

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

JANUARY 2026

Dates to Remember:



January 1st-January 2nd--Schools Closed
January--School Board Appreciation Month
January 7th--Club Day
January 12th--Winter IXL Diagnostic Begins
January 14th--Firefly ELA (1 hour delay schedule within building)
January 15th--Firefly Math (1 hour delay schedule within building)
January 15th--End of 2nd Marking Period
January 16th--PBIS Celebration Day
January 19th--District Closed
January 21st--Club Day (Second Semester Clubs Start)
January 21st--PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM
January 28th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
February 2nd-February 6th--School Counselor Appreciation Week
February 4th--Club Day
February 5th--8th Grade High School Scheduling
February 9th--2 Hour Delay
February 12th--4th Exploratory Cycle Starts
February 13th--Schools Closed.
February 15th--School Security Officer Appreciation Day
February 16th--Schools Closed
February 18th--Club Day
February 18th--PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM
February 22nd--Bus Driver Appreciation Day
February 25th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
March 2nd-February 6th--School Social Worker Appreciation Week
March 4th--3rd Trimester Begins
March 4th--Club Day
March 16th--Schools Closed
March 18th--Club Day
March 19th-March 21st--SAMS Spring Musical - MATILDA
March 24th--Spring Pictures
March 25th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
March 26th--End of 3rd Marking Period
March 27th--PBIS Celebration Day

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.

Grades:

We are nearing the end of the second marking period quickly. Please utilize Skyward to monitor your student's grades to ensure they are achieving their academic goals.

Additionally, each team creates a calendar of all in class and homework assignments. You can find the team calendars on the middle school website: www.ship.k12.pa.us/middleschool.

Winter Sports Spectator Reminder:

All students attending winter sports at the high school or middle school must be accompanied by an adult. The student should stay with the adult throughout the sporting contest. Students not following the behavior expectations may be asked to leave the event and not be permitted to attend future events.

Students wishing to attend middle school events, must leave the building between the end of the school day and the start of the event. Students may not linger in the lobby or outside of the building while waiting for an adult.

Staff Adjustments:

A few staff adjustments have occurred and will be occurring at SAMS within the next month.

- Mr. Moyer - 6th Grade ELA Learning Support - Left the district
- Mrs. Deztinnie Riley - Shifted from Emotional Support to 6th Grade ELA Learning Support
- Mr. Shane Parsley - Returning to SAMS to Emotional Support approximately Feb. 2

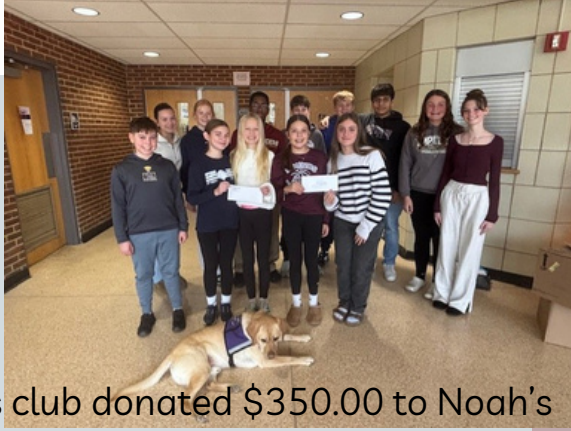
Dress Code

A quick reminder that students should have their stomachs and under garments covered at all times during the school day. If shirts are hanging off of the shoulder a garment 2 inches wide should be underneath. Students not in compliance will be asked to change.

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Kiwanis club donated \$350.00 to Noah's care at the middle school.

Administration became human sundaes as a reward for the amount of money raised by the Color Run.



Teachers took pies to the face to raise money for PBIS.



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)



Students raised \$350 to donate to the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter in honor of Noah's first year at SAMS



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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 Hospital -- 717.264.2555

PTO:

The PTO has stayed busy this school year planning our overly successful Color Run, Holiday Hangout and Book Fair. The PTO has many events where guardians can volunteer and join. Monthly meetings will occur throughout the school year on the third Wednesday of the month in the SAMS cafeteria. 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.

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.

SAFE 2 SAY
SOMETHING

SEE IT. REPORT IT.



MOBILE APP



1-844-SAF2SAY



SAFE2SAYPA.ORG

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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Shippensburg Area SD Food Services Newsletter Winter 2025



Mid-Atlantic Chartwells K12 Chef of the Year

We are all proud that SASD's Chef Manager, Matt Hoch, was awarded Chef of the Year for the Chartwell Mid-Atlantic region. This is an awesome accomplishment for Matt as he has only been at SASD for two years and has won the K12 title. It is not an easy achievement to be chosen for this honor. Matt has always been ready to help different districts within the corporation and eager to learn how to run programs like Discovery Kitchen. Multiple school districts nominated Matt for this award including SASD. We have all seen the quality in his love for the profession. He was also selected to be part of the Culinary Council during his first year with Chartwells. The Regional Chef saw his potential right away and asked him to help with Culinary Master Classes as well as corporate catering events. Matt has always gone above and beyond our expectations here at SASD. Being eager to improve the Food Service program with different menu choices, catering events and mentoring Food Service Staff, Matt is a real asset to our district. We are quite honored to have him as our Chef. Fabulous job Matt!

November 3rd- February 1st

Chili Days
WARM BELLIES



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serving up happy & healthy

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DISCOVERY KITCHEN FUN

Plant Power!

Plant Power is a celebration of plant-based, fresh, seasonal and local fare. People often think that animal foods provide the best source of protein, but there's plenty of plants packed with protein as well. For example, a cup of edamame or lentils contain more protein than a glass of milk or a serving of chicken. In January, students will learn just how powerful some plants can be in terms of protein and nutrition, when compared to other foods. Through a variety of menu items and activities, students will explore how they and their families can incorporate more of these powerful foods into their regular diet.

Get ready to add a little power to your day!

chartwells
Discovery
KITCHEN



plant power



Discovery Kitchen @ Grace B Luhrs

The Students are always happy to see Chef when he comes to their cafeteria. They know they are in for a treat. Chef does his best to get to every elementary once a month to do these fun events. Always bringing them new things to try. We love to encourage the students and staff with fun and discovery with new foods that they might not get exposed to outside of school. We do our best to broaden their taste buds. You never know what exciting thing we will make for you next, so don't miss out on the adventure.

FUN DAYS COMING:

February Discovery Kitchen @
Elementary Schools



Student Choice @ Secondary
Schools. Vote on which Po'boy
you want added to the menu.



We wish everyone Happy
Holiday and a



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