

# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

MARCH 2026

### Dates to Remember:



March 2nd-March 6th--School Social Worker Appreciation Week  
March 5th--3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Begins  
March 4th--Club Day  
March 9th--Math Firefly testing  
March 10th--ELA Firefly testing  
March 11th--8<sup>th</sup> Graders watch Anne Frank Play  
March 12th --Artrageous  
March 13th--Schools Now in Session  
March 16th--Schools Closed  
March 18th--Club Day  
March 18th--Internet Safety Night  
March 18th--PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
March 19th-March 21st--SAMS Spring Musical - MATILDA  
March 24th--Spring Pictures  
March 25th--2 Hour Early Dismissal  
March 26th--End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period  
March 27th--PBIS Celebration Day  
April 1st--Paraprofessional Appreciation Day  
April 1st-- Club Day  
April 2nd--2 Hour Early Dismissal  
April 3rd-April 6th --Spring Break - Schools Closed  
April 4th--School Librarian Appreciation Day  
April 6th-April 10th--Assistant Principal Appreciation Week  
April 7th & April 8th--School Physicals  
April 12th-April 17th--Spring Book Fair  
April 13th--5<sup>th</sup> Exploratory Cycle Begins  
April 15th--Club Day  
April 15<sup>th</sup> --PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
April 17th--Spring Fling  
April 20th-April 24th--School Volunteer Appreciation Week  
April 21st-23rd--ELA PSSA Testing  
April 22nd--Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day  
April 27th-April 28th--Math PSSA Testing  
April 28th--School Bus Driver Appreciation Day  
April 29th-April 30th--Science PSSA Testing  
April 30th--Choral Concert  
May 1st--School Lunch Worker Appreciation Day  
May 1st-- School Principal Appreciation Day  
May 4th-May 9th--Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 4th--Spring IXL Diagnostic Window Opens  
May 6th--School Nurse Appreciation Day  
May 6th--Orchestra Concert  
May 7th--7th and 8th Grade Band Concert  
May 12th&May 13<sup>th</sup>-- Algebra I Keystone Testing  
May 13th--6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert

### 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](http://www.shipk12.org/middleschool) to see more information about our building.



### PSSA's:

PSSA's are quickly approaching and will take place in from April 21st - April 30th. During this time it is important that students attend school on time and are well rested. This year our PSSAs 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.



### Building Reminders

SAMS opens the doors to students at 7:00 AM and our school day begins at 7:15 AM. From 7:00AM until 7:15 AM students that are in the building report to cafeteria where they have the opportunity to grab breakfast and are then dismissed to homeroom at 7:15 AM. Students riding the bus or reporting prior to 7:25 AM also have the option to grab breakfast prior to reporting to homeroom.

All students arriving to SAMS after 7:25 AM are marked tardy. Students whom accumulate 5 or more tardies will be assigned lunch detention unless the tardy is accompanied with an appointment note. Building time management skills and teaching students promptness are important characteristics for future success.

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## Quiz Bowl is Going to Nationals!

Our SAMS Quiz Bowl team is headed to Chicago for the Quiz Bowl National Championship. Our SAMS students competed in the regional NAQT Academic Quiz Bowl tournament in December and came out in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Through the student's victory they qualified as the ONLY Pennsylvania school to attend the National Championship in Chicago. This is a first for SAMS and we are incredibly proud of the student's accomplishment.



The Shippensburg Area School District  
Music Department Presents

The 24th Annual  
**Evening  
of  
Jazz**  
At the SASHS Auditorium

March 12, 2026 at 7:00pm  
Donations benefit the Music Department

- SAMS Orchestra
- SAMS Chorus
- 7th & 8th Grade Jazz Hounds
- 6th Grade Jazz Band
- Sr. High Jazz Band
- Accidentals
- Sharps

TICKETS ARE \$10 PER PERSON. STUDENTS GET IN FREE  
CASH OR CHECK ONLY. NO CARDS

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

Shippensburg Middle School  
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**DUE DATE: March 2nd**  
Fecha de vencimiento: 2 de marzo

PICTURES PLUS & O'Rake Photography  
717-765-9223 school@picplus.com

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**ARTRAGEOUS**  
 UNVEILING NEW ARTWORK FROM K-12 SASD STUDENTS  
**MAR 12 2026**  
**SASHS 5:30-7 PM**



FREE / OPEN TO THE PUBLIC / KIDS ACTIVITIES / LIVE DEMOS  
 FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY SASD EVENING OF JAZZ

SHIPPENSBURG AREA  
 SCHOOL DISTRICT

## INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT

PARENTS OF STUDENTS  
 IN GRADE 6-12

Understanding Social Media's Impact  
 on Student Mental Health & Well-Being

- Presenter: Geoffrey Ford, FBI Agent
- Presenter: Tricia Maciejewski, Live Like Levi Foundation
- Information about family and community support



scan here to preregister



The first 100 people who pre-register will receive a free copy of the book "The Anxious Generation"



**MARCH 18TH AT 6:00 PM**  
 HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

SHIPPENSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Child must be 5 years old by September 1st

**2026**




**WWW.SHIPK12.ORG/K**  
 REGISTER ONLINE BY 4/7/2026

SAMS DRAMA CLUB  
 PRESENTS:

ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
 THE MUSICAL  
**JR.**

MARCH 19, 20, 21

7:30PM

BOOK BY DENNIS KELLY  
 MUSIC & LYRICS BY TIM MINCHIN

TICKETS ON SALE  
 STARTING MARCH 3RD  
 IN SAMS LOBBY  
 SCHOOL DAYS  
 2:45-4:00

\$5: STUDENTS/SENIORS  
 \$7 ADULTS

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 AND ALL AUTHORIZED MATERIALS ARE SUPPLIED BY  
 MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL, NEW YORK, NY  
 (212) 541-4684 MTISHOWS.COM

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### 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.

### 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

### Community Resources:

Aliff Counseling -- 717.477.2556  
(School Based Mental Health Provider)  
Cumberland/Perry Drug and Alcohol --  
717.240.6300  
Crisis Chambersburg -- 717.264.2555



### PTO:

The SAMS PTO is a mighty group of parents that work diligently to raise money for our students and provide opportunities inside and outside of the school building. The PTO team has raised enough funds this school year to provide field trips and extended learning opportunities for all grade levels.

The PTO has plans for a Spring Fling event for students as well as a Spring Book Fair in the coming months. Stay tuned for details. If you want to join this mighty team, meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month in the SAMS Cafeteria.

### 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.



### 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