

SHIPPENSBURG AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAROON AND GREY MONTHLY JUNE/JULY 2023

Dates to Remember:

July 17th -- PTO Meeting @7:00 p.m. Memorial Park
August 1st -- National Night Out with the Shippensburg PD @ 6:00 p.m.
August 12th -- Back to School Family Fun Day hosted by the Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce
August 17th -- 6th Grade and New Student Orientation
August 22nd -- SAMS Open House
August 24th -- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
September 1st -- No School
September 4th -- No School
September 8th -- Picture Day at SAMS
October 6th -- Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Summer Hours:

This summer the building will have limited access this summer due to construction. 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 12th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It is recommended that you call the office prior to visiting the building to check availability.

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.

New Staff to SAMS

Please help us welcome the following staff to the SAMS Family:

- Rhonda Foust, 7th Grade Mathematics (Hounds)
- Jared Shope, 8th Grade Science (Hounds)
- Caleb Huff, 7th Grade Social Studies (Grey)
- Chayce Macknair, 7th Grade ELA (Grey)
- Mark Moyer, 6th Grade Special Education

Ashley Reddig, 6 - 8 ESL Teacher

We are excited to expand the staffing at SAMS to include a full time ESL teacher and a third 7th grade team.

6th Grade and New Student

Orientation

6th grade orientation will be held August 17th at 10:00 A.M.; 2:00 P.M.; OR 5:00 P.M. Pick the time that suits your family! During the orientation parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the middle school administration and office staff, receive their Chromebook, and take a self guided tour of the building. A short presentation will be given by building administration outlining things to expect while your student is at the middle school.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night or Open House will occur on August 22nd from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The building will be available for tours and teachers will be available for brief meet and greets. Students and parents will be able to meet their students' teachers, school counselors, administration, school staff and tour the building. Grade level tour times are staggered and listed below to assist with parking. If you are not able to attend the grade level time or have multiple students within the middle school, all staff will be available the entirety of the event.

- 8th grade will be 6-6:30 PM
- 7th grade will be 6:40- 7:10 PM
- 6th grade will be 7:20-8:00 PM

Team Names

This summer as we added a new team to our building, the decision was made to update the grade level team names. Our names will now revolve around school spirit and inclusion. We will have the following teams:

6th Grade:

- 6 Maroon - Former HVT
- 6 Grey - Former Redwood
- 6 Hounds - Former Smokey Mountain
- 7 Maroon - Former Olympic
- 7 Grey - Former Acadia
- 7 Hounds - Newly created team
- 8 Maroon - Former Gateway Arch
- 8 Grey - Former Glacier
- 8 Hounds - Former Denali

PTO Meeting

The first PTO meeting of the 2023-2024 school year will be held July 17th at 7:00 P.M. at the Memorial Park pavilion. The PTO is a great way to be involved with the Middle School, learning about the latest happenings, and help plan fun experiences for your student and their classmates. Everyone is welcome to attend; no commitment or dues are required. Parent input is very important to SAMS and we hope to see you all there!



Lockers and Locks

This year we will continue to issue locks and lockers to all students at SAMS. It is the expectation that students use their locker throughout the school day to house their backpacks, coats, electronics, and other belongs that are not needed for class. Students will be given time at the start of the school year to practice their locker combination.



Construction

Construction is continuing across the building. The cafeteria has been expanded, the window project has been completed, and the additional 6 classrooms are moving toward completion with finishing touches starting soon. Construction is slated to be finalized in early August, just in time to welcome back students.



Thank You!

A huge thank you to the Shippensburg American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary was gracious to host a school supply and hygiene drive to support the students at the middle school. The Auxiliary met with the middle school staff to discuss student and building needs. The Auxiliary was able to gather many supplies that will contribute to the success of our students. We are very thankful for their donation. A picture of donated supplies is to the right.

Medication Policy

This summer the school board revised the Medication Policy for the district. The policy now requires an adult to bring any medications that are taken by the student during the school day to the school building. Students will not be permitted to transport or bring their own medication to the nurses office. Please plan accordingly if this policy impacts your student.



Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Lunch Prices:

- Breakfast -- \$2.00
- Lunch -- \$3.20

The link for online free/reduced meal application is available on the district website or web address: www.schoolcafe.com



PBIS

Our PBIS team is working diligently on planning fun events for our students throughout the school year to reward students that demonstrate expected behavior for the school setting. If you are interested in helping our PBIS team purchase reward items, please contact the Middle School. An Amazon Wish List will be forth coming. The Middle School appreciates the parent and community support of the PBIS program.



Bell Schedule

The new bell schedule is posted on the next page.



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Daily Bell Schedule

BELL SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

Period	6 Maroon	6 Grey	6 Hounds	7 Maroon	7 Grey	7 Hounds	8 Maroon	8 Grey	8 Hounds
Homeroom	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35	Homeroom 7:25 - 7:35
Period 1	Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22	Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22	Exploratory 7:37 - 8:22	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36	Core 1 7:37 - 8:36
Period 2	Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09	Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09	Exploratory 8:24 - 9:09	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37	Core 2 8:38 - 9:37
Period 3	Core 1 9:11 - 10:09	Core 1 9:11 - 10:09	Core 1 9:11 - 10:09	Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24	Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24	Exploratory 9:39 - 10:24	Core 3 9:39 - 10:38	Core 3 9:39 - 10:38	Core 3 9:39 - 10:38
Period 4	Core 2 10:11 - 11:09	Core 2 10:11 - 11:09	Core 2 10:11 - 11:09	Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11	Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11	Exploratory 10:26 - 11:11	Core 4 10:40 - 11:39	Core 4 10:40 - 11:39	Core 4 10:40 - 11:39
Period 5	Resource 11:10 - 11:50	Resource 11:10 - 11:50	Resource 11:10 - 11:50	Lunch 11:13 - 11:43	Lunch 11:13 - 11:43	Lunch 11:13 - 11:43	Resource 11:41 - 12:24	Resource 11:41 - 12:24	Resource 11:41 - 12:24
Period 6	Lunch 11:52 - 12:22	Lunch 11:52 - 12:22	Lunch 11:52 - 12:22	Resource 11:45 - 12:27	Resource 11:45 - 12:27	Resource 11:45 - 12:27	Lunch 12:26 - 12:56	Lunch 12:26 - 12:56	Lunch 12:26 - 12:56
Period 7	Core 3 12:26 - 1:27	Core 3 12:26 - 1:27	Core 3 12:26 - 1:27	Core 3 12:29 - 1:28	Core 3 12:29 - 1:28	Core 3 12:29 - 1:28	Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43	Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43	Exploratory 12:58 - 1:43
Period 8	Core 4 1:29 - 2:30	Core 4 1:29 - 2:30	Core 4 1:29 - 2:30	Core 4 1:30 - 2:30	Core 4 1:30 - 2:30	Core 4 1:30 - 2:30	Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30	Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30	Exploratory 1:45 - 2:30
Dismissal	2:30 1st Bus Group	2:34 2nd Bus Group	2:40 Walkers/Parent Pick Ups						

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
 Building Social Worker -- Tabitha Curtis

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/>



FREE LAUNDRY NIGHT



Anyone that is struggling to provide clean laundry for yourself, or family are welcome.



This event is being offered to our community by Sam Cressler of Wash N Whirl and Meet the Needs, Inc.

ALL ARE WELCOME

- No ID required
- Two (2) machines per person
- Free wash and dry
- Begins at 7 pm
- Last load starts by 8:45 pm

DATE
Wednesday, July 19th, 2023

LOCATION
Wash N Whirl
10018 Molly Fitcher Hwy
Shippensburg, PA 17257

TIME
7 pm to 9 pm



Meet the Needs, Incorporated
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 130 South Pine Street
 Shippensburg, PA 17257
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