

Hounds Highlights

Mark your Calendars:

December 23rd—January 3rd

No school for teachers and students

January 6th

School resumes

FCCTC Application Deadline

January 8th

Town Hall Meeting on START Times—SAMS— 6:00 pm

January 9th

KEYSTONE TESTING—special schedule - pg 4 for more info

January 10th

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January 14th

Marching Band Concert— 7:30 pm—SASHS Aud

January 17th

Staff In-service— No school for students

January 20th

No School for Students

January 21st

New Marking Period /Semester

February 25th

Parent Teacher Conferences

February 28th

SENIOR baby photos due



SASHS Admin wishes the students, families and staff a healthy and happy 2025!

We are excited to see the students return on January 6th, 2025!

Mental Health Resources:

Aliff Counseling Services:
(717) 477-2556 (call or text)
(Our school-based mental health provider)

TeenLine - (866) 350-4357
Hotline 24 Hours

Cumberland / Perry Drug & Alcohol - (717) 240 - 6300

Crisis Chambersburg Hospital (717) 264-2555 24 Hours



Congratulations to Emmalie Staker on placing 7th out of 90 students who auditioned for the Soprano II part of PMEA District 7 Chorus over the week-end. Emmalie will represent the Shippensburg Area School District at the PMEA District 7 Chorus Festival at Central York High School on February 7th and 8th. District 7 of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association is comprised of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York Counties.



Welcome to SASHS

Mrs. Varholy is transitioning from SAMS to SASHS as a replacement for Mrs. Jeannie Coons in our English Department.

We are very excited for Mrs. Varholy's start at the beginning of the 2nd semester.

Congrats to our Students of the Month!!

9th Grade:

Peyton Bauserman
Karter Youngblood

10th Grade:

Todd Wagner
Dominic Kilgore

11th Grade:

Kamil Shafik
Alyssa Myers

12th Grade:

Anusha Giri
Brandon Reinsfelder

Grading Scale Changes

SASHS Faculty and Administration are proposing changes to the grading scale in 2025-2026 school year. Faculty and staff provided input, reviewed data, and held discussions on grading scale information. The Subcommittee met with Student Council representatives to discuss changes and gather perceptual data from the students. If you have any specific questions regarding this proposal, please contact Mrs. Luffy at 717.530.2730. This proposed change will need to be approved by the School Board in the Program of Studies and Handbook.

<u>Percentage Range</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage Range</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
94-100	A	73-76	C
90-93	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	60-62	D-
77-79	C+	59 & below	F

FCCTC Applications Due January 10th.

Apply at www.franklinctc.com

Career CORNER

On December 10th juniors currently enrolled in AP Language & Composition and American Literature & Composition participated in mock interviews. Eighteen representatives from various local businesses and community organizations volunteered their time to be interviewers. Each student also prepared a resume to bring with them to their interview. Students were asked basic interview questions and were given feedback on their interview and their resume.

Attention Freshmen – Applications for Leadership Franklin County Youth are now available. For more information see the flyer and brochure included in this newsletter or contact Krista Akers at krista.akers@ship.k12.pa.us or 717-530-2730 ext. 6914.

Upcoming Career Field Trips

January 8 – Focus on Marketing Careers

January 14 – Business Management

January 21 and 22 – Shippensburg University Diller Center Innovation Academy

To stay up to date on career opportunities –

Parents – “Like” Shippensburg High School Career Corner on Facebook

Students – Check your school g-mail and announcements regularly



SASHS Counseling Newsletter-

Please see the link below to learn more about the Counseling Department and all they offer the students!

<https://secure.smores.com/n/7yn1v-financial-aid-newsletter>



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ART news

Exciting news from our art community! Mr. Aric Sites' Painting classes, alongside dedicated volunteers from the Art Honor Society and other art students, collaborated with artist Katie Trainer to create a stunning 12-panel mural for the Blue Mountain Plaza on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. This incredible artwork will find its permanent home inside the plaza building this January—don't miss it when you visit!

March is Youth Art Month! Mark your calendars for Artrageous, our much-anticipated annual art exhibition showcasing the finest creations from our talented students in grades K-12. Join us on Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. for an evening of inspiration, creativity, and fun! This free, family-friendly event features exciting kids' activities and live art demonstrations.

And the night doesn't end there! Stick around for the SASHS Coffee House at 7:00 p.m. in the SASHS Library, where you can enjoy live music and captivating poetry performances—all free of charge.

Celebrate the power of art and community with us. We can't wait to see you there!

From our Social Worker....



Cumberland County, PA is with **Dauphin County, PA** and **3 others**.

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NOW OPEN: The Connections Emergency Behavioral Health Crisis Walk-In Center is open for adults!

This facility offers 24/7 immediate access to mental health and substance use crisis care for individuals age 18+, regardless of insurance or ability to pay. The center will begin accepting youth ages 14-18 starting in early January.

Located at 1100 S. Cameron St., Harrisburg, the regional center is the result of a collaborative effort between Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties, in partnership with Connections Health Solutions.

Center info ➔ connectionshs.com/harrisburg

Congratulations to our Instrumentalists!!!

Logan Snyder made District 7 Band on percussion and will represent Shippensburg at the Festival on January 24th and January 25th at Cedar Cliff High School. Minseo Kim and Eushene Han made District 7 Orchestra on violin and will participate in the festival on January 10th and 11th.





Dear Parents/Guardians,

A couple of weeks ago, I emailed details about the upcoming Keystone Assessments scheduled for January. This email included information about the testing schedule and student start times.

To clarify, students participating in testing are expected to arrive at school by **7:27 AM** on **January 9 and 10, 2025**. Students who are not testing or do not have other school-related commitments during that time may arrive at school by **9:27 AM** to begin their first block.

Here's a quick breakdown to help you prepare your child's schedule for these dates:

Students Who Must Arrive by 7:27 AM

- Students enrolled in a Keystone-tested course.
- Semester 1 Career Tech students.
- Students dependent on district-provided transportation (bus or van).

Students Who May Arrive by 9:27 AM

- Students not enrolled in a Keystone-tested course.

Students with alternate transportation who can arrive at school by 9:27 AM.

Please take time to plan for your child's schedule on January 9 and 10. Ensuring your student is on time and prepared will help make these testing days run smoothly.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at **717-530-2730 (ext. 6903)** or via email at **Matthew.Flohr@ship.k12.pa.us**.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Matthew Flohr



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Wishing everyone a thoughtful holiday season. May you have peace and ease and find joy with the people who matter to you.

The Greyhound Foundation Trustees want to thank the growing number of individuals and companies that are answering our call to support our school district through donations, grants and sponsorships.

We have set course on a vision and your philanthropy helps us achieve the incredible goals we have for our collective community.

Thank YOU to the 40+ sponsors and corporate donors who are helping us do great things for our students, our educators, and our entire district!

Susan Fink, Executive Director, The Greyhound Foundation

