

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY JUNE/JULY 2024

Dates to Remember:

July 17th -- PTO Meeting @7:00 p.m. Memorial Park
August 10th -- Back to School Family Fun Day hosted by the Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce
August 14th -- 6th Grade and New Student Orientation
August 19th -- SAMS Open House
August 21st -- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
August 30th -- No School
September 2nd -- No School
September 18th -- 2 Hour Early Dismissal
September 20th -- Picture Day at SAMS

Summer Hours:

Administration and secretaries will be present within the building Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Regular office hours will resume on August 4th. 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.

New Staff to SAMS

Please help us welcome the following staff to the SAMS Family:

- Chayce Macknair, 8th Grade Social Studies (Maroon)
- Lindsay Pittman, 7th Grade Special Education
- Scott Burkholder, Librarian

We are excited to expand the staffing at SAMS!

6th Grade and New Student

Orientation

6th grade orientation will be held August 14th at 10:00 A.M.; 2:00 P.M.; OR 5:00 P.M. Pick the time that suits your family (sign ups are not necessary)! During the orientation parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the middle school administration and office staff, receive their Chromebook, purchase a school lock, and take a self guided tour of the building. A short presentation will be given by building administration outlining things to expect while your student is at the middle school.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night or Open House will occur on August 19th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The building will be available for tours and teachers will be available for brief meet and greets. Students and parents will be able to meet their students' teachers, school counselors, administration, school staff and tour the building. Grade level tour times are staggered and listed below to assist with parking. **If you are not able to attend the grade level time or have multiple students within the middle school and other district schools, all staff will be available the entirety of the event.**

- 8th grade will be 6-6:30 PM
- 7th grade will be 6:40- 7:10 PM
- 6th grade will be 7:20-8:00 PM

Medication Policy

This summer the school board revised the Medication Policy for the district. The policy now requires an adult to bring any medications that are taken by the student during the school day to the school building. Students will not be permitted to transport or bring their own medication to the nurses office. Please plan accordingly if this policy impacts your student.

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PTO Meeting

The first PTO meeting of the 2024-2025 school year will be held July 17th at 7:00 P.M. at the Memorial Park pavilion. The PTO is a great way to be involved with the Middle School, learning about the latest happenings, and help plan fun experiences for your student and their classmates. Everyone is welcome to attend; no commitment or dues are required. Parent input is very important to SAMS and we hope to see you all there!



Lockers and Locks

This year we will continue to issue lockers to all students at SAMS, however, locks will be optional and available for purchase from the school. If a student wishes to have a lock, it must be purchased from the school. Outside locks and personal locks will not be permitted. Locks will cost \$5.00 for a new lock and \$3.00 for a used lock and are available for purchase at any time prior to school and during the school year. Students will still be required to keep their backpack and belongings in their locker and it is recommended to purchase a lock to ensure items stay safe.



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
Building Social Worker -- Tabitha Curtis

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Lunch Prices:

- Breakfast -- Free
- Lunch -- To Be Announced

The link for online free/reduced meal application is available on the district website or web address:
www.schoolcafe.com



PBIS

Students have spoken and our PBIS team has listened! This year we are expanding our PBIS program beyond weekly raffles and each classroom will feature a student store in addition to a larger building student store. We are looking for partnerships to help build our student store and classroom stores for the upcoming year.



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/>