

# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

OCTOBER 2025

### Dates to Remember:



October --School Principal Month  
 October 2nd --School Custodial Appreciation  
 October 3rd--Color Run Kick Off Event  
 October 5th--World Teachers Day  
 October 8th--Club Day  
 October 9th and 10th--Pays Survey for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
 October 10th--7 Grey Burd Run Trip  
 October 13th--No School  
 October 15th--2nd Cycle Exploratory Start  
 October 15th--PTO Meeting @7:00 pm  
 October 20th--8 Maroon Hiking Field Trip  
 October 20th-24th--School Bus Safety Week  
 October 20th-October 31st--CAOLA Open Enrollment  
 October 21st--8 Grey Hiking Field Trip  
 October 22nd--2 Hour Early Dismissal  
 October 23rd--8 Hounds Hiking Field Trip  
 October 24th--YES! Day  
 October 27th--End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period  
 October 29th--Picture Retakes  
 October 29th--Club Day  
 October 31st--PBIS Celebration Day  
 November 3rd-7th--School Psychologist Week  
 November 7th--COLOR RUN!  
 November 11th--No School  
 November 12th--Club Day  
 November 14th--SAMS Holiday Hangout  
 November 19th--2 Hour Early Dismissal  
 November 19th--PTO Meeting @7:00 PM  
 November 20th--2 Hour Early Dismissal  
 November 21st--Substitute Educators Day

### Attendance:

If your student has missed a day of school, an excusal note **must** be submitted within three days for the absence to be excused. Please include the **student's first name, last name, grade level and reason for absence**. Additionally, you are able to e-mail [samsattendance@ship.k12.pa.us](mailto:samsattendance@ship.k12.pa.us) to provide an excusal note or upload a picture of a doctor's note if you prefer. Students missing school for an educational trip, should submit the educational trip form prior to planned absences.

### Homework and Grades:

As we progress through the first marking period, it is important to be aware of your students' grades and assignments. ALL parents AND students have access to Skyward to see updates grades and/or missing assignments.

Each team within the building also has a homework slide linked on the Middle School Website. The homework slides includes details of each days' assignments and events. This is a great place to reference if your student is missing work, was absent, or is behind on assignments.

To access the homework slide navigate to our building website: <https://shipk12.org/middleschool> then navigate to your student(s) team page on the left hand side. At the bottom of each team page is a link to the homework slide.

7 HOUNDS ASSIGNMENTS						Sept. 15 - 19
Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
ELA	Quill #3 Newsela Article due Friday	Thank You Mom Rough Draft	Typed Final Draft		NH	
SS	Choose 2 Explorers To Research	Explorer Project Due Tuesday 9/23	Constitution Day-NH	Explorer Project Due Tuesday 9/23	Explorer Project Due Tuesday 9/23	
Math 7	Pg. 163-164 #1, 2, 3, 5	Subtract Integers WS	First Column of Worksheet Turn in extra credit today	Add and Subtract Pixel Puzzle		
Linear Exp.	Distributive Property WS	Practice the Dist. Prop. WS	Distribute and CLT WS	Distribute and Combine Like Terms		
Science	NH	Oobleck Lab due Wed	Scientific Method NH	Variables NH		

**Announcements**

- Media Center open Days 2 + 5
- Early Dismissal on Wednesday
- Picture Day on Friday!

### 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.

### 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. Students should not be soliciting an adult outside of the event to act as their parent. This includes Middle School and High School sporting events.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> during grade level assemblies and the Color Run event will take place November 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:shipmiddlepto@gmail.com).

#### Classroom Stores:

Each year we work to improve the opportunities for our students. Our students in previous years indicated they preferred more immediate rewards through our PBIS program. Classroom stores were developed to provide those opportunities. Students earn Champ Chances when teachers and staff see the students exhibiting expected behaviors in the classroom and around the building. One of the ways students can spend their Champ Chances is in the classroom stores. We also have a club that works to restock each classroom store every two weeks.

The stores contain items such as pencils, lead, gum, Jolly Ranchers, stickers, Air Heads, Rice Krispies, pencil cases, rubber ducks, fidgets, headphones, Tic Tacs, and fruit snacks. Students are able to spend their Champ Chances at appropriate times during the day to purchase these items. Each year we obtain feedback from our students on which items were successful or unsuccessful.

#### 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 14<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered in early December. Thank you for your on going support and Go Greyhounds!





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### 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](http://www.jascpa.org)  
Contact us at [sbaker@jascpa.org](mailto:sbaker@jascpa.org)

#### Student Assistant Program:

The Student Assistance Program at SAMS is a program that allows teachers, families, and fellow students to refer a student based on potential concerns regarding grades, mental health, or substance abuse. Students referred to the program provide permission along with a parent to have a mental health assessment and/or a drug and alcohol assessment. Following the assessment a mental health worker will reach out to the family for recommendations. This year our school has partnered with Growing Edges from Shippensburg University to provide this opportunity as well as Cumberland/Perry Drug and Alcohol. If you would like to refer a student you can complete the referral form using this Google Form. <https://forms.gle/85PGm5aq5iH1VnNJ9>



#### School Security Officer:

Last year the school board voted to hire School Security Officers for buildings within the district. Mr. Tony has been a wonderful asset to our building. In addition to keeping our building safe by monitoring hallways, cameras, checking doors and assisting with student situations, Mr. Tony is always available for a fist bump and a super hand slap high five. Our students always look forward to seeing Mr. Tony in the hallway and we are thankful that our building is safer with him here.



Register



**MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** [www.franklinctc.com](http://www.franklinctc.com)

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**



2463 Loop Road, Chambersburg, PA  
Ph: 717-263-9033  
[info@franklinctc.com](mailto:info@franklinctc.com)  
[www.franklinctc.com](http://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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### 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. 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.

**SAFE 2 SAY**  
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

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