

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

AUGUST 2022

A message from Mr. Jeremy Barnes, the new principal of SAMS

First off, I want to share how excited I am to join the “Greyhound” family. I really am looking forward to joining a great community and staff at SAMS. In a few short weeks, summer vacation will end and students will begin another school year. In the meantime, do some fun things with your students and enjoy the rest of your summer.

My journey as an educator began with Shippensburg. Prior to graduating from Shippensburg University in 2005 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education, I student taught at Nancy Grayson and had two phenomenal cooperating teachers. My first full time job was teaching 2nd grade at my Alma Mater, Greencastle-Antrim. Simultaneously, I was coaching middle school basketball and high school baseball. I enjoyed being a role model for our youth so I gained my mid-level math certification and taught math at Greencastle-Antrim Middle School for 4 years and served as an Administrative Intern for 1 year. After completing my Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership, I interviewed and was selected to be an Assistant Principal at CAMS South in the Chambersburg Area School District. After 4 years, I had the opportunity to become the Principal at Hamilton Heights Elementary School within CASD. I just finished 5 years at Hamilton Heights and can’t wait to get started in Shippensburg.

As I learn more about SAMS, I will collaborate with the staff to create goals for our building but there are two ideas that come to mind that I can begin to work on immediately. First, Communication is key for any organization to move forward. All stakeholders need to know the “happenings” of what is going on within our school I will be working with the Admin Team at SAMS before school starts to explore the best means of communication for our students, staff, families and community. Secondly, Connecting our students to the building and one another. We want ALL our students to feel valued, appreciated, and cared for. Students should discover their interests by participating in athletics, the arts, or even clubs. Our staff will work on providing engaging opportunities for our students.

Feel free to reach out anytime! Looking forward to a great school year!

Jeremy Barnes

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Dates to Remember:



- August 3rd -- 6th grade orientation and Chromebook distribution
7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- August 4th -- 6th grade orientation and Chromebook distribution
Noon - 7:00 p.m.
- August 9th -- PTO Meeting 7:00 pm. at SAMS Cafeteria
- August 22nd -- Open house for all students
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. -- 6th graders and their families
6:40 - 7:10 p.m. -- 7th graders and their families
7:20 - 7:50 p.m. -- 8th graders and their families
- August 25th -- First day of School
- August 29 - October 8 -- Fall Diagnostic Testing Window
- September 5th -- No School
- September 16th -- Picture Day
- September 21st -- Act 80 Day, 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- October 10th -- Schools Closed, In-service day
- October 28 -- First Marking Period Celebration Day
- November 8th - 10th -- Parent/Teacher conferences

6th Grade Orientation Details:

Welcome class of 2029 to the Shippensburg Middle School! We are excited to meet each of you and be a part of your education journey. Orientation will take place on August 3rd and 4th. During this time you will receive an overview of the middle school, receive your draft schedule, meet building administration and office staff, and complete a self guided tour of the building. Orientation will take approximately 30 minutes. Chromebooks will be available for pickup during this time. Please be sure you have signed up at the following web address:
<https://sasdk.simplybook.me/v2/#book/location/5/category/2/service/8/count/1/provider/9/date/2022-08-04/>

If you are unable to attend the orientation on August 3rd and 4th, Chromebooks may be picked up during open house on the 22nd of August. Students who do not attend either orientation or open house will receive their Chromebooks during the first days of school.

Locks and Lockers

All students will be assigned a lock and locker for use throughout the school year. Backpacks, coats, cell phones may all be stored within the locked locker. 7th and 8th grade students: if you took a lock home with you last year, please bring it with you the first week of school.

Parent Drop Off:

Parent drop off for students in the morning will continue to occur at 7:00 a.m. at the side entrance of the building. Students will enter the building and be directed to the cafeteria where breakfast can be purchased if desired.



Lunch Prices:

- Lunch Prices:
 - Breakfast -- \$1.80
 - Lunch -- \$3.00

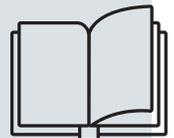
Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.
-Mahatma Gandhi

The Federal Government has not renewed funding for the free breakfast/lunch for all students program. Students will be need to have monies available on their account to purchase breakfast/lunch. You may add money to your student's account using the following link: <https://shipk12.revtrak.net/>. The link for online free/reduced meal application is available on the district website or web address: www.schoolcafe.com

Student Handbook:

The updated Student Handbook is available for viewing on the school and district website. Key areas of change to review include:

- Dress Code (page 15)
- Flexible Instructional Days Schedule (page 12)
- Student Behavior Matrix (Page 13)
- Electronic Devices (Page 16)
- Discipline (Page 14)
- Late to school/tardies (Page 22)
- Athletic Fees (Page 23)



Upon reviewing the student handbook, please complete the Google Form.

Open House:

Open house will be held August 22nd from 6 - 8 p.m. Parents and students should plan to come during the allotted time slots. If you cannot attend during your student(s) grade assigned time, you may come at a time of convenience between 6 - 8 p.m.

- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. -- 6th graders and their families
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PBIS:

The PBIS team is ready to kick off the year with a bang! PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) works to reward our students for exhibiting positive and appropriate behaviors during the school day. The first PBIS raffle (basket of back to school supplies) will take place on August 26th! Be sure to earn your Champ Chances by completing and returning the PBIS expectations document.

Celebrations Days for the 2022 - 2023 school year:
 October 28, 2022 March 31, 2023
 January 20, 2023 May 26, 2023

Any student receiving one or less referrals for the marking period are eligible to participate. Students receiving suspension(s) will not be eligible to participate.

Website:



Shippensburg School District launched a new website this summer. As part of the launch the middle school has updated their website including a building calendar, team and department pages, and additional helpful links. Visit the website frequently to stay up to date on middle school happenings.



PTO:

The PTO is back up and running for the Middle School. We are thankful for the parents of our students that want to support our building through this manner. If you are interested in joining the PTO, please plan to attend the kick off meeting on August 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you there.



First Day of School:

The first day of school is just around the corner and we want to ensure you know what to expect. All students will enter the building through the bus ramp or the parent drop off area. Upon arrival, students will have the opportunity to get breakfast if they choose and then students will report to their assigned homeroom. The day will consist of getting to know you activities, locker assignments, building tours, PBIS lessons, class meetings with administration, and of course lunch. The time will be spent with your homeroom/team teachers. This day is structured to welcome students back and allow students to be acclimated to the new school year. We will resume our traditional bell schedule on Friday, August 26th.

Regular Bell Schedule:

Please see the updated bell schedule for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

	Smoky Mt.	Redwood	HVT	Olympic	Acadia	Denali	Gateway Arch	Glacier
Period 1 7:25-8:22	Exploratory	Exploratory A	Exploratory B	Core 1				
Period 2 8:23-9:16	Exploratory	Exploratory B	Exploratory A	Core 2				
Period 3 9:17-10:10	Core 1	Core 1	Core 1	Exploratory A	Exploratory B	Core 3	Core 3	Core 3
Period 4 10:11-11:04	Core 2	Core 2	Core 2	Exploratory B	Exploratory A	Core 4	Core 4	Core 4
Period 5A	Resource 11:05-11:37	Resource 11:05-11:37	Resource 11:05-11:37	Lunch 11:06-11:36	Lunch 11:06-11:36	Resource 11:05-12:09	Resource 11:05-12:09	Resource 11:05-12:09
Period 5B	Lunch 11:38-12:08	Lunch 11:38-12:08	Lunch 11:38-12:08	Resource 11:38-12:42	Resource 11:38-12:42	Lunch 12:11-12:42	Lunch 12:11-12:42	Lunch 12:11-12:42
Period 5C	Resource 12:10-12:42	Resource 12:10-12:42	Resource 12:10-12:42					
Period 6 12:43-1:36	Core 3	Core 3	Core 3	Core 3	Core 3	Exploratory	Exploratory A	Exploratory B
Period 7 1:37-2:30	Core 4	Core 4	Core 4	Core 4	Core 4	Exploratory	Exploratory B	Exploratory A
Departure	2:30 1st Bus Group	2:34 2nd Bus Group	2:40 Walkers/Parent Pick Ups					

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Boys and Girls Club:

Boys and Girls Club of Shippensburg and Chambersburg offer after school care for middle school students. If you wish to sign your child up to attend the program, please complete an application at www.bgccs.org.



Construction:

Construction continues at the middle school. At this time you may notice caution tape across the front of the building. The front panel of doors are being replaced. If you need to visit the middle school, the front door furthest to the left with the buzzer is still accessible for your use.



Bus Behavior:

As school begins a flood of yellow busses will once again be taking to the streets. A reminder to students that behavior on the bus should replicate behavior in the classroom. Students should be seated, quiet, respectful throughout the bus ride. Electronics may be used on the bus, however music should not be played without earbuds.



Electronics:

Cellphones and earbuds are not permitted for use in the middle school. Devices will be taken and discipline will be issued.



PBIS Wishlist:

The PBIS team has created an Amazon wish list to help procure items for weekly raffles and marking period fun days. If you are willing to purchase an item from the wish list please visit [Amazon at this link](#).



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



Discipline Changes:

Changes have been put into place for when discipline has taken place. The following consequences are used at the middle school:

Lunch Detention: Students eat lunch in a supervised classroom removed from the cafeteria and peer groups.

Morning Detention: Students are assigned morning detention to complete at their availability over a given period of time. Morning detention is held Tuesdays and Thursday from 6:15 - 7:15 a.m. Students should enter at the parent drop off entrance.

In School Suspension: Students are assigned in school suspension to be completed in the office area. Classwork is provided to students to complete during the time served.

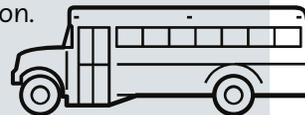
Out of School Suspension: Students are assigned out of school suspension to be completed at home. Classwork is provide to the student to complete during day(s) missed.

Social Probation: Students who fail to complete detention or have accumulated 4 or more hours of detention will be placed on social probation. Students placed on social probation will not be allowed to participate or attend athletic events or extra curricular activities.



Transportation:

Bus information for the 2022 - 2023 school year will be posted in Skyward on in August. A phone call to families will be made when routes are available for viewing.. Please check Skyward for this information.



Building Contact Information:

Main Office -- 717.530.2750
Summer Office Hours -- 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 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