

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Thursday, March 23, 2017**  
**DAY 2**

**CLUBS and ACTIVITIES:**

**March 20 through March 24, 2017**

**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

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**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](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.

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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

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

Diversity Day is on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Middle and High School Youth Advocacy League students will be co-facilitating discussion groups with our MS students. The Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) High School students 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 group discussions that will follow the CAPA performances. Invitations are being distributed this week! If you have been chosen and received 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 Day Group Discussions and have not received an invite, please see your school counselor.

The slips are due by March 24-this Friday- Return them to Guidance Office!!

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During 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.SandyHookPromise.com).

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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.

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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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## **SPORTS:**

### **March 20 through March 24, 2017**

#### **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.  
MS Baseball is to take the sport shuttle bus practice at the Elementary School.

#### **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.  
Take sport shuttle bus to the Elementary School.

#### **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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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.

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](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.

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**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.