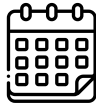


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MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY AUGUST 2024

Dates to Remember:



- August 1st -- Athletic Paperwork Due
- August 6th -- National Night Out with the Shippensburg PD @ 6:00 p.m.
- August 10th -- Back to School Family Fun Day hosted by the Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce @ Fair Grounds
- August 14th -- 6th Grade and New Student Orientation
- August 16th -- Community Night @SASHS 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- August 19th -- SAMS Open House
- August 21st -- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- August 22nd - 29th -- Fall IXL Diagnostic
- August 28th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- August 30th -- No School
- September 2nd -- No School
- September 18th -- 2 hour Early Dismissal
- September 18th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- September 20th-- Picture Day at SAMS
- September 25th -- Cherrydale Fundraiser Kick Off
- September 25th -- 1st Day of Clubs
- October 2nd -- Custodian Appreciation Day

6th Grade Orientation Details:

Welcome class of 2031 to the Shippensburg Middle School! We are excited to meet each of you and be a part of your education journey. Orientation will take place on August 14th at 10:00 a.m.; 2:00 p.m. OR 5:00 p.m. Please choose the time that works best for your family. **No sign up is necessary.** During this time you will receive an overview of the middle school, receive your team information, meet building administration and office staff, and complete a self guided tour of the building. Orientation will take approximately 45 minutes. Chromebooks and locks will be available for pickup during this time. Locks will be \$3.00 for a used lock or \$5.00 for a new lock.

If you are unable to attend the orientation on August 14th, Chromebooks may be picked up during open house on the 19th of August. Students who do not attend either orientation or open house will receive their Chromebooks during the first days of school.

Locks and Lockers

All students will be assigned a locker for use throughout the school year. Backpacks, coats, cell phones will all be stored within the locker throughout the day. Locks are available for purchase at the school office.

Parent Drop Off:

Parent drop off for students in the morning will continue to occur at 7:00 a.m. at the side entrance of the building. Students will enter the building and be directed to the cafeteria where breakfast can be purchased if desired.



Lunch Prices:

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- Breakfast -- Free for All Students
- Lunch -- \$3.30

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.
-Mahatma Gandhi

The Federal Government has renewed funding for the free breakfast/lunch for all students program. Students will be need to have monies available on their account to purchase lunch. You may add money to your student's account using the following link: <https://shipk12.revtrak.net/>. The link for online free/reduced meal application is available on the district website or web address: www.schoolcafe.com

Student Handbook:

The updated Student Handbook is provided on the August Board Meeting for approval. Following approval, the handbook will be posted to the school and district website.

Open House:

Open house will be held August 19th from 6 - 8 p.m. Parents and students should plan to come during the allotted time slots. If you cannot attend during your student(s) grade assigned time, you may come at a time of convenience between 6 - 8 p.m.

- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. -- 8th graders and their families
- 6:40 - 7:10 p.m. -- 7th graders and their families
- 7:20 - 8:00 p.m. -- 6th graders and their families

We look forward to seeing all of the SAMS families. Teachers will be available for meet and greets during the 6-8 p.m. timeframe.

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PTO:

The PTO has made great strides for the Middle School. We are thankful for the parents of our students that want to support our building through this manner. If you are interested in joining the PTO, please plan to attend the next meeting on August 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. The PTO has been able to fundraise for various field trips and events for our students. We look forward to seeing you there.

First Day of School:

The first day of school is just around the corner and we want to ensure you know what to expect. All students will enter the building through the bus ramp or the parent drop off area. Upon arrival, students will have the opportunity to get breakfast if they choose and then students will report to their assigned homeroom. The day will consist of getting to know you activities, locker assignments, building tours, PBIS lessons, class meetings with administration, and of course lunch. The time will be spent with your homeroom/team teachers. This day is structured to welcome students back and allow students to be acclimated to the new school year. We will resume our traditional bell schedule on Thursday, August 22nd.

Website:

The middle school has an active website as part of parent and community communication. The website includes a building calendar, team and department pages, and additional helpful links. Visit the website frequently to stay up to date on middle school happenings.

Regular Bell Schedule:

Please see the updated bell schedule for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Period	6 Maroon	6 Grey	6 Hounds	7 Maroon	7 Grey	7 Hounds	8 Maroon	8 Grey	8 Hounds
Homeroom	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35
Period 1	Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22	Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22	Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36
Period 2	Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09	Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09	Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37
Period 3	Core 1 9:11 - 10:09	Core 1 9:11 - 10:09	Core 1 9:11 - 10:09	Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24	Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24	Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24	Core 3 9:39 - 10:38	Core 3 9:39 - 10:38	Core 3 9:39 - 10:38
Period 4	Core 2 10:11 - 11:09	Core 2 10:11 - 11:09	Core 2 10:11 - 11:09	Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11	Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11	Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11	Core 4 10:40 - 11:39	Core 4 10:40 - 11:39	Core 4 10:40 - 11:39
Period 5	Resource 11:10 - 11:50	Resource 11:10 - 11:50	Resource 11:10 - 11:50	Lunch 11:13 - 11:43	Lunch 11:13 - 11:43	Lunch 11:13 - 11:43	Resource 11:41 - 12:24	Resource 11:41 - 12:24	Resource 11:41 - 12:24
Period 6	Lunch 11:52 - 12:22	Lunch 11:52 - 12:22	Lunch 11:52 - 12:22	Resource 11:45 - 12:27	Resource 11:45 - 12:27	Resource 11:45 - 12:27	Lunch 12:26 - 12:56	Lunch 12:26 - 12:56	Lunch 12:26 - 12:56
Period 7	Core 3 12:26 - 1:27	Core 3 12:26 - 1:27	Core 3 12:26 - 1:27	Core 3 12:29 - 1:28	Core 3 12:29 - 1:28	Core 3 12:29 - 1:28	Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43	Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43	Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43
Period 8	Core 4 1:29 - 2:30	Core 4 1:29 - 2:30	Core 4 1:29 - 2:30	Core 4 1:30 - 2:30	Core 4 1:30 - 2:30	Core 4 1:30 - 2:30	Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30	Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30	Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30
Dismissal	2:30 1st Bus Group	2:34 2nd Bus Group	2:40 Walkers/Parent Pick Ups						

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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.



Bus Behavior:

As school begins a flood of yellow busses will once again be taking to the streets. A reminder to students that behavior on the bus should replicate behavior in the classroom. Students should be seated, quiet, respectful throughout the bus ride. Electronics may be used on the bus, however music should not be played without earbuds.

Electronics:

Cellphones and earbuds are not permitted for use in the middle school. Devices will be taken and discipline will be issued.

Transportation:

Bus information for the 2024 - 2025 school year will be posted in Skyward on in August. A phone call to families will be made when routes are available for viewing.. Please check Skyward for this information.

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



Foundation News:

The SASD Foundation dba The Greyhound Foundation responds to Governor Shapiro's visit to Shippensburg where he signed the ceremonial higher education reform bill. It was a very long time coming. A long-awaited education budget and higher education reforms being passed in Pennsylvania with significant implications for schools, teachers, students, and our broader community. Shippensburg Area School District Superintendent Bill August spoke to the crowd gathered on SU's campus with Governor Shapiro, SU President Charles Patterson, former lady Greyhound and SU education student Laci Hoover, and Pa. Secretary of Education, Dr. Mumin. Here's to a big win, especially for us in Shippensburg. Here's to funding for educational programs, better re-sources for classrooms, better salaries and stipends for teachers, and overall improvements in the quality of education. Here's to our children's future! – Sue Fink, Exec Director, The Greyhound Foundation



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Assistant Principal --
Stephanie Barnhart -- Last Names A - K
April Fitz -- Last Names L - Z
School Counselor --
Angie McKee -- Last Names A - K
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School Social Worker --
Tabitha Curtis