org))

### Fall

Boys Football (Head Coach Mr. Shemanski [mshemanski@basdschools.org](mailto:mshemanski@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))

### Winter

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach Mr. Wills)

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

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

### Spring

Girls MS Softball (Head Coach Mr. Kocon [ekocon@basdschools.org](mailto:ekocon@basdschools.org))

Co-Ed MS Soccer (Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach [srodenbach@basdschools.org](mailto:srodenbach@basdschools.org))

### Intramurals

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