

# SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY

FEBRUARY 2024

### Dates to Remember:



February 5th -- School Counselor Week  
February 9th -- New Clubs Start/ Club Day  
February 7th -- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Delivered  
February 12th -- Skating Event  
February 16th -- No School  
February 19th -- SCHOOL IN SESSION  
February 21st -- Cycle 4 Exploratories begin  
February 16th -- Inservice No School  
February 22nd -- Bus Driver Appreciation Day  
February 23rd -- Club Day  
March 4th -- School Social Worker Appreciation Week  
March 8th -- Club Day  
March 14th - 16th -- SAMS Musical Madagascar Jr.  
March 27th -- End of 3rd Marking Period  
April 23rd - 25th -- ELA PSSA's  
April 29th - 30th -- Math PSSA's  
May 2nd -- 8th Grade Science PSSA's  
May 14th - 15th -- Algebra keystones

### PSSA's:

PSSA's are quickly approaching and will take place in from April 23rd - May 2nd. During this time it is important that students attend school daily and are well rested. As a reminder 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 districts messaging system closer to the time.

### Spectator Reminders:

Middle school aged students and younger may not attend any SASD sporting event without being accompanied by a parent or guardian. Students must have an adult responsible for them throughout the sporting event contest.

### Greyhound Foundation Corner:



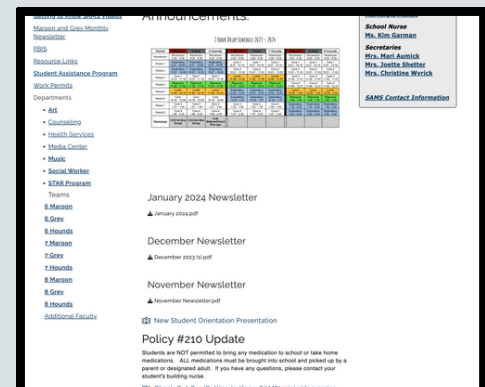
The Greyhound Foundation proudly presents a \$15,000 grant from the Partnership for Better Health to the entire Shippensburg School District. The money brings opportunity to the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Rewards and Recognition Programs. This accomplishment is due to the hard work and dedication of the teachers and staff of the Shippensburg Area School District that went into making this possible. Thanks to the generosity of the Partnership for Better Health, each school in our district will be able to offer additional incentives into their PBIS Rewards and Recognition Program. This grant will make a wonderful different in the enrichment of school life for your students, teachers, and staff.

### COVID Tests:

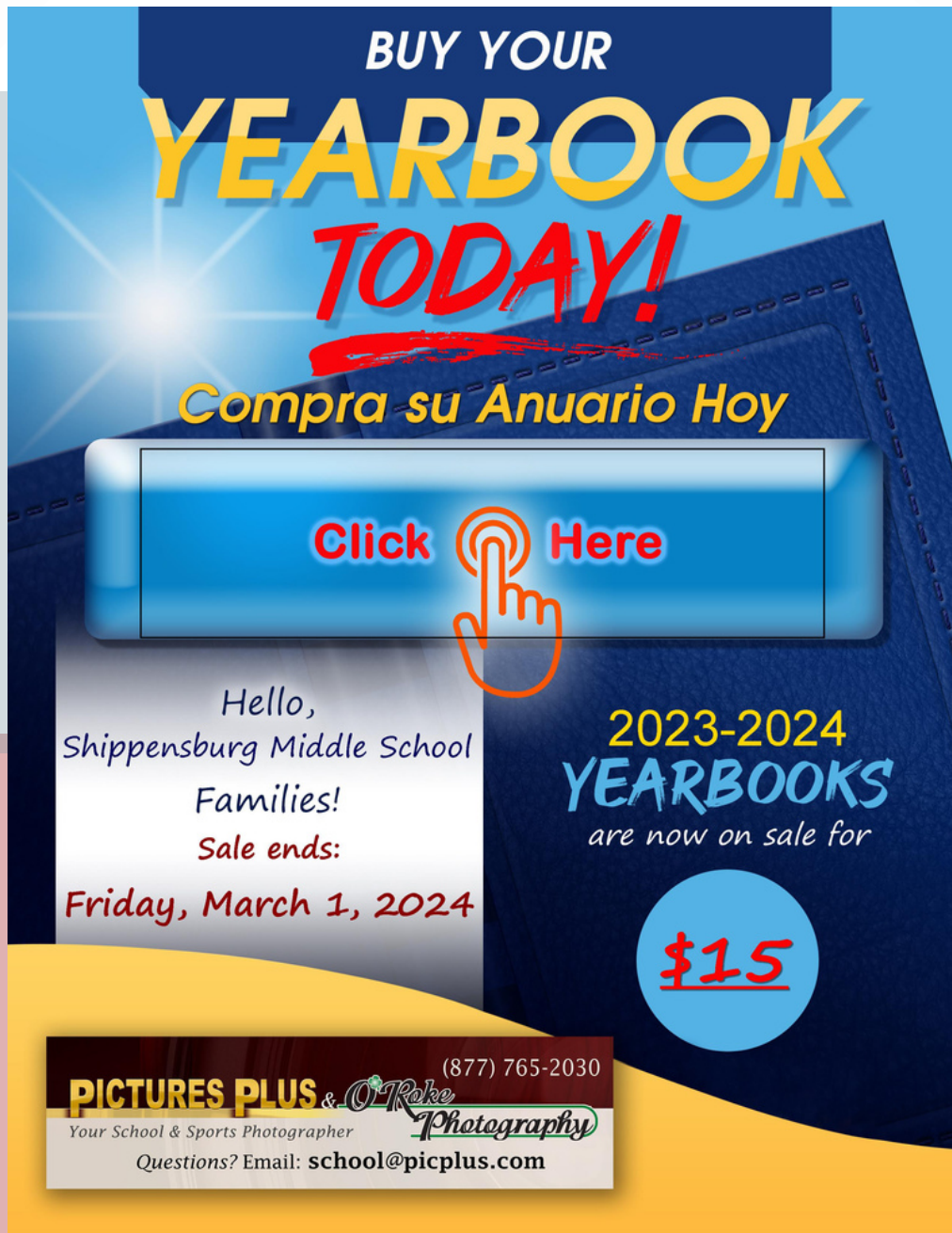
The school district was provided with free COVID at home tests to distribute to families and staff. If you or your family are interested in receiving the at home tests, please stop by the main office or call the main office and we can provide the free tests to your student and family. There is a limited supply, so items will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

### Grades:

The second marking period ended in late January meaning we are over half way through the school year. It is critical to monitor student's grades for missing work and to ensure students are passing. Marking periods 1, 2 and 3 students earn a minimum of 55% for their grade. The fourth marking period students receive the grade that is earned. If you need access to Skyward, please contact our main office. Additionally, our Middle School website has a team page for each team within the building. On those team pages are links to the daily homework and assignments for your student. Families and students can reference these links to check for missing work, the day's homework, and to stay up to date while home with an illness.



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TODAY!**

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Hello,  
Shippensburg Middle School  
Families!  
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### Updates from Chartwells and Food Service

#### HOUNDS CAFE

Winter Edition 2024

## NEWSLETTER



New Hot  
Chocolate Milk  
Pilot @ SAIS,  
SAMS & SASH

Have you heard? We're now serving hot chocolate milk in the cafeteria! It's included as a milk option with breakfast and/or lunch. Every warm cup is packed with 13 essential nutrients. Did you know 1 cup of milk has more protein than 1 egg? Pair a cup of Hot Chocolate Milk with your breakfast sandwich for a protein packed meal!

SAIS served on Fridays @ Lunch



chartwells  
serving up happy & healthy



#### WELCOME CHEF MATT

Greetings, my name is Matthew Hoch and I'm very excited to be the new Chef Manager for the Shippensburg Area School District. My wife Serenity and I live in Shippensburg with our two children Elyse who is in 6th grade and Logan who is in 5th grade.

I have been blessed to have always called Shippensburg home. I graduated from Shippensburg Area High School and continued my education through Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts and achieved two degrees both in Culinary Arts and Operations as well as Food and Restaurant Management. During my education, I worked on growing my own local catering business. I have experienced both mass production in large venues as well as being a Chef in an upscale privately owned restaurant. It is truly an honor to serve my neighbors, family and friends in this capacity. My wish is that we all have a fantastic school year.



Matt H  
Manager



As we celebrate National Tater Tot Day, (February 2nd) here are some interesting facts to impress your friends and family with:

- The word 'tater' is a slang term for a potato, while 'tot' is short for 'potato'.
- Ore-Ida, the company that invented tater tots, actually got its name from 'Oregon' and 'Idaho', where most of their potatoes were grown.
- The average American eats about 70 tater tots per year, making them a popular snack and side dish.



SLOPPY JOE TOTS

#### NEW MENU ITEMS

- Beef Enchiladas (All Schools)
- Pepperoni & Jalapeno Pizza (SAMS & SASH)
- Popcorn Chicken Mac n Cheese Bowl (K-3)
- Buffalo Chicken Mac n Cheese Bowl (SAIS)
- Italian Cheesy Pull Aparts (All Schools)
- Queso Cheesy Pull Aparts (All Schools)

#### FYI

We are still having supply issues especially with our breakfast items. Pillsbury is redoing their sku on their packaging and in order to do that they have to run all the old sku out of the warehouses. I have added some new items to breakfast but some are still Pillsbury products.

- Grape Crescent
- Ultimate Chocolate Chip Round Oatmeal Bar
- Cinnamon Cream Cheese Bagel

warm up with some  
**Hot  
chocolate  
Milk**

### We want to hear from you!

Use this QR code to let us know what you think about the hot chocolate milk offered from your SAMS school café!





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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FAMILY AND FRIENDS FRIDAY	SOCIAL MEDIA SATURDAY	SUNDAY
USE THIS CALENDAR TO INSPIRE YOU TO DO AN ACT OF KINDNESS EACH DAY IN FEBRUARY!	<b>SAMS</b> SHARE THE WAYS YOU SHOW OR EXPERIENCE KINDNESS BY POSTING TO THE HASHTAG #SHIPBEKIND		<b>1</b> STAND UP FOR SOMEONE	<b>2</b> GIVE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER A SMALL GIFT OR A KIND NOTE WEAR YOUR #SHIPBEKIND MERCH!	<b>3</b> SHARE A POST ABOUT KINDNESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #SHIPBEKIND	<b>4</b> CALL, TEXT, OR TALK TO SOMEONE YOU HAVEN'T TALKED TO IN A WHILE
<b>5</b> HOLD THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE	<b>6</b> SHOW YOUR KINDNESS BY SUPPORTING A BLACK OWNED BUSINESS SEE QR CODE FOR BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES	<b>7</b> PAINT A KINDNESS ROCK DURING GREYHOUND BLOCK! BUY BE KIND ROLLER SKATING TICKETS AT LUNCH!	<b>8</b> PAINT A KINDNESS ROCK DURING GREYHOUND BLOCK! BUY BE KIND ROLLER SKATING TICKETS AT LUNCH!	<b>9</b> ASK A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER HOW THEIR DAY WAS BUY BE KIND ROLLER SKATING TICKETS AT LUNCH! WEAR #SHIPBEKIND MERCH!	<b>10</b> SHARE A PHOTO OF A LOVED ONE OR PET ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #SHIPBEKIND	<b>11</b> DO SOMETHING KIND FOR YOURSELF
<b>12</b> BE A VALENTWIN! DRESS THE SAME AS SOMEONE CONGRATULATE NEW PEOPLE! BE KIND ROLLER SKATE EVENT 5P-8P BUY BE KIND ITEMS AT LUNCH!	<b>13</b> BE KIND SPIRIT WEEK! WEAR A JERSEY OR SPORTS SHIRT TO SHOW YOU ARE ON TEAM KINDNESS! CONGRATULATE NEW PEOPLE! BUY BE KIND ITEMS AT LUNCH!	<b>14</b> HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! WEAR RED, WHITE, AND/OR PINK NOMINATE SOMEONE "TAUGHT BEING KIND" IN GREYHOUND BLOCK! BUY BE KIND ITEMS AT LUNCH!	<b>15</b> BE KIND SPIRIT WEEK! SHOW KINDNESS TO EACH OTHER! TEACHERS DRESS LIKE STUDENTS AND STUDENTS DRESS LIKE TEACHERS! NOMINATE SOMEONE "TAUGHT BEING KIND" IN GREYHOUND BLOCK! BUY BE KIND ITEMS AT LUNCH!	<b>16</b> NO SCHOOL MAKE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER SMILE	<b>17</b> SHARE A KIND ACT YOU HAVE DONE ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #SHIPBEKIND	<b>18</b> DONATE: BOOKS, CLOTHING, FOOD, TIME
<b>19</b> NO SCHOOL DO A CHORE FOR SOMEONE WITHOUT THEM KNOWING	<b>20</b> TELL SOMEONE WHY YOU LOVE THEM	<b>21</b> WHO TAUGHT YOU TO BE KIND? KINDNESS TRIBUTE DURING GREYHOUND BLOCK	<b>22</b> WHO TAUGHT YOU TO BE KIND? KINDNESS TRIBUTE DURING GREYHOUND BLOCK	<b>23</b> FORGIVE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER WEAR #SHIPBEKIND MERCH!	<b>24</b> SHARE AN INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #SHIPBEKIND	<b>25</b> HELP SOMEONE THAT LIVES WITH YOU
<b>26</b> TELL SOMEONE "THANK YOU!"	<b>27</b> THANK A FIRST RESPONDER	<b>28</b> WRITE A CARD THANKING A TEACHER/STAFF DURING GREYHOUND BLOCK	<b>29</b> WRITE A CARD THANKING A TEACHER/STAFF DURING GREYHOUND BLOCK	<b>30</b> "Take a month to show some kindness for the folks who thought that kindness was an illness that affected eyes alone!" - Maya Angelou	Scan this QR code to learn about black owned businesses you can support on Feb. 6th!	



#SHIPBEKIND  
@ship\_scmc @shipwellness



## BE KIND SPIRIT WEEK



FEB  
12

BE A VALENTWIN!  
DRESS THE SAME AS SOMEONE!

FEB  
13

WEAR A JERSEY OR SPORTS SHIRT TO  
SHOW YOU ARE ON TEAM KINDNESS!

FEB  
14

VALENTINE'S DAY  
WEAR RED, WHITE AND/OR PINK!

FEB  
15

SHOW KINDNESS TO EACH OTHER!  
TEACHERS DRESS LIKE A STUDENT AND  
STUDENTS DRESS LIKE A TEACHER!

FEB  
12-15

PINS AND STICKERS WILL BE SOLD  
DURING LUNCH FOR \$1

ALL GRADES  
FEB 12



6-8 PM

\$10 COVERS  
ADMISSION AND  
SKATE RENTAL

**BE KIND ROLLER SKATING PARTY!**  
**ROLL R WAY CHAMBERSBURG**  
SNACK BAR AND ARCADE WILL BE OPEN

Tickets can be purchased at lunch from Student Council Members on Feb 7, 8 and 9

FYI: The rink is no longer accepting cash. students can bring cash and load it onto a card. There is a \$5 minimum and a \$0.25 fee

## 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