

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

MARCH 2025

Dates to Remember:

March 3rd -- Krispy Kreme Pick Up
March 3rd -- Yearbook order forms due
March 3rd - 7th -- School Social Work Week
March 7th -- Dental Screenings
March 12th -- Club Day
March 13th - 15th -- Alice in Wonderland Performance
March 13th -- Artrageous Event
March 17th -- SCHOOLS IN SESSION
March 18th -- Parent Internet Safety Presentation
March 19th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 pm
March 25th -- Spring Pictures
March 26th -- Club Day
March 20th-- District Night of Jazz
March 31st -- End of 3rd Marking Period
April 1st -- Jersey Mike's Dine to Donate
April 2nd -- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
April 2nd -- 2 hour early dismissal
April 4th -- PBIS Celebration Day
April 4th -- Librarian Appreciation Day
April 7th -- Assistant Principal Week
April 9th -- Club Day
April 9th and April 16th -- Spring Physicals
April 17th -- 2 hour early dismissal
April 18th - April 21st -- Schools Closed
April 22nd - April 24th -- ELA PSSA's
April 23rd -- Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day
April 23rd -- Bus Driver Appreciation Day
April 24th -- Choral Concert
April 28th - April 29th -- Math PSSA's
May 1st -- Science PSSA's (8th grade only)

PTO:

Upcoming events include:

March 13th - March 15th - Concessions at Alice in Wonderland Jr. Production
April 1st - Jersey Mike's Dine for a Cause
April 7th - April 11th - Spring Book Fair
TBD - 8th Grade Celebration Event

As our PTO grows and the needs of our building grows, we are looking for large grant opportunities. If your business, organization, cooperation offers grants for school entities, please reach out to our building or the PTO secretary, April Rouzer using the PTO e-mail address: shipmiddlepto@gmail.com.

PSSA's:

PSSA's are quickly approaching and will take place in from April 22nd - May 1st. During this time it is important that students attend school daily and are well rested. This year our PSSA's will take place online. Students will need a charged chrome book daily that is in working condition. As a reminder PERSONAL electronic devices are not allowed in the testing room; this includes phones, smart watches, and personal calculators. The school will issue PSSA approved calculators for the testing period. Additional information will be distributed via the newsletter and the district's messaging system closer to the time.

ArtRageous

A student art exhibit
Thursday March 13th
from 5:30-7:00 in the
SASH Art wing



What:

- Art exhibit
 - Face painting
 - Art activities for children
 - Live music
- SASH Coffee House will perform FREE music and poetry from 7pm 9pm in the SASH library

Join us for an evening of artwork, children's art activities, media demonstrations, live music and more. Artwork created by students from all grade levels will be on display. Wrap up your Artrageous night with SASHS Coffee House, a student show of live music and poetry, in the SASHS Library.

Alice in Wonderland Jr. Production

Tickets Alice in Wonderland Junior will go on sale starting Tuesday, February 25th from 2:45-4:00 pm in the SAMS lobby, then from 2:45-5:00 in the SAMS lobby on the following dates: 2/26, 2/27, 2/28, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/7, 3/11, 3/12. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children/students. Tickets will be sold on the nights of the performances as well. Performances will be Thursday, March 13th, Friday, March 14th, and Saturday, March 15th. Performances will start at 7 pm in the SAMS auditorium. There will be drinks, snacks, and flowers to buy provided by the PTO.

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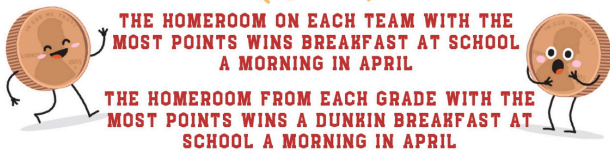
PENNY WAR



March 10-20

WHO: Each Homeroom is competing against the other Homeroom classes on their team. You only place coins in jars of those who are on your team.

HOW: Each Homeroom has their own coin jar for collecting money located inside the teacher's classroom. You **ADD points** to your class's score by adding silver coins (Nickels, Dimes, and Quarters) to your jar and **SUBTRACT POINTS** from other classes on your team by adding pennies to their jar.



THE HOMEROOM ON EACH TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL A MORNING IN APRIL




THE HOMEROOM FROM EACH GRADE WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS A DUNKIN BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL A MORNING IN APRIL

WHY: All proceeds raised will be donated to the High Schools' Mini-Thon which raises money for **The Four Diamonds**, an organization making a difference in the lives of children fighting cancer.


WHEN: Coins can be collected March 10-20. Jars will be collected at the end of the day on Thursday, March 13 to have an update for points with jars returned on Friday March 14. Jars will be collected for the final time at the end of the day on Thursday, March 20. The winning homerooms will be announced on Friday, March 21.

POINT SYSTEM

ADDING POINTS

-  NICKEL = +1 POINTS
-  DIME = +3 POINTS
-  QUARTER = +5 POINTS

SUBTRACTING POINTS

-  PENNY = -1 Point

Yearbooks:

Sales for online and paper orders will run Monday, February 3 to Monday, March 3. All paper orders are due Monday, March 3rd to the school. Paper orders received after March 3rd will be returned to the student to place the order online for an additional fee. Only online orders will be available for purchase until Monday, March 31st. After this date parents/students will have to contact the school to purchase a yearbook.

Use the link below to purchase online:

<https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/shippensburgareamiddleschool>



Building Contact Information:

Main Office -- 717.530.2750

Office Hours -- 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SAMS Attendance E-Mail --

samsattendance@ship.k12.pa.us

Principal -- Jeremy Barnes extension 5901

Assistant Principal --

Stephanie Barnhart -- Last Names A - K extension 5902

April Fitz -- Last Names L - Z extension 5903

School Counselor --

Angie McKee -- Last Names A - K extension 5923

Rosemary Junkin -- Last Names L - Z extension 5922

School Social Worker --

Tabitha Curtis extension 5917



Community Resources:

Aliff Counseling -- 717.477.2556

(School Based Mental Health Provider)

Teenline -- 866.350.4357

Cumberland/Perry Drug and Alcohol -- 717.240.6300

Crisis Chambersburg Hospital -- 717.264.2555

Drew Michael Taylor Foundation --

<https://drewmichaeltaylor.org/>



District Calendar Changes:

Please note the following calendar changes due to snow days this winter:

January 6th -- Make up March 17th

January 7th -- Make up June 4th

February 6th -- Make up June 5th

The 3rd Marking Period will now end March 31st and the last day of school will be June 5, 2025.

Building Website:

The middle school webpage is a great place to find information regarding your student's teachers and contact information, cycle days, building events, and homework materials. Visit www.shipk12.org/middleschool.

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LET TRAINED VOLUNTEERS PREPARE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

Families (2 or more people) who made \$67,000 or less and individuals who made \$45,000 or less in 2024 may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through Money in Your Pocket (MIYP). MIYP is part of the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

- The amount of money you get back depends on many factors and may not be the same as last year.
- To get a refund, you must file a tax return even if you don't owe anything.
- If you did not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in the past but were eligible, you can file an amendment at any time during the year for up to three previous tax years. You may be eligible for money you did not know about!
- Refunds for e-filed returns that will be direct deposited are usually received in 10 days or less.



TOUCH-FREE TAXES FREE Remote Tax Preparation

Touch-Free Taxes is a free tax preparation program which can be done from the comfort of your home by connecting you to a trained volunteer to complete your taxes.

You can start using the Touch-Free Taxes service starting February 3, 2025 by visiting:

www.getyourfund.org/uwcrna

For more information, e-mail mip@uwcr.org or call 717.724.4077.

Touch-Free Taxes is brought to you by the Money in Your Pocket program.

FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

If you fit these guidelines, you may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

| Children | Single Income (filing jointly) | Married (filing jointly) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| No children | \$18,591 | \$25,511 |
| 1 child | \$49,084 | \$56,004 |
| 2 children | \$55,768 | \$62,688 |
| 3 or more children | \$59,899 | \$66,619 |

All reasonable accommodations will be provided at no cost to individuals with special needs. For more information about special accommodations, or the availability of interpreters, call the MIYP info line at 717.724.4077, or e-mail mip@uwcr.org.

MONEY IN YOUR POCKET PARTNERS:

- Bello Community Credit Union
- Boster Memorial Library
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- Citizens Bank
- Code For America/Get Your Return
- Dickinson College
- Employment Skills Center
- First Christian Church of Lemoyne
- First United Church of Christ
- Market Square Presbyterian Church
- Massiah University
- Middletown Public Library
- Milieu/Janita Human Services
- New Hope Ministries, Inc.
- Penn State Dickinson School of Law
- Penn National Insurance
- Perry County Library Council
- PNC
- Shippensburg University
- Tri County Community Action
- Troust Bank
- United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County
- United Way of the Capital Region
- U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
- Widener University Commonwealth Law School

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LEAD AGENCY:



The Money in Your Pocket program is a community collaboration to provide the Earned Income Tax Credit, free tax assistance and financial literacy within the Capital Region. Money in Your Pocket does not receive discrimination by volunteers against anyone because of age, race, ethnicity, sex, marital status, religion, sex, sexual orientation or status as a parent.

For more information, call 717.724.4077 or visit www.uwcr.org/miyp or www.irs.gov.

FREE TAX PREPARATION!

Families (2 or more people) who made \$67,000 or less and individuals who made \$45,000 or less in 2024 may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program! Review the following information BEFORE arriving at a site.

You MUST bring the following documents to have your taxes prepared:

- Valid photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.) for taxpayer and spouse.
- Original Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for you, your spouse, your children and other dependents included in your tax return.
- Your current Identity Protection PIN number issued by the IRS (if you have one).
- Printed copies of all year-end tax forms you have received in the mail. (We cannot use electronic files from phones.)
- If you received health insurance from the marketplace, bring your form 1095-K.

Also bring the following information if it is available:

- Previous year's federal and state tax returns. (We can only accept prior year returns for clients who used MIYP last year.)
- If you wish to have your refund deposited directly into your checking or savings account, bring a blank check or other documentation from your bank/credit union that shows your account number and the routing transit number.
- If you expect to claim a credit for child or dependent care, bring the child care provider's address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or their Social Security number.

TAX PREPARATION WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025 AT THE FOLLOWING SITES

To schedule an appointment, dial 211 on your phone or call 855.567.5341.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

- Boster Memorial Library 150 W. High St., Carlisle. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Fridays: noon - 4 p.m.
- Employment Skills Center 29 S. Hanover St., Carlisle. No appointment needed. Tuesdays, Thursdays: 5:30-7 p.m.
- First Christian Church of Lemoyne 462 Hanover Ave., Lemoyne. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Thursdays: 6-8 p.m. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon. (Second & 8th Saturdays each month)
- First United Church of Christ 30 N. Pitt St., Carlisle. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Mondays: 3:30-7 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (2022 only)
- Massiah University One University Ave., Mechanicsburg 717.796.1800, ext. 7300. No appointment needed. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Open 2024 thru 4/24. Closed 3/19.)
- New Hope Ministries, Inc. 5228 Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg. No appointment needed. Mondays, Wednesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW

- 150 S. College St., Rm. 104, Carlisle. No appointment needed. Thursdays: 4-8 p.m. (Closed 3/12)
- Shippensburg University 68 W. King St., Shippensburg. No appointment needed. Wednesdays: 5-8 p.m. (Closed 3/12)
- Tri County Community Action 123 N. Enoch Dr., 2nd Floor, Ettsville. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

- 1514 Cherry St., Harrisburg. Tuesdays: 6-8:30 p.m. (No appointment needed) Thursdays: 6-8:30 p.m. (Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule)
- Widener Law Commonwealth & Central PA Law Clinic 3925 Varian Way, Harrisburg. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon

PERRY COUNTY

- Perry County Library Council 133 South 3th St., Newport. Appointment only. Call 717.567.7323 to schedule. Mondays: 5-8 p.m. with other events and some Saturdays.
- Tri County Community Action 8407 Spring Rd., New Bloomfield. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Fridays: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DAUPHIN COUNTY

- Bello Community Credit Union 448 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Wednesdays: 5:30-8 p.m.
- Market Square Presbyterian Church 20 S. Second St., Harrisburg. No appointment needed. Tuesdays, Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Middletown Public Library 20 North Catherine St., Middletown. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Mondays, Thursdays: 5-8 p.m.
- Tri County Community Action 20 Clearfield St., Elizabethtown. Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - noon

For more information, contact United Way of the Capital Region at 717.724.4077, or e-mail mip@uwcr.org. Do not call sites directly unless a number is listed.

The Shippensburg Area School District Music Department Presents

The 23rd Annual Evening of Jazz

At the SASHS Auditorium
March 20, 2025 at 7:00pm

Donations benefit the Music Department

- GBLUES Chorus
- SAMS Orchestra
- SAIS Chorus
- 7th & 8th Grade Jazz Bands
- 6th Grade Jazz Band
- Sr. High Jazz Band
- Accidentals
- Sharpers

Contact: EveningofJazz@gmail.com | Jen Enders 717-530-2750 Ext. 5988

Youth Services Programs Jan-May 2025

Join us at the
Jeffrey W. & Jo Anne R. Coy
Public Library of Shippensburg

https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/sites/default/files/Coy%20Public%20Library%20Youth%20Services%202025%20Spring%20Flier-Digital_2.pdf



drew's hope

A grief and loss support program for children, teens, and their families who are grieving the death of a loved one.

DREW'S HOPE IS HELD AT LUHR'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

FREE 7-SESSION FALL AND SPRING PROGRAMS

*Each session includes dinner followed by separate support groups with activities/play centers, therapy dog visits, grief education & discussion for Adults, Teens and Children

A program of the



More info. at www.drewmichaeltaylor.org

Spring 2025

Shippensburg University (Luhr's Elementary School)
Seven Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 25 - April 15, 2025
(*no sessions on 3/11)

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Marcie Taylor of the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation at (717) 532-8922 or drewmichaeltaylor@pa.net

Drew's Hope participants on the program's impact:

"You and your staff have given me a sense of peace and you have given my boys their self-confidence back."

"I am much stronger than the person who walked in the door a few months ago. I learned a lot about obtaining strength from sharing."

"Being together through memories, laughter and tears, we have learned to go on and survive."

24/7/365 CARE

Comprehensive support for all ages

Mobile crisis services: available for all ages

To access mobile crisis support, contact Cumberland/Perry County Crisis at (717) 763-2222, or dial 988 to reach the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The mobile crisis team will come to your location to provide essential care and support.

The school will work closely with parents/guardians and seek their consent when necessary for providing support at school.

Urgent care services: for adults and youth 14+

No appointment or referral is needed—simply walk in anytime to receive immediate mental health support and on-site assistance at the center.

Interested in learning more about the Connections emergency behavioral health crisis walk-in center?

Visit connections.harrisburg
1100 S. Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

