

Shaler Area Middle School
Daily Announcements
February 26, 2024
Day 3

Monday, February 26, 2024

The **ASL Club** will meet on Monday from 2:50 – 4:05 in the library.

Girls' Softball will have conditioning on Monday and Wednesday in SAMS Gym B from 5 – 7 pm

Congratulations to the **Middle School Ice Hockey Team** who beat Norwin 5-4 to take first place in the division. Brady Nickel had 2 goals. Julian Lappe and Dayden Helwich each had 1 goal. Brett Whiteman, Nick Defilippo and Julian Lappe each had 1 assist. Mason Barbieri got the win in net. The last game before the playoffs is Monday March 4th against Freeport. Puck drops at 7:40 pm at Alpha Ice Rink.

Please join us in celebrating our **boys' varsity basketball team** in preparation for their WPIAL semifinals with a Shaler Spirit Day Monday! Dress in your best Titan gear to show your support before they tip off against Franklin Regional, Monday at 8 pm, at Mount Lebanon.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Boys' Volleyball will have Open Gym on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3-5:15. Please have your ride pick you up promptly at 5:15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual SAMS Schoolwide Chess & Checkers Championships are BACK! If you'd like to toss your hat into the ring and see how your Chess &/or Checkers skills match up against your SAMS peers, register using the Google Classroom codes. You'll find them displayed on the announcement TVs and on signs hanging throughout the building.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, February 28th!

Google classroom codes: Chess: 5 D V F W 7 4 Checkers: 4 4 I L F N 6

Calling all performers! **Talent Show Informational Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, February 28 from 3:00 - 3:30pm in the auditorium. The meeting will explain the audition process and how the show will work.

Are you ready for the Madness? March Madness, that is! Blue tickets that you earn from now until Friday, March 15th will go into a drawing for the following:

-A spot on the SAMS SWPBIS March Madness bracket that will follow the Men's NCAA Tournament! The first 64 tickets drawn will earn a spot on the bracket and will follow a collegiate team in the same spot throughout the tournament. Prizes will be awarded each time a student's team 'moves on.' Prizes may include (but are not limited to) candy, candy bars, gift cards and a door dashed lunch.

-That's not all! 100 tickets will also be selected to earn time to watch the Men's NCAA Tournament games LIVE in the Auditorium during school OR an alternative showing of a movie. Make sure you are seen being Safe, Respectful and Ready!

SPORTS

Eligibility Reminder - Spring sports will be starting in several days. In order to participate you must be academically eligible. This means you must have a 2.0 grade point average or higher and you cannot be failing 2 or more classes.

If interested in trying out for the **MS Baseball program**, please join the Middle School Baseball Google Classroom page [afbfaax](#) for more information.

If you are interested in joining the **middle school track and field team**, please join the team's Google Classroom (code [emj4byb](#)) and view the Welcome Presentation in order to see the registration checklist. Track is open to all 7th and 8th grade boys and girls in good academic and behavior standing. Sign-ups are open until 4:30 on Wednesday, March 6th. Please see Coach Webb in Room 168 with any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

9-grade Course Selection Presentations at SAMS will be on Thursday, February 29. High School Counselors will visit 8-grade math classes on February 29 for Course Selection.

2024-2025 High School Band Classes!

It's that time of year! If you are interested in auditioning for Honors Wind Ensemble, Honors Jazz 1, or Jazz 2 next school year, please join the HS Band Audition Google Classroom for information and audition materials! Class Code: [7kalfx5](#)

Auditions for 8th Grade students will be held on February 27th.

Want to join our Symphonic Band or Percussion Ensemble? No need to audition, simply sign up. Need more info? See Mrs. Spondike in the band room or join the Audition Google Classroom.

It's never too late to jump back into Choir! You don't need experience to join one of High School choirs that rehearse during the school day. Our award-winning choirs not only perform on the SA stage but travel each year with our Performing Arts Department to compete with other choirs across the nation.

Are you looking for an Honors level choir? See Mrs. Weaver or join the Google Classroom with code: [rxandlu](#) for audition information.

Do you want to join our Concert Choir? No need to audition, just sign-up during scheduling. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Tepshich at tepshichk@shalerarea.org.

SAMS PTO is sponsoring a Chick-fil-A Lunch Raffle. Please send in your receipts from the McKnight Road Chick-fil-A to school by March 1st to be entered into a raffle to win a free Chick-fil-A lunch at school for yourself and 2 friends for March 14th! Please send receipts to school in an envelope marked with your child's name and grade.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Students with early dismissals should report to homeroom and then bring their note to the Attendance Office where they will sign the Early Dismissal Sheet and obtain a blue pass for their dismissal. Parents may also email their child's excuse to Mrs. Galbraith at galbraithl@shalerarea.org. If you lost your note, or left it on the kitchen table, ask your homeroom teacher to go to the Attendance Office and speak to Mrs. Galbraith. She will be glad to help you!

Students are reminded that they must provide a written excuse for all absences. Students should report to homeroom and then bring their excuse to the Attendance Office.