

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY DECEMBER 2024

Dates to Remember:



December 2nd and 3rd -- Schools Closed
December 9th -- Noah, the service dog, arrives
December 10th -- 6, 7, and 8th Grade Orchestra Concert
December 11th -- Club Day
December 11th -- 6th Grade Band Concert
December 12th -- MOVIE FIELD TRIP from fundraiser
December 12th -- Remembrance Ornament Activity during Lunch
December 12th -- 6, 7, and 8th Grade Choral Concert
December 16th - 20th -- Winter Spirit Week
December 18th -- 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert
December 18th -- PTO Meeting
December 20th -- 2 Hour Early Dismissal
December 23 - January 4th -- Schools Closed
January 7th -- Jersey Mike's Dine for a Cause
January 8th -- Club Day
January 8th -- PTO Meeting
January 16th -- End of 2nd Marking Period
January 17th -- No School
January 22nd -- IXL Raffle
January 24th -- PBIS Celebration Day for 2nd Marking Period
January 29th -- 2nd Marking Period Honor Roll Social
February 3rd - 7th -- School Counseling Week
February 10th - 21st -- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Order Collection

PTO:

The PTO is hard a work to raise funds for field trip and other fun activities for our students such as the Holiday Hang Out that took place in November and the 8th grade end of year celebration. The CherryDale fundraiser was a great success for our building raising over \$10,000 of our \$15,000 year budget.

Upcoming events include:

January 7th - Jersey Mike's Dine for a Cause
February 10 - 21 - Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. Product will be delivered March 4th, just in time for FASTNACHT DAY!
April 1st - Jersey Mike's Dine for a Cause
Spring Book Fair - April 7th - April 11th

As our PTO grows and the needs of our building grows, we are looking for large grant opportunities. If your business, organization, cooperation offers grants for school entities, please reach out to our building or the PTO secretary, April Rouzer using the PTO e-mail address:

shipmiddlepto@gmail.com.

Community Help:

We know that economic times are becoming more and more difficult. There are resources within our community to assist and personnel at the school that can help make community connections for you if needed.

Hound Packs are a service of the SCRC that provides food for families that are food-insecure. Students in the program receive a food weekly for weekend meals. If you are interested in joining the Hound Packs program please reach out to your student's School Counselor or visit: [Hound Pack Enrollment](#).

Winter Sports 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.

Attendance:

We know that December is an extremely busy month for families, school, and activities. We want to remind families and students to ensure their child is in school daily to get the best experience of middle school. If your child misses a day of school due to illness, **please send a note within three days**. If you are planning a trip, please complete an educational trip form and submit as soon as possible for approval.

Capital Blue Cross Live Healthy Grant

The middle school was the beneficiary of the Capital Blue Cross Live Healthy Grant. We were awarded monies to purchase sports and outdoor equipment for our students to use during lunches and other times in the day to keep our students active. We are thankful to be able to provide opportunities for our students to move throughout the school day and to take brain breaks outside.

SAMS "I SPY" WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 16-20, 2024

Monday

I spy with my little eyes.. a cup of hot chocolate. wear a hoodie that keeps you warm!



Tuesday

I spy with my little eyes...a candy cane.



Wear red and white.

The top 5 homerooms wearing the highest percentage of red and white gets a candy cane!

Wednesday

I spy with my little eyes... a snowman.

White out Wednesday!



Thursday

I spy with my little eyes...a pair of mittens. Wear a warm hat or scarf.



Friday

I spy with my little eyes...a gingerbread man. Wear a holiday themed shirt.



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SHIPPENSBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & C.A.N. (CHRIST AMONG NEIGHBORS) PRESENT:

All Aboard!
Holiday Express 2024

13TH ANNUAL SHIPPENSBURG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
6 PM – 8 PM

**Shippensburg Area Senior High School,
201 Eberly Drive, Shippensburg**

Crafts, Face Painting, Games,
Planetarium Show, Santa, Presents,
Food and more!

WELLSPAN HEALTH VOLVO S&D

Pre-registration is required to attend, and children must be present to receive a gift.
RSVP by December 5 to 717-532-5509 or online <https://bit.ly/4fdWrQP>

Open to Families of the Shippensburg Area Middle School District

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)



CIRCLE OF LOVE



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our Services:

- No cost clothing, footwear, linens, baby necessities, and basic household items.
- Client choice food pantry
- Hands on learning lending library for teachers, therapists, or homeschooling families

150 READING ROAD SHIPPENSBURG, PA 17257

Website: WWW.COLCOP.ORG Email: CIRCLEOFLOVEGIVEAWAY@GMAIL.COM

Phone: (717) 372-1112

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/>



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