

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

NOVEMBER 2022

Dates to Remember:



- November 1st - 10th -- Parent/Teacher conferences
- November 11th -- Schools Closed
- November 16th -- Schools Closed/In-service
- November 16th -- PTO Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- November 23rd -- 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- November 24th - November 29th -- Schools Closed
- December 2nd -- Holiday Hangout
- December 1st -- SAMS Choral Concert
- December 7th -- 7/8 Band Concert
- December 13th -- Orchestra Concert
- December 14th -- PTO Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- December 22nd -- 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- January 4th -- SAMS Supports SU Basketball



Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent/teacher conferences being Tuesday, November 1st and occur through November 10th. Conferences are a great time to check student progress, behavior, and performance with your student's core academic team. Communication from your student's team should have been received via paper or e-mail to request a conference. If you have questions regarding parent/teacher conferences please reach out to your student's teachers.



New Mural at SAMS:

SAMS School Counselor, Mrs. McKee has partnered with students within Shippensburg University's Social Work major to complete a community outreach project. The SU students have begun creating the mural below in one of our cross hallways. The mural is located in a place for high visibility to bring awareness of equality and respect for all students. We are thankful for this partnership.



PTO:



The PTO is busy planning activities for students in the coming months. In addition to events for students, the PTO will also be conducting fundraisers later this year to assist in paying for grade level field trips. We appreciate everyone's help and participation. Two upcoming events being planned by the PTO include the Holiday Hangout and the SAMS Supports SU Basketball.

Holiday Hangout - This FREE event will occur December 2nd directly following school from 2:40 - 4:30. Flyers and permission slips will be coming home later in November and will be due prior to Thanksgiving Break. The event will take place in the cafeteria with spaces for yard games, dancing, and PE games. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the PTO. If you are interested in helping to chaperone this event, please place your e-mail address at the bottom of the permission slip.

SAMS Supports SU Basketball - This FREE event is for students of SAMS to attend the female and male basketball games on January 4th. Students will receive an interest form following Thanksgiving break. Students will receive one free ticket for entry for themselves and one free ticket for an accompanying guardian. The evening will kick off with the Lady Raider basketball game at 6:00 p.m. with knockout style games at half time. Between games, students will be offered a sub and cookie courtesy of Subway. The Men's Raider Basketball team will take the court at 8:00 p.m. with knockout style games during halftime.



PBIS Updates:



Gratitude Grams will be available for sale on the 14th, 15th and 17th during lunches for student purchase. For one chance, you can send a message and piece of candy to your buddies to show how much you appreciate them! Gratitude Grams will be delivered on November 23rd. Happy Thanksgiving from the PBIS team!

PBIS sponsored a T-shirt design contest in October. The apparel with the winning design will be on sale 11/23-11/30. Orders will be delivered to SAMS prior to winter break if you are looking for gift ideas! Please look for order forms online and in a flyer coming home on 11/21.

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Items of Awareness:

Survival Bracelets: The survival bracelets are a great asset for students that enjoy doing activities outdoors, however in some survival bracelets there is a metal piece designed to make sparks and start a basic fire. This version of the survival bracelet is not allowed on school property. Bracelets will be confiscated and students will receive discipline if brought onto school property. Please remind your student to leave their bracelet at home.

Social Media: Social Media plays a large roll in most pre-teen and teenager lives. Below are tips and items to consider when using social media:

1. "Friend" or follow your student on social media to monitor their activity and friends.
2. Communicate dangers of social media with students.
3. Set an example of proper social media usage.
4. Remind students their words and actions online will carry over into real life and friend groups.
5. Remind students not to share their password with friends.

School Counselor Updates:

School Counselor Conferences: If you are interested in meeting with your child's school counselor, open conference times include November 1st from 2:45 - 6:30 p.m. and November 8th from 2:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Doctor Forms: If you have forms regarding student behavior or performance that need completed (i.e. Vanderbilt paperwork) please funnel the paperwork through the School Counseling office.

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 Grief Support --
<https://drewmichaeltaylor.org/>



Student Council Updates:

SAMS Student Council recently held interviews for and selected new 6th grade student council members.

In **October**, student council members created booklets for bullying prevention information and weekly contest drawings were held for participation. Red Ribbon spirit week was a success and promoted unity throughout the school. An orange competition for Unity Day was held and orange prizes were awarded to each team with the highest percentage of orange worn.

Student council will be hosting a Book Drive. Books will be collected for kids ages birth to 12th grade to be distributed at the Community Christmas Party hosted by Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce and C.A.N. SAMS Students can donate books or give money for Student Council to purchase books. The drive will be from Nov 7 - Dec 2. (Or just say a book drive and details to come)

Looking ahead, in **December** SAMS Student Council will be hosting a door decorating contest and selling SantaGrams during lunch to raise money for the student field trips and to promote school community.

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
Building Social Worker -- Tabitha Curtis

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Holiday Help: If you are in need of assistance for the upcoming holidays please reach out to your student's school counselor or our building social worker. The school counselors and social worker can assist in locating community resources to support your family.



FREE



DRIVE-THRU THANKSGIVING DINNER NOVEMBER 24th

MEALS WILL BE DISTRUBUTED BETWEEN 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR UP TO 200 PEOPLE
WITH A STAND-BY LIST FOR CANCELLATIONS
PLEASE CALL 717-532-6850; MON. - THURS., 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
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SAMS HOLIDAY HANGOUT

Friday, December 2

2:40 - 4:30



Games!



Dancing!

Fun!



Food!

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

Please have a parent or guardian sign below to allow you to attend the event.
Please return the completed bottom portion to your first period teacher.

I understand that my student will be staying at SAMS after school until 4:30 pm on Friday, December 2 and that they will need to be picked up at the front of SAMS at 4:30 pm. Entrance to the event is free, however there is a cost for snacks. Profits from the snacks are to help cover costs of SAMS field trips that are sponsored by the PTO.