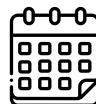


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MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

FEBRUARY 2026

Dates to Remember:



February 2nd-February 6th--School Counselor Appreciation Week
February 9th--2 Hour Delay
February 12th--4th Exploratory Cycle Starts
February 13th--Schools Closed
February 15th--School Security Officer Appreciation Day
February 16th--Schools Closed
February 18th--8th Grade High School Scheduling
February 18th--Club Day
February 18th--PTO Meeting @7:00 PM
February 25th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
March 2nd-March 6th--School Social Worker Appreciation Week
March 4th--3rd Trimester Begins
March 4th--Club Day
March 13th--Schools Now in Session
March 16th--Schools Closed
March 18th--Club Day
March 18th--PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM
March 19th-March 21st--SAMS Spring Musical - MATILDA
March 24th--Spring Pictures
March 25th--2 Hour Early Dismissal
March 26th--End of 3rd Marking Period
March 27th--PBIS Celebration Day
April 1st--Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
April 1st-- Club Day
April 2nd--2 Hour Early Dismissal
April 3rd-April 6th --Spring Break - Schools Closed
April 4th--School Librarian Appreciation Day
April 6th-April 10th--Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
April 7th & April 8th--School Physicals
April 10th--5th Exploratory Cycle Begins
April 12th-April 17th--Spring Book Fair
April 15th--Club Day
April 15th --PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM
April 20th-April 24th--School Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 21st-23rd--ELA PSSA Testing
April 22nd--Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day
April 27th-April 28th--Math PSSA Testing
April 28th--School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
April 29th-April 30th--Science PSSA Testing
April 30th--Choral Concert
May 1st--School Lunch Worker Appreciation Day
May 1st-- School Principal Appreciation Day

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 to see more information about our building.



PSSA's:

PSSA's are quickly approaching and will take place in from April 21st - April 30th. During this time it is important that students attend school daily and are well rested. This year our PSSA's will take place online. Students will need a charged chrome book daily that is in working condition. As a reminder PERSONAL electronic devices are not allowed in the testing room; this includes phones, smart watches, and personal calculators. The school will issue PSSA approved calculators for the testing period. Additional information will be distributed via the newsletter and the district's messaging system closer to the time.



Gifted Programming Updates

The Gifted program at SAMS as well as Enrichment Groups are lead by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Groups meet during Greyhound Block and Resource to extended the learning that is taking place within the classroom. Enrichment groups provide lesson extensions for students that need an extra challenge during the school day. Groups allow students to participate in local and statewide competitions. To learn more about Gifted and Enrichment groups check out the marking period newsletters on the SAMS website.



Dress Code

A quick reminder that students should have their stomachs and under garments covered at all times during the school day. If shirts are hanging off of the shoulder a garment 2 inches wide should be underneath. Students not in compliance will be asked to change.

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SAMS SWEET SPIRIT WEEK

FEBRUARY 9-12, 2026

Monday

What
Makes Me
Sweet

wear
something
your
passionate
about
(sports,music,
hobbies)

Tuesday

Sweet Color
Wars
Wear Pink or
Red
the top
homerooms in
each grade
wearing the
highest
percentage of
red or pink will
get to send a
Sweet Notice for
free

Wednesday

Sweet Sweats
Wear your
favorite
sweatshirt
and/or
sweatpants



Thursday

Sweet
Swagger
Dress up as
much as
you can!



Sweet Notices

For a dollar, you
can send a sweet
treat to a Friend
or Faculty
member.
Sold during lunch
Feb 10-12. All
proceeds will go
to the high school
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D.O.I.T. of Shippensburg & Danny Kissel presents...



SATURDAY, FEB. 14, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In collaboration with local artist, Danny Kissel and

D.O.I.T. of Shippensburg are ecstatic to host the 2nd Shippensburg Winterfest!

LIVE ICE CARVING
10 a.m. Downtown Shippensburg

FOOD TRUCKS
Downtown Shippensburg (Specific Locations TBD)

INTERACTIVE ICE GAMES
10 a.m.- 4 p.m. | Downtown Shippensburg

ICE SCULPTURE STROLL
All along East and West King Street, Shippensburg

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Downtown Shippensburg (Specific Locations TBD)



Admission is Free!

To join the fun, use this link:
<http://bit.ly/3KVQwWI>
or scan the QR Code!



Questions??

Email: doitofshippensburg@gmail.com

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SHIPDOIT](https://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SHIPDOIT)

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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/45WGQAO](https://bit.ly/45WGQAO)

QUESTIONS? EMAIL DR. TIFFANY WEAVER, YOUTH MOBILIZER, AT YOUTH-SCRC@SHIPRESOURCES.ORG

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
This calendar has the times and locations of the free community meals offered in Shippensburg	All Meals are Grabngo, drive-thru style unless stated otherwise	Is your church interested in hosting a community meal? Contact Emily at src@shipresources.org		Senior Center meals & meals on wheels 717-300-3563	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.	EVERY SAT: FOOD BOXES BY APP T OASIS OF LOVE (CATERED BY APP) (10AM-3PM) 717-532-5112
1 Memorial Lutheran Church (Dine in only) 34 E Orange St 11:30 A.M.- 12:30 PM	2 NO COMMUNITY MEAL	3 SPO(Food Pantry) 130 S Penn St. 3:30 pm to 6 pm Grace Place Free Hot Breakfast 206 E Burd St 10:11:30am	4 Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only) 260 Newburg Rd 5:30 to 6:30	5 Oasis of Love Baked Items 303 S Washington St 10:30 to 11 a.m.	6 NO COMMUNITY MEAL	7 Christ United Methodist 47 E King St 9:30 A.M. Dine in only
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		Messiah United Methodist 30 S Penn St 5:30 p.m.	Newburg First Church of God (Dine in only) 260 Newburg Rd 5:30 to 6:30	Middle Spring Presbyterian 135 Middle Spring Rd 5p.m. to 6 p.m.		

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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.

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 Hospital -- 717.264.2555

PTO:

The SAMS PTO is a mighty group of parents that work diligently to raise money for our students and provide opportunities inside and outside of the school building. The PTO team has raised enough funds this school year to provide field trips and extended learning opportunities for all grade levels.

The PTO has plans for a Spring Fling event for students as well as a Spring Book Fair in the coming months. Stay tuned for details. If you want to join this mighty team, meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month in the SAMS Cafeteria.



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



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