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SASHS Administration

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HIGHLIGHTS

To our amazing community.

We hope this message finds you enjoying a restful and fun-filled summer! While we're loving the slower pace of the season, we're already looking forward with excitement to welcoming our students back for another incredible school year.

Our team has been busy planning engaging lessons, meaningful activities, and a supportive environment where every child can thrive. We can't wait to see student's smiling faces, hear about their summer adventures, and continue growing and learning together.

We are excited to welcome class of 2029 to the high school this year!

Please note that you will receive monthly newsletters at the beginning of every month with important dates, events, and other relevant information for SASHS families. Please contact the high school office if you have any questions!

Until then, we hope your family continues to enjoy a safe, relaxing, and memorable summer break!

~ Mrs. Fritz
(Shippensburg High School Principal)

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"The future belongs
to those who
believe in the beauty
of their dreams."

—ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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HOUNDS HIGHLIGHTS

Your monthly dose of Ship Shenanigans!

MISSION/ VISION

Vision: Prepared to contribute; Prepared to succeed.

Mission: Our mission is to design engaging and intellectually demanding work that empowers all learners to define their talents, exercise effective collaboration, practice skillful communication, and develop their critical thinking skills in order to lead them to success.

FUTURE PLANING

● July 28, 2025

- Fall Sports Paperwork due to Athletic Office
Website: <https://www.shipk12.org/athleticsinfo>

● July 30, 2025

- Free Senior (Class of 2026) Portrait Sessions
Location: Shippensburg Intermediate School
Time: 9am - 3pm

● August 4, 2025

- SASHS Parking Permit Application Available on Website
- 1st Day of Varsity Football & High School Golf Practice
- SASHS Student Schedules - Go Live! ***

● August 11, 2025

- Free Senior (Class of 2026) Portrait Sessions
Location: Shippensburg Intermediate School
Time: 9am - 3pm
- 1st Day of all other fall sports practices
- Parking Permit Pick-Up Day
 - Seniors - Bring completed & signed permit application - 8am - 11am
 - Juniors - Bring completed & signed permit application - 12pm - 3pm

● August 19, 2025

- Freshman Orientation
- Back to School Night "Open House" - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

● August 21, 2025

- 1st Day of School

● August 29, 2025

- No School - Staff Professional Development

● September 1, 2025

- District Closed - Labor Day



WELL - BEING NOTES

Summer time, is the perfect time to slow down, recharge, and take care of our well-being — body, mind, and spirit.

Summer offers a valuable chance to reflect, rest, and reconnect with what matters most. Whether you're traveling, spending time with loved ones, diving into a good book, or simply enjoying a quiet moment in the sun, we encourage everyone in our school community to make space for joy, balance, and self-care.

Remember: rest is productive. Taking time to care for yourself now helps you return refreshed, focused, and ready for the year ahead.

Help Wanted!

The following are open positions at the high school:

- High School Musical Technical Production Manager
- High School Play technical Production Manager
- High School Academic Competition Advisor

If you are interested in applying for these positions apply through the district website!

Say HELLO to our NEW staff members!

We are excited to
welcome the follow to
our team!

- **Alan Tritt** - Special Education
- **Caleb Cain** - Agricultural Science
- **Bryan Watkins** - Assistant Principal 9th/10th

WELCOME!

SASHS Breakfast & Lunch Prices for 2025-2026

Breakfast - Free
Lunch - \$3.30

The link for online free/
reduced meal application is
on the district website or
web address:

<http://www.schoolcafe.com/ShippensburgASD>



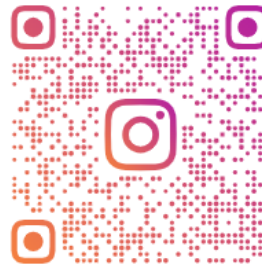
Best Ways to Get Updates!

Website:

<https://www.shipk12.org/seniorhigh>

Follow us on ...

Instagram -



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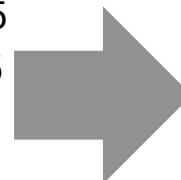
**Shippensburg Area Senior High School |
Shippensburg PA**

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Pennsylvania. 1 like · 1 talking about this. Welcome to the...

 facebook.com

Parent Conferences!

September 25, 2025
November 20, 2025
February 26, 2025
April 23, 2025



4:30 - 6:15
PM



Freshman Orientation!!



Welcome Class of 2029!

We will be having our Freshman Orientation in conjunction with our Chromebook distribution and back to school night this year. Each student will receive their Chromebook, a copy of their class schedule, attend an orientation with administration and counselors, and ending with a self-guided tour.



August 19, 2025

Here are the times for Freshman Orientation -

5:30PM - Last Name: A-E

6:00PM - Last Name F-K

6:30PM - Last Name L-R

7:00PM Last Name S-Z

Homecoming ~

September 29th - October 3rd

Spirit Week

October 3rd

Homecoming Game

October 4th

Dance



Free Class of 2026

Portraits for the
Yearbook ~

Free !!!

Location: Shippensburg

Intermediate School

Wednesday, July 30th -

9am to 3pm

Monday, August 11th -

9am to 3pm

Location: Shippensburg High

School Auditorium

Wednesday, August 20th -

9am to 3pm

Attire - Your own formal
clothing or tux and drape

**SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR
DETAILED INFORMATION!**

Class of 2026

Senior

Portrait Information

Free Portrait Sessions @ Ship. Intermediate

- Wednesday, July 30th - 9am-3pm
- Monday, August 11th - 9am-3pm

Portrait Sessions @ **SASHS Auditorium**

- Wednesday, August 20th - 9am-3pm

Student is RESPONSIBLE for choosing their yearbook photo.



DEADLINE
August 29th,
2025

If photo is not taken before this date,
Pictures Plus cannot guarantee your photo
will be in the yearbook.

ATTIRE

Your own formal clothing or tux
and drape. Tux: plain white shirt
Drape: tube top / cami

*Tux and Drape provided by Pictures Plus

Online Scheduling

Scan the QR code

- Pick your date
- Click the +
- Pick your time
- Fill out ALL information
- Click **create appointment**



Additional
Information available
at www.picplus.com

Questions? Contact Pictures Plus at 717-765-9223 or school@picplus.com

Alternative Date @ Pictures Plus:

- Monday, August 18th - 10am-3pm **5256 Buchanan Trl E,
Waynesboro, PA 17268**

Scan QR code, then click the calendar icon to get the link for Pictures Plus studio scheduling



Meet Dr. Watkins: Assistant Principal at Shippensburg Area Senior High School

Dear Shippensburg Community,

I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal at Shippensburg Area Senior High School. My name is Dr. Bryan Watkins, and I'm honored to join a school community known for its pride, dedication, and spirit.

With over 25 years in education as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal, I've always focused on building inclusive, supportive environments where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed. I earned my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Shippensburg University, a master's in Administration from McDaniel College, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Immaculata University.

Outside of work, I'm a proud father of five sons, a Steelers fan, and an outdoorsman. At heart, I'm a lifelong learner who is passionate about helping students reach their full potential.

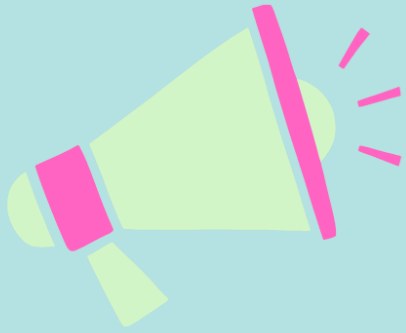
This year, my top priority is to build strong relationships—with students, families, staff, and the community. I'm excited to support academic success, foster a positive school culture, and start fun new traditions like student shout-outs and staff-student challenge days.

Above all, I want students to know I'm here for them. My vision for SASHS is a place where students grow academically and personally, developing the character and confidence they need for life beyond high school.

Thank you for the warm welcome. I look forward to a great year ahead!

Warm regards,

Dr. Bryan Watkins
Assistant Principal
Shippensburg Area Senior High School



CHAMP NEWS

PBIS is used to create a positive and supportive learning environment for all students here at SASHS.

**-STAY-
POSITIVE**

New to SASHS PBIS Program?
We use the acronym CHAMP

C: character

H: honor

A: attitude

M: mindful

P: prepared

CHAMP Checks

Students earn CHAMP checks from teachers throughout the year for demonstrating positive behaviors and following school expectations. These checks are then used towards rewards including both tangible items and privileges.

YEARBOOK

SASHS Yearbooks for the 2024-2025 School Year will arrive in August.

We will be sending out information via email and phone to let parents and student know when to pick them up.



Class of 2026 GRADUATION CERAMONY!

**The Class of 2026 will
have their
Commencement
Ceremony on
June 2, 2026.**



Fall Sports Dates!

- July 28th - Fall Sport Paperwork due to Athletic Office



- August 4th - 1st Day of Football & High school Golf Practice

- August 11th - 1st day of all other fall sports



**PARKING
PERMIT**

PARKING PERMITS

Students who would like to drive to school and park at the high school, can obtain a parking permit with a completed application. The applications will be available in the office or online starting on August 1st. Students will need to bring the COMPLETED application, driver's license, and vehicle registration to obtain a permit.

August 11 -

Seniors can pick up their permit from 8-11am
Juniors can pick up their permit from 12-3pm

If students cannot make the time listed above, students can come to the SASHS office on August 12th & 13th from 8am to 2pm.



Hello Greyhound Family!

I am honored and excited to continue my leadership journey here in the wonderful community of Shippensburg. My name is Blake Fritz, and for the past three years, I've had the privilege of serving as an assistant principal at Shippensburg Senior High School. During that time, I've focused on building strong relationships, engaging with the community, and learning more about the incredible people and opportunities in this area.

It is with great pride that I share my recent promotion to principal of Shippensburg High School. I look forward to continuing to support, celebrate, and advocate for our students, staff, and the broader community.

This year marks my ninth in education. I began my career in my hometown of Hampstead, Maryland, where I also had the rewarding experience of starting my teaching career there. Giving back to the community that helped shape me was a powerful way to start my career. Before coming to Shippensburg, I taught mathematics and coached varsity girls basketball at Chambersburg High School.

I earned my Master's degree in Educational Leadership and my Principal Certification from Shippensburg University. As an educator and leader, I've always made it my mission to model lifelong learning—a value I strive to instill in both staff and students. My passion lies in helping students reach their full potential and supporting educators in doing the same.

My calling to education began in high school, inspired by an extraordinary assistant principal who served as a mentor, role model, and leader. Her compassion, courage, and unwavering school pride helped shape my own philosophy and commitment to lead with integrity. I hope to make the same kind of positive impact on others that she made on me.

Outside of school, I enjoy being outdoors, practicing yoga, exploring new restaurants, and watching sports. I played basketball for ten years and coached for eleven after that. I'm a devoted fan of the Baltimore Ravens, Washington Capitals, and Baltimore Orioles. My favorite way to unwind is spending time at the beach with my family.

I live locally with my amazing husband and beautiful daughter. We're a close-knit team, and you'll likely see us at various events throughout the Shippensburg community.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to continue working with Mr. August and our dedicated administrative team as we focus on the "Profile of a Graduate" initiative. My vision for Shippensburg High School is to empower teachers to create engaging, meaningful learning experiences and to ensure every student feels seen, supported, and part of our school family.

I'm incredibly grateful for the support of this community and proud to be part of such a generous and committed district.

With appreciation,

Mrs. Blake Fritz

Principal, Shippensburg High School





Mental Health Resources:

Aliff Counseling Services:
(717) 477-2556 (call or text)
(Our school-based mental health provider)

TeenLine - (866) 350-4357
Hotline 24 Hours

Cumberland / Perry Drug
& Alcohol - (717) 240 - 6300

Crisis Chambersburg Hos-
pital (717) 264-2555 24 Hours

Crafters Lounge

Friday June 27

5:00pm-8:00pm

Shippensburg Station, 51 E Fort St

FREE ADMISSION

Teens grades 6th-12th

Activities:

- Friendship Bracelet making
- Slime Making
- Origami
- Sand Art
- Acrylic painting
- Tie dye

Peculiar Pizza will be providing a free entree
to each teen in attendance, while supplies last.



The Greyhound Foundation's 8th Annual

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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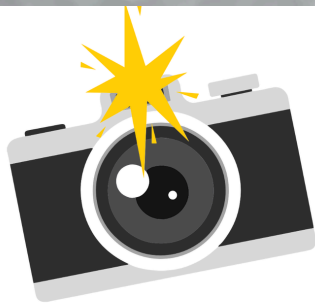
SUNDAY 9AM

- BEAUTIFUL COURSE
- AMAZING PRIZES
- REALLY FUN GOLFERS
- GREAT FOOD & DRINKS!

**TEAM REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!**

For information please reach out to:
susan.fink@ship.k12.pa.us

www.thegreyhoundfoundation.org



Picture Day - September 5, 2025

Make-up Picture Day - October 10,
2025

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Construction Under Way!

Check out the before photos!

