

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY DECEMBER 2023

Dates to Remember:



December 5th -- 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert
December 5th - 15th -- Penn's Youth Discussion in 7th Grade
December 6th -- CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER PICK UP
December 11th -- Fundraising MEGA PARTY for winners
December 11th - 15th -- Book Fair
December 14th -- New Exploratories begin
December 14th -- Fundraising Movie event for winners
December 15th -- Club Day
December 18th -- PTO Meeting @ 7pm
December 20th -- 2 hour early dismissal (pending snow days)
December 21st - Jan 1st -- Schools Closed
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 26th -- Club Day
January 30th -- Honor Roll Social Event
February 12th -- Skating Event

Heart and Sole Running Program

Last year the middle school was able to host the Heart and Sole running program. The program is a 10 week program for middle school aged girls focused on connecting, growing, and thriving. We are looking for one or two leaders for the program this year. If you are interested, please contact Patricia Blount at triciablount@hotmail.com.



PTO:

The PTO is on the move and working hard at supporting the students at SAMS. A HUGE thank you to all families that participated in the Cherrydale Fundraising event. We were able to sell over \$40,000 worth of items and earn \$14,000 profit to fund building field trips!!! **All COOKIE DOUGH orders will be available for pick up on December 6th from 3 - 6 p.m. at the cafeteria.** Please check with your customers if cookie dough was ordered via paper orders or online. All items need to be picked up by the student's parent/guardian.

The Holiday Hangout hosted on November 17th was a great success and a fun event for all students. A thank you to all family volunteers that were able to assist and support the event.

The PTO is hosting a Book Fair at the middle school. The Book Fair will be set up in the Media Center from December 11th - 15th during resource periods. Students will have assigned days that they may visit the fair. E-Wallet will be available for parents to pre load money onto an account for students to purchase.

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.

Attendance:

We know that December is an extremely busy month for families, school, and activities. We want to remind families and students to ensure their child is in school daily to get the best experience of middle school. If your child misses a day of school due to illness, please send a note within three days. If you are planning a trip, please complete an educational trip form and submit as soon as possible for approval.

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Student Counsel Happenings:



SAMS FACULTY KITSCHY SWEATER CONTEST

DATES
Wear it on Dec 15
Student Voting
Dec 18-19
Winners Announced
Dec 20

ATTIRE
Wear a 'kitschy' holiday/winter themed sweater
kitschy
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considered to be in poor taste because of excessive
gorishness or sentimentality, but sometimes
appreciated in an ironic or knowing way

WINNERS
Top 3 Faculty
Members with the
most votes will
win

You must send a picture to Amanda at
amanda.kirpatrick@ship.k12.pa.us by the end of the day on
Friday, Dec 15 to be entered into the contest



SAMS SNOW GLOBE DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

Decorating will be in Greyhound
Block from Monday Dec 4 - 15

No lights or music and decorations can not
extend more than 3 feet past the doorway

Judging will occur after school on Friday Dec 15
and winners will be announced during the morning
announcements on Monday Dec 18

There will be one Greyhound Block winner per grade
and one winner for mixed grade classrooms

Prize will be snowball games in the B gym



SAMS WINTER SPIRIT WEEK
DECEMBER 11-15, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wear winter/holiday themed socks!	Wacky holiday/winter hair!	White out Wednesday! Homeroom in each grade that wears the highest percentage of white receives a voucher for a free Santagram	Stay Warm and wear your favorite hoodie!	Wear a kitschy sweater/shirt! kitschy /kiCHE/adjecive considered to be in poor taste because of excessive gorishness or sentimentality, but sometimes appreciated in an ironic or knowing way
Santagrams will be on sale during all lunches from Dec 11 - Dec 15 and delivered on Dec 18-19. Profits go towards a gift card drive for families in need.			Check your email on Monday, December 18th to vote for the best kitschy sweater/shirt!	

Greyhound Foundation News Corner

On Tuesday, November 14th, more than 250 Pennsylvanians rallied on the Capitol steps in Harrisburg in support of a state funding system that will ensure ALL children have access to the comprehensive, effective, contemporary public education they are guaranteed by the PA constitution.

Advocates came from dozens of school districts. Small and large; rich and poor; rural, urban, and suburban. More than 125 students attended from districts including Woodland Hills, McKeesport, Clairton City, and Chester-Upland. Individuals came and organizations brought their members. And everyone had the same message for Governor Shapiro and state lawmakers: Our children cannot afford for Harrisburg to continue to fail Pennsylvania's public school students.

We are so proud of the role that Ed Voters plays in this beautiful, inclusive, and growing movement to fund public education. Every day we work to contribute to building a space where students, families, and educators can show up authentically to advocate for the quality public schools that ALL children deserve. – Education Voters of PA



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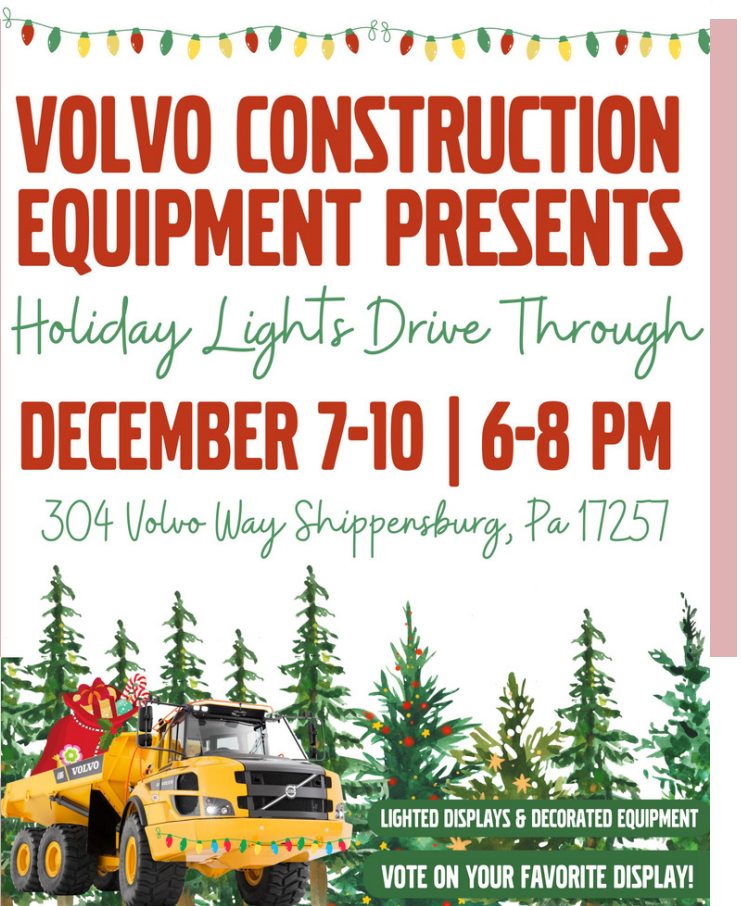


CHRISTMAS MARKET
AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY
COME SEE SANTA & VISIT OUR SANTA MARKET WHERE YOUR KIDS CAN PURCHASE INEXPENSIVE HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Live Carolers on Friday Evenings

FRI 12/8	4-7
SAT 12/9	11-1
FRI 12/15	4-7
SAT 12/16	11-1

Located in the open lot near U Grille
10-16 E King St, Shippensburg




VOLVO CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT PRESENTS
Holiday Lights Drive Through
DECEMBER 7-10 | 6-8 PM
304 Volvo Way Shippensburg, Pa 17257

LIGHTED DISPLAYS & DECORATED EQUIPMENT
VOTE ON YOUR FAVORITE DISPLAY!

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