

SHALER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL
DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020
DAY 4

Remote

Please know that **you may make a request to move from hybrid to remote at any time**. Students who are **remote may only request a change from remote to hybrid at the 9-weeks** changes. Requests will be accepted for review **November 1-8**, January 20-26, and April 1-7), however **approval will only be granted based on both safety and need. Requests for any change must be made in writing** to Dr. Stennett - 8th grade (stennette@sasd.k12.pa.us) or Dr. Howard - 7th grade (howards@sasd.k12.pa.us).

<https://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=63AUIG0&dasi=4G0GI>

Information from Mrs. Erdlen in the Health Office:

Please remember to complete and return the following forms that were sent home with students who are presently attending SAMS in cohorts A and B.

Student Emergency Treatment Card (beige)
Student iPad Use/Loan Agreement (signed by student and parent)
Media Opt-out Form (only return to the school if you DO NOT give permission)

The health office uses the Emergency Card for parent/guardian phone numbers, for student health information, and for permission to give Tylenol and ibuprofen.

For students who are virtual, we are measuring students' height and weight during PE class. If you can do your height and weight at home and submit the information to Mrs. Erdlen. She would very much appreciate it. erdlenc@sasd.k12.pa.us

Mrs. Erdlen will start vision and hearing screening next month. All hybrid 7th and 8th grade student will be screened for vision. All hybrid 7th grade students will also be screened for hearing. Screening dates are Nov 19, Nov 20, Nov 23, Nov 24. If you wear glasses, you will need to bring them to school on the screening dates.

SPORTS

MS Boys' Basketball will hold open gym will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 pm in Gym A at SAMS. Pre-screens must be done. No one will be permitted to participate until that is done.

Any girl interested in playing basketball for the 2020-2021 Season. Please join the Team Google Classroom Page Code [jxctc46](#). Upcoming Dates: Covid Screenings: Middle School Training Room, Thursday, October 29th (Last name M-Z or anyone that missed Monday's screening). If you have any questions stop by Room 179 and see Mr. Spell.

WINTER SPORTS PHYSICALS FOR ALL STUDENTS (GRADES 7-12) WILL BE HELD ON: November 3, 2020 at the High School. Forms are on the counter beneath the TV in the Main Lobby or you can copy them from the following links.

Participation Waiver for Covid -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mgt1tlctkjFtGQKDjDUt_R3vhRhBCD4/view?usp=sharing

Physical Form –

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FrSVLIYvgI-C8bIVfkWutF6NmOnPFvMU/view?usp=sharing>

Your report time for the physical is based on the first letter of your last name, so we don't have people waiting for long periods of time and we are able to practice social distancing. Be prepared for the process to take an hour. You will not be permitted in the school before or after your scheduled time. A mask will be required to enter the building. See the time schedule below:

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Letters A-E are at 1:45 pm

Letters F-J are at 2:00 pm

Letters K-O are at 2:15 pm

Letters P-T are at 2:30 pm

Letters U-Z are at 3:00 pm.

All forms must be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and payment is required to receive a physical. Someone will meet you at the front door of the High School. You will be given a daily screening to clear you from any COVID 19-symptoms and you will be escorted back to where the physicals are taking place. Again, you must have a mask to cover your mouth and nose and please do not report before your scheduled time. If you have any questions or issues, please email the sports medicine staff at athletictraining@sasd.k12.pa.us.

ACTIVITIES

Library books are now available! Please log into your library account and place a book on hold. After you receive a confirmation email, you can pick up your book behind the security desk. Posters around school have a QR code that will take you directly to our online catalog. More information can be found on the library GC page. Email millardj@sasd.k12.pa.us with questions.

The SAMS Salmon newspaper has moved online. It can be found at: <https://thesamssalmon.com/>. The kids have put a great deal of work into making a website. They are hoping that you will read their stories and interact with the site. We plan on updating it a couple of times a month. We will keep you posted when we publish a series of new articles.

SAMS will be offering homework club again this year. Come and have a quiet place to work, get extra help on assignments, have access to Internet, etc. There will be **BOTH** in-person **AND** virtual options available for Homework Club this year. 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/14tydOjyvUmnjQn75cf29wqWOq3klFRdv/view?usp=sharing> Homework Club begins in November.

The date for school pictures has been set. Cohort A will have them taken on Tuesday, November 10. Cohort B will have theirs taken on Thursday, November 12. Cohort C will be split between the two days and will be assigned to a specific day and time so that we can socially distance. A photographer will be

in the building until 4:00 pm. More information will be coming soon as to the times for the students to report to have their pictures taken.

Attention students it is time to order your **2020-2021 SAMS Yearbook**. The cost of the yearbook is \$37.00 now through October 23rd. The price will increase to \$42.00 after for Nov/Dec. Students can order online at Jostens.com and personalize as desired or you may use the link in the email that Josten's sent earlier. **MAKE SURE THAT YOU CLICK ON SHALER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK when ordering.**

OTHER INFORMATION:

SAMS PTO

This year SAMS PTO is keeping safe by collecting membership online. While things look a little different, we will still contribute to Class Funds and are working on some plans for some safe social events for students and families. Your membership dues help us to cover the cost for Class Funds. At the end of this form, there is a link to pay your dues online with Square. There is also an option to make a direct donation to the PTO if you wish.

<https://bit.ly/PTOMember20-21>

DELIVERIES TO STUDENTS

All deliveries to students are to be dropped off at the Security Guard's desk. (Examples, forgotten assignments, lunches, and sports equipment). It is the student's responsibility to check with the Guard between classes to see if the item has been dropped off. Students will not be called from class to pick up forgotten items.

COMPUTER TECHNICAL ISSUES:

For Information on common technical issues that students may have, please check the Middle School website for simple fixes and resolutions.

ATTENDANCE:

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. Lost your note, or left it on the kitchen table, ask your homeroom teacher to go to the Attendance Office and speak to Mrs. Buzzelli. She will be glad to help you!

Students are reminded that they must provide a written excuse for all absences. Students should report to homeroom and then bring their excuse to the Attendance Office. Parents are encouraged to email notes, excuses, and doctor's notes to buzzellij@sasd.k12.pa.us.