

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

JANUARY 2024

Dates to Remember:



January 8th - 19th -- Winter IXL Diagnostic
January 12th -- No School Inservice
January 15th -- No School
January 17th -- SAMS Supports SU Basketball Event at SU
January 19th -- PBIS Celebration Day
January 19th -- Last Day of 1st Marking Period
January 22nd -- 3rd Marking Period Starts
January 26th -- Club Day
January 30th -- Honor Roll Social Event
February 5th -- School Counselor Week
February 9th -- New Clubs Start/ Club Day
February 12th -- Skating Event
February 20th -- Cycle 4 Exploratories begin
February 16th -- Inservice No School
February 22nd -- Bus Driver Appreciation Day
February 23rd -- Club Day
March 4th -- School Social Worker Appreciation Week
March 8th -- Club Day
April 23rd - 25th -- ELA PSSA's
April 29th - 30th -- Math PSSA's
May 2nd -- 8th Grade Science PSSA's

Greyhound Foundation Corner:

Innovation Starts Here.



Mary Jane Taylor
Mini Grants for
Teacher
Innovation



Eleven teachers were selected this year for funding through the Mary Jane Taylor Mini Grant process. Certificates were given out on Nov. 13th at the School District Board Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS go out to:

William Hopkins, Chad Shipp, Lisa Boltz, Amy Wallo & Heather Lenker, Beth Jones, Jennifer Deibler, Teresa Harris Tibbits, Melisha Miller, Amy Boyer, Julia Suchanek, and Marsha Schmus!

The Greyhound Foundation



PTO:

The PTO is hosted a **book fair** in December and had an AMAZING turn out. Students were able to support their love of reading by looking at books in a variety of genres throughout the week. Another book fair is planned for spring and we hope to have another successful event. Thank you to the volunteers that assisted our students in their shopping experiences and a special shout out to Mrs. Boyer, our Librarian, who assisted in developing a schedule for all students to attend.

SAMS Supports SU Basketball will take place on January 17th. Flyers and registration paperwork will be sent home to families following the holiday break. Check out the details:

- Student AND one adult are able to attend the women's and men's double header basketball game that evening free of charge. Adults accompanying students must stay for the duration of the event.
- Additional family members and guests are welcome to attend as well at a reduced cost of \$3.00 each.
- Light refreshments will be available for students via Subway.
- During halftime of both games students will be able to play knockout on the court with prizes from both basketball teams and the university being awarded.

We look forward to seeing all students at Heiges Field House.

Dress Code:

A reminder to all students and families that students should NOT be wearing pajama bottoms to school or slippers. Also, our dress code states that student's stomachs should be covered at all times. Crop tops are not acceptable attire for the school day.

Spectator Reminders:

Middle school aged students and younger may not attend any SASD sporting event without being accompanied by a parent or guardian. Students must have an adult responsible for them throughout the sporting event contest.

Grades:

We are nearing the end of the second marking period quickly. Please utilize Skyward to monitor your student's grades to ensure they are achieving their academic goals.

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SAMS SUPPORTS SU BASKETBALL





WOMEN VS. MANSFIELD
AT 6 PM



MEN VS. MANSFIELD
AT 8 PM

SAMS STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES ON WEDNESDAY, JAN 17. ADMISSION FOR SAMS STUDENTS AND 1 PARENT/GUARDIAN PER STUDENT IS FREE. ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS CAN ATTEND FOR \$3 A PERSON. PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS OF HEIGES FIELDHOUSE ON SU CAMPUS

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN GAMES FOR SAMS STUDENTS. REFRESHMENTS GRACIOUSLY DONATED BY SHIPPENSBURG SUBWAY.

AT HALFTIME OF EACH GAME THERE WILL BE BASKETBALL ACTIVITIES FOR SAMS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN.



FIDGETS VS PHONE IS A RAPID EDUCATIONAL PROTOTYPE (REP4) INITIATIVE AT SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY. THIS SPECIAL PROJECT WAS CREATED BY FIRST YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED A SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY 2023 EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT.

THE FIRST 100 SAMS STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE EVENT WILL RECEIVE AN SU BIG RED FIDGET



PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM THAT WAS HANDED OUT AT SCHOOL TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER BY JANUARY 10 IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS EVENT. IF YOU NEED ANOTHER FORM PLEASE LET A TEACHER KNOW.

Power, purpose and potential






Shippensburg Area Middle School
Heart & Sole Team

Tuesdays
from 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

10-Week Season Starts March 12, 2024
5K Celebration May 11, 2024


FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE!

Registration Details

Registration Opens January 22, 2024

Registration Fee \$175

ALL GRADES FEB 12



6-8 PM

\$10 COVERS
ADMISSION AND
SKATE RENTAL

BE KIND ROLLER SKATING PARTY!

Tickets can be purchased at lunch from Student Council Members on Feb 7, 8 and 9

ROLL R WAY CHAMBERSBURG

SNACK BAR AND ARCADE WILL BE OPEN

FYI: The rink is no longer accepting cash. students can bring cash and load it onto a card. There is a \$5 minimum and a \$0.25 fee.

Questions?

Contact Tricia Blount

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(717) 530-2750

SCAN ME!



For more information and to register, visit gotrmidstatepa.org



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

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