

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

APRIL 2023

Dates to Remember:

March 30th, 31st and April 1st -- Annie Jr. Play
April 6th -- 2 hour Early Dismissal
April 7th - April 10th -- Schools Closed
April 19th -- 2 hour Early Dismissal In-service
April 24th -- PTO Meeting
April 25th - 27th -- ELA PSSA Testing
April 27th -- Choral Concert
May 1st - 2nd -- Math PSSA Testing
May 4th -- 8th Grade Science PSSA Testing
May 5th -- Band Hershey Park Trip
May 9th -- Acadia Burd Run Field Trip
May 11th -- Olympic Burd Run Field Trip
May 16th and 17th -- Keystone Testing
May 17th -- 6th Grade Band Concert
May 17th -- Orchestra Concert
May 18th -- Civil War Day
May 22nd -- PTO Meeting



PBIS:

The PBIS team has a variety of different events taking place this month. The month of March ended with our 3rd Marking Period celebration day for those students with 1 or less referrals. Students participated in Student v. Faculty basketball games, a dance, and/or a movie.

PSSA testing is right around the corner and PBIS will be holding attendance raffles for students that attend each day of testing. Gift cards will be raffled daily for those students who arrive on time (in the building by 7:25 a.m.) on testing days. Please check the calendar for accurate testing dates.

PBIS will also be holding a fundraising event in the month of April which will end with at least one staff member receiving a pie in the face. Students will be able to purchase two tickets for \$1.00 and vote for who they want to be pied in the face. The teacher and administrative choices are: Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Barnhart, Mrs. Fitz, Mr. Webber, Mr. Keen, Mr. Deshong, or Mrs. Staver. Tickets will be sold April 11th - 21st during resource time. The team that raises the most funds will be able to watch the pie in the face event live while other teams watch via Zoom.



PTO:



Thank you to everyone that supported the Hershey Park and Slide fundraiser. The PTO will notify individuals that sold Hershey Park tickets when the tickets are ready for pick up.

The PTO will be selling flowers at the Annie Jr. Play on March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Flower arrangements were available for pre-order to families of play participants and individual flowers will be available for purchase by all audience attendees on the evenings of the play.

Upcoming meeting dates - April 24th and May 22nd



Student Council Updates:

SAMS Student Council wrapped up Penny Wars at the end of March, be on the look out to Social Media for a grand total and the charity of choice in which the money was donated. Student Council's next order of business will be to organize a spirit week during PSSA's to encourage and motivate our student body to put forth their best effort.

Elections for the 23/24 school year of Student Council will take place in April and May. Students should listen to the morning announcements for more details.



IXL Rewards:

On March 31st students received rewards for their IXL progress. Students answered questions and completed questions to progress in their academic growth. IXL allows our building to measure student growth and provide lessons on target with student ability.

We are thankful to the following business/organizations who donated items toward our IXL Rewards.

- Creative Engravings
- SASD Athletic Office
- Inside Scoop
- CVR
- Shippensburg University
- Patriot Federal Credit Union
- Roll R' Way
- Chick - Fil - A of Chambersburg

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Construction Updates:

Construction is moving along at the Middle School. The 6 new classrooms' footers have been laid and walls will be built in the coming weeks. The Cafeteria renovation is moving along after a slight diversion due to small complications. In addition to the expansion and renovation the building is also getting many of their outside windows replaced. Workers are working with administration to begin replacing the windows during the school year, while minimizing distractions and disruptions to the school day.

This summer construction will continue at full force and therefore limit any access to the building. The building office staff will be working over the summer, but guest access will be extremely limited. Summer hours and availability will be posted on the office door, building website, and social media closer to summer.



Spring Reminders

Spring has sprung in Shippensburg and as we make the final 40 day push to the end of the school year here a few reminders for students and parents:

- All absences require a note within 3 days of the absence. If a student has 10+ days of absences a doctor's note is required.
- Clothing and dress should be school appropriate. Belly shirts and tank tops are not permitted
- Students are still expected to follow our behavior expectations and are not permitted to leave the building or classroom without permission.



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/>

PSSA and Keystone Testing:

PSSA testing is a state requirement for all students in grades 3 - 8 and will take place at SAMSS on April 25th, 26th, and 27th for ELA; May 1st and 2nd for Mathematics; and Science will test on May 4th for 8th grade students only.

We encourage all students to be present in the buildings on all of the testing days and to be on time; arriving at the building no later than 7:25 a.m. Students should be well rested and eat a fitting breakfast prior to the test. A reminder that free breakfast is available for all students via our cafeteria.

Students will be eligible for the PBIS attendance raffle each day they are on time and present during the PSSA testing dates.

The electronic device policy was provided as an attachment to your e-mail with the newsletter. Information regarding religious opt out is also provided on your e-mail.

Keystone Exams for Algebra I for our quadratic students will take place on May 16th and 17th. Again, these students should be well rested, eat a healthy breakfast, and be prepared to perform their best on the exams.



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

Ship Trip 2023

Saturday, April 15th

9:00am - 1:30pm

DEADLINE EXTENDED!!

Under the Sea

Designed to introduce middle school students to a college atmosphere, Ship Trip is a program sponsored by the [Shippensburg University Wood Honors College](#). This program focuses on putting a creative spin on learning as students engage in a variety of courses and interactions with current Honors College Students.

Schedule for the day:

9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome/Introductions

9:30 - 10:15 am Class A

10:30 - 11:15 am Class B

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch

12:45 - 1:30 pm Q&A & Wrap Up

Time to ask questions & review everything you learned today!

Our last poster had an incorrect email listed! If you emailed us and we did not get back to you, please forward your permission slip or questions to the correct email listed below.

Registration:

Email your completed permission slip to shiptripsu@gmail.com

Extended due date is: **Friday, April 7th**

Email us at the same email with any questions or concerns!