

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**  
**DAY 4**

**CLUBS and ACTIVITIES:**

**April 24 through April 28, 2017**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**

Deadline for Photography Contest – See Mr. Schrom

The SAMS Talent Show will be held in the SAMS Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

Student Call Time is 6:00 pm.

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Mrs. Spondike's Music Exploration students are to bring their iPads to class today.

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7th grade Students interested in auditioning for Wind Ensemble or Jazz Band for next year, please see Mrs. Spondike in Room 130 to sign up for a time and get the requirements.

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Do you enjoy playing board games? Do you like using strategy to defeat your opponents? Join Mr. Reagle in Room 340 after school until 5:00 on Mondays for Strategy Game Club. You can learn to play ancient games like Chess, Backgammon, and Go. Or, master modern games such as 7 Wonders, Risk, and Pirate's Cove. Explore card-based games like Magic the Gathering or miniature-based games like Star Wars X-wing. It's time to outwit your opponents. Game On!

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Attention all aspiring photographers, artists and creative people....The Northern Area Gifted Consortium is sponsoring a photography contest. Each photographer is allowed to enter one photo in each of 5 categories. The deadline for entries is April 28th. Please see Mr. Schrom in Room 165 for information sheets or pick one up at the desk in the main lobby.

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The FACS and Nature Clubs are sponsoring the Art of Self Defense for students to learn techniques to keep yourself safe. The class will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 3 to 4 pm in the MS Cafeteria. Instructor Master Cottage from Young Brothers Tae Kwon Do will be here to conduct the class. Please sign up at the curvy counter outside of the Activities Office. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Bowser or Ms. Legnine if you are interested in coming.

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Tryout information for the 2017-18 Shaler Area Marching Band Auxiliary units is now available. If you would like to try out to be on the Dance Team, Majorettes, or Silk Line next year, please pick up a packet on the curvy counter outside of the Activities Office. Tryout practices will begin on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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The Shaler Area School District's PTOs are combining to produce SHALER AREA'S GOT TALENT, a family-oriented Variety Show celebrating the talents of the Shaler Area Communities on Friday, May 5, 2017 at the Shaler Area Middle School. The show will be from 6:30 to 9:00. Tickets are \$5.00. All proceeds benefit the Shaler Area School District's PTOs. For more ticket information see [ajune1@verizon.net](mailto:ajune1@verizon.net). General inquiries please see [shalerareadistrictfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:shalerareadistrictfundraiser@gmail.com). Additional information can be found on the following Google link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-JZfozjtIc9ZFM3YkZ6TFMzV2FsZ2Y2YzJPNXRFSVp0XzNJ/view?usp=sharing>

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TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY: Students and parents who are considering participation in "Take Your Child to Work Day" should review the Principal's letter and board policy 204.1 on the Middle School website.

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**ATTENTION STUDENTS: Kennywood Tickets** - Only cash or money orders will be accepted. No personal checks. You may purchase your tickets online at [www.kennywood.com/shaler](http://www.kennywood.com/shaler). Tickets are available for purchase up until the school picnic date. Additional processing fee will apply. Additionally tickets will be available Thursday, May 4 and Friday May 5 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Administrative Office.

## **SPORTS:**

### **April 24 through April 28, 2017**

Thursday:

Boys' BLUE Volleyball has a home match against Bethel Park in the MS Gym A at 3:30.

Boys' WHITE Volleyball has an away match against Hempfield. Students are dismissed at 1:50. Bus leaves Shopping Center Side at 2:00.

MS Baseball has an away game against Fox Chapel. Students are dismissed at 2:15.

Bus leaves Shopping Center Side at 2:30.

Girls' BLUE Softball has an away game against Penn Hills. Students are dismissed at 2:05.

Bus leaves Shopping Center Side at 2:20.

Girls' WHITE Softball has a home game against Mount Lebanon. Students are dismissed at 2:35.

Take Bus to Anderson Field.

Attention all Middle School volleyball players....registration for the Middle School Competitive Volleyball Camp is now open. Forms can be found in Mr. Schrom's room or on the curvy counter near the Activities Office in the main lobby. The competitive camp is open to experienced players and will consist of 5 days of tournament-style play. The cost of the camp is 50 dollars. Please see Mr. Schrom with any questions.

**Directions to all of our games** and matches can be found at our website at [www.sasd.k12.pa.us](http://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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND CAMPS:**

The Shaler Area Boys' Basketball Boosters are sponsoring a Spring Dodgeball Tournament on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9:00 to 1:00 pm at the Middle School Gym. The cost per team is \$30.00. This is a co-ed tournament. Every team must have at least 2 girls on the floor in order to compete. Grades 7, 8, 9 will complete in Division A, Grades 10, 11, 12 will compete in Division B. This is a single elimination tournament. Deadline for team entry is April 22, 2017. For additional information please email Mr. Interthal at [interthaldave@sasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:interthaldave@sasd.k12.pa.us) or Mr. Kepreos at [Kepresos@sasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:Kepresos@sasd.k12.pa.us)

Shaler Area Boys' Basketball Boosters is sponsoring a Spring Hoops Shooting Camp for boys in grades 2 through 8 on May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 4 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Scott Elementary School Gymnasium. Cost of the camp is \$50.00 (Checks made payable to SABBA). Deadline for registration is Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For more information, please contact Rob Niederberger, Shaler Area Head Boys' Basketball Coach at [robnieder@yahoo.com](mailto:robnieder@yahoo.com) or 412-780-8718.

Shaler Area Inline Hockey is holding 2017-2018 Player Evaluations (based on grade entering in Fall 2017) at Alpha Ice Harmorville (66 Alpha Drive W. Pittsburgh, PA 15238) for all levels at the dates and times below. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time as play evaluations start promptly.

Wednesday, May 3 @ 6:15- 8 pm Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Monday, May 8 @ 6:15 – 8 pm Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Wednesday, May 10 @ 6:15-8 pm High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Additional information can be found on the flyers on the Curvy Counter outside of the Activities Office. For additional information, please contact [shalerinline@yahoo.com](mailto:shalerinline@yahoo.com)

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PARENTS:**

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Students will take the PSSA tests throughout the month of April and May:  
May 3, 2017                      PSSA-Science (8th grade only)

Please also take a moment to review the letters from the Principals regarding the 2017 PSSA testing and rules for electronic devices which are posted on the SAMS website:  
[http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/shalerareamiddleschool\\_home.aspx](http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/shalerareamiddleschool_home.aspx)

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412-492-1200 press 8, then ext. 2501

Shaler Area School District will meet the needs of all students by committing to high expectations for learning, engaging in rigorous instructional practice, and implementing the aligned and relevant curriculum.

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**ATTENTION STUDENTS:** Students please remember to bring a calculator for math PSSA on April 25th and 26th.

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**ATTENTION 7th Grade Parents:**

The whole 7th grade will be going to Kiwanis Park for fun and swimming on Tuesday, May 30th. As indicated in the 2016-2017 Shaler Area Middle School Student Handbook (pages 2-3); it is a privilege for students to attend school sponsored activities such as field trips. Students, who cause excessive discipline problems in school, fail to maintain academic progress, do not meet attendance requirements, or do not fulfill financial obligations (i.e.-library fines, cafeteria balances) forfeit their opportunity to participate in school sponsored activities, trips, or team rewards.

Given the parameters set forth in our student handbook, the principal will make the final determination regarding student eligibility for this trip and parents will be informed in advance if their child becomes ineligible for the trip. Please note that any student suspended in school or out of school during the 4th 9 weeks will not be eligible to attend.

## PTO

# **WAFFLE WEDNESDAY**

May 3, 2017 @ 6:30am

The SAMS PTO is showing all staff appreciation the week of May 1st-5th. Something special we do for them is Waffle Wednesday. We cook breakfast and offer them grab and go items as well. We are in need of donations. Items needed are listed below. Please contact [JoyceKobert@gmail.com](mailto:JoyceKobert@gmail.com) or [StephanyLang@comcast.net](mailto:StephanyLang@comcast.net) to confirm your donation. If you prefer, there is also a quick and easy link to submit online, click [Staff Appreciation Form](#) or type <https://goo.gl/forms/ttcoagdid5C33rB93>. Please have your donated items at the school by Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> unless other arrangements have been made.

We also need help cooking, serving, and clean up starting 6:30am until 9:00ish. I realize this is early, but it is just a few hours, and only one day. Please consider helping us. We will supply coffee!

The following item(s) are needed for breakfast on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- Fruit for waffle toppings (sliced/diced) - strawberries, blueberries, etc.
- Bananas (bunch, not sliced) Apples, Oranges
- Nutella or other spread
- Maple Syrup
- Chocolate Syrup
- Whipped Cream
- Powdered Sugar
- Butter (spreadable container)
- Granola or other breakfast snack bars
- Donuts or Danishes
- Muffins

Waffle Wednesday started at the primary level. Let's keep it going!!

Thank you,

Joyce Kobert  
PTO President, SAMS  
412-512-5851-cell (text or call)  
[JoyceKobert@gmail.com](mailto:JoyceKobert@gmail.com)

## 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.