

# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

MARCH 2024

### Dates to Remember:



March 1st -- Dental Exams at SAMS  
March 4th -- School Social Worker Appreciation Week  
March 8th -- Club Day  
March 15th - 17th -- SAMS Musical Madagascar Jr.  
March 20th -- 2 hour early dismissal  
March 21st -- Club Day  
March 27th -- End of 3rd Marking Period  
March 27th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
March 28th -- 2 hour early dismissal  
March 29th - April 1st -- No School  
April 3rd -- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day  
April 3rd -- Physicals at SAMS  
April 4th -- Librarian Appreciation Day  
April 5th -- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at SAMS  
April 8th -- Honor Roll Social  
April 8th -- Assistant Principal Appreciation Week  
April 10th -- Physicals at SAMS  
April 23rd - 25th -- ELA PSSA's  
April 24th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
April 29th - 30th -- Math PSSA's  
May 2nd -- 8th Grade Science PSSA's  
May 14th - 15th -- Algebra Keystones

### Greyhound Foundation Corner:

THE GREYHOUND FOUNDATION'S  
**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN MAY

**CONTESTS / PRIZES / RAFFLES**  
**BEAT THE HEAT! 8:00 AM SHOTGUN START TEAM OF 4 \$340**

Join us on the beautiful links of Eagles Crossing Golf Club in support of the amazing students and teachers of the Shippensburg Area School District

[WWW.THEGREYHOUNDFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.THEGREYHOUNDFOUNDATION.ORG)

### PSSA's:

PSSA's are quickly approaching and will take place in from April 23rd - May 2nd. During this time it is important that students attend school daily and are well rested. As a reminder electronic devices are not allowed in the testing room; this includes phones, smart watches, and personal calculators. The school will issue PSSA approved calculators for the testing period. Additional information will be distributed via the newsletter and the districts messaging system closer to the time.

### Groups at the Middle School:

The middle school has a wonderful opportunity to offer groups to our students. Currently there are multiple groups being offered to students at the middle school. Groups range from Social Skills for selected students, Grey Matter group conducted through the SCRC and Why Try being conducted through the Mental Health Association of Franklin and Fulton Counties.

**The Grey Matter** group is currently provided to any 8th grade student interested in learning healthy coping strategies for stressful situations and brain storm solutions in a group setting. Although the groups for this school year have already started, we will have openings for 8th graders next year. Information will be distributed early next school year to students and families that are interested.

**WhyTry** group is currently being offered to 8th graders, but we are hopeful to expand the group to additional grades next year. The group offers information and skills to students to increase engagement, motivation, and build resilience in students. Students who are struggling academically, behaviorally, and with attendance are the target participants for this group.

### Dress Code:

As the weather starts to change here are a few reminders regarding the dress code:

- We should not see under garments.
- Shorts should be of modest length and visible under the shirt.
- Stomachs should not be visible throughout the day.
- Pajamas and slippers are not to be worn.

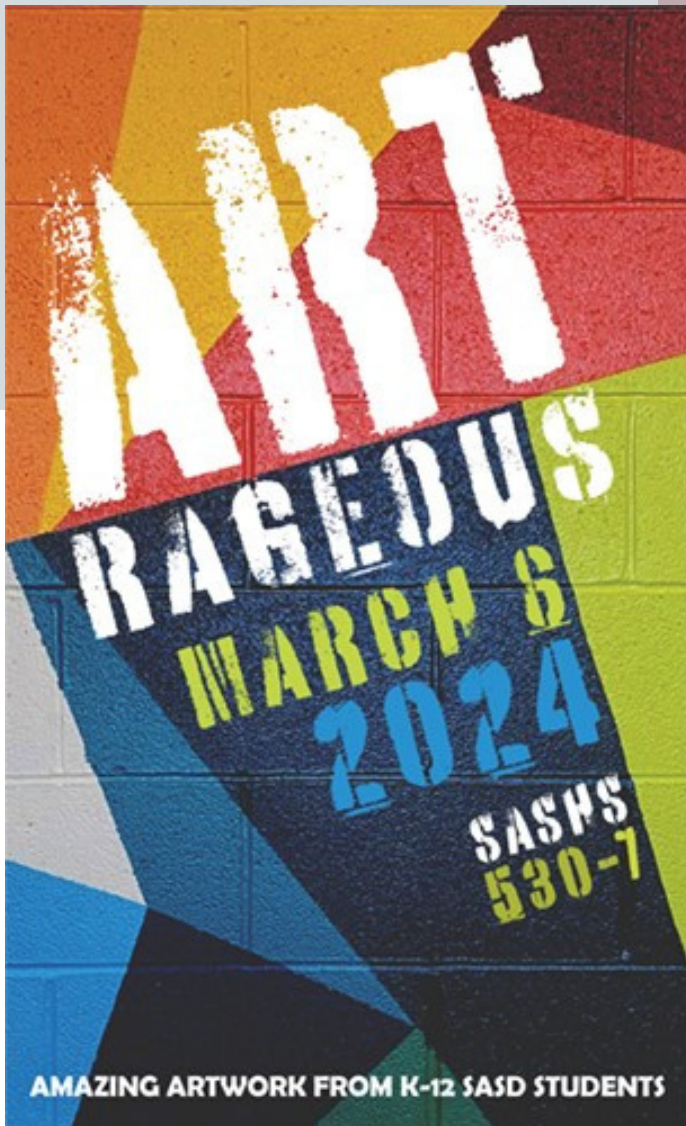
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### Youth Art Month:

**Artrageous**, our annual celebration of K-12 art is Wednesday, March 6, from 5:30-7 pm at SASHS! Free and open to the public, Artrageous features an exhibit of art from all grades and all district schools, kids' art activities by the SASHS chapter of the National Art Honor Society, art demonstrations, and live music by the SASHS Coffee House club.



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Friday, March 1, 2024

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### PTO News and Updates:



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for ticket sales before each show.  
We also need help to sell snacks and flowers  
before the musical and during the intermission.

Thank you for helping support SAMS PTO!

VISIT:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFAD29A0FFCF8-48177571-sams#/>



### DISCOUNT TICKETS

from Shippensburg Middle School PTO



**HERSHEYPARK**

**\$50 per Ticket**

Valid March 29, 2024 – January 1, 2025  
(SAVE \$37.80)

**DelGrosso's Park & LAGUNA Splash**

**\$30 per Ticket**

Valid June, July, and August 2024,  
includes the water park.  
Closed Tuesdays.  
(SAVE \$7)

The Shippensburg Area Middle School PTO is offering discounted tickets for both Hersheypark and DelGrosso's Amusement Park for the 2024 season. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please detach the bottom of this form. If writing a check, please make it payable to SAMS PTO.

**Deadline to Order: March 26th**

Ticket pick-up will be sometime in April. We will communicate the date to you once the tickets have arrived.

**There is no limit on tickets!**

If you have any questions you can e-mail the PTO at [shipmiddlepto@gmail.com](mailto:shipmiddlepto@gmail.com)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets	Gate Price	Our Price	Quantity of Tickets	Total Price
Hersheypark	\$87.80	\$50.00		
DelGrosso's	\$37	\$30		
Total Price				

**Please check your student's backpack for an order form.**

### 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/>



### 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](mailto: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