

# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY MAY 2023

### Dates to Remember:

May 1st - 2nd -- Math PSSA Testing  
May 4th -- 8th Grade Science PSSA Testing  
May 5th -- Band Hershey Park Trip  
May 9th -- Acadia Burd Run Field Trip  
May 11th -- Olympic Burd Run Field Trip  
May 11th -- 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert  
May 16th and 17th -- Keystone Testing  
May 16th -- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Orchestra Concert  
May 17th -- 6th Grade Senators Trip  
May 18th -- Civil War Day  
May 19th -- 8th Grade PTO Fun Day at Park  
May 22nd -- PTO Meeting  
May 8th - 26th -- IXL Spring Diagnostic  
May 23rd -- Gateway Arch Walking Tour  
May 23rd -- 6th Grade Band Concert  
May 25th -- 5th Grade Orientation  
May 26th -- Glacier Walking Tour  
May 30th -- Denali Walking Tour  
May 30th -- 6th Grade Fun Day at Park  
May 31st -- 6th Grade Fun Day at Park  
May 31st -- Clubs  
June 1st -- 4th MP PBIS Fun Day  
June 2nd -- Last Day of School

### Summer Hours:

This summer the building will have limited access this summer due to construction. Administration and secretaries will be present within the building Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and then starting June 12th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It is recommended that you call the office prior to visiting the building to check availability.

### Address Updates

Please remember to keep Skyward updated with current phone numbers, emergency contacts, and address. If you need assistance in updating your student's information, please call the office.

### YouthTruth Survey:

Great news! Shippensburg Area School District is partnering with the national nonprofit organization, YouthTruth, to help us gather feedback about what we are doing well, and how we can improve our school community to better serve our students. We will be conducting the anonymous survey for the students, staff, and parents of our SASD community in May. We look forward to your feedback. Let your voice be heard!

### 6th Grade Orientation/ Back to School Night

6th grade orientation will be held in late August. The date is to be determined based upon building availability with construction updates. Please check your e-mail, middle school social media accounts, and Skylert messages for future updates.

### PTO Last Fundraiser

Attached to the newsletter e-mail is information regarding PTO's last fundraiser for the year. The fundraiser is a donation request to help fund this year's field trips. Field Trips are not covered by the district budget and therefore funds must be raised to ensure students are able to participate within meaningful experiences. On average it costs approximately \$20 to send a student on a field trip. Please consider donating toward this fundraiser to support SAMS.

### Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation is the week of May 8 - 12. This is one week throughout the year where we can shower teachers with our appreciation of all they do throughout the year for our students and community. If you are able and/or willing write a note of appreciation, have your student write a note of appreciation, provide small gifts or gift cards for their teachers. The building administration and PTO will be providing tokens of appreciation to all staff.

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### 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  
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

### 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/>

The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation presents the 2023  
**BLUE BUTTERFLY BALL**

a special dance for grieving families

Sunday, June 11 5-8 p.m.

Heritage Restored Farm, Newburg, PA



Because events like Daddy/Daughter Dances and Mother/Son Soirees can be HUGE grief triggers for those grieving the death of a loved one, the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation is offering an alternative, a special event that welcomes ALL GRIEVING FAMILIES! Mark your calendars for the Blue Butterfly Ball on Sunday, June 11 from 5-8 p.m. and be prepared for a magical evening of food, dancing, tiaras/crowns and fun for all ages! If you are a grieving family that wants to enjoy a special evening of healing and hope, in the company of other grievers that "get it", reserve your free tickets now (donations are welcomed to help cover our costs). Contact the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation at [drewmichaeltaylor@pa.net](mailto:drewmichaeltaylor@pa.net) or 717-532-8922 for more information or to register before May 26 or until the event sells out.

Visit our website at [www.drewmichaeltaylor.org](http://www.drewmichaeltaylor.org) to learn more about our grief education and support programs for children, teens and adults.

\*NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR - you must register by May 26!