

Parent & Student Weekly Email

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

Sunday, December 13, 2020, to Sunday, December 20, 2020

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 - **Need help with a research question or library services?** [Students! Click this link to enter a request and Mrs. Werkheiser will contact you by BASD email to Zoom for help.](#)
 - Is your child a special education student? Your child should contact their case manager for help!
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Links to Review

[BASD Parent Portals Link \(Schoology, Home Access Center, SchoolCafe, etc.\)](#)

[BASD Dashboard & Internet Provider Resources at this link.](#)

Upcoming Dates to Be Proactive! Weekly Schedule & Highlights [NMS Website](#) & [BASD Event Calendar](#)

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes	All A-L Students (Hybrid & e-Classroom)	All M-Z Students (Hybrid & e-Classroom)
Schoology Login Required for Attendance Daily!					

Monday	12/14	Independent Asynchronous @ Home Day Teacher Office Hours 12pm-3pm (See schedule below)			
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Thursday	12/17	Even Day		Synchronous Day @ Home Follow Short-Term Remote Schedule for Zoom Classes	Independent Asynchronous Day @ Home No Zoom Classes
Friday	12/18	Even Day		Independent Asynchronous Day @ Home No Zoom Classes	Synchronous Day @ Home Follow Short-Term Remote Schedule for Zoom Classes

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Tuesday	12/22		Independent Asynchronous @ Home Day Assignments Posted in Schoology for all students (hybrid & e-Classroom)			
Wednesday	12/23		Schools & Offices Closed Winter & Holiday Break			
Thursday	12/24		Schools & Offices Closed Winter & Holiday Break			
Friday	12/25		Christmas Day - Merry Christmas! Schools & Offices Closed Winter & Holiday Break			

School-wide Announcements (All Hybrid & e-Classroom Students)

Dr. Roy's Weekly Message: The latest edition of the BASD e-News is available to view. [BASD e-News from Dr. Roy - December 11, 2020](#)

Monday Short-Term Remote Schedule for all Students (Mayes) All students should work asynchronously on their assignments on Mondays. All students may access their teachers for assistance in the afternoons using the schedule below. Zoom links are located in your child's Schoology courses.

Nitschmann Middle School Synchronous Courses on Mondays			
Time Period	6th Grade Course	7th Grade Course	8th Grade Course
8:00-11:30	Complete Assignments in Schoology		
11:30-12:00	Lunch		
12:00-12:20	Encore Rotations	Academic Period 2	Academic Period 3
12:25-12:45	Encore (Health/PE 6)	Academic Period 3	Academic Period 4
12:50-1:10	Encore (World Language/ Lit Dev.)	Encore (Health/PE 7)	Academic Period 6
1:15-1:35	Academic Period 2	Encore Rotations	Academic Period 8
1:40-2:00	Academic Period 3	Encore (Language/Lit Dev.)	Academic Period 9
2:05-2:25	Academic Period 4	Academic Period 6	Encore (Health/PE 8)
2:30-2:50	Academic Period 7	Academic Period 8	Encore Rotations
2:55-3:15	Office Hours if Needed	Academic Period 9	Encore (Language/Lit Dev.)

Tuesday-Friday Short-Term Remote Schedule for all Students (Mayes) It is important that all students (hybrid & e-Classroom) will participate in the SAME schedule during short-term remote learning period, attending live, synchronous classes on the days assigned using the schedule attached to this email.

ALL STUDENTS A-L (hybrid & e-Classroom) will attend Zooms all day on Tuesdays & Thursday. There will be a homeroom period on December 15, 2020 for your child at 8am. Students should get the Zoom link in their Citizenship course on Schoology. All students are expected to attend.

ALL STUDENTS M-Z (hybrid & e-Classroom) will attend Zooms all day on Wednesday and Friday. There will be a homeroom period on December 16, 2020 for your child at 8am. Students should get the Zoom link in their Citizenship course on Schoology. All students are expected to attend.

A	B	C	D	E
BASD NMS SHORT-TERM Remote Schedule (A-L or M-Z)				
		6th	7th	8th
	8:00-8:40	Activity/Lead	Activity/LEAD	Activity/LEAD
AM Instructional Block	8:45-9:25	2nd Period (Core)	2nd Period (Core)	2nd Period (Encore)
	9:30-10:10	3rd Period (Core)	3rd Period (Core)	3rd Period (Core)
	10:15-10:55	4th Period (Core)	4th Period (Encore)	4th Period (Core)
	11:00-11:45	Homeroom Teacher Support	6th Period (Core)	5th Period (Encore)
	11:45-12:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
PM Instructional Block	12:45-1:25	7th Period (Core)	7th Period (Encore)	6th Period (Core)
	1:30-2:10	8th Period (Encore)	8th Period (Core)	8th Period (Core)
	2:15-3:00	9th Period (Encore)	9th Period (Core)	9th Period (Core)
	3:00-3:25	Tutoring/Support	Tutoring/Support	Tutoring/Support

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Nitschmann Mask Fundraiser (Nonnemacher, Pearson, Werkheiser): The Reading Olympics team is selling Nitschmann masks. The money raised will go towards registrations fees for the competition, team shirts, team activities, and other costs incurred throughout the year. Masks cost \$10 each and can be purchased with cash or a check made out to Nitschmann Middle School. They will be sold on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during Lions Pride in the library. In addition, we will also be selling them on Monday, December 14th and Wednesday, December 16th from 10-11 A.M. outside of Nitschmann if you would like to purchase one for a gift! An image of what one looks like is included below. Please help support our team this year and at the same time help yourself stay healthy.



Lions' Service Club: The Lions' Service Club is collecting used eyewear.. The eye glasses should not have broken lenses or frames. Once we collect the glasses, we will be giving them to the Lions Club who will have them reconditioned and the glasses will then be given to those in need at no cost on mission trips. There will be collection containers on each floor after the break. Please place the glasses in the containers which will be located in the common area on each floor.

Schoolwide Library Services (Werkheiser)

Email Mrs. Werkheiser at lwerkheiser@basdschools.org for help with books or services!

The library website is full of resources for students. 🖱️ <https://beth.libguides.com/NitschmannMiddleSchool>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. **Don't lose your library books while we are learning from home. Keep them in your backpack when you are not reading them.**
2. **Did you get an email about an overdue book? Disregard overdue emails about class novels. If you would like to renew any other books, email me at lwerkheiser@basdschools.org, and I will renew them for you virtually.**
3. **OVERDRIVE is a fantastic site to sign out ebooks and audiobooks. You can find Overdrive in the E-books tab of my website →<https://beth.libguides.com/NitschmannMiddleSchool>**

BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

🍦🍦 December 13 is **NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY!** Enjoy a bowl of ice cream while reading a book

(Don't drip any on the pages!) 🍦🍦

🍩🍩 Another yummy day is **NATIONAL CUPCAKE DAY** on December 15! 🍩🍩

🍫 Who can resist chocolate? Not me! 🍫

Read some facts about chocolate and enjoy ANYTHING chocolate on December 16,

NATIONAL CHOCOLATE COVERED ANYTHING DAY! 🍓🍒🍫

NATIONAL ANSWER THE PHONE LIKE BUDDY THE ELF DAY is December 18!

e-Classroom Guidance Office Hours on Mondays!

6th Grade: 11:00am- 12:00pm (Mrs. Hipp)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83839691637?pwd=VkZNM0hqZUhinm9EUjZlTVhEMkYzZ09>

Meeting ID: 838 3969 1637; Passcode: HG0cPA

7th Grade: 9:30am to 10:30am (Mrs. Stewart)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86785937713?pwd=ZUg4VVV4S1p5elZlMjdJeEZnciIPUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 8593 7713; Passcode: 5LitUi

8th Grade: 9:00am- 10:00am (Mr. Kehler)

<https://zoom.us/j/93407284919?pwd=L1lyUTVsWnh5bUICRFgrMjE0M25rdz09>

Meeting ID: 934 0728 4919; Passcode: 639948

Schoolwide Library Services (Werkheiser)

GREAT NEWS!! 🎉🎊

While you are learning at home, Nitschmann Middle School Library books are available for you to check out and read!

It's easy!

Step 1: Browse through the NMS Library collection on OPAC in my Libguides website.

<https://beth.libguides.com/NitschmannMiddleSchool>

Step 2: Email me the titles of one or two books that you would like to check out at

lwerkheiser@basdschools.org

Step 3: Wait for a return email from me, letting you know that your books can be picked up from the cart between the front doors at Nitschmann.

Student Services Updates:

The Lehigh Valley Church of Christ is sponsoring a Food Drive on December 18th. Free USDA Farmers to Families food boxes will be available on a first come first serve basis. These boxes of food include frozen meats, fresh produce, fresh dairy and a gallon of milk. All are welcomed to participate in this program.

Date: December 18, 2020

Time: 11AM - Until all boxes are collected

Place: 3400 Brodhead Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18020

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

6th Grade: Mrs. Hipp's Counseling Google Site for Students

<https://sites.google.com/basdschools.org/hippcounselingcorner/home>

7th Grade: Ms. Stewart's Counseling Google Site for Students

<https://sites.google.com/basdschools.org/stewartscounselingcorner/home>

8th Grade: Mr. Kehler's Counseling Google Site for Students

<https://sites.google.com/basdschools.org/mr-kehlers-counseling-corner/home>

Schoology Directions for Parents



<https://www.safe2saypa.org/> *If you have a concern for the well being of a fellow student or yourself, you can make an anonymous referral to SAFE2SAY.*

BASD Dining Services

<https://www.basdschools.org/dining>

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

nitschmannparentgroup@gmail.com

Executive Committee President

PAC Representatives

Core & Encore Team Updates

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](https://twitter.com/NMSLafayette) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](https://twitter.com/MrsHackman)) This week we are having our 6th grade level Spelling Bee. The kids who won the team bees will compete Thursday and Friday to be 6th grade Spelling Bee champions. Good luck to those spellers. We will also be doing some art projects in class. Please be sure to have markers and/or colored pencils for this week. We will also be having the students work to prepare some "Covid-friendly" holiday activities for Elf Day! Continue checking Schoology courses for classroom expectations and due dates, so you can make sure that your work is submitted on time.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamLehigh)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](https://www.facebook.com/NitschmannTeamLehigh) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](https://twitter.com/MrsOliver)) **Congratulations to our 6th Grade Spelling Bee Finalists: Ben Miller, Lilly Medaska, Zach Whitehouse, Chloe Ferullo, and Arman Anwari.** They will be representing the 6th grade in the school wide spelling bee at some point in the future. The 2nd Mid Quarter is approaching very quickly. Go on to your grade reports and see if there are any missing assignments and/or assignments that need to be re-done. If so, work on them and get all of your grades in good standing. It would be a very good idea to clear your plate heading into the temporary remote learning environment.

Starting this week we will be doing all of our learning remotely. All students (including the e-classroom students) will be expected to attend zoom sessions for each of their classes on their regularly assigned days: A-L - Tuesday, Thursday and M-Z Wednesday, Friday. Mondays will remain as at home days with teachers being available for office hours during the afternoon. This schedule has been gone over with all the hybrid students this past week. If you have any questions please email us.

BE SMART AND STAY WELL !!!

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://twitter.com/NMSTeamMoravian)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](https://www.facebook.com/NMSTeamMoravian) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](https://twitter.com/MrsRoufakis)) **Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Finalists: Emerson Dougherty and Katie Drabouski!** Emerson won for 6th grade overall, but both girls will compete along with three other 6th graders, and the 7th/8th grade finalists in the school spelling

bee. The Mid quarter is approaching quickly and students should be checking their grade reports to complete any eligible missing/late assignments.

Team Kutztown (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#)) -**English** (Mr. Falteich) - Students will continue to write a Text Dependent Analysis Essay. Thesis statements, transitions, and adding textual support will be 3 key focus areas. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This week we will be reviewing for the test on the Scientific Method. After school on Friday, December 18th the test will be published and posted on Schoology. ALL students will have from then until TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd to complete and submit the test. **ALL TESTS MUST BE COMPLETED & SUBMITTED BY THE END OF THE DAY ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND!** **Math (Mrs. Evancho)** - **Students should be bringing calculators to class every day.** We will be reviewing and taking the Unit 2 assessment this week.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](#)) Please see the email from Mrs. Getz regarding your schedule and virtual expectations. Email with any questions. The Zoom classes will be different, but we will persevere! We've got this! **ELA (Getz)** - This week, we will have a virtual Kahoot review for our Unit #2 assessment. Students will complete their "Christmas Carol Interview" and take the Unit #2 test. **ELA Downey-** We will wrap up reading *Flesh and Blood So Cheap* and take a unit exam next week. **MATH: Students should be bringing their calculators to class every day.** Students periods 3,6 and 9 will be taking a unit test during their Zoom time on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Later in the week, we will begin the next unit by reviewing how to convert between fractions, decimals and percents. Students in periods 2 and 8 are still working with applications of the percent equation. **SCIENCE:** This week we will be reviewing for our exam on the intro to life. On Thursday and Friday, students will be taking the exam through schoology during their scheduled zoom class.



Team DeSales (8th) (Team Leader [Mrs. Pogue](#)): Instagram [@NMSTeamDSU8](#) Follow the Teacher Elves!
Please set up the following at home for a successful start to our short term remote learning

- Have a quiet spot to complete your zoom calls
- Have all your materials organized and ready in your spot: books, notebooks, pencil, laptop, etc
- Make sure you have all your zoom links organized on the electronic schedule we gave you
- Remove distractions in your quiet spot
 - Put away video games
 - Tv's off
 - Put cell phones in another room
- Create a routine for your the days you are NOT on zoom: Consider following the same time schedule as your Zoom days.
- Keep a consistent sleep schedule
- Communicate with your teachers if you need help!

History Classes: Oral History Projects are Due on December 15th or 16th. Do Not Wait to complete your project.

Math: Continue to work on Khan Academy Folders. Be sure to check your "zeroes" and make sure you complete your work before mid-quarter

Science: Finishing up chemistry this week!

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#))

ALL students should be looking at the AGENDA for EACH COURSE to complete daily assignments. If you are only looking at the "upcoming assignments" listed in Schoology, you ARE missing additional information/assignments to complete for each class. **ALL missed assignments are due by WEDNESDAY of this week. Please contact your teacher with any questions regarding grades by Tuesday.**

- ❑ ALL ZOOM links can be found in the Course Headquarters.
- ❑ Be present and participate in this week's remote learning - embrace the change:)
- ❑ Remember to have the correct Zoom name displayed and cameras ready for action!

HISTORY - Explain why the adoption of the Declaration of Independence was an important event in the American Revolution and a necessary step in the process of achieving independence. **In Wallalch's ELA** class, we are currently reading *The Outsiders*. Students will need to have their notebooks, folders, and books to our zoom lessons. Please check for updates on their learning guide. Mrs. Hinkel's **ELA** class will discuss our reading of "Commencement Address to the

Santa Fe Indian School.” We will also be working on a presentation assignment associated with the reading. Grammar quizzes are still scheduled for Dec. 15 and Dec. 16. . **SCIENCE** Students are exploring Atoms. We will be reviewing Atoms on Tues/Weds and a Quiz on Atoms will be Thursday/Friday. **MATH:** Grade 8 Math is working on solving linear equations. Algebra 1 students will be working with linear functions.

Team Pitt (Encore) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#) Team Leader Mrs. Hoffman [Mrs. Hoffman](#))

Health and Physical Education - Find our zoom link on Schoology, please stay prompt for class. We will have all 3 classes on the same link. Stay up to date with your Schoology assignments. The weekly folder with the assignments is posted every Monday and closes every Sunday night at 11:59pm. More information to come on your mandatory class zoom sessions each week. Email or schoology message your teacher with any questions or concerns.

[S.Weinert](#) [K. Long](#) [M.Villani](#)

Family and Consumer Science - Mrs. Woodring’s 6th and 7th grade classes will be moving on to our cross stitch sewing project on Friday, November 6. Please send in \$7 for the cost of the cross stitch kit in an envelope labeled with the student’s name.

General Music/Integrated Music (de Vries)- Rotation 3 is off to a great start! Please check Schoology for Zoom times and links. Remember that encore class days and periods stay the same. Only the time of the periods change.

Engineering Design and Fabrication - Parents please check your students schedules for their rotation 2 encore class. Any student enrolled in Engineering Design and Fabrication will need to provide their own clear safety glasses.

Team Bloomsburg (Encore World Language and Library) (Twitter [@NMSBloomsburg](#) / Team Leader [Dr. Sierra](#))-

***IPR week is already here!** Gr. 6 will not receive IPR grades for language, but Grs. 7 & 8 will receive IPR grades. Make sure all work is in on time.

Extracurricular Activities

Is your child interested in an after-school club or activity? Email the advisor for more information!

LHS Wrestling (Coach Hall) Interested in the 20-21 wrestling season? Click [HERE](#) and sign up to start getting info from Coach Hall - Liberty Hurricane Wrestling Coach.

AM Basketball (Advisor Dr. Mayes) None at this time.

Anime Club (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#)) We will meet again after we are back in school. Look for updates on our Schoology Group.

Art Club (Advisor [Mrs. Lund](#)) Afterschool Art Club will meet again after we are back in school.

Artsmart @ Banana Factory ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) This is the last week to sign up and start Art Smart classes. Classes will be held virtually here at Nitschmann via streaming from the professional artists at the Banana Factory. You will need your charged laptop. Classes will be held immediately after school and include Cartoon & Anime on Tuesdays (in Mrs. Lare’s Room 317) and Mosaics on Thursday (in Mrs. Lund’s Room 011). Classes will start at 3:10 and last one hour. Students will finish in time to make the late bus. Class size is limited so email Mrs. Lare right away if you’re interested. alare@basdschools.org YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START ART SMART AFTER THIS WEEK.

Dance Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) No practice during the month of December- Not during activity pd. nor after school. Please refer to Schoology for info.

Environmental Club ([Advisor Ms. Stewart](#)) - Greetings Students, we are launching a new club at Nitschmann that aims at educating and energizing students to live more environmentally conscious. All students are welcomed to participate. Simply search for this club in Schoology and request to join. Zoom links or meetings will be posted there!

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.

Lacrosse Intramurals: ([Advisor Ms. Weinert](#)) None at this time.

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

Lion Service Club ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) Our next meeting will be 12/17 at 12pm. A Zoom link will be posted in our Schoology Group. **The Lions' Service Club is collecting used eyewear.** The eye glasses should not have broken lenses or frames. Once we collect the glasses, we will be giving them to the Lions Club who will have them reconditioned and the glasses will then be given to those in need at no cost on mission trips. There will be collection containers on each floor after the break. Please place the glasses in the containers which will be located in the common area on each floor.

Lion's Pride (online school newspaper) ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will not meet this week in school. I will post a link for a zoom meeting on Monday in the Schoology group page. We have finished our first edition for the Newspaper. Click on the following link to access it. [Lion's Pride Newspaper 2020-2021 First Edition](#)

Mathcounts ([Advisor Mrs. Novatnak Lafey](#)) **We're still welcoming new members in grades 6, 7 and 8.**

MathCounts is a nationwide mathematics enrichment and competition program. Nitschmann has had a long tradition of success. If you do well in math and are looking for a challenge, then you should get involved. Students in all 3 grades are welcome to participate. We will be meeting after school (both in person and through Zoom), alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:05 - 3:50. Our **sixth meeting will be Thursday, December 10th** at 3:05 in Room 213 (and on Zoom for those in the Hybrid Z and e-Classroom groups). If you haven't already registered on the AOPS website, please do so using the link in the Schoology group. You need to create an account in order to participate in the competitions.

Students MUST fill out this Google form in order to attend.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRKjpYx4-QJlunsh7Qx3PUtuE2lrd6TlpeVTFshIKDdndEwA/viewform?usp=sf_link Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Lafey, nnovatnak@basdschools.org

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs_Nistchmann](#)) Please check and post an idea/update in our Schoology Group. The goal is to have a service learning project for when we return to school.

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniaik](#)) No rehearsals the week of 12/14. See the update emails from Mrs. Hriniaik for information on upcoming Zooms. Keep doing some online research about Hairspray background topics so you have a better understanding of our show. Listen to your music at home and read your script so you know the show forwards, backwards, and inside-out!

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

Photography Club: Students please continue to edit your Bokeh photos we took at the beginning of December. When you are finished editing in Pixlr, submit to Ms. Krause via email at rkrause@basdschools.org. Would be a great way to share holiday spirit on the Nitschmann Instagram page.

Reading Olympics ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#)) During the short term remote learning, we will NOT be meeting through Zoom. Please continue to read the books and write summaries for the books on the booklist. The 2020-2021 Reading Olympics book list and summaries are available online on Nitschmann's website under the library. You can contact Mrs. Nonnemacher, Mr. Pearson or Mrs. Wekheiser if you have any questions. We will be selling masks on Monday, December 14th and Wednesday, December 16th from 10:00 AM - 11:00 A.M. outside of Nitschmann if anyone would like to purchase one for a holiday gift. When we return from our short term remote learning, our Nitschmann Mask fundraiser will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the Lion's Pride period in the Library! They are \$10.00 a piece. A picture of what one looks like is below. The competition will be virtual this year on April 15th, 2021 at 3:30 P.M. Please contact Mrs. Nonnemacher, Mr. Pearson or Mrs. Wekheiser if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great year!



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](#)) Passes were handed out. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Downey.

Spanish Club ([Advisor Ms. Bouhana](#)) We will not meet this week. I will post a link to a zoom meeting in our Schoology group later this week for Monday.

Student Lighthouse ([Advisors Mr. Kocon / Mrs. McLaughlin / Miss Bouhana](#)) We meet every Tuesday for M-Z students and every Wednesday for A-L students. These meetings are mandatory for all members, unless you have spoken with one of us prior. Meet in room 201. Email us if you have any questions or concerns.

Step Team ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) No practice during the month of December- Not during activity pd. nor after school. Please refer to Schoology for info.

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

Student Lighthouse Team ([Advisors Mr. Kocon, Miss Bouhana, & Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) We have announced who will be part of our 2020-21 Student Lighthouse Team. We thank all students who applied. We had a great response. We look forward to working with you. More information will be available during LEAD this week.



Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Markovic & Mrs. Gomez)

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday 12/14: No Rehearsal

Tuesday 12/15: Online Zoom lessons only

Wednesday 12/16: Online Zoom lessons only

NIMAS General Membership Meeting via Zoom 7:30pm

Thursday 12/17: Online Zoom lessons only

Friday 12/11: Online Zoom lessons only

VIRTUAL WINTER CONCERT

- It is my intent to distribute the virtual winter concert at some point this week. There is an extreme amount of editing involved to get everything to work together. Everyone will receive an email when the concert is ready to distribute.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS:

- 1) Lesson schedule and Zoom links can be found in your Schoology Activity Section 1-11 class.
- 2) **Some necessary changes to the lesson schedule have been made. I have emailed anyone who was affected by a change.**
- 3) This is a short video on [HOW TO FIND YOUR LESSON DAY, TIME, and ZOOM LINK.](#)

COLOR GUARD UPDATES:

- Rehearsals are before school at 7:15am on Thursdays/Fridays.
- We are currently working on routines for the Winter Performance.
- Review basic skills, spins, and routines.
- YOUTUBE Playlist of skills, spins, and routines.

NIMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next NIMAS general membership meeting is on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30PM.
- The \$25 registration fee has been added to your child's financial obligation page on Cut Time. There are 3 ways you can make a payment.
- You can use funds from your fair share account. Please email the treasurer at NIMASTreasurer@gmail.com if you would like to use your fair share to pay the registration fee.
- You can pay online with a credit or debit card.
- You can mail a check to: (Make your check payable to NIMAS. Write your child's full name on the memo line.)

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If you have any questions, please contact the treasurer at NIMASTreasurer@gmail.com.

- ❖ The next NIMAS general membership meeting is Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30pm.
- ❖ If you received an invitation email from Mr. Zettlemoyer from Cut Time, that is because you need to complete the activation of your Cut Time profile.
- ❖ All logo clothing has been distributed. If you have not paid for your logo clothing, you can pay online by going to your child's profile page on Cut Time or you can pay by check.
 - You can mail a check to: (Make your check payable to NIMAS. Write your child's full name on the memo line.)

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FUNDRAISING:

- Help raise funds for our Instrumental Music Program while enjoying a salon experience at Among Friends Hair & Nail Design. Among Friends Hair & Nail Design will generously donate a portion of sales from the salon service that you receive. Appointments must be booked in December 2020 for services to be received in January 2021.

Visit www.amongfriends.vpweb.com for a complete list of services

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- **Amazon Smile** - Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Go to <http://www.nmsim.org/announcements/amazon-smile/> for more information.

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

Do you love to sing? Come and join Glee Club, Nitschmann’s chorus! Watch our spring celebration video to take a peek into our beautiful choral family: [Glee Celebration Video](#). Hybrid students are currently meeting in person during Lion’s Pride time. Come prepared to sing outside if the weather is nice. We also have weekly Zoom rehearsals every Monday from 10:15-10:55. **Students interested in Glee should register at this link:** [Glee Registration](#)
 Please see Mrs. de Vries with any questions. Let’s keep the family growing!

Please stay in touch by checking our Schoology page for current information!

Rehearsal Schedule

Monday 12/14-Glee Zoom **10:15-10:55** [Link on Schoology group page](#)
 Monday 12/21-Glee Zoomabration! **10:15-10:55** [Link on Schoology group page](#)

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS Athletics](#))

Winter Sports (Basketball & Wrestling): Winter sports are delayed until January 11, 2021.

Year-long

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long klong@basdschools.org)

There will be no cheerleading during Lion’s Pride this week 12/1 & 12/2 or next week 12/8 & 12/9.

Weekly Schedule		
Monday	None	None
Tuesday	None	None
Wednesday	None	None
Thursday	None	None
Friday	None	None

Fall

Boys Football (Head Coach Mr. Shemanski mshemanski@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)

Winter

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday	None	None
Tuesday	None	None
Wednesday	None	None
Thursday	None	None
Friday	None	None

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday	None	None
Tuesday	None	None
Wednesday	None	None
Thursday	None	None
Friday	None	None

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

LHS Wrestling (Coach Hall) - Interested in wrestling @ LHS? Click [HERE](#) and sign up to start getting info from Coach Hall - Liberty Hurricane Wrestling Coach.

Weekly Schedule		
Monday	None	None
Tuesday	None	None
Wednesday	None	None
Thursday	None	None
Friday	None	None

Spring

Girls MS Softball (Head Coach Mr. Kocon ekocon@basdschools.org)

Weekly Schedule		
Monday	None	None
Tuesday	None	None
Wednesday	None	None
Thursday	None	None
Friday	None	None

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

Weekly Schedule		
Monday	None	None
Tuesday	None	None
Wednesday	None	None
Thursday	None	None
Friday	None	None

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