

SHALER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020  
DAY 2

**ACTIVITIES**

Student Council Meeting (via Google Meet) on Wednesday, November 25th, during 8th period.

SAMS School-wide expectations are back in full effect! Remember to be Safe, Respectful and Ready, and be on the look-out for virtual Path of the Titan tickets.

Attention all SAMS students, both hybrid and remote!

Get ready to CUT LOOSE with the SAMS 2021 MUSICAL: FOOTLOOSE!

More details coming in December – to be the first to know, join our google classroom with the code **q5f6rfp** or contact Mrs. Birch in room 306!

Attention Students: Would you like to wear a mask designed by YOU? Do you want to see your peers and community members wearing a mask designed by you? Here is your chance! The Student Council and PTO are holding a “design your own mask” contest. If interested, see Mrs. Grady for a blank mask template. Designs are due by December 6th. SAMS students will vote for the top 5-10 mask designs, and the community will vote for the winning mask design. The winner will have their designs put onto masks that will be available for purchase.

**SAMS Homework Club hold meetings Virtually via Google Meet on Tuesday.** Homework Club will also be held virtually via Google Meet from 4:30-5:30pm. A permission slip must be filled out / turned in prior to you attending Homework Club. Permission slips can be found in the Front Office, or on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14tydOjyvUmnjQn75cf29wqWOq3kIFRdv/view?usp=sharing>

**SPORTS**

Information about winter sports practices and tryouts will be made available as soon as the information is available.

**FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AVAILABLE DURING VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION**

Due to the increasing rise of community transmission rates of COVID-19 in Allegheny County, the district will be transitioning to virtual instruction for a three-week period beginning on Monday, November 23. The grab-n-go breakfast and lunch program will continue to provide meals for students while the district is in the 100% virtual model at three pick-up locations.

- Shaler Area High School (main entrance at the front of the building) from 11 a.m. to noon
- Christ Lutheran Church, in Millvale, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, in Etna, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To participate in this program, complete the google form here:

<https://forms.gle/Y2xWyj2SvQDHGuhm9>. Meals will be provided Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday's meals will be provided on Friday.

\*\*For the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no distribution on November 26-27. Meals for Thursday through Sunday will be provided on Wednesday, November 25. Regular distribution at each location will resume on Monday, November 30.

### **SAMS STUDENT SCHEDULE DURING VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION**

Students will follow the CURRENT daily schedule:

- Homeroom - 7:40-7:48 - **ALL STUDENTS MUST CHECK IN**
- Period 1 7:51 - 8:31
- Period 2 8:34 - 9:14
- Period 3 9:17 - 9:57
- Period 4 10:00 - 10:40
- **Period 5 - 7th grade lunch - 10:43 - 11:15**
- Period 5 - 8th grade - 10:43 - 11:23
- Period 6 - 7th grade - 11:18 - 11:58
- **Period 6 - 8th grade lunch - 11:26 - 11:58**
- Period 7 12:00 - 12:40
- Period 8 12:43 - 1:23
- Period 9 1:26 - 2:07
- Period 10 2:10 - 2:50

### **CLASSES DURING VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION**

Students are expected to check their Google Classroom **EVERY PERIOD, EVERY DAY**

Wednesdays are instructional days. Students are required to check in to every period when the period is scheduled.

Teachers will use Google Meet for Live Instruction. If the class has not started when you try to join, please try again to join the class.

Ask for help.

The key to success is checking in every period, every day

### **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.

**STUDENT TECH ISSUES:**

For student's experiencing technical issues, there is a Tech Support link on the left-hand side of our homepage that will continue to be updated with helpful information, and it also includes a link to submit a tech support request: <https://forms.gle/SZt21sszydN7WGBn7>