

# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY MAY 2026

### Dates to Remember:



May 1st--School Lunch Worker Appreciation Day  
May 1st-- School Principal Appreciation Day  
May 4th-May 9th--Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 4th--Spring IXL Diagnostic Window Opens  
May 6th--School Nurse Appreciation Day  
May 6th--Orchestra Concert  
May 7th--7th and 8th Grade Band Concert  
May 12th&May 13<sup>th</sup>-- Algebra I Keystone Testing  
May 12th--7 Hounds Conococheague Institute Field Trip  
May 12th--Orchestra Concert  
May 13th--7 Hounds Burd Run  
May 13th--7 Maroon Conococheague Institute Field Trip  
May 13th--6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert  
May 14th--7 Maroon Burd Run  
May 14th--Civil War Day  
May 15th--7 Grey Conococheague Institute Field Trip  
May 15th--8<sup>th</sup> Grade Formal/Dance  
May 18th--Speech Pathologist Appreciation Day  
May 18th--5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation  
May 19th--6<sup>th</sup> Grade Senator's Baseball Game  
May 19th--8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Sport Sign Ups  
May 20th--Best Day Ever  
May 20th--7<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Sport Sign Ups  
May 21st--8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration at Memorial Park  
May 21st--6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Sport Sign Ups  
May 25th--Memorial Day - District Closed  
May 26th--Band Trip to Hershey Park  
May 27th--7 Maroon Operation Christmas Child Field Trip  
May 28th--7 Grey Operation Christmas Child Field Trip  
May 29th--7 Hounds Operation Christmas Child Field Trip  
June 2nd--4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Celebration Day  
June 3rd--Last Day of School 10:20 AM Dismissal  
August 12th--6<sup>th</sup> Grade and New Student Orientation  
10AM; 2 PM and 5PM  
August 18th--All Student Open House 6-8PM  
August 20th--1<sup>st</sup> Day of 2026-2027 School Year

### 2026 - 2027 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.

### 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) to see more information about our building.

### 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!

### Spring Reminders

Spring has sprung in Shippensburg as we make the final 45 days push to the end of the school year here are a few reminders for students and parents:

- All absences required a note within 3 days of the absence. Students who have accrued more than 10 total days absent must have a doctor's note for the absence to be considered approved.
- Students who arrive late to school receive lunch detention after their 5<sup>th</sup> tardy. Anyone arriving after 7:25AM is considered tardy.
- The dress code will continue to be enforced as we move into spring. Clothing and dress should be school appropriate. Belly shirts and tank tops are not permitted. Shorts should be long enough to provide coverage.
- Behavior expectations will continue to be enforced throughout the end of the year. Students should maintain our PBIS expectations of being Safe, Respectful, Prepared, and Caring.

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### Summer Hours

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 8th 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.



### 6th Grade Orientation

6th grade orientation will be held August 12th. Orientation will take place at 10 AM; 2 PM; and 5 PM. Families are welcome to attend whichever timeframe works best for them; no pre registration is required. The date is to be determined based upon building availability. Please check your e-mail, middle school social media accounts, and Skylert messages for future updates.

### 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 acellar 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 form 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.



### 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.



### Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation is the week of May 4 - 8. 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.

**8th Grade Formal Luau**

**When:**  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 to 6:30

**WHO:**  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

**Where:**  
SAMS Gym

Formal dress is encouraged but not required.  
School appropriate dress is still required.

Students who have 2+ office referrals between April 14-May 14 will not be able to attend.

There is no cost to attend. Every student attending will receive a ticket for one snack and one drink.

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### PBIS Criteria:

Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program rewards students for meeting expected behavior expectations. The program works to reward students through our paper currency, Champ Chances. Students can use the Champ Chances to purchase items in their classroom stores, participate in grade level raffles, go outside during lunch and enter raffles during marking period activities.

Marking period events also take place for all eligible students in our building. Students who have accrued two or more discipline referrals during the marking period would not be eligible to participate within the marking period event. Additionally, students who have been assigned ISS or OSS during the marking period would also be considered ineligible for the marking period event. There will be opportunities for restorative practices for students to earn their way back into the marking period events at the principal/assistant principal discretion.

### PTO:

The SAMS PTO is actively recruiting for new members and participants. The time commitment is small and responsibilities are limited to voicing your opinion and having creative ideas. Consider joining to help make your student's middle school experience everything it can be.

### Safe 2 Say Something:

Safe 2 Say is an anonymous tip app and website that any user can report warning signs, threats to themselves or others, self harm, and other concerns before it is too late. Tips are assessed and process through the crisis center and acted upon as necessary by local agencies and school personnel.

**SEE IT. REPORT IT.**

**MOBILE APP**

**1-844-SAF2SAY**

**SAFE2SAYPA.ORG**

### 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**

### Community Resources:

Aliff Counseling -- 717.477.2556  
(School Based Mental Health Provider)  
Cumberland/Perry Drug and Alcohol --  
717.240.6300  
Crisis Chambersburg -- 717.264.2555



### 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

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### YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

- FOR STUDENTS IN 6TH TO 12TH GRADE
- PLAN "BE KIND" EVENTS
- BRAINSTORM IDEAS TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY
- LEARN HEALTHY COPING & PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES



**SIGN UP  
HERE!**

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/45WGQAQ](https://bit.ly/45WGQAQ)

### Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition **LEADERS-IN-TRAINING CAMP**

Youth entering 6th-12th grades who live in the Shippensburg Area School District are welcome! They will participate in leadership activities, team-building challenges, community involvement, and discussions with community leaders. This is a day camp. No overnight accommodations. Breakfast and lunch included.

June 15-18 2026 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Shippensburg University - Harley Hall

- #### What will you learn?
- \* Essential leadership skills
  - \* Positive role modeling
  - \* Problem-solving
  - \* Active listening

**\$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/45KYabW](https://bit.ly/45KYabW)  
 Or scan the QR code  
 Link to registration also available at [shipresources.org](https://shipresources.org)



## FREE LAUNDRY NIGHT

**DATE:** Third Wednesday of Every Month  
**TIME:** 7 pm to 9 pm  
**LOCATION:** 10018 Molly Pitcher Hwy Shippensburg, PA 17257

This event is being offered to the Shippensburg community through Sam Cressler of the Wash n' Whirl and Meet the Needs, Inc.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

- NO ID REQUIRED
- ONLY 2 MACHINES PER PERSON
- ALL WASHER AND DRYER USE IS FREE DURING THIS TIME

Meet the Needs, Incorporated  
 EIN: 87-1872663  
 130 South Penn Street  
 Shippensburg, PA 17257  
[mtncorporated@gmail.com](mailto:mtncorporated@gmail.com)

## TOUCH A TRUCK

Saturday, May 30, 2026

**FREE EVENT!**  
 Rain or Shine


A free, family-friendly event featuring trucks, equipment, and vehicles to see, touch, and explore in Downtown Shippensburg!

**10 AM - 1 PM**  
 Sensory-Friendly Hour: 10-11 AM

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| SUN   | MON  | TUE  | WED  | THU   | FRI   | SAT  |
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|                      | <p>This calendar has the times and locations of the free community meals offered in Shippensburg</p> | <p>All Meals are Grabngo, drive-thru style unless stated otherwise</p>   | <p>Is your church interested in hosting a community meal? Contact Emily at coordinator-scrc@shipresources.org</p>  | <p>Senior Center meals &amp; meals on wheels<br/>717-300-3563</p>   | 1   | 2<br><p>Christ United Methodist<br/>47 E King St<br/>9:30 A.M.<br/><i>Dine in only</i></p>             |
| 3<br><p>Memorial Lutheran Church Lunch<br/>(Dine in only)<br/>34 E Orange St<br/>11:30- 12:30 P.M</p> | 4<br><p><b><u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></b></p>  | 5<br><p>SPO(Food Pantry)<br/>130 S Penn St<br/>3:30 pm to 6 pm<br/>Grace Place Free Hot Breakfast<br/>206 E Burd St<br/>10-11:30am<br/>Christ United Methodist (Dine in only)<br/>47 E King St<br/>6:15 p.m.</p> | 6<br><p>Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only)<br/>260 Newburg Rd<br/>5:30 to 6:30</p>   | 7<br><p>Oasis of Love<br/>A variety of food items donated by Giant,<br/>303 S Washington St<br/>10:30 to 11 a.m.<br/>Prince St Brethren<br/>20 N Prince St<br/>5:30 P.M.</p>                      | 8<br><p><b><u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></b></p>   | 9<br><p>Christ United Methodist<br/>47 E King St<br/>9:30 A.M.<br/><i>Dine in only</i></p>             |
| 10  | 11<br><p>St. Andrews Episocopal Church<br/>206 E Burd St<br/>5pm-6pm</p>                             | 12<br><p>SPO(Food Pantry)<br/>130 S Penn St<br/>3:30 pm to 6 pm<br/>Grace Place Free Hot Breakfast<br/>206 E Burd St<br/>10-11:30am<br/>Messiah United Methodist<br/>30 S Penn St<br/>5:30 p.m.</p>              | 13<br><p>Oasis of Love<br/>303 S Washington St<br/>4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.<br/>Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only)<br/>260 Newburg Rd<br/>5:30 to 6:30</p> | 14<br><p>Oasis of Love<br/>A variety of food items donated by Giant,<br/>303 S Washington St<br/>10:30 to 11 a.m.<br/>Covenant Brethren<br/>253 E Garfield St<br/>5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.</p>      | 15<br><p><b><u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></b></p>  | 16<br><p>Christ United Methodist<br/>47 E King St<br/>9:30 A.M.<br/><i>Dine in only</i></p>            |
| 17  | 18<br><p>Grace United Church<br/>121 E Orange St.<br/>5pm<br/><i>Dine in only</i></p>                | 19<br><p>SPO &amp; Sr Boxes<br/>130 S Penn St<br/>3:30pm to 6pm<br/>Grace Place Free Hot Breakfast<br/>206 E Burd St<br/>10-11:30am</p>  | 20<br><p>Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only)<br/>260 Newburg Rd<br/>5:30 to 6:30</p>  | 21<br><p>Oasis of Love<br/>A variety of food items donated by Giant,<br/>303 S Washington St<br/>10:30 to 11 a.m.<br/><b><u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></b></p>   | 22<br><p><b><u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></b></p>  | 23   |
| 24  | 25<br><p>St. Andrews Episocopal Church<br/>206 E Burd St<br/>5pm-6pm</p>                             | 26<br><p>SPO &amp; Sr Boxes<br/>130 S Penn St<br/>3:30pm to 6pm<br/>Grace Place Free Hot Breakfast<br/>206 E Burd St<br/>10-11:30am<br/>Messiah United Methodist<br/>30 S Penn St<br/>5:30 p.m.</p>              | 27<br><p>Oasis of Love<br/>303 S Washington St<br/>4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.<br/>Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only)<br/>260 Newburg Rd<br/>5:30 to 6:30</p> | 28<br><p>Oasis of Love<br/>A variety of food items donated by Giant,<br/>303 S Washington St<br/>10:30 to 11 a.m.<br/>Middle Spring Presbyterian<br/>135 Middle Spring Rd<br/>5p.m. to 6 p.m.</p> | 29<br><p><b><u>NO COMMUNITY MEAL</u></b></p>  | 30   |
| 31  |  |  |  |   | <p>Hound Packs is for school aged children living in the SASD. Weekend food bags with 6 meals are distributed on Thursdays. Visit the website listed below for more info.</p> | <p>EVERY SAT:<br/>FOOD BOXES BY APPT OASIS OF LOVE (CALL FOR APPT MON-THURS 10AM-3PM) 717-532-5112</p> |

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