

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

APRIL 2025

Dates to Remember:

April 1st -- Jersey Mike's Dine to Donate
April 2nd -- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
April 2nd -- 2 hour early dismissal
April 4th -- PBIS Celebration Day
April 4th -- Librarian Appreciation Day
April 7th -- Assistant Principal Week
April 7th - April 11th -- Spring Book Fair
April 9th -- Club Day
April 9th and April 16th -- Spring Physicals
April 10th -- Book Fair Family Night
April 14th -- All Chromebooks Stay at School
April 16th -- PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
April 17th -- 2 hour early dismissal
April 18th - April 21st -- Schools Closed
April 22nd - April 24th -- ELA PSSA's
April 23rd -- Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day
April 23rd -- Bus Driver Appreciation Day
April 24th -- Choral Concert
April 28th - April 29th -- Math PSSA's
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 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 21st -- 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



PTO:

Upcoming events include:

April 1st - Jersey Mike's Dine for a Cause
April 7th - April 11th - Spring Book Fair
TBD - 8th Grade Celebration Event

As our PTO grows and the needs of our building grows, we are looking for large grant opportunities. If your business, organization, cooperation offers grants for school entities, please reach out to our building or the PTO secretary, April Rouzer using the PTO e-mail address: shipmiddlepto@gmail.com.

Spring Reminders

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

- All absences require a note within 3 days of the absence. If a student has 10+ days of absences a doctor's note is required.
- Clothing and dress should be school appropriate. Belly shirts and tank tops are not permitted
- Students are still expected to follow our behavior expectations and are not permitted to leave the building or classroom without permission.

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PSSA's:

PSSA testing is a state requirement for all students in grades 3 - 8 and will take place at SAMS on April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th for ELA; April 28th and 29th for Mathematics; and Science will test on April 30th and May 1st for 8th grade students only.

We encourage all students to be present in the buildings on all of the testing days and to be on time; arriving at the building no later than 7:25 a.m. Students should be well rested and eat a fitting breakfast prior to the test. A reminder that free breakfast is available for all students via our cafeteria.

This year our PSSA's will take place online. **Students will be keeping their Chromebooks at the school beginning April 14th through May 2nd.** This will allow us to ensure all Chromebooks are present and charged for the testing period.

Students will be eligible for the PBIS attendance raffle each day they are on time and present during the PSSA testing dates.

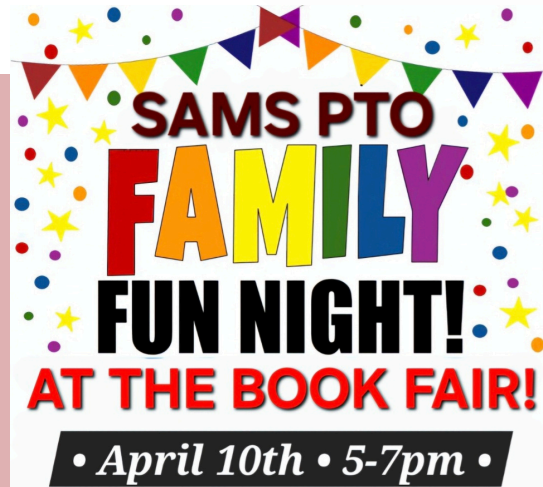
The electronic device policy is attached within the e-mail for your reference as well as other information relating to testing.

Keystone Exams for Algebra I for our Quadratic students will take place on May 13th and 14th. Again, these students should be well rested, eat a healthy breakfast, and be prepared to perform their best on the exams.

If you feel that the PSSA state testing violates a religious belief, you may contact Mrs. April Fitz at april.fitz@ship.k12.pa.us or 717.530.2750 ext. 5903.

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.



The Igloo ice cream truck will be on site for the event.

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

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/>



SAMS ELA PSSA SPIRIT WEEK APRIL 22-25, 2025

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>All a team Day!</p> <p>We are all on the same team as we kick off the PSSAs. Wear your favorite sports shirt!</p>	<p>Rock the test!</p> <p>Wear your favorite rock band (or any band) shirt to help rock the test!!</p>	<p>Don't Sweat the Test!</p> <p>Wear your Favorite Sweatshirt!</p>	<p>PJ Pant Day!</p> <p>Wear PJ pants to be comfy and relax for making it this far with the testing!</p>
			

SAMS MATH AND SCIENCE PSSA SPIRIT WEEK APRIL 28-30 AND MAY 1-2, 2025

Monday	Thursday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Silly Sock Day!</p> <p>Knock the socks off the math test! Wear silly socks!</p>	<p>SAMS Students are Bright!</p> <p>Wear bright colors!</p>	<p>National Denim Day!</p> <p>Wear your favorite jeans or jean jacket to show you are a "genius".</p>	<p>Global Love Day!</p> <p>Wear red or pink or any positive messages to encourage unity and celebrate humanity!</p>	<p>National Space Day!</p> <p>Way to knock the PSSAs out of this world! Wear anything space themed.</p>
