

SHALER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021  
DAY 2

**Information regarding hybrid instruction beginning January 19, 2021 and January 21, 2021**

Today is the first day back for Cohort A. Cohort B will report back to school on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Students in Cohort C who did not pick up their materials yesterday should come to the library side of the building and get their materials from the security guard between 6:30 and 3:15 pm.

**Health and Safety of Students during Hybrid Instruction**

As we transition to the hybrid instruction model, we want to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.

It is important to communicate with your SAMS school nurse, Mrs. Erdlen, if any of the following apply:

- Your child or any member of your household tests positive for COVID-19.
- Your child has been in close contact with a confirmed or presumed positive COVID-19 case.
- Your child is currently quarantined or isolated due to a recent exposure outside of school or due to travel.
- You plan to travel outside of Pennsylvania for any reason.

Mrs. Erdlen can be reached at **412-492-1200 x8-2510**, [erdlenc@sasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:erdlenc@sasd.k12.pa.us), or by submitting your information using this link: <https://forms.gle/VjPatvLKKZMBVKu3A>

**Please plan to remain virtual until you talk with Mrs. Erdlen.**

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**7 Blue Titans of the week for 1/11-1/15**

We are so proud of many of you for the work you continue to do for all your classes.

Aaron Aversa (AE)	Adahline Birch (AE)	Zach Ehrenberger (Sci)
Haley Eich (Sci)	Ciara Jahoda (ELA)	Santo Lisanti (ELA)
Maddie Reddy (Math)	Kaydee Schermann (Sci)	Stanley Whieteman (Sci)
Bailey Pisanko (AE)	Paige Querio (Math)	

**Congratulations to the following Team 7 Red Attendance Lottery Winners!**

Zoey Cieslak	Hannah Bollig	Chris Sandoval	Liam Grady
Katie Celender	Bryce Washington	Dustun Corfield	

**SPORTS TODAY:**

Jr. Wrestling athletes should report to the cafeteria quickly at the end of the day to that Mr. Alexander can direct you to the shuttle bus to the High School for practice.

MS Boys' Basketball has an away game against Pine Richland. Students are dismissed from class at 2:15. The bus will leave at 2:30 from the Shopping Center Side of the Building.

MS Girls' Basketball has a home game against Pine Richland at 3:30 in SAMS Gym A.

### **SPRING SPORTS**

Spring sports physicals for all students in Grades 7 - 12 will be held at the High School on February 15, 2021. Students must have a completed PIAA physical form filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and payment is required to receive a physical. I have attached links to the physical form and COVID Waiver. If you have any questions or issues, please email the sports medicine staff at [athletictraining@sasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:athletictraining@sasd.k12.pa.us)

Participation Waiver for COVID -

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mgt1tlctkjFtGQKDjDUt\\_R3vhRhFBCD4/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mgt1tlctkjFtGQKDjDUt_R3vhRhFBCD4/view?usp=sharing)

Physical Form –

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FrSVLIYvgI-C8bIVfkWutF6NmOnPFvMU/view?usp=sharing>

### **SCHOOL PICTURES:**

Today is Picture Re-Take Day for students in Cohort A. **PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN IN THE LIBRARY NOT GYM A.**

REPORTING TIME IS BASED ON THE FIRST INITIAL OF YOUR LAST NAME BE PROMPT, ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE TO EXCUSE YOU FROM CLASS.

8:00 A

8:15 B

8:30 C

8:45 D

9:00 E

9:20 F

9:40 G

10:00 H

10:15 I

10:30 Break for Lunch

10:30 to 12:00 LUNCH

12:15 J

12:30 K

12:45 L

1:00 M

1:15 N-Z That are here today.

1:30 Any Students that missed their time.

3:00 to 3:45 Cohort C Last NAMES A-M

### **COHORT C PICTURE CHANGE:**

**Students in Cohort C with last names beginning in A-K should report to LIBRARY between 3 and 3:45 on Tuesday.**

Students in Cohort C with last names beginning in L-Z should report to LIBRARY between 3 and 3:45 on Thursday. DO NOT COME UNTIL 3:00 as the buses and parents from the other cohorts will be trying to leave the school. Please park in the parking lot on the LIBRARY side of the building. Parents are to remain in the car. Cohort C students must wear their masks to enter the building and remember to maintain your social distance from other students.

Remember, if you already had your picture taken and do not like the picture, you must return the picture package to the photographer at the time of the retake to get the new picture taken or you will be responsible for paying for both picture packets. Also, if you did not have your picture taken, you must have one taken for the official school records. You can place your order directly with Lifetouch by going to [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). The Middle School Picture Day ID Number is EVTP7XWKT. Reminders will be given to the students on the Materials Pick-up Day, Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. If you did not have any picture taken and need an order form, notify me at [crilleyj@sasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:crilleyj@sasd.k12.pa.us) or come to the Main Office to pick up a form.

**CLUBS:**

**Lunch Meet** will meet on Wednesday during both lunches. They are starting some Mystery Plays! Please contact Ms. Millard or Mrs. Spondike if you have any questions.

**SKI CLUB:**

Ski Club is not running this year; however, we can provide families with discounted prices on tickets. We have set up the dates for you to take advantage of the same discounts we receive as a club. Upcoming ski dates are:

Saturday, January 23,    Friday, January 29,    Saturday, February 6,  
Monday, February 15,    Saturday, February 20    Saturday, February 27.

Website: <https://store.7springs.com/ecommerce/grplogin2.aspx> Username: Shaler MID, Password: Springs 123. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mr. Herrle at [herrled@sasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:herrled@sasd.k12.pa.us)

**STAND TOGETHER CLUB:**

Announcement: Looking for interested students!!!

Counseling Department is looking for student leaders to participate in Stand Together training this month. Students in Stand Together design, create, and implement projects in our school for their peers to increase mental health education and awareness, promote social inclusion, and encourage students to reach out to an adult they trust when they are worried about themselves or someone they know. <https://standtogether.againststigma.org/stand-together-2/>

If interested in joining this leadership group to end stigma around mental health and addiction, please reach out to Ms. Coleman to get more information and apply. email is: [colemank@sasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:colemank@sasd.k12.pa.us)

Dates for the virtual trainings will be January 20 and February 3, 2021 from 10-2:30.

## **TACO TUESDAY**

Today is Taco Tuesday at the Chipotle at 8870 Covenant Avenue between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring in the attached flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you are supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Shaler Area Middle School PTO. NEW. You can now order online for pickup. Use code RZ3BW4K before checkout in "promo" field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.

## **SAMS COAT DRIVE**

The SAMS Student Council are sponsoring a Coat Drive. Brand new or SLIGHTLY used coats are acceptable. These coats will go to people in need in the Shaler Area. Coats may be dropped off at, or sent directly to, SAMS. The Coat Drive will begin January 15h and end on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your coats to the Activity Office.

## **TECH PROBLEMS**

Student Tech Issues: If you have a student who is having an issue with their device please have them come to the Main Office to report the problem or use the School Dude ticket system for any issues you are experiencing with your own devices so we can coordinate.

<https://forms.gle/SZt21sszydN7WGBn7>

## **ATTENDANCE DURING VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION**

School Board policy 204 Attendance requires that the parent submit an excuse in writing. <http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/boardpolicies/204.pdf>. All excuses and doctor's notes can be emailed to: [buzzellij@sasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:buzzellij@sasd.k12.pa.us)

It is important to note that students are encouraged to notify their teachers if they are going to miss a class. However, policy 204 states that the written excuse must come from the parent for tardy, early dismissal, half, or full day absences.

Shaler Area Middle School teachers take period by period attendance. The attendance portal no longer exists. Students must participate in remote learning for each period, beginning with homeroom. A teacher will mark the student absent if they are not participating. If there is a question about a specific period, please email the teacher directly. If a student missed 6 or more periods in a day, they will be marked "I" illegal absence and will require a written parent email.

If a student has a doctor's appointment, parents are welcome to email us with doctor's notes or information that the student was absent from (for example: from 9am to 12:00pm) so that attendance can be marked correctly. If a student needs an early dismissal (for example: at 1:45pm and not returning), parents should email us that information.