

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

JANUARY 2025

Dates to Remember:



January 7th -- Jersey Mike's Dine for a Cause
January 8th -- Club Day
January 8th -- Community Forum about Start Times 6PM at SAMS
January 8th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 pm
January 16th -- End of 2nd Marking Period
January 17th -- No School
January 20th -- No School
January 22nd -- IXL Raffle
January 24th -- PBIS Celebration Day for 2nd Marking Period
January 29th -- 2nd Marking Period Honor Roll Social
January 29th -- Club Day (New Clubs Start)
February 3rd - 7th -- School Counseling Week
February 10th -- 2 hour delay
February 10th - 21st -- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Order Collection
February 12th -- Club Day
February 14th -- No School
February 15th -- SRO Appreciation Day
February 17th -- No School
February 19th -- PTO meeting @ 7:00 pm
February 26th -- Club Day
March 3rd - 7th -- School Social Work Week

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
April 7th - April 11th - Spring Book Fair

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.

Spectator Reminders:

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.

New Staff:

Please help us welcome the following new teacher to the middle school:

Ryan Applegarth - Replacing Cara Varholy, 7th grade ELA, at the semester change

Dress Code:

A reminder to all students and families that students should be following the dress code published in the student handbook. Our dress code states that student's stomachs should be covered at all times. Crop tops are not acceptable attire for the school day.

Grades:

We are nearing the end of the second marking period quickly. Please utilize Skyward to monitor your student's grades to ensure they are achieving their academic goals.

Additionally, each team creates a calendar of all in class and homework assignments. You can find the team calendars on the middle school website: www.ship.k12.pa.us/middleschool.

Building Website:

The middle school webpage is a great place to find information regarding your student's teachers and contact information, cycle days, building events, and homework materials. Visit www.shipk12.org/middleschool.

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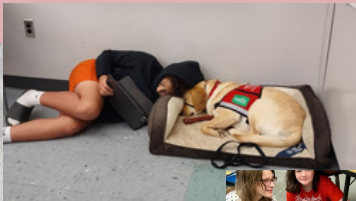
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Meet Noah:

Two years ago, Mr. Krebs, our STAR classroom teacher began the process of applying for a facility dog through the United Disability Services organization out of Lancaster. UDS provides a range of resources for disabled individuals and has a specific program for Pups in the Classroom. "Facility dogs within schools provide a positive difference in the lives of other students, teachers, and staff." (USD website)

SAMS was paired with Noah, a two year old yellow lab, to serve as our facility dog. Mr. Krebs, Mrs. Curtis, and Mrs. Fitz underwent a week long training to understand the commends and appropriate handler expectations before Noah joined SAMS on December 9th. Noah has already made connections with students and faculty at SAMS. Students are able to pet Noah with permission, cuddle with Noah, and be with Noah throughout the day.

This January, we will host a toy and treat drive to support Noah. All toys and treats are accepted, however Noah has a knack for destroying soft toys rather quickly. If you wish to donate, please send materials with your student or bring them to the office.



SIGN UP FOR GREY MATTER GROUP

MEET NEW PEOPLE
SAFE SPACE TO TALK

WHAT TO EXPECT

- 8 sessions
- 45 minutes per week
- Receive \$90 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.

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Support SAMS PTO

Tues., Jan. 7th

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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

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/>

