

**Parent & Student Weekly Email**  
**Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update**  
**100 Years of Learning @ Home of the Nitschmann Nation**  
**Sunday, August 29, 2021, to Sunday, September 5, 2021**

*Download the [BASD App](#) and select "Nitschmann" to receive all alerts to your phone.*

**[BASD Covid Mitigation Level \(link to BASD\) - Tier 3 \(Universal masking for all students & staff, grades PreK-12\)](#)**

- **Welcome Back Video from Dr. Mayes & Mrs. Woodson - [YouTube Video Link](#)**
- **First Day of School 8/30 (6th Graders report at 8:05am, 7th & 8th Graders report at 11:05am).** Review our Welcome Back Letter when posted with your child’s schedule for more information. 6th Grade Orientation will be held during the morning of the first day of school. Masks are required inside of Nitschmann Middle School for everyone. Please remember to only use 9th Avenue to drop off your child to school.
- **BASD Bussing Transportation** - Bus passes should have arrived at your homes on Friday/Saturday from BASD Transportation. **All questions about transportation should be directed to BASD Transportation Customer Service Number 610-861-0360.** We STRONGLY encourage students to ride the bus to get to school to reduce traffic congestion during arrival and departure. Masks are required by federal law on all BASD school buses.
- **Registration Gateway Back-To-School Portal - [The Back-To-School Portal\(link\)](#)** is now open for all parents to complete. All parents must complete the Back-To-School Portal even if they do not have changes to their child's information. There are a number of items parents need to review related to information from the district on the portal. Please use the directions provided to you in the mail from the district.
- **Grading Rx Survey** - The district is preparing for a change in the way we approach grading. Please participate in our BASD district-wide survey about your opinions about grading & homework. Click the link! [GradingRx survey](#)

**\*\*\*Links to Review \*\*\*\*\***

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

[BASD 2021-2022 Calendar](#)

[NMS School Supply List](#)

**\*\*\*Weekly Schedule & Highlights @ [BASD NMS Event Calendar](#)\*\*\*\*\***

*See all long-term events on our [BASD NMS Event Calendar on the BASD Website](#)*

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes
Monday	8/30	1	First Day of School 6th Grade report at 8:05am; 7th & 8th report at 11:05am <b>*Masks required for all indoors under Tier 3 **</b>
Tuesday	8/31	2	
Wednesday	9/1	3	6th & 7th Framework for Citizenship Assemblies
Thursday	9/2	4	8th Framework for Citizenship Assembly First Day of Gifted Seminar
Friday	9/3	5	First Day of LEAD September Fire Drill

**\*\*\*School-wide Announcements**

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**Schoolwide Library Services (Werkheiser) [lwerkheiser@basdschools.org](mailto:lwerkheiser@basdschools.org)** for help with books or services.

[The library website is full of resources for students.](#)

MEREDITH WILLSON'S  
**THE MUSIC MAN JR.**



Nitschmann Dramatics is pleased to announce this year's show is The Music Man Jr.! We will be having **Informational Meetings & Movie Afternoons Thursday 9/2 and Friday 9/3** after school in the Nitschmann Auditorium until 6:00pm...mark your calendar! This is your chance to sign up for Nitschmann Dramatics, find out more about The Music Man, ask questions, get information about auditions, etc. Click here for Nitschmann Dramatics Information...it's a big document, so read through it with your grown-up!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nFy-p0w\\_grZO1yQdoJ-1h4dtpVQiCTE0nxeiRyZMg3c/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nFy-p0w_grZO1yQdoJ-1h4dtpVQiCTE0nxeiRyZMg3c/edit?usp=sharing)

Click here to register and sign up for Nitschmann Dramatics and The Music Man Jr.!

<https://forms.gle/ViZDqSRNJdU1aFkP8>

\*\*\*Student Services Updates \*\*\*\*\*

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

6th Grade: [Mr. Kehler's Counseling Google Site for Students](#)

[Library Equity](#)   [A Quiet Place](#)

7th Grade: [Mrs. Hipp's Counseling Google Site for Students](#)

8th Grade: [Ms. Stewart's Counseling Google Site for Students](#)

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAP); CAN IT HELP MY CHILD WHO IS STRUGGLING?**



\*\*\*Core & Encore Team Updates \*\*\*\*\*

**Team Lafayette** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#) Team Lafayette is looking forward to meeting you on Monday. We have a lot planned for this week. We hope you are excited and ready for a year of learning and fun.

**Team Lehigh** (6th) (Twitter [@NMSTeamLehigh](#)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#) First week of School!!!! We are so excited to be back to full classes and to meet our new flock of young Mountain Hawks!!! We know you will make us proud!!! Please enjoy our Welcome to Team Lehigh Video: [https://youtu.be/MxOHAdB4\\_\\_0](https://youtu.be/MxOHAdB4__0)

**Team Moravian** (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeam Moravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#) We can not wait to meet you on Monday! We are looking forward to a great year of learning and fun.

**Team Kutztown** (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#) Team Leader [Mr. Falteich](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)  
**Team** - We can't wait to meet our new 7th graders on Monday! Remember, school starts at 11:00 AM for all 7th and 8th graders. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This week students will be getting to know me, the other teachers on the team, and the other students. We will be going over team expectations for the year, as well as the expectations for Science class. After that, we will get started on our first chapter which will be on lab equipment and safety.

**Team Penn State** (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

**Team DeSales** (8th) (Team Leader [Mrs. Pogue](#)): Instagram [@NMSTeamDSU8](#) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#) We cannot wait to meet you all! Get ready for a year of learning, self-discovery, and lots of fun. Please make sure you charge your computer for Monday! We'll be together as a team both Monday and Friday afternoons this week to get to practice some team building skills. Come ready for work and fun!

**Team Northampton** (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

**Team Pitt:** (Encore Health and PE, and All 30 day rotation classes) (Team Leader [Mrs. Long](#)) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

**Team Bloomsburg** (Encore World Language and Library) (Twitter [@NMSBloomsburg](#) / Team Leader [Dr. Sierra](#))-[See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#)

**\*\*\*Extracurricular Activities\*\*\*\*\***

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

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

**Anime Club** (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#))

**Art Club** (Advisor [Mrs. Lund](#)) None at this time.

**Artsmart @ Banana Factory** ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#))

**Dance Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) None at this time.

**Environmental Club** ([Advisor Ms. Stewart](#)) None at this time.

**French Club** - ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) Nothing 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](#)) None at this time.

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

**Mathcounts** ([Advisor Mrs. Lafey](#)) MathCounts is a nationwide mathematics enrichment and competition program. Students in grades 6,7, and 8 are welcome to participate. Students involved in MathCounts will have the opportunity to work both independently and with other students on challenging problems. Our top students will earn the right to represent Nitschmann at the chapter competition in February where we face off against lots of other schools in the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos and have the opportunity to win awards like college scholarships. Our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd after school.

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

**Nitschmann Dramatics** ([Advisor Mrs. Hrinjak](#)) Nitschmann Dramatics is pleased to announce this year's show is The Music Man Jr.! We will be having **Informational Meetings & Movie Afternoons Thursday 9/2 and Friday 9/3** after school in the Nitschmann Auditorium until 6:00pm. This is your chance to find out more about Nitschmann Dramatics and The Music Man, ask questions, get information about auditions, and sign up for Nitschmann Dramatics. Click here for Nitschmann Dramatics Information...it's a big document, so read through it with your grown-up!  
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Click here to register and sign up for Nitschmann Dramatics and The Music Man Jr!  
<https://forms.gle/ViZDqSRNJdU1aFkP8>

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

**Photography Club** ([Advisor Ms. Krause](#))

**Reading Olympics** ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#) )

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

**The Lion's Den School Store** (Advisors [Ms. Roufakis](#) & [Mrs. Evancho](#))

**\*\*Ski & Snowboard Club** ([Advisors Mr. Downey and Mrs. Druckenmiller](#))

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

**Student Lighthouse** ( [Advisors Mr. Kocon / Mrs. McLaughlin / Miss Bouhana](#)).

**Step Team** ([Advisor Dr. Sierra](#)) None at this time.

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

**Yearbook** (Advisor Mrs. Markovic & Mrs. Gomez) None at this time.

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

### 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); Asst. Coach Mr. Villani, [mvillani@basdschools.org](mailto:mvillani@basdschools.org))

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

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

- Volleyball practice will be held Monday, August 30 - Thursday, Sept. 2 from 3-5 pm
- Practice on Friday, Sept. 3 will be held from 3-4:30 pm
- There will be NO practice Monday, Sept. 6 as schools are closed. Enjoy the long weekend!
- Please make sure to have a NAVY pair of spandex prior to our first game on Tuesday, Sept. 7. If you have any concerns and/or issues with purchasing a pair of spandex, please see Mrs. Hinkel or Mrs. VanWoert
- Our SPIRIT WEAR store is open. Please use the following link from Sports Center USA to purchase spirit wear for the season. Purchases are completely optional.  
<https://sportscenterusa.net/product-category/nitschmann-volleyball-2021/>
- Please make sure to ask your player for the sign up information for our REMIND app and our game schedule.

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

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### **Winter**

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

**\*\*\*Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates\*\*\*\*\***

**[Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music Website \(Click Here!\)](#)**

*Mr. Daniel Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music*

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday, August 30**

No instrumental music events

#### **Tuesday, August 31**

No instrumental music events

#### **Wednesday, September 1**

Jazz band meeting 7:15am (instrumental music room) – This meeting is open to any student in the instrumental music program who is interested in participating in the jazz band.

#### **Thursday, September 2**

Early morning band 7:15am (ALL marching band students)

#### **Friday, September 3**

Early morning orchestra 7:15am (All violin, viola, cello, bass and selected piano players)

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, September 1 - 7:15am Jazz band interest meeting

Thursday, September 2 - 7:15am First day of early morning band

Friday, September 3 - 7:15am First day of early morning orchestra

Fall mum flower sale orders are due

Wednesday, September 15 - 7:30pm NIMAS general membership meeting  
Saturday, October 16 - Nazareth Parade  
Thursday, October 21 - NMS night football game (Game begins at 5pm)  
Sunday, October 24 - Saucon Valley Parade  
Wednesday, October 27 - FHS/LHS performance rehearsal (Raindate - Thursday, Oct. 28 7:30am)  
Saturday, October 30 - FHS/LHS football game performance  
Sunday, October 31 - Bethlehem Halloween Parade (Raindate - November 7)

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## NIMAS INFORMATION

The general membership meeting minutes from August 18 have been posted to your Cut Time profile under the FILES/DOCS tab, [NIMAS General Membership Meeting Minutes](#), and then find the month you are looking for.

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## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

### FALL MUM FLOWER SALE - [ORDER FORM](#)

We will be working with Lehigh Valley Home and Garden Center for our plant fundraiser. We are offering a wonderful variety of fall mums. If you've ordered from LVHGC before, you know their products are BEAUTIFUL!

Please take orders on the back of this sheet. On the bottom, please record your totals. Return the bottom portion only of this sheet and your money due by Friday, September 3rd. We would like one check or cash per complete order. Checks can be made out to NIMAS. Late orders will not be accepted. Return all orders to the box in Mr. Zettlemyer's room. A \$2.75 profit is made on each plant sold and will be added to your student's fair share account.

Pick-up will be Monday, September 20th from 4:30-6 PM at NMS. It is VERY important you remember to pick up your order. Please be prompt. We cannot "save" plants.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you for supporting NMS Band students.

Stephanie Cramer  
717-360-8675  
scramer90@gmail.com

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## GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY



**Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music**  
Gertrude Hawk Chocolates  
**CANDY BARS!**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
48 BARS PER BOX | 1.75 OZ. EACH  
PURCHASE **\$60**  
ONE BOX AT A COST OF:  
AND EARN \$21 TO YOUR CHILD'S FAIR SHARE ACCOUNT  
VARIETY BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT ALL NIMAS MEETINGS.  
PAY IN FULL VIA CASH OR CHECK TO RECEIVE YOUR ORDER.  
SELL GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY BARS FOR \$1.25 EACH TO EARN YOUR MONEY BACK  
**OR** GIVE THEM AWAY AS GIFTS  
**OR** EAT THEM ALL YOURSELF!  
QUESTIONS: CONTACT JULIE BAILEY AT JULIE\_BAILEY1@MSN.COM

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## **GIANT GIFT CARDS**

- Sold in \$100 increments
- \$4.00 of every \$100 purchased goes to your fair share account

## **WEIS GIFT CARDS**

- Sold in \$100 increments
  - \$4.00 of every \$100 purchased goes to your fair share account
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## **AMAZON SMILE**

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.

You shop. Amazon gives.

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
- Questions? [Learn more about AmazonSmile](#)

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Log on to Amazon Smile. <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. If you can search for a charity from your home page type in: Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association.
3. If you cannot search from the home page click on YOUR ACCOUNT.
4. Under Settings, look for Change your Charity.
5. Click on Change your Charity.
6. In the search box type Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association.
7. Click on the select button to the right of NIMA.
8. Create a bookmark, CTRL D, and shop away.