

# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

MAY 2025

### Dates to Remember:

April 30th - May 1st -- Science PSSA's (8th grade only)  
May 1st -- Principal Day  
May 1st -- 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert  
May 2nd -- Lunch Hero/Cafeteria Worker Appreciation Day  
May 5th - May 9th -- Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 7th -- School Nurse Appreciation Day  
May 8th -- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Orchestra Concerts  
May 9th -- Club Day  
May 9th -- Boxcar Night Fundraiser (Flyer Below)  
May 13th -- 7 Hounds Burd Run Field Trip  
May 13th - May 14th -- Algebra I Keystones  
May 14th -- 7 Maroon Burd Run Field Trip  
May 14th -- 6th Grade Band Concert  
May 15th -- Civil War Day  
May 16th -- 5th Grade Orientation @ SAMS  
May 18th -- Speech Pathologist Appreciation Day  
May 20th and May 22nd -- Fall sport sign ups  
May 20th -- 7 Hounds Conococheague Institute  
May 21st -- 6th Grade Senator's Game Field Trip  
May 21st -- Best Day Ever! Special Olympics Meet  
May 21st -- PTO Meeting @7:00 p.m.  
May 22nd -- 7 Grey Conococheague Institute  
May 23rd -- 7 Maroon Conococheague Institute  
May 26th -- Schools Closed  
June 2nd -- PBIS Celebration Day  
June 3rd -- 8th Grade Celebration Event  
June 5th -- Last Day of School Early Dismissal

### Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation is the week of May 5 - 9. 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.

### Health Updates

A few reminders for the upcoming school year:

All 7th grade students must have the following vaccines by the first day of school or risk exclusion:

- Tdap-(tetanus,diphtheria, and accellar pertussis)
- MCV (meningococcal conjugate) by the first day of school or risk exclusion.

Please be sure to contact the school nurse if you have any questions.

All students entering 7th grade need to have a school dental exam turned in. If you do not have a dentist and want to have your child receive the free exam provided by the school dentist, please let the school nurse know. Permission forms for this service will be sent home with all 6th grade students this school year.

All students entering 6th grade need to turn in a physical exam. If you do not have a doctor and you wish to have your child receive the free exam provided by the school doctor, please let the school nurse know. Permission forms for this service will be sent home this school year with all 5th grade students.

### 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!

### 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.

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### 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 9th from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It is recommended that you call the office prior to visiting the building to check availability.

### 2025 - 2026 Schedules

Administration will be working diligently this summer to compile schedules for the upcoming school year. Schedules will be released in early August. Parent and student requests for teams are not accepted by administration or student services.

### 6th Grade Open House

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.

### School Supplies

School supplies needed for the 2025- 2026 school year are determined based on teams. Most students should have a minimum of four folders, one for each core class.

### Building Website:

The middle school webpage is a great place to find information regarding your student's teachers and contact information, cycle days, building events, and homework materials. Visit [www.shipk12.org/middleschool](http://www.shipk12.org/middleschool).

### End of Year Behaviors

As we near the end of the year and prepare for next year, we have high expectations that our students continue to follow the Greyhound Expectations of being Safe, Prepared, Respectful, and Caring. Students have been held to the expectations thus far and we expect students to maintain appropriate behavior the remainder of the school year.

### 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 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

### 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/>



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## SAMS FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT SHIPPENSBURG AREA  
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**\$13** GAME  
TICKET

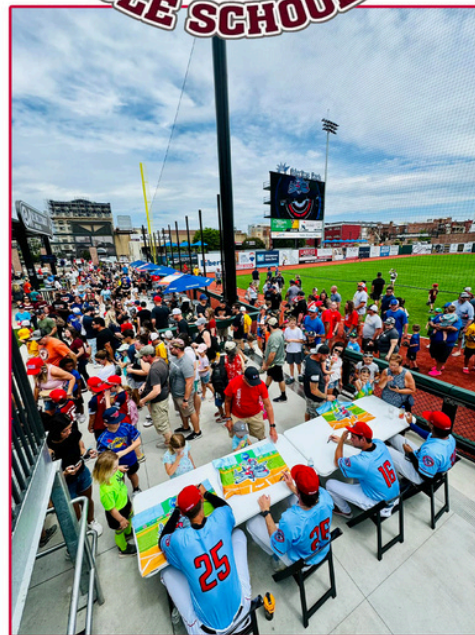
- May 9th
- Starwars Night
- Fireworks pres. by Michelob Ultra
- 6:30 first pitch

**TICKETS:**

PW: sams2025



SHIPPENSBURG AREA



CONTACT: [ACARTER@FLYINGBOXCARS.COM](mailto:ACARTER@FLYINGBOXCARS.COM)



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### Summer Learning Program



**WHEN:** June 23 to August 8, 2025  
M-F, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**WHERE:** James Burd Elementary  
600 Brad St., Shippensburg, PA 17257

- ✓ Fun daily activities
- ✓ Free breakfast and lunch
- ✓ Field trips on Fridays
- ✓ Fun & interactive lessons
- ✓ For students living in Shippensburg Area School District
- ✓ For students entering 1st-12th grade



**REGISTER NOW BY VISITING**  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3DGVMDZ](https://bit.ly/3DGVMDZ) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

Questions? Contact Tiffany Weaver at  
[youth-scrs@shipresources.org](mailto:youth-scrs@shipresources.org) or call 717-477-1961



Shippensburg Community  
Resource Coalition

### LEADERS-IN-TRAINING CAMP

Youth entering 6th-12th grades that live in the Shippensburg Area School District are welcome! They will participate in leadership activities, team-building challenges, community involvement, and be visited by community leaders. This is a day camp. No overnight accommodations.

**June 16, 17, 18, & 20, 2025 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**



Shippensburg University - Stewart Hall

Team-  
building  
challenges

Students  
entering 6th  
through 12th  
grades

Breakfast  
and lunch  
provided

### \$50 Registration

Fee waiver is available. Email Tiffany Weaver at [youth-scrs@shipresources.org](mailto:youth-scrs@shipresources.org)  
or call 717-477-1961

Register now at  
[bit.ly/43KYabW](https://bit.ly/43KYabW)  
Or scan the QR code

