

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY FEBRUARY 2023

Dates to Remember:



- February 6th - 10th -- Kindness Spirit Week
- February 10th -- 8th Grade High School Presentations
- February 14th -- End of 3rd Exploratory Cycle
- February 15th -- In Service "Unconference Day"
- February 16th -- Start of 4th Exploratory Cycle
- February 20th -- Schools Closed
- February 27th -- PTO Meeting
- March 16th -- 2 hour Early Dismissal In-service
- March 17th -- Schools Closed
- March 28th -- End of 3rd Marking Period
- March 29th -- Start of 4th Marking Period
- April 6th -- 2 hour Early Dismissal
- April 7th - April 10th -- Schools Closed
- April 19th -- 2 hour Early Dismissal In-service
- April 25th - 27th -- ELA PSSA Testing
- May 1st - 2nd -- Math PSSA Testing
- May 4th -- 8th Grade Science PSSA Testing
- May 16th and 17th -- Keystone Testing



IXL

IXL is a diagnostic tool used by the middle school to assist students in improving skills and challenging students to grow beyond their grade level. Students complete an IXL diagnostic three times a year to show growth within student learning. Following the diagnostic testing, students are provided a list of suggested lessons to build upon student skills. Students are often rewarded Champ Chances for completing their recommended or suggested lessons. Rewards have been given out each marking period to students for completing their suggested lessons. The 3rd marking period will host a friendly competition for students who complete appropriate lessons and earn mastery and proficient on grade appropriate content.

Students should know their IXL score and be able to share this information with parents and guardians. Parents can interpret the score by identifying the first number as the grade level and the last two numbers as the month within the grade level. For example 560 represents fifth grade and six months. If you have further questions regarding IXL you can reach out to your child's teachers, school counselor, or administration.



PTO:



Why a PTO at SAMS? - A PTO has been reinstated at SAMS as a way to provide opportunities for students to gather in a safe space and to raise funds to help offset the costs of field trips for students (see information below). SAMS wants to employ field trips that are beneficial and academic for our students and the PTO is helping to make the field trips feasible.

Why PTO is raising funds - Field Trips by the numbers- On average a field trip cost \$25/ student in costs. This includes transportation and ticket/expenses for students and chaperons. Our goal is that every student can participate in field trips regardless of the families financial situation. If every student at SAMS participates in one field trip a year that equates to \$25 x 800 students to equal \$20,000.

R&K Sub and Sandwich fundraiser - The PTO will be hosting an R & K Sub and Sandwich fundraiser just in time for your Super bowl Party. Flyers will be sent home with students the week of January 2nd and orders will be due back to SAMS on January 26th. **Subs and Sandwiches will be ready for pick up on Thursday, February 9th.** All proceeds will be used toward funding field trips at SAMS.

Upcoming meeting dates -

February 27th, March 27th, April 24th and May 22nd



Extra Coffee Mugs, Vases, or Small Containers?

The Animal Club will be doing a fundraiser for the service dog and we need pots! If you have a pot that you would like to donate to the cause, please drop it off at the SAMS office. It doesn't have to be a traditional plant pot (old mug, votive holder, etc). Anything that can hold water and would look cute with a succulent will do! Ideally, we are looking for small containers.

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Student Council Updates

SAMS Student Council is collaborating with Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition to promote Be Kind Month in February. Students are encouraged to do small acts of kindness each day as well as participate in weekly Be Kind activities during resource or lunch. A calendar is posted below of Be Kind activities.



Body Mass Information

Information regarding your child's Body Mass Index (BMI) has been updated within the Skyward portal. Please check the portal for important information regarding your child's health. If you have further questions, please reach out to the school nurse.



School Website

The SAMS website holds valuable information regarding the building, cycle days, and homework information. The calendar on the building website has the cycle days listed for reference. Each team holds their own website which includes a live list of work that needs completed as homework or was completed in class that day. Checking the building website allows you to help your student stay organized and maintain healthy grades and organization.



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 Grief Support --
<https://drewmichaeltaylor.org/>



Construction Updates:



Construction at the Middle School is finally underway! Construction equipment is on site and digging as begun. The construction project will bring 6 additional classrooms to the building and provide much needed additional room in the cafeteria. Work for the project will be mainly exterior through the remainder of the school year, however there will be some noise disruption as the project gets underway. We are excited to begin this project and see our building expand.



Clubs

Clubs at SAMS officially kicked off last Friday, January 27th. Students were given the opportunity to choose their top three choices from a list of over 40 different clubs!! It was a wonderful experience seeing our students engaged in topics of their choice and interest. We are looking to continue implementing clubs monthly at the middle school for the remainder of this school year and possibly more frequently in future years. Clubs include options in crafts, book club, chess, puzzles, golf, animation, and so much more.



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
Building Social Worker -- Tabitha Curtis

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Hello, Shippensburg Middle School Families
2022-2023 Yearbooks
are now on sale for
\$15!

Hola, Familias de Shippensburg Middle School
Anuarios de 2022-2023
estn en venta por \$15!

To order a yearbook,
please click on
or copy and paste
this link into your web browser:
Para pedir un anuario,
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<https://orders.picplus.com/ordering/with?key=A8YQX7C9>

Please contact Pictures Plus/O'Roke at school@picplus.com
or call us at 717-765-9223 with any questions.
Por favor pngase en contacto con Pictures Plus x o llmenos a 717-765-9223 con preguntas.

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!



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**Sales end:
Friday, March 3, 2023
La venta termina**



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February 2023

#ShipBeKind

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Family & Friends Friday	Social Media Saturday
Use this calendar to inspire you to do an act of kindness each day in February!	SAMS Share the ways you show or experience kindness by posting to the hashtag #ShipBeKind		Buy Be Kind items 1 during Lunch Paint A Kindness Rock during Resource Wear #ShipBeKind Swag!	2 Hold the door for someone.	3 Give a friend or family member a small gift or a kind note.	4 Share a post about Kindness on Social Media using #ShipBeKind
5 Call, text or talk to someone you haven't talked to in a while.	BE KIND SPIRIT WEEK 6 Be You! Wear something that shows who you are! Your favorite shirt, your favorite color, your favorite place to visit! Stand up for someone.	BE KIND SPIRIT WEEK 7 Valentin Day! Dress the same as someone! Do something kind for yourself.	BE KIND SPIRIT WEEK 8 Wear a shirt displaying a message of being kind! Buy Be Kind Items During Lunch! Who taught you to be kind? Kindness Tribute during Resource!	BE KIND SPIRIT WEEK 9 All a team! Wear your favorite jersey to show you are on team Kindness! Help someone who is struggling.	BE KIND SPIRIT WEEK 10 Color Competition! 6th grade - white 7th grade - red 8th grade - pink Ask a friend or family member how their day was.	11 Share a photo of a loved one or pet on Social Media using #ShipBeKind
12 Donate: books, clothing, food, time.	13 Send a message to someone you care about.	Buy Be Kind items 14 during Lunch! Nominate someone "Caught being Kind" during lunch! Wear #ShipBeKind Swag!	NO SCHOOL 15 Ask a friend how they are doing	16 Compliment 5 new people.	17 Make a friend or family member smile.	18 Share a Kind act you have done on Social Media using #ShipBeKind
19 Help someone who lives with you.	20 Do a chore for someone without them knowing.	21 Tell someone "Thank You!"	Buy Be Kind items 22 During Lunch! Write a card thanking a teacher/staff! Write a note during Resource!	23 Teach someone something new.	24 Forgive a friend or family member.	25 Share an Inspirational Quote on Social Media using #ShipBeKind



February 2023

#ShipBeKind

26 Tell someone about a positive experience or share on social media.	27 Thank a teacher.	28 Start a positive thought or gratitude journal.	Wear #ShipBeKind Swag! Everyday Love Yourself	How can you continue to "Be Kind" after the month of February?	To support #ShipBeKind, Mayor Coy declared the month of February as Shippensburg "Be Kind" month.	"Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life." -Jackie Chan
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For more info about #ShipBeKind Scan the QR Code





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)





Heart & Sole is for **EVERY** girl.

Heart & Sole is an afterschool program like no other!

Once per week for 10 weeks, girls in 6th-8th grade will get the opportunity to connect, grow and thrive! Heart & Sole will provide a safe and interactive space for girls to connect with each other, learn valuable skills such as how to cope when things get difficult and practice positivity, and most importantly, have fun! The season ends with a celebratory 5K.



Why it matters

It's fun. It's effective.

Participating in Girls on the Run transforms girls' lives by helping them increase their self-confidence, develop healthy relationships, and feel good about themselves, inside and out.



Girls who were the least active at the start of the program increased their physical activity by more than 40%*



97% of participants said they learned critical skills to manage emotions, resolve conflict, help others or make intentional decisions*

*Results based on an independent study conducted by Positive Youth Development expert Maureen R. Weiss, Ph.D.

Shippensburg Area Middle School

Registration: January 13-30, register online at www.gotrmidstatepa.org

Program Starts: week of February 27

Practices: Tuesday, 2:45-4:45 pm

5K Celebration: May 13 at HACC, Harrisburg

**Contact: Tricia Blount,
triciablount@hotmail.com**

Financial assistance available!



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Learn more today at www.gotrmidstatepa.org
Contact sarah@capareagirlsontherun.org

The school district neither encourages nor discourages a student's participation in the activity described herein.