

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

OCTOBER 2026

Dates to Remember:



October 2nd--COLOR RUN!!!!

October 2nd--School Custodial Appreciation Day

October 7th--Club Day

October 12th--No School

October 13th--New Exploratories Begin

October 15th--7th Grade Winter Sports Sign Up

October 16th--8th Grade Winter Sports Sign Up

October 16th--PBIS Celebration Day

October 19, 20, 22--8th Grade Hiking Field Trip

October 21st--Club Day

October 21st--PTO Meeting @ 7pm

October 22nd--6th Grade Teens and Technology

October 23rd--Picture Make Up Day

October 26th--End of Marking Period 1

October 29th--6th Grade Teens and Technology

Staff Changes

Mrs. Barnhart has accepted the position of building principal at SAMS. Mrs. Barnhart is very excited to lead the community, teachers, families, and students at SAMS into greater things. As the theme this year is to dig deep and be rooted, it is her plan to help students feel connected at SAMS and to dig deeper into academic success. Mrs. Barnhart will continue to work with students last name beginning A - K until a new assistant principal is hired.

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.

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SOMETHING

SEE IT. REPORT IT.



MOBILE APP



1-844-SAF2SAY



SAFE2SAYPA.ORG

Reminders

Remember to follow the speedlimit on Eberly Drive.

Smoking is not permitted on campus or any athletic events (vaping is included in this and includes the school parking lots). If caught vaping at an athletic event you will be asked to leave.

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.

PBIS Criteria

Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program rewards students for meeting expected behavior expectations. The program works to reward students through our paper currency, Champ Chances. Students can use the Champ Chances to purchase items in their classroom stores, participate in grade level raffles, go outside during lunch and enter raffles during marking period activities.

Marking period events also take place for all eligible students in our building. Students who have accrued two or more discipline referrals during the marking period would not be eligible to participate within the marking period event. Additionally, students who have been assigned ISS or OSS during the marking period would also be considered ineligible for the marking period event. There will be opportunities for restorative practices for students to earn their way back into the marking period events at the principal/assistant principal discretion.

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Homework and Grades:

As we progress through the first marking period, it is important to be aware of your students' grades and assignments. ALL parents AND students have access to Skyward to see updates grades and/or missing assignments.

Each team within the building also has a homework slide linked on the Middle School Website. The homework slides includes details of each days' assignments and events. This is a great place to reference if your student is missing work, was absent, or is behind on assignments.

To access the homework slide navigate to our building website: <https://shipk12.org/middleschool> then navigate to your student(s) team page on the left hand side. At the bottom of each team page is a link to the homework slide.

7 HOUNDS ASSIGNMENTS Sept. 15 - 19					
Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ELA	Quill #3 Newsela Article due Friday	Thank You Mom Rough Draft	Typed Final Draft		NH
SS	Choose 2 Explorers To Research	Explorer Project Due Tuesday 9/23	Constitution Day-NH	Explorer Project Due Tuesday 9/23	Explorer Project Due Tuesday 9/23
Math 1	Pg. 163-164 #1, 2, 3, 5	Subtract Integers WS	First Column of Worksheet Turn in extra credit today	Add and Subtract Pixel Puzzle	
Linear Eq.	Distributive Property WS	Practice the Dist. Prop. WS	Distribute and CLT WS	Distribute and Combine Like Terms	
Science	NH	Obstacle Lab due Wed	Scientific Method NH	Variables NH	

- Announcements**
- Media Center open Days 2 + 5
 - Early Dismissal on Wednesday
 - Picture Day on Friday!

Classroom Stores:

Our students in previous years indicated they preferred more immediate rewards through our PBIS program. Classroom stores were developed to provide those opportunities. Students earn Champ Chances when teachers and staff see the students exhibiting expected behaviors in the classroom and around the building. One of the ways students can spend their Champ Chances is in the classroom stores. The stores contain items such as pencils, lead, Jolly Ranchers, stickers, Air Heads, pencil cases, rubber ducks, fidgets, headphones, Tic Tacs, and fruit snacks. Students are able to spend their Champ Chances at appropriate times during the day to purchase these items.

SHIPPENSBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CHRIST AMONG NEIGHBORS INVITE YOU TO

15th Annual

SHIPPENSBURG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHRISTMAS MOVIE THEME

Explore four Christmas movie-themed hallways!

8 CHRISTMAS CAROLS
8 CHRISTMAS STORIES
THE CRACK
ROBBY THE SNOWMAN

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026, 6-8 PM

SHIPPENSBURG AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
291 Eberly Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257
Open to families of the Shippensburg Area School District

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

CHRIS • GRINS • FOOD • FACE PAINTING
BINGO • PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES • SNIEN • PRESENTS & MORE!

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1ST!

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SAMS PTO

COLOR RUN

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HAS STARTED!

Get your student registered now.

Accepting donations until OCTOBER 16TH

SHIPPENSBURG YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS RESOURCE FAIR

An evening for Shippensburg Area School District families with children of all ages to:

CONNECT with resources
LEARN about youth mental wellness

OCTOBER 6TH, 2026
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
rain or shine

Shippensburg Area Senior High School
291 Eberly Drive
Shippensburg, PA

Food Trucks
Free Dinner: while supplies last

Prizes
Gift cards

Learning Activities
Kids' games and activities

Funded by
Partnership for Better Health

For more info contact:
Emily Fox
coordinator-scrs@shipresources.org
(717)477-1961
shipresources.org

OPEN HOUSE

Register

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Register at www.franklinctc.com or use the QR code.

4:30-6:00 PM - EXPLORE Local Business Opportunities

5:30-7:00 PM - Self-Guided Tour

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

27 PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Agricultural Mechanics Allied Health Animal Science Auto Collision and Repair Auto Technology Building Construction Trades Carpentry Cosmetology Culinary Arts Dental Assisting Diesel Mechanics Early Childhood Education Electrical Occupations	Electronics Engineering Technology Graphic Communications Heating, Venting, and A/C Information Systems Technology Landscaping & Horticulture Machining Technology Marketing/Web Design Mechanics Medical Assisting Protective Services Veterinary Assisting Welding Workforce Development
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Social Media:

Middle School Administration does their best to keep families, students, and the community apprised of the fun and exciting activities taking place within the building and classrooms. Please consider following the middle school on social media to stay apprised of happenings.



Shbg Middle School



@shbgmiddleschool

PTO:

The PTO has made great strides for the Middle School. We are thankful for the parents of our students that want to support our building through this manner. Monthly meetings will occur on the third Wednesday of every month throughout the school year. Please check the calendar of events for dates and times. The PTO has been able to fundraise for various field trips and events for our students. We look forward to seeing you there.

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. www.shipk12.org/middleschool

Community Resources:

Aliff Counseling -- 717.477.2556
(School Based Mental Health Provider)
Crisis and Suicide Hotline --988
Cumberland/Perry Drug and Alcohol -- 717.240.6300
Crisis Chambersburg Hospital -- 717.264.2555
Drew Michael Taylor Grief Support --
<https://drewmichaeltaylor.org/>

Going on vacation? or just a short trip

Planned absences require advance notice to be excused.

Filling out an Educational Trip Form and submitting to SAMS office before your planned absence will allow those days to be excused.

Each student is limited to 10 days of educational leave per school year.



Scan for Education Field Trip Form

SAMS ATTENDANCE NOTES

ATTENDANCE NOTES MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 3 DAYS OF ABSENCES

NOTES MAY BE SENT TO SCHOOL WITH STUDENT OR EMAILED TO:

SAMSATTENDANCE@SHIP.K12.PA.US

PLEASE INCLUDE STUDENT'S FULL NAME, DATE OF ABSENCES AND REASON.

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