

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

MAY 2024



Dates to Remember:

- May 1st -- School Principal Day
- May 1st, 2nd and 3rd -- 7th Grade Field Trip by team
- May 2nd -- 8th Grade Science PSSA's
- May 3rd -- Lunch Hero Day
- May 6th - 10th -- Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6th - 10th -- Youth Truth Survey
- May 8th -- School Nurse Day
- May 8th -- 6th Grade Band Concert
- May 9th -- 7 Hounds Burd Run Trip
- May 9th -- 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert
- May 10th -- Club Day
- May 13th -- 7 Maroon Burd Run Trip
- May 14th - 15th -- Algebra Keystones
- May 15th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- May 16th -- Civil War Day
- May 17th -- Speech Language/Pathologist Day
- May 17th -- Band Hershey Park Trip
- May 16th -- Orchestra Concert
- May 20th -- Fifth Grade Orientation
- May 21st -- 6th Grade Senator's Field Trip
- May 21st - 23rd -- Fall Sports Sign Ups
- May 22nd -- Best Day Ever (Special Olympics)
- May 22nd -- 8th Grade Celebration Event
- May 24th -- 8 Hounds Walking Trip
- May 24th -- Club Day
- May 27th -- No School
- May 28th -- 8 Grey Walking Field Trip
- May 29th -- 8 Maroon Walking Field Trip
- May 30th -- PBIS Celebration Day
- May 31st -- Award Ceremonies
- May 31st -- Last Day of School (early dismissal)

Many of the dates through the end of the year are listed. Please pay special attention to the calendar as there are many happenings as we round out the last 20 days of school.



Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation is the week of May 5 - 11. This is one week throughout the year where we can shower teachers with our appreciation of all they do throughout the year for our students and community. If you are able and/or willing write a note of appreciation, have your student write a note of appreciation, provide small gifts or gift cards for their teachers. The building administration and PTO will be providing tokens of appreciation to all staff.

Health Updates

A few reminders for the upcoming school year:

All 7th grade students must have the following vaccines by the first day of school or risk exclusion:

- Tdap-(tetanus,diphtheria, and acellar pertussis)
- MCV (meningococcal conjugate) by the first day of school or risk exclusion.

Please be sure to contact the school nurse if you have any questions.

All students entering 7th grade need to have a school dental exam turned in. If you do not have a dentist and want to have your child receive the free exam provided by the school dentist, please let the school nurse know.

Permission forms for this service will be sent home with all 6th grade students this school year.

All students entering 6th grade need to turn in a physical exam. If you do not have a doctor and you wish to have your child receive the free exam provided by the school doctor, please let the school nurse know. Permission forms for this service will be sent home this school year with all 5th grade students.



YouthTruth Survey

Great news! Shippensburg Area School District is partnering with the national nonprofit organization, YouthTruth, to help us gather feedback about what we are doing well, and how we can improve our school community to better serve our students. We will be conducting the anonymous survey for the students, staff, and parents of our SASD community in May. We look forward to your feedback. Let your voice be heard!



Address Updates

Please remember to keep Skyward updated with current phone numbers, emergency contacts, and address. If you need assistance in updating your student's information, please call the office.

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Summer Hours

This summer the building will have limited access this summer due to construction. Administration and secretaries will be present within the building Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and then starting June 9th from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It is recommended that you call the office prior to visiting the building to check availability.

2024 - 2025 Schedules

Administration will be working diligently this summer to compile schedules for the upcoming school year. Schedules will be released in early August. Parent and student requests for teams are not accepted by administration or student services.

6th Grade Open House

6th grade orientation will be held in late August. The date is to be determined based upon building availability with construction updates. Please check your e-mail, middle school social media accounts, and Skylert messages for future updates.

School Supplies

School supplies needed for the 2024 - 2025 school year are determined based on teams. Most students should have a minimum of four folders, one for each core class.

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 Foundation --

<https://drewmichaeltaylor.org/>



PTO News and Needs

The PTO will be hosting an end of year 8th grade celebration at Memorial park for all of our 8th grade students. Students will have the opportunity to spend time together, play yard games and have Kona Ice. Parent support and help is needed. Please complete the link below if you are able to support and have clearances on file with the district.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFAD29A0FFCF8-49415715-sams>

Additionally, the end of year PBIS event will involve carnival activities and foods. Again, help is needed to support the event and spin cotton candy. Please complete the link below if you are able to support and have clearances on file with the district.

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End of Year Behaviors

As we near the end of the year and prepare for next year, we have high expectations that our students continue to follow the Greyhound Expectations of being Safe, Prepared, Respectful, and Caring. Students have been held to the expectations thus far and we expect students to maintain appropriate behavior the remainder of the school year.

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 extension 5901

Assistant Principal --

Stephanie Barnhart -- Last Names A - K extension 5902

April Fitz -- Last Names L - Z extension 5903

School Counselor --

Angie McKee -- Last Names A - K extension 5923

Rosemary Junkin -- Last Names L - Z extension 5922

School Social Worker --

Tabitha Curtis extension 5917