

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

SEPTEMBER 2025

Dates to Remember:



September 1st-- No School
September 10th--Club Day
September 17th -- 2 Hour Early Dismissal
September 19th -- Picture Day at SAMS
September 22nd-- Roll R' Way Skating Party
September 24th -- Club Day
September 29th --School PTO Appreciation
October --School Principal Month
October 2nd --School Custodial Appreciation
October 5th--World Teachers Day
October 8th--Club Day
October 13th--No School
October 15th--2nd Cycle Exploratory Start
October 20th-24th--School Bus Safety Week
October 22nd--2 Hour Early Dismissal
October 24th--YES! Day
October 27th--End of 1st Marking Period
October 29th--Picture Retakes
October 29th--Club Day
November 3rd-7th--School Psychologist Week
November 11th--No School
November 12th--Club Day
November 14th--SAMS Holiday Hangout
November 19th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
November 20th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
November 21st--Substitute Educators Day

Safe 2 Say Something

Safe 2 Say is an anonymous tip app and website that any user can report warning signs, threats to themselves or others, self harm, and other concerns before it is too late. Tips are assessed and process through the crisis center and acted upon as necessary by local agencies and school personnel.



Athletic Spectator Information

A reminder that MS aged students and younger are **not permitted into sporting events without the accompaniment of an adult.** Students should remain with an adult throughout the sporting event. This includes Middle School and High School sporting events.

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 in their assigned seat throughout the bus ride
- quiet throughout the bus ride
- respectful throughout the bus ride to their peers and driver
- only ride their assigned bus

Electronics may be used on the bus, however music should not be played without earbuds.

Locks

Locks are still available for purchase through the main office. Students may bring money to the main office throughout the day to purchase. Used locks are \$3.00. A reminder to all families and students that the district is not responsible for any items stolen or taken from a locker. Additionally, students are responsible for all items within their locker. We recommend purchasing a lock and keeping the combination private. Students should also refrain from sharing lockers with another student.

PTO:

The PTO has made great strides for the Middle School. We are thankful for the parents of our students that want to support our building through this manner. Monthly meetings will occur throughout the school year. Please check the calendar of events for dates and times. The PTO has been able to fundraise for various field trips and events for our students. We look forward to seeing you there.

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PBIS Criteria

Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program rewards students for meeting expected behavior expectations. The program works to reward students through our paper currency, Champ Chances. Students can use the Champ Chances to purchase items in their classroom stores, participate in grade level raffles, go outside during lunch and enter raffles during marking period activities.

Marking period events also take place for all eligible students in our building. Students who have accrued two or more discipline referrals during the marking period would not be eligible to participate within the marking period event. Additionally, students who have been assigned ISS or OSS during the marking period would also be considered ineligible for the marking period event. There will be opportunities for restorative practices for students to earn their way back into the marking period events at the principal/assistant principal discretion.

Social Media:

Middle School Administration does their best to keep families, students, and the community apprised of the fun and exciting activities taking place within the building and classrooms. Please consider following the middle school on social media to stay apprised of happenings.



Shbg Middle School



@shbgmiddleschool

Community Resources:



Aliff Counseling -- 717.477.2556

(School Based Mental Health Provider)

Cumberland/Perry Drug and Alcohol -- 717.240.6300

Crisis Chambersburg Hospital -- 717.264.2555



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteer for our YES! program.

Shippensburg Area Middle School

Friday, October 24, 2025

Approximately 7:30 AM to 11:15 AM



- Empower students to own their own economic success.
- Facilitate fun & engaging career readiness activities.
- Receive both virtual training & on-site support.
- Have fun while impacting our future generations!
- Light breakfast provided



WATCH NOW

For More Info

CLICK HERE



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



ADULT VOLUNTEERS ONLY

Junior Achievement of South Central PA

717-843-8028 | www.jascpa.org

Contact us at sbaker@jascpa.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

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

School Social Worker --

Tabitha Curtis

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**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)



**•SAVE•
•THE•
•DATE•**

•September 22nd•

6-8

☆Skate Night☆

@ Roll'R Way

SAMS Greyhound Gear Sale

All sales benefit the SAMS PBIS Team

- Online orders through CVR until SEPTEMBER 2nd
- T-shirts, Sweats, and Nylon Bags (Perfect for Fitness Class)
- Youth and adult sizing available
- Color Choices: Maroon, Grey, & Black
- Please indicate "Local Pick Up" in order notes
 - Orders will be delivered to SAMS

SHIPPENSBURG
GREYHOUNDS

Order Here:

<https://cvruniforms.com/product-category/pbis-greyhounds/?orderby=popularity>

Or:

