

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY AUGUST 2023

Dates to Remember:



- August 1st -- National Night Out with the Shippensburg PD @ 6:00 p.m.
- August 1st -- Athletic Paperwork Due
- August 12th -- Back to School Family Fun Day hosted by the Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce
- August 17th -- 6th Grade and New Student Orientation
- August 22nd -- SAMS Open House
- August 24th -- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- August 28 - September 8th -- Fall IXL Diagnostic
- August 30th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- September 1st -- No School
- September 4th -- No School
- September 12th -- Picture Day at SAMS
- September 13th -- 2 hour Early Dismissal
- September 27th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- October 6th -- Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
- October 9th -- No School
- October 13th -- Picture Make Up Day

6th Grade Orientation Details:

Welcome class of 2030 to the Shippensburg Middle School! We are excited to meet each of you and be a part of your education journey. Orientation will take place on August 17th at 10:00 a.m.; 2:00 p.m. OR 5:00 p.m. Please choose the time that works best for your family. **No sign up is necessary.** During this time you will receive an overview of the middle school, receive your team information, meet building administration and office staff, and complete a self guided tour of the building. Orientation will take approximately 45 minutes. Chromebooks will be available for pickup during this time.

If you are unable to attend the orientation on August 17th, Chromebooks may be picked up during open house on the 22nd of August. Students who do not attend either orientation or open house will receive their Chromebooks during the first days of school.

Locks and Lockers

All students will be assigned a lock and locker for use throughout the school year. Backpacks, coats, cell phones will all be stored within the locked locker. 7th and 8th grade students: if you took a lock home with you last year, please bring it with you the first week of school.

Parent Drop Off:

Parent drop off for students in the morning will continue to occur at 7:00 a.m. at the side entrance of the building. Students will enter the building and be directed to the cafeteria where breakfast can be purchased if desired.



Lunch Prices:

- Lunch Prices:
- Breakfast -- \$2.00
- Lunch -- \$3.20

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.
-Mahatma Gandhi

The Federal Government has not renewed funding for the free breakfast/lunch for all students program. Students will be need to have monies available on their account to purchase breakfast/lunch. You may add money to your student's account using the following link: <https://shipk12.revtrak.net/>. The link for online free/reduced meal application is available on the district website or web address: www.schoolcafe.com

Student Handbook:

The updated Student Handbook is available for viewing on the school and district website. Key areas of change to review include:

- Removal of Flexible Instructional Days Schedule)
- Electronic Devices (Page 16)

Upon reviewing the student handbook, please complete the Google Form.

Open House:

Open house will be held August 22nd from 6 - 8 p.m. Parents and students should plan to come during the allotted time slots. If you cannot attend during your student(s) grade assigned time, you may come at a time of convenience between 6 - 8 p.m.

- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. -- 8th graders and their families
- 6:40 - 7:10 p.m. -- 7th graders and their families
- 7:20 - 8:50 p.m. -- 6th graders and their families

We look forward to seeing all of the SAMS families. Teachers will be available for meet and greets during the 6-8 p.m. timeframe.

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PBIS:

The PBIS team is ready to kick off the year with a bang! PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) works to reward our students for exhibiting positive and appropriate behaviors during the school day. The first PBIS raffle (basket of back to school supplies) will take place on August 26th! Be sure to earn your Champ Chances by completing and returning the PBIS expectations document.

Celebrations Days for the 2023 - 2024 school year:
 October 27, 2023 March 22, 2024
 January 19, 2024 May 30, 2024

Any student receiving one or less referrals for the marking period are eligible to participate. Students receiving suspension(s) will not be eligible to participate.



Website:

The middle school has an active website as part of parent and community communication. The website includes a building calendar, team and department pages, and additional helpful links. Visit the website frequently to stay up to date on middle school happenings.



Regular Bell Schedule:

Please see the updated bell schedule for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

BELL SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

| Period | 6 Maroon | 6 Grey | 6 Hounds | 7 Maroon | 7 Grey | 7 Hounds | 8 Maroon | 8 Grey | 8 Hounds |
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| Homeroom | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 | Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35 |
| Period 1 | Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22 | Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22 | Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22 | Core 1 7:37 - 8:36 | Core 1 7:37 - 8:36 | Core 1 7:37 - 8:36 | Core 1 7:37 - 8:36 | Core 1 7:37 - 8:36 | Core 1 7:37 - 8:36 |
| Period 2 | Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09 | Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09 | Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09 | Core 2 8:38 - 9:37 | Core 2 8:38 - 9:37 | Core 2 8:38 - 9:37 | Core 2 8:38 - 9:37 | Core 2 8:38 - 9:37 | Core 2 8:38 - 9:37 |
| Period 3 | Core 1 9:11 - 10:09 | Core 1 9:11 - 10:09 | Core 1 9:11 - 10:09 | Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24 | Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24 | Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24 | Core 3 9:39 - 10:38 | Core 3 9:39 - 10:38 | Core 3 9:39 - 10:38 |
| Period 4 | Core 2 10:11 - 11:09 | Core 2 10:11 - 11:09 | Core 2 10:11 - 11:09 | Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11 | Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11 | Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11 | Core 4 10:40 - 11:39 | Core 4 10:40 - 11:39 | Core 4 10:40 - 11:39 |
| Period 5 | Resource 11:10 - 11:50 | Resource 11:10 - 11:50 | Resource 11:10 - 11:50 | Lunch 11:13 - 11:43 | Lunch 11:13 - 11:43 | Lunch 11:13 - 11:43 | Resource 11:41 - 12:24 | Resource 11:41 - 12:24 | Resource 11:41 - 12:24 |
| Period 6 | Lunch 11:52 - 12:22 | Lunch 11:52 - 12:22 | Lunch 11:52 - 12:22 | Resource 11:45 - 12:27 | Resource 11:45 - 12:27 | Resource 11:45 - 12:27 | Lunch 12:26 - 12:56 | Lunch 12:26 - 12:56 | Lunch 12:26 - 12:56 |
| Period 7 | Core 3 12:26 - 1:27 | Core 3 12:26 - 1:27 | Core 3 12:26 - 1:27 | Core 3 12:29 - 1:28 | Core 3 12:29 - 1:28 | Core 3 12:29 - 1:28 | Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43 | Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43 | Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43 |
| Period 8 | Core 4 1:29 - 2:30 | Core 4 1:29 - 2:30 | Core 4 1:29 - 2:30 | Core 4 1:30 - 2:30 | Core 4 1:30 - 2:30 | Core 4 1:30 - 2:30 | Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30 | Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30 | Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30 |
| Dismissal | 2:30 1st Bus Group | 2:34 2nd Bus Group | 2:40 Walkers/Parent Pick Ups | | | | | | |

PTO:

The PTO is continuing to make great progress for the Middle School. We are thankful for the parents of our students that want to support our building through this manner. If you are interested in joining the PTO, please plan to attend the next meeting on August 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Officers will be elected at this meeting as well a discussion regarding the year's events. We look forward to seeing you there.



First Day of School:

The first day of school is just around the corner and we want to ensure you know what to expect. All students will enter the building through the bus ramp or the parent drop off area. Upon arrival, students will have the opportunity to get breakfast if they choose and then students will report to their assigned homeroom. The day will consist of getting to know you activities, locker assignments, building tours, PBIS lessons, class meetings with administration, and of course lunch. The time will be spent with your homeroom/team teachers. This day is structured to welcome students back and allow students to be acclimated to the new school year. We will resume our traditional bell schedule on Friday, August 26th.



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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**

Bus Behavior:

As school begins a flood of yellow busses will once again be taking to the streets. A reminder to students that behavior on the bus should replicate behavior in the classroom. Students should be seated, quiet, respectful throughout the bus ride. Electronics may be used on the bus, however music should not be played without earbuds.

Electronics:

Cellphones and earbuds are not permitted for use in the middle school. Devices will be taken and discipline will be issued.

PBIS Wishlist:

The PBIS team has created an Amazon wish list to help procure items for weekly raffles and marking period fun days. If you are willing to purchase an item from the wish list please visit [Amazon at this link](#).

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



Discipline Changes:

Changes have been put into place for when discipline has taken place. The following consequences are used at the middle school:

Lunch Detention: Students eat lunch in a supervised classroom removed from the cafeteria and peer groups.

In School Suspension: Students are assigned in school suspension to be completed in the office area. Classwork is provided to students to complete during the time served.

Out of School Suspension: Students are assigned out of school suspension to be completed at home. Classwork is provide to the student to complete during day(s) missed.

Social Probation: Students who fail to meet appropriate behavior expectations may be placed on Social Probation. Students placed on social probation will not be allowed to participate or attend athletic events or extra curricular activities.

Transportation:

Bus information for the 2023 - 2023 school year will be posted in Skyward on in August. A phone call to families will be made when routes are available for viewing.. Please check Skyward for this information.



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