

# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY DECEMBER 2022

### Dates to Remember:

- December 1st -- Boys Basketball Try Outs
- December 1st -- SAMS Choral Concert
- December 2nd -- Holiday Hangout
- December 8th -- 7/8 Band Concert
- December 13th -- Orchestra Concert
- December 14th -- PTO Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- December 15th -- Start of Exploratory Cycle 3
- December 19th -- 6th Grade Band Concert
- December 22nd -- 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- December 23rd - January 2nd -- No School
- January 4th -- SAMS Supports SU Basketball
- January 13th -- In-service; No School
- January 16th -- No School
- January 23rd -- Start of 2nd Semester



PTO:



**Why a PTO at SAMS?** - A PTO has been reinstated at SAMS as a way to provide opportunities for students to gather in a safe space and to raise funds to help offset the costs of field trips for students. SAMS wants to employ field trips that are beneficial and academic for our students and the PTO is helping to make the field trips feasible.

**Holiday Hangout** - This FREE event will occur December 2nd directly following school from 2:40 - 4:30. Flyers and permission slips were handed out in November and were due prior to Thanksgiving Break. The event will take place in the cafeteria with spaces for yard games, dancing, and PE games. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the PTO.

**SAMS Supports SU Basketball** - This FREE event is for students of SAMS to attend the female and male basketball games on January 4th at Shippensburg University. Students will receive an interest form following Thanksgiving break. Students will receive one free ticket for entry for themselves and one free ticket for an accompanying guardian. The evening will kick off with the Lady Raider basketball game at 6:00 p.m. with knockout style games at half time. Between games, students will be offered a sub and cookie courtesy of Subway. The Men's Raider Basketball team will take the court at 8:00 p.m. with knockout style games during halftime.

### Student Council Updates:

In December SAMS Student Council will be hosting a door decorating contest and selling SantaGrams during lunch to raise money for the student field trips and to promote school community.

### PBIS Updates:

Are you looking to support the Middle School during the holiday season? The PBIS team has an Amazon Wishlist where community members can purchase items needed by the PBIS team to provide rewards and prizes to our students. Use the following link: <https://a.co/a9SYfyu>.

### Absences:

Shippensburg Area School District will be utilizing make-up work procedures that existed prior to the onset of COVID-19. If your student will be out for an extended absence due to illness (3 or more days), please contact your student's teacher(s) to determine the best method for your student to stay caught up with their coursework in each class. If your student will be out short-term (1-2 days), they will be able to make up their schoolwork when they return. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Barnes.

### Spectators at SAMS

This winter we will be implementing new student spectator guidelines for students middle school age and younger. These spectator guidelines reflect those already in place for varsity football games.

Students middle school age and younger must be accompanied by a paying adult in order to be admitted to any indoor athletic contests at the Middle School and/or High School. Students who are not accompanied by a paying adult who are middle school age or younger will not be permitted into the contest. Thank you for your cooperation!

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### Mid Year Frequently Asked Questions:

**Q: I have concerns for my students academics. Who do I contact?**

A: The first line of contact for a student's academic concern are the core teachers. If you believe there is a deeper level of concern or an ongoing concern, you can also reach out the school counselor or assistant principal for your student. A Child Study Team meeting may be requested to bring parents and teachers together to determine the best way to support your student.

**Q: We have an upcoming trip, how do I notify the school?**

A: If you have a preplanned trip for your student, please complete an educational trip form prior to the absences for approval. You can download a form from the district website or e-mail: [samsattendance@ship.k12.pa.us](mailto:samsattendance@ship.k12.pa.us).

**Q: I have concerns for my student's mental health and have noticed changes in their behavior. What resources are available for my student.**

A. If you notice concerns with your student you may reach out to a school counselor or administrator for guidance. Our building has a Student Assistance Program where students can be referred for a general mental health/drug and alcohol screening to determine additional needs. Additionally, we have a partnership with Aliff counseling that we can refer students to complete counseling on site at the middle school for students.

**Q: It is starting to get cold, where will my student store their winter coat?**

A: All students have been assigned a locker and lock. All winter coats should be placed in lockers and not carried from room to room throughout the day. Backpacks should also be in lockers during the school day.

**Q: With Winter approaching, what is the expectation for students on a Flexible Instruction Day?**

A: When a Flexible Instruction Day is called by the district students will follow the schedule posted on page 3. Students will log into their classes via the link provided by the teacher in the Google Classroom or Schoology. Students will receive a brief instruction from the teacher than have time to complete the assignment provided.

**Q: When will my 8th grade student start planning for the high school?**

A: Representatives from the high school will meet with students in 8th grade in mid February regarding scheduling courses for the high school.

**Q: Will the students participate in any field trips?**

A: Each grade level will participate in a field trip or experience toward the end of the year. 6th grade will travel to a Senator's game in Harrisburg, 7th grade will travel to Burd Run for a water study, and 8th grade will take a walking tour and participate in Civil War day.

### 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/>



### Band Spirit Wear Sale

The SAMS music department is holding a spirit wear sale. Please use the link below if you are interested in purchasing items from the spirit sale.  
<https://www.creativeengravingplus.com/shipmusic>



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### FID SCHEDULE 2022 - 2023

	Smoky Mt.	Redwood	HVT	Olympic	Acadia	Denali	Gateway Arch	Glacier
Period 1 9:30-10:15	Exploratory	Exploratory A	Exploratory B	Core 1	Core 1	Core 1	Core 1	Core 1
Period 2 10:15-10:58	Exploratory	Exploratory B	Exploratory A	Core 2	Core 2	Core 2	Core 2	Core 2
Period 3 10:58-11:38	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 4 11:38 - 12:21	Core 1	Core 1	Core 1	Exploratory A	Exploratory B	Core 3	Core 3	Core 3
Period 5 12:21 - 1:04	Core 2	Core 2	Core 2	Exploratory B	Exploratory A	Core 4	Core 4	Core 4
Period 6 1:04-1:47	Core 3	Core 3	Core 3	Core 3	Core 3	Exploratory	Exploratory A	Exploratory B
Period 7 1:47-2:30	Core 4	Core 4	Core 4	Core 4	Core 4	Exploratory	Exploratory B	Exploratory A

### 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

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