

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY JULY 2025

Dates to Remember:

July 16th -- PTO Meeting @7:00 p.m. SAMS Cafeteria
August 9th -- Back to School Family Fun Day hosted by the Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce @ Shippensburg Fair Grounds
August 14th -- 6th Grade and New Student Orientation
August 19th -- SAMS Open House
August 21st -- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
August 25th -- IXL Fall Diagnostic Window Opens
August 29th -- No School
September 1st-- No School
September 10th--Club Day
September 17th -- 2 Hour Early Dismissal
September 19th -- Picture Day at SAMS
September 24th -- Club Day



Summer Hours:

Administration and secretaries will be present within the building Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Regular office hours will resume on August 4th. Given the construction in the front of the building, all entries take place in the rear of the building. Please call the building at 717.530.2750 to let us know you are here and someone will come to answer the door.

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.

Chromebooks

This year all students will keep their Chromebooks at the school at all times. SAMS Administration feels this assists with decreasing screen time for our students. If students need to work on a digital assignment at home, Chromebooks will be available to sign out in the Media Center. Chromebooks will not be available for sign out over the weekend.

6th Grade and New Student

Orientation

6th grade orientation will be held August 14th at 10:00 A.M; 2:00 P.M.; OR 5:00 P.M. Pick the time that suits your family (sign ups are not necessary). During the orientation parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the middle school administration and office staff, purchase a school lock, and take a self guided tour of the building. A short presentation will be given by building administration outlining things to expect while your student is at the middle school.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night or Open House will occur on August 19th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The building will be available for tours and teachers will be available for brief meet and greets. Students and parents will be able to meet their students' teachers, school counselors, administration, school staff and tour the building. Grade level tour times are staggered and listed below to assist with parking. **If you are not able to attend the grade level time or have multiple students within the middle school and other district schools, all staff will be available the entirety of the event.**

- 8th grade will be 6:00-6:30 PM
- 7th grade will be 6:40- 7:10 PM
- 6th grade will be 7:20-8:00 PM

Medication Policy

Any student needing to take medication during the school day must have the medication dropped off at the school by an adult. Students will not be permitted to transport or bring their own medication to the nurses office. Please plan accordingly if this policy impacts your student.

New Staff to SAMS

Please help us welcome the following staff to the SAMS Family:

- Kassandra Chaapel – Reading Interventionist

Student Health Record

Needs:

ATTENTION PARENTS
ALL INCOMING 7TH
GRADERS ARE REQUIRED
TO HAVE A

**DENTAL
EXAM**



**FOR THE
UPCOMING
SCHOOL YEAR**



ATTENTION PARENTS
ALL INCOMING 7TH
GRADERS ARE REQUIRED
TO HAVE

TDAP AND MCV4
(MENINGITIS VACCINE)
PRIOR TO STARTING
7TH GRADE



ATTENTION PARENTS
ALL INCOMING 6TH
GRADERS ARE REQUIRED
TO HAVE A

**PHYSICAL
EXAM**



**FOR THE
UPCOMING
SCHOOL YEAR**



SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY JULY 2025

PTO Meeting

The first PTO meeting of the 2025-2026 school year will be held July 16th at 7:00 P.M. at the SAMS Cafeteria. The PTO is a great way to be involved with the Middle School, learn about the latest happenings, and help plan fun experiences for your student and their classmates. Everyone is welcome to attend; no commitment or dues are required. Parent input is very important to SAMS and we hope to see you all there!

Lockers and Locks

This year we will continue to issue lockers to all students at SAMS, however, locks will be optional and available for purchase from the school. If a student wishes to have a lock, it MUST be purchased from the school. Outside locks and personal locks will not be permitted. Locks will cost \$3.00 and are available for purchase at any time prior to school and during the school year. Students will still be required to keep their backpack and belongings in their locker and it is recommended to purchase a lock to ensure items stay safe.

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Lunch Prices:

- Breakfast -- Free (could change based on the governor's budget)
- Lunch -- \$3.30

The link for online free/reduced meal application is available on the district website or web address: www.schoolcafe.com

PBIS

Last year we had the opportunity to expand our PBIS program and reward students' positive behavior in different ways. Each classroom is now outfitted with a classroom store which includes small treats, school supplies, and trinkets.

Students are also given the opportunity to participate in raffles for larger items with their Champ Chances in addition to using their Champ Chances to go outside during lunch time.

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

Backpacks

This year we have adjusted our schedule that all students will have ample time to use their locker at the beginning and end of the day. No backpacks should be used throughout the day. Students needing to carry their Fitness clothes should use a cinch backpack, a grocery bag, or small duffle bag.

Community Resources:

Aliff Counseling -- 717.477.2556

(School Based Mental Health Provider)

Crisis and Suicide Hotline --988

Cumberland/Perry Drug and Alcohol --
717.240.6300

Crisis Chambersburg Hospital -- 717.264.2555

Drew Michael Taylor Grief Support --

<https://drewmichaeltaylor.org/>

