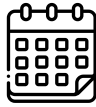


# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY SEPTEMBER 2024

### Dates to Remember:



- September 2nd -- No School
- September 18th -- 2 hour Early Dismissal
- September 18th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- September 20th-- Picture Day at SAMS
- September 25th -- Cherrydale Fundraiser Kick Off
- September 25th -- 1st Day of Clubs
- October 2nd -- Custodian Appreciation Day
- October 5th -- World Teacher Day
- October 9th -- Club Day
- October 11th -- No School
- October 14th -- No School
- October 22nd -- YES! Junior Achievement
- October 25th -- End of Marking Period 1
- October 25th -- Picture Make Up Day
- November 6th -- Club Day
- November 8th -- No School
- November 11th -- No School

### Parent Drop Off:

Parent drop off for students in the morning will continue to occur at 7:00 a.m. at the side entrance of the building. Students will enter the building and be directed to the cafeteria where breakfast can be purchased if desired.



### Lunch Prices:

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- Breakfast -- Free for All Students
- Lunch -- \$3.30

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.  
-Mahatma Gandhi

The Federal Government has renewed funding for the free breakfast/lunch for all students program. Students will be need to have monies available on their account to purchase lunch. You may add money to your student's account using the following link: <https://shipk12.revtrak.net/>.

The link for online free/reduced meal application is available on the district website or web address: [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)

### Safe 2 Say Something

Safe 2 Say is an anonymous tip app and website that any user can report warning signs, threats to themselves or others, self harm, and other concerns before it is too late. Tips are assessed and process through the crisis center and acted upon as necessary by local agencies and school personnel.

### SAMS Anti Bullying Pledge

- We will not bully other students.
- We will help students who are bullied.
- We will include students who are left out.
- If we know of someone who is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and home.

### Athletic Information

A reminder that MS aged students and younger are not permitted into sporting events without the accompaniment of an adult. Students should remain with an adult throughout the sporting event. This includes Middle School and High School sporting events.

### Teens and Grief

The first days of school were difficult for many of our students. Below are ideas on how to best support your student if they are grieving.

1. The grieving process is individualized.
2. Many teens want to grieve with their friends.
3. Grief is not linear.
4. Asking open and honest questions helps teens feel supported.
5. It helps to normalize difficult feelings related to grief.
6. Teens can experience PTSD event if they weren't present at the loss.
7. If teens respond uncharacteristically, consult a professional.

Additional information and resources can be located through the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation at <https://drewmichaeltaylor.org/> and The Highmark Caring Foundation at <https://www.highmarkcaringplace.com/cp2/index.shtml>.

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### Website:

The middle school has an active website as part of parent and community communication. The website includes a building calendar, team and department pages, and additional helpful links. Visit the website frequently to stay up to date on middle school happenings.

**Additionally, each team has a page that includes the Homework Slides. The Homework Slides tell students and parents what assignments are to be worked on each day.**

### Bus Behavior:

As school begins a flood of yellow busses will once again be taking to the streets. A reminder to students that behavior on the bus should replicate behavior in the classroom. Students should be:

- seated in their assigned seat throughout the bus ride
- quiet throughout the bus ride
- respectful throughout the bus ride to their peers and driver
- only ride their assigned bus

Electronics may be used on the bus, however music should not be played without earbuds.

### Electronics:

Cellphones and earbuds are not permitted for use in the middle school. Devices will be taken and discipline will be issued.

### Locks

Locks are still available for purchase through the main office. Students may bring money to the main office throughout the day to purchase. Used locks are \$3.00. A reminder to all families and students that the district is not responsible for any items stolen or taken from a locker. Additionally, students are responsible for all items within their locker. We recommend purchasing a lock and keeping the combination private. Students should also refrain from sharing lockers with another student.

### Spirit Wear

The PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program is hosting a Spirit Wear Sale. Please visit the link below to purchase your spirit items.

<https://cvruniforms.com/product-category/pbis-greyhounds/?orderby=popularity>



### 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



### 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
- Assistant Principal --  
Stephanie Barnhart -- Last Names A - K  
April Fitz -- Last Names L - Z
- School Counselor --  
Angie McKee -- Last Names A - K  
Rosemary Junkin -- Last Names L - Z
- School Social Worker --  
Tabitha Curtis

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SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Greyhound Family,  
To everyone who came out to play and support us: teachers, coaches, students, sponsors, alumni and friends - THANK YOU! Our 7th Annual Greyhound Foundation Golf Tournament was another huge success!

A new element in this year's tournament was a friendly squaring off between some of our high school golfers and Ship University golfers. Guess who won? Go Golf Hounds!

Speaking of rivalry, we want to thank Coach Foust and his incredibly special team of football players for bringing home the LBJ on Friday night against the Bulldogs. It was an honor to watch this extraordinary game and see the powerful bonds between all of us in our community.

Though we showed up on the golf course in the spirit of competition in support of education, education goes well beyond playing a sport and academic learning. The bonds between coaches and students, teachers and students, students with their peers as well as with their loved ones showed up for us as we played on Sunday.

Thanks again for being with us during such a difficult time, and for helping turn a time of sorrow into one of remembrance and love. The tournament became a celebration of life.  
#TheGreyhoundFoundation  
#EducationMatters

Sue Fink, Executive Director, The Greyhound Foundation

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### SIGN UP FOR GREY MATTER GROUP

MEET NEW PEOPLE  
SAFE SPACE TO TALK

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- 8 sessions
- 45 minutes per week
- Receive \$30 in gift cards for attending all 8 sessions!

Learn about healthy coping skills for stressful situations and talk with other classmates!

QUESTIONS?  
TABITHA.CURTIS@SHIP.K12.PA.US  
OR (717)-530-2700 X5917

Talk to Mrs. Curtis to sign up. Click the link or scan the QR code to register

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3VXWYQS](https://bit.ly/3VXWYQS)





### Skate Night

## RED WHITE & BLUE

September 11th 6:30pm-8:30pm

Roll 'R' Way

1993 Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg, PA 17201



**YES!**  
YOUR ECONOMIC SUCCESS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Volunteer for our YES! program.

Shippensburg Area Middle School  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
Approximately 7:30 AM to 11:15 AM

- Empower students to own their own economic success.
- Facilitate fun & engaging career readiness activities.
- Receive both virtual training & on-site support.
- Have fun while impacting our future generations!
- Light breakfast provided

WATCH NOW [CLICK HERE](#)

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**  
ADULT VOLUNTEERS ONLY

Junior Achievement of South Central PA  
717-843-8028 | [www.jascpa.org](http://www.jascpa.org)  
Contact us at [sbaker@jascpa.org](mailto:sbaker@jascpa.org)



**CareerTech**  
Franklin County Career & Technology Center

### Virtual Information Night

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 5:30-6:30 PM

Is your child a potential future CareerTech student?  
Have questions about the Open House or unsure of the application process?  
Do you know how to best prepare your student for acceptance?  
Get answers to these questions and more!  
Please register using the QR code below.

THIS SESSION is for anyone with questions about CareerTech, no matter what grade your student is in. Use the link below to join us **virtually** on Sept. 27th.

 Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device.  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

