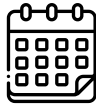


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MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY NOVEMBER 2025

Dates to Remember:



November 3rd-7th--School Psychologist Week
November 4th-- Report Cards posted online
November 7th--Orchestra Field Trip
November 7th--COLOR RUN!
November 10th-November 14th--Be Kind Spirit Week
November 11th--No School
November 12th--Club Day
November 14th--SAMS Holiday Hangout
November 19th--Health/Fitness Trimester Change
November 19th--Education Support Professionals Day
November 19th--2 Hour Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences
November 19th--PTO Meeting @7:00 PM
November 20th--2 Hour Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences
November 21st--Substitute Educators Day
November 24th--2 Hour Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences
November 26th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
November 27th-December 2nd--Schools Closed
December 9th--Remembrance Workshop **Sign up Required
December 9th--Orchestra Concert
December 10th--Pie in the Face Event
December 10th--Club Day
December 10th--7th and 8th Grade Band Concert
December 11th--3rd Exploratory Cycle Starts
December 11th--Choral Concert
December 17th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
December 17th--PTO Meeting @7:00 PM
December 23rd--2 Hour Early Dismissal
December 24th-January 2nd--Schools Closed

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent teacher conferences will take place November 19th, 20th and 24th district wide. Each team will be in contact with families to identify times of available conferences.

Community Help:

We know that economic times are becoming more and more difficult. There are resources within our community to assist and personnel at the school that can help make community connections for you if needed.

Hound Packs are a service of the SCRC that provides food for families that are food-insecure. Students in the program receive a food weekly for weekend meals. If you are interested in joining the Hound Packs program please reach out to your student's School Counselor or visit: [Hound Pack Enrollment](#).

Honor Roll Social and IXL Competitions:

Students who have earned all A's and B's for the 1st Marking Period will be invited to participate in the Honor Roll Social. The social will consist of a treat during lunch for the 1st Marking Period. We are proud that over 1/2 of our students will qualify for this event.

Students participate in three IXL competitions during each marking period. Students who placed in the top 10 of most questions answered, most proficient lessons completed, and most mastered lessons completed. The first marking period event took place at the end of October and students won a CRAVE box, mini fridge, Wireless Speaker and ice cream. The second marking period competition is off to a wonderful start so far.

Students Leaving Early

If you need to pick your student up from the building prior to dismissal for an appointment or nurse release, the student must first sign out in the office. Students should leave the building through the vestibule doors and not the large front doors. This is a safety concern for all students and families.

Dress Code

A quick reminder that students should have their stomachs and under garments covered at all times during the school day. If shirts are hanging off of the shoulder a garment 2 inches wide should be underneath. Students not in compliance will be asked to change.

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PTO Color Run

What's more fun then getting out of class, getting to walk around outside with friends and have color chalk paint thrown on you? Not many things in my opinion! The SAMS PTO is switching up our main fundraiser this year and hosting a building wide COLOR RUN! The Color Run fundraising campaign will kick off October 3rd during grade level assemblies and the Color Run event will take place November 7th. Fundraising will be open until November 14th. ALL students are invited to participate. Students will register with the link provided during the kick off event (link is also included in the attached documents and will be posted online) and work through the month of October to collect sponsorships from friends, family, and community members. All students who register will receive a FREE white t-shirt to wear the day of the event. Students who do not register are still permitted to participate in the event, but will need to provide their own shirt to wear during the color run.

Students will have the opportunity to win individual, grade level and building wide prizes based upon the amount of money raised. PTO is hoping to raise \$20,000 to support field trips and student experiences throughout the school year. If you are interested in helping with the event or know of a business that would like to sponsor the event, sponsor t-shirts, or provide donations please reach out to shipmiddlepto@gmail.com.

Spirit Wear Sale:

Our previous spirit wear sale benefitting was a success thanks to you, our SAMS Families. Many families reached out stating they wanted to purchase additional items. Our PBIS team has reopened the spirit wear sale. Items can be purchased by scanning the QR code below or navigating to the following link:

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

Orders will need to be place by November 14th and will be delivered in early December. Thank you for your on going support and Go Greyhounds!



MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE www.franklinctc.com

Tuesday, November 18, 2025



2463 Loop Road, Chambersburg, PA
Ph: 717-263-9033
info@franklinctc.com
www.franklinctc.com

Code: Discover

4:30-6:00 PM - EXPLORE Local Business Opportunities

5:30-7:00 PM - Self-Guided Tour



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SHIPPENSBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & C.A.N. (CHRIST AMONG NEIGHBORS) PRESENT:

elf SHIPPENSBURG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

14th Annual

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025
6 PM - 8 PM

Shippensburg Area Senior High School
201 Eberly Drive, Shippensburg
(Parking is located at the rear of the building)

Enjoy an Elf Pasta Bar, food, crafts, games, and face painting. Holiday music, bingo, photo ops, a visit from Santa, presents, and more!

Open to Families of the Shippensburg Area School District

Please pre-register to attend. Children must be present to receive a gift.
RSVP by November 28 — call 717-532-5509 or scan the QR code to sign up!



VOLVO   

SAMS HOLIDAY HANGOUT

Friday, November 14

Face Painting supports the PBIS team!

2:40 – 4:15

No cost to attend! Food and drinks can be purchased to support SAMS PTO sponsored field trips!

Dancing!



Food!

Face Painting (\$1)



Outside time!



If you plan to go outside, please dress accordingly.

Games!



Please have a parent or guardian sign below to allow you to attend the event.
Please return the completed bottom portion to your homeroom teacher by Fri Nov 7

I understand that my student will be staying at SAMS after school until 4:15 pm on Friday, November 14 and that they will need to be picked up at the front of SAMS at 4:15 pm. Entrance to the event is free, however there is a cost for snacks and face painting. Profits from the snacks are to help cover costs of SAMS field trips that are sponsored by the PTO. This is an optional event!

Student Name

Student Grade

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

PAWS FOR A CAUSE



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Drop off non-perishable food items to Student Services
- Please avoid glass containers and puncturable packaging to ensure items can be stored and shared safely.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

SAMS is beginning a blessing box-style cart to help support students and families in our school community who may be in need.

SHELF-STABLE FOOD SUGGESTIONS:

- Canned fruit, beans, & soup
- Microwaveable meals
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Snack bars (granola, protein, trail mix, cereal bars)
- Popcorn (microwaveable or pre-popped)
- Peanut butter & canned protein (chicken, tuna)



At the end of each day, students are welcome to take what they need from the Paws for a Cause carts that will be placed near school exit locations.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
SAMS Student Services

SAMS DEEP DIVE INTO KINDNESS SPIRIT WEEK

NOV 12-15, 2025



MONDAY

Kindness Beneath the Surface

Team Maroon: Fish
wear maroon and red

Team Grey: Sharks
wear Grey or white

Team Hounds: Turtles
wear green or brown



Wednesday

Coral Reefs of Connections

Wear bright colors like the colors of coral reefs and shine Kindness!



Thursday

Anchor together Thursday.
Dress as twins with a buddy



Friday

MAKE WAVES LIKE WAVES ACTIONS RIPPLE OUT WEAR SOMETHING THAT REPRESENTS YOU



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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

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 on the third Wednesday of the month in the SAMS cafeteria. 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.

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.

SAFE2SAY
SOMETHING

SEE IT. REPORT IT.



MOBILE APP



1-844-SAF2SAY



SAFE2SAYPA.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

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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