

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
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CLUBS and ACTIVITIES:

March 20 through March 24, 2017

Wednesday:

Yearbook pictures for Jazz Band during homeroom - Report to Gym A at this time for your yearbook picture.

Marching Band at the High School until 4:30

All District Orchestra Concert at the High School at 7:00 pm.

Students should arrive at 6:15. Bring instruments, music and wear concert clothes.

Thursday:

Yearbook pictures for Orchestra during homeroom - Report to Gym A at this time for your yearbook picture.

Youth Advocacy League groups will meet during lunch periods

Friday:

Yearbook pictures for Concert Band during homeroom - Report to Gym A at this time for your yearbook picture.

Informational Meeting for the Talent will be held from 3 to 3:30 in the Auditorium

NO Library Lasagna – Library is Closed for the Day

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Students will take the PSSA tests throughout the month of April and May:

April 4 & 7, 2017 PSSA-English Language Arts

April 25 & 26, 2017 PSSA-Mathematics

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

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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.

The following is a letter from the Middle School Principals concerning our Middle School Spring Dance, Friday, March 31, 2017:

March 10, 2017

Dear SAMS Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce our final dance of the 2016-2017 school year. The theme this spring will be "Neon Night!" This spring's theme was chosen as a result of input from our entire student body, gathered through the efforts of our middle school student council members. Our student council and activities office will be renting some strobe lights and black lights, which should make the evening a really "glowing" time for our students!

Our "Neon Night!" dance will be held on Friday March 31, 2017 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. Included in the cost of admission will be a piece of pizza.

Some simple guidelines for our final dance are as follows:

-Since "Neon Night!" is the theme, students are encouraged to wear neon colored, dress code appropriate clothing. Please do not feel compelled or pressured to venture to the store to buy any new neon colored clothing, as any bright colored clothing will work well with the lighting! We want this dance to be an enjoyable spring dance for our students, and we wish to keep things as simple as possible.

-A reminder that students who wish to attend must adhere to our guidelines for "Dances", which can be found on page 8 of the 2016-2017 Shaler Area Middle School Student and Parent Handbook. Please note that to be eligible to attend:

*Students must be in good standing academically and behaviorally (no school suspensions in the month preceding this dance)

*Students must satisfy any library fines, cafeteria debts greater than \$25, or any other financial obligations owed to the school.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Martynuska
Principal

Mrs. Howard
Assistant Principal

The Counseling Department will be holding a Diversity Day on March 28th at our Middle School---

A building-wide assembly on the topic with an interactive presentation from Chaz Kellem- Chaz was Head of Diversity for the Pittsburgh Power Organization; and currently, he is working at the YWCA as the Senior

Director for Advocacy for Race and Gender Equity. These assemblies will occur during 2nd (8th grade) and 3rd (7th grade) periods.

For this year's Diversity Day, we have 12 MS student leaders that have been training with us during 5th and/or 6th periods. HS YAL students will be co-facilitating discussion groups with our MS YAL students. Three students from the Creative and Performing Arts High School will perform monologues; *Arts in Activism throughout History and Today*. These presentations are designed to educate the audience on past movements for equality, and use this knowledge to create a conversation on how to create change. The performers will be using the theme of various art forms (performance, poetry, visual art) as a structure, introducing Artists that impacted activism movements, and how individuals can access the arts to create change in the world. The objective of the presentation is to inspire students to become aware of injustice and what tools a person could use to illicit change, on both a small and large scale.

We are seeking students to participate in the CAPA performances and group discussions that will follow the performances. Invitations will be distributed this week! If you have been chosen & receive an invitation, you will be required to have it signed by a parent/guardian. If you'd like to be a part of the Diversity Group Discussions and have not received an invite, please see your school counselor.

The slips are due by March 24-this Friday!!

During 6th period lunches in the cafeteria on Thursday and Friday of this week, there will be a fundraiser to raise awareness of the dangers and victims of school shootings. For our Art for a Change project, we have designed a tree in the memory of victims who have died in school shooting incidents. You can donate \$1.00 to write your name on the tree, and in return, receive a lollipop for your generous donation. All money raised will be donated to the Sandy Hook Promise organization. Please Donate! To learn more about the organization go to www.SandyHookPromise.com.

Today during 6th period lunch, students will be selling cookies. All funds received will be donated to the Clear Water Marine Aquarium to help save ocean wildlife. Be a part of this change, and enjoy our delicious sea-animal shaped cookies!

TALENT SHOW Informational Meeting is on Friday March, 24 from 3:00 - 3:30pm. Students interested in finding out more about auditioning for the show should plan to attend the meeting in the auditorium.

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.

SPORTS:

March 20 through March 24, 2017

Wednesday:

Girls' Open Practice for Golf will be held from 4 to 5 at Marzolf Primary School.

Boys BLUE Volleyball has a home match against Fox Chapel in the SAMS Gym A at 3:30.

MS Girls' BLUE Softball against Ellwood City has been postponed until Thursday. Girls will have practice from 5 to 7.

Thursday:

Meeting for Boys Golf at the Elementary School Auditorium at 6 pm
Girls' BLUE Volleyball has an away match against Hampton. Students are dismissed
At 2:20. Bus leaves from the Shopping Center Side at 2:30
Girls' WHITE Volleyball has a home match against South Allegheny at the Scott
Elementary Building at 4:00
MS Girls' BLUE Softball has an away game against Ellwood City at 6:30.
Bus leaves the Shopping Center Side at 4:30.

Friday:

MS Girls' BLUE Softball has a home game against Hampton at the SAHS Anderson Field at 4:15
MS Baseball has a home game against Hampton at the Scott Elementary Building at 3:45.

Saturday:

Girls' WHITE Volleyball is participating in the Pine Richland Jr. High Tournament.
Bus leaves Shopping Center Side at 7:30.

Attention All Boys Working out with the High School Football Team –Starting next Tuesday, March 28th, you are to take Bus 516 ONLY to get to your practices. Bus 516 is a regular bus that picks up on the Stadium side of the school. Do not be late. The bus will not wait for you.

Attention Girls Softball Players – You are to take Bus 546 to get to your home games at Anderson Field. Bus 546 is a regular bus that leaves from the Cafeteria side of the building. Do not be late. The bus will not wait for you.

Attention students interested in Shaler Area Inline Hockey: There will be an open skate for all current inline players, students and friends at the Alpha Ice Complex in Harmerville from 5:30 to 6:30 on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Prospective players can borrow some gear (if they do not have their own) and take some shots on an open net from 6:30 to 7:30. Then current players are invited to gear up, with the new players, for a friendly scrimmage during this time as well.

The Varsity Girls Golf team is starting recruitment for the 2017 season! If you are interested in joining the team, please attend one of our open practices at Marzolf Primary School. Practices are held Wednesday evenings, from 4:00 to 5:00pm. Previous golf experience is not required. For additional information or questions, contact head coach Samantha Smyers or visit the Varsity Girls Golf webpage.

The Boys' Golf Team needs golfers who are willing to learn the game and play High School Golf. If you are interested in playing golf this upcoming school year, please take a flier from the curvy counter outside of the Activities Office. There will be an informational meeting about participating on the boys' golf team on THURSDAY, March 23rd at the Shaler Area Elementary School in the Auditorium at 6 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Coach John Brough at broughj@sasd.k12.pa.us.

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.