

WELCOME TO SHALER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE MEDIEVAL DAY

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 29, 2016

REMINDER: Take Your Child To Work Day April 28, 2016...

Just a reminder that SASD Policy indicates that "Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work" Day shall not be considered an educational trip or tour unless the parent is able to provide the principal with sufficient documentation of how the activities planned during this experience will provide a justifiable educational purpose. If the day is determined to meet the qualifications as such, the day will be considered as an educational trip, and therefore all criteria specified above will be maintained.

<http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/boardpolicies/204-1.pdf>

Thank you for your cooperation.

FIELD TRIPS:

7th Grade Trip to Cleveland: Permission slips and payment of \$60 for the 7th grade trip to the Cleveland Art Museum/Natural History Center are due. In addition, a parent/guardian has to complete the online waiver form on www.zipcityusa.com/Cleveland.

LOST AND FOUND:

I have emailed home lists of the items that are currently residing in Lost and Found in the Activities Office. I have set up a shelf and clothes line in the cafeteria hoping that someone would see something that belongs to them. I am getting desperate as the items keep increasing and the end of school is getting nearer. As a result, I have taken pictures of the items hoping that you may better see the items and find something that you didn't realize your student had even lost. Please go to the following google site:

<https://drive.google.com/a/sasd.k12.pa.us/file/d/0B-JZfozjtIc9MWd5UXFBUIINJOFE/view?usp=sharing> to view the pictures. If you see something that might belong to your student, please feel free to stop in and check or contact me at crilleyj@shaler.us, crilleyj@sasd.k12.pa.us or by phone at 412-492-1200, Ext. 2530. If you think something might belong to your student, please have them stop in Activities and make sure. Thank you for your help.

CLUBS and ACTIVITIES:

Friday:

Library Lasagna – CANCELLED

The FACS TITAN CLUB is hosting a self-defense seminar lead by Master Cottage from Young Brothers Tae Kwon Do. She will be leading instruction in three moves: Key Point Strike Out, Self Defense and Ground Techniques. It is open to anyone interested and also to their parents. It will be on Monday, May 2 from 3:00 to 4:00 in the

gym. You must have a permission slip signed by your parents. Please see Ms Legnine, Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Wolff, or the Activities Office for the permission slips and any further information.

Attention Student Council members: There will be a Student Council meeting on Tuesday, May 2 after school until 3:30 pm in Room 237. It is important that all officers and members attend this meeting. See you there!

Attention all students interested in trying out for the Shaler Area Marching Band Auxiliary: Dance Team, Majorette and Silk Line: All practices and try outs will be held at the High School, Gym A on the following dates and times:

DANCE TEAM: First Practice	May 16 th – 5:30 to 7:15 pm
Second Practice	May 18 th – 5:30 to 7:15 pm
Third Practice	May 24 th – 7:15 to 9:00 pm
Final Judging	Wednesday, May 2 th – Times will be assigned to each candidate beginning at 6 pm

MAJORETTE: First Practice	May 16 th – 5:30 – 7:15 pm
Second Practice	May 18 th – 7:15 – 9:00 pm
Third Practice	May 24 th – 5:30 – 7:15 pm
Final Judging	Wednesday, May 2 th – Times will be assigned to each candidate beginning at 6 pm

SILK LINE: First Practice	May 16 th – 7:15 – 9:00 pm
Second Practice	May 18 th – 5:30 – 7:15 pm
Third Practice	May 24 th – 5:30 – 7:15 pm
Final Judging	Wednesday, May 2 th – Times will be assigned to each candidate beginning at 6 pm

Flyers with complete instructions and information can be found on the table outside of the Activities Office.

ART MURALS

Many of you may have noticed the several murals going up around the school. We are making progress and they should be completed by the end of the school year. In order for our Mural Arts students to increase their ownership of the process, we are taking part in a fund raiser to raise the additional money needed to complete these projects. Therefore, we are selling Bruster's Booster Coupons. The cost is \$12.00 which includes 10 buy one get one coupons and 2 discount coupons on an ice-cream cake. The book pays for itself with a couple of visits and it's a \$50.00 value! If you are interested in ordering a Bruster's Booster Coupon book please either order it from a student in Mural Arts, or reply to this email.

ATTENTION students, parents, teachers, administration:

You're Invited!
SAMS Mural Arts Opening and Celebration

Wednesday, May 25

6:30 – 8:30

(with a brief ceremony at 7pm)

SAMS Cafeteria/Lobby

Snacks, Drinks, and Cake will be provided!

SPORTS:

Friday:

9th Grade Softball has a game against Penn Hills.

Students will be dismissed at 2:20. Bus will leave at 2:30

7th/8th Boys WHITE Volleyball has a home game against Pine Richland at the Middle School, Gym A at 3:30.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: Think YOU have what it takes? Prove it! Show off your skills at the 1st Annual SAMS Titan Team Challenge! Teams will battle it out for the team title in a variety of challenge competitions including Punt, Pass, Kick, Free Throw/Slapshot, Track & Field, Climbing, Volleyball, and Cross Fit. Organize your co-ed, same grade level team of 5 and submit your \$25 team entry fee to your Phys. Ed. Teacher no later than Tuesday, May 3rd.

Proceeds benefit the Backpack Initiative and the SAMS Health & Phys. Ed. Department. Only the first 36 teams will be admitted first come, first served. See your Health & Phys. Ed. Teacher for entry form and details.

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS interested in playing soccer next year for any of the school teams , should stop in Room 205 and sign up with Coach Catanese.

Any 8th grade girl interested in joining the Shaler Area Lady Titans Varsity Golf Team for the 2016 season should attend an informational meeting with a parent on **Monday, May 2, 2016, at Marzolf Primary School at 6:00pm**. Previous golf experience is not needed. Contact head coach Samantha Smyers for additional information.

Shaler Area Inline Hockey will be holding player evaluations at Alpha Ice Harmarville for all levels on the following dates and times. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time as player evaluations start promptly.

2016 Player Evaluation Dates (based on grade entering in the Fall 2016)

Monday, May 2 @ 6p-8p Elementary (3rd - 6th Grade)

Tuesday, May 3 @ 6p-8p Middle School (7th - 8th Grade)

Tuesday, May 10 @ 6pm-8pm High School (9th-12th Grade)

Everyone must come to a player evaluation or they cannot be placed on a team. Additional information can be found on flyers located on the table outside of the Activities Office or by contacting shalerinline@yahoo.com.

Shaler Area Boys' Basketball Boosters Spring Hoops Camp will be held from May 23rd to 26th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. *Grades 2-4 (6:00 – 7:30 pm), Grades 5-7 (7:30 – 9:00 pm) at the Scott Elementary School Gymnasium. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 16th, 2016. Flyers are available on the table outside of the Activities Office of by contacting Coach Rob Niederberger, Shaler Area Head Boys' Basketball Coach at 4142-780.8718 or at robnieder@yahoo.com.

2016-2017 Shaler Area Middle School Tryouts for the Shaler Area Titans ice Hockey will be at the Alpha Ice Complex in Harmarville on the following dates: Monday, May 2 @ 8pm-9:30pm and Wednesday, May 4 @ 6pm – 7:30pm

Please bring the following to the tryouts:

Son's or daughter's 2016-2017 USA Hockey Registration Number, which can be obtained at:

www.usahockeyregistration.com/login_input.action

A check for \$55 for the tryout fee

A check for \$250 for commitment fee (cashed only if you accept position on team)

Please register at www.pihlsatitans.pointstreaksites.com/view/pihlstitans/forms-documents-3/try-out-registration. Flyers are available on the table outside the Activities Office.

ATTENTION all Titan Boys and Girls currently in Grades 7 and 8

North United Volleyball Club will sponsor a SAMS Volleyball Camp from June 13th – June 17th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm every day at the Shaler Area Middle School. Cost per player is \$50.00. Registration is due by May 27, 2016. This week is NOT focused on fundamental skill building (other than the improvement that will come from competitive game play) but rather is focused on fostering a sense of community between the girls' and boys' programs here at Shaler Area. Please see Coach Schrom if you have any questions or contact him at northuvbc@yahoo.com. Flyers are available on the table outside of the Activities Office.

Directions to all of our games and matches can be found at our website at www.sasd.k12.pa.us. Go to the red ribbon at the top of the page and click on Athletics and then to the drop down menu for directions.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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 green pass for their dismissal.

TEACHERS: Please remind the students of their responsibilities.

OTHER

KENNYWOOD PARK – SCHOOL PICNIC – May 7, 2016.

School tickets for Kennywood Park will be sold at the Shaler Area Central Office on **Thursday May 5 and Friday, May 6 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Each ticket will be \$26.00. Only cash or money orders will be accepted. No personal checks. It will be possible to purchase your tickets at your school's Kennywood website at www.kennywood.com/shaler. Tickets are available for purchase up until our school picnic on May 7, 2016.

ATTENTION - LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL REGARDING THE "WEAR YOUR BEST" DANCE, MAY 6, 2016.

April 20, 2016

Dear SAMS Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce our final dance of the 2015-2016 school year. The theme is "Wear Your Best", which is known to our students as their annual "Semi Formal."

This dance will be held on Friday May 6, 2014 from 7:00-9:00 PM in our cafeteria. Tickets must be purchased in advance at our activities office and the price of admission will be \$5.00 per person.

Some simple guidelines for our final dance are as follows:

****Student attire is defined as "Wear Your Best" outfit which is also dress code appropriate, which means the best "dressy" clothes that students currently own. Please do not feel compelled or pressured to venture to the store to buy new clothing such as gowns or suits more suitable for formal occasions. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to shop for more formal attire for high school homecoming dances and the prom. We do not wish for this dance to end trumping a prom, become a high drama event nor a significant added expense for our students/ families.**

****In the past, I have been told that students were dismissed early for hair and makeup appointments, spray tans, and some students even travelled to school in limousines. These types of things are not necessary as it is our desire to make this dance a less complex, fun event. We want this dance to be an enjoyable farewell to the school year for our students, and we wish to keep things as simple as possible.**

We look forward to seeing our students and staff wearing their "Best" as we enjoy our final dance of the school year!

Sincerely,
Mr. Martynuska
Principal

Mrs. Howard
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING END-OF-YEAR EVENT ELIGIBILITY

The end of the 2015-16 school year is fast approaching! We would like to remind all students and parents that attending school-sponsored activities and events is a privilege and we fully expect our students to act and behave in a positive manner.

As indicated in our student handbook, any student who causes excessive discipline or behavioral problems in school, is negligent in paying any school related fines, is not maintaining academic progress, or not meeting attendance requirements forfeits their opportunity to participate in school-sponsored activities, trips, or team rewards.

Students who are suspended (either In-School or Out-of-School) **beginning on April 1 through the remainder of the current school year** will not be eligible to attend school sponsored activities, such as the school dance in May. Any funds paid in advance for school sponsored activities *may* not be refunded. Also, any inappropriate behavior while participating in a school sponsored activity or event activity will result in an automatic exclusion from the next scheduled activity or event for that same school year.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in reinforcing the importance of good citizenship with your child!

Martin J. Martynuska

Principal

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