

Sykesville Middle School

September 2010 Newsletter

Hello Parents, Guardians and Students of SMS:

The PTO has been busy scheduling many new things for the upcoming school year. Please look inside the newsletter to find out what's happening. Our monthly PTO meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Media Center, please plan on joining us. All are welcome!

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, September 15th and we will be discussing the different clubs offered at Sykesville. We will also be discussing our upcoming school year budget as well as our new fundraiser for the year.

In our school store we have SMS Spirit Wear for sale. We will also be selling Spirit Wear at our 7th and 8th grade Back to School Night which is on Thursday, September 10, starting at 7:00PM. Please take a moment to stop by the table on your way in or out the door. There will also be sign-up sheets available that evening to help on different PTO committees throughout the year.

SMS PTO depends on your support and we appreciate all that you do for the school and our students.

Thank you,

Kim Haines
PTO President
hainesfive@verizon.net
410-552-6898

Calendar of Events

09/03 Family Life Preview @ 7:00 pm – Media Center
09/07 Schools/Offices Closed – Labor Day
09/10 Volunteer Training @ 6:30 pm
7th & 8th Grade Parent Meet the Teacher @
7:00 pm
09/15 Volunteer Training @ 6:30 pm – Cafeteria
PTO Meeting @ 7:00 pm
09/18 System-wide Early Dismissal – Sykesville
Middle @ 12:25 – Professional Development
09/23 Interim 1 Marking Pd. Ends
09/24 Student Pictures
09/25 PTO Scorpion Fest Fundraiser
09/28 Schools/Offices Closed – Yom Kippur
10/02 All-County Application Deadline
Rain Date – Scorpion Fest
Interims Go Home
10/05 Spirit /Red Ribbon Week thru 10/09
10/09 Spirit Games
PTO Activity Night 7-10
10/16 Schools Closed for Students and 10 Month Staff –
Professional Meeting Day
10/19 Outdoor School thru 10/23
10/20 Volunteer Training @ 60 pm – Room 002
PTO Meeting 7:00 pm – Media Center
10/22 Book Fair in Media Center thru 11/06
10/26 Outdoor School thru 10/30
10/29 System-wide Early Dismissal – Sykesville @
12:25 pm – Teachers Work on End of Marking
Period Items
11/02 Outdoor School thru 11/06
11/06 Book Fair – Last Day
Report Cards Go Home
11/09 Outdoor School thru 11/13
System-wide Early Dismissal – Sykesville @
12:25 – Professional Development
11/11 All-County Band Auditions 6-9 pm
11/16 Outdoor School thru 11/20
11/17 7th Grade Rec Day
All-County String Auditions 6-9 pm
Volunteer Training @ 7:00 pm – Room 002
PTO Meeting 7:00 pm – Media Center
11/18 8th Grade Rec Day
11/23 Parent/Teacher Conferences – Schools Closed for
Students
11/24 Parent/Teacher Conferences – Schools Closed for
Students
11/25 Schools/Offices Closed thru 11/27 –
Thanksgiving Holiday
12/01 Picture Make-up
12/02 6th Grade Rec Day
12/04 Interim 2 Marking Pd. Ends
12/08 Winter Concerts 7:00 pm @ Century High School
12/09 Winter Concerts 7:00 pm @ Century High School
12/11 Interims Go Home
12/15 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
12/23 School/Offices Early Dismissal – Sykesville
Middle @ 12.25

12/24 Schools/Offices Closed – Winter Holiday thru
01/-01
01/04 School Reopens

Larry Sheets' Players and SMS

Did you know if you book a party at Players' that
SMS can benefit?

We have registered our school and all you have to
do when you book the party is let them know your
student is from SMS. They will donate a portion
of your party proceeds to our PTO!

<http://www.larrysheetsplayers.com/>



Sykesville Middle School PTO...

Supporting school programs to benefit all of our children

SMS PTO's annual membership drive is approaching. Membership prices for 2009-2010 are \$5.00 per person. 100% of the fees collected stay in our school. Please note, our school now has a 501c3 designation so your money can be tax deductible. Don't forget to sign up dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors.

Our membership drive will be going on throughout the months of August, September and October. However, new members are welcome anytime throughout the school year at PTO meetings and as new students enter SMS. Please consider joining the PTO, *your membership helps support school programs that benefit all of our children.*

Once again we will be adding some fun and friendly competition to our membership drive. Students in the homeroom in each grade with the most members signed up by October 17 will receive a free ice cream party from the PTO in their homeroom. (If you have children in more than one grade or homeroom, your membership will be counted toward each child's homeroom total.)*

Please return completed form and payment at any back to school night, or in an envelope addressed to **PTO Membership** by October 15. Checks may be made payable to **SMS PTO**.

Thank you for your support,

Connie Shannon, Membership

Sykesville Middle School PTO

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please list all Sykesville Middle Students in your family:

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Please include student's name and homeroom assignment in order to track which homeroom has the most participation for a free ice cream party.

PTO ~ VOLUNTEER CLASSIFIEDS

Sykesville Middle School

We are in need of caring parents, grandparents and friends willing to work whether at the school or at home. If you can spare an hour or two once a month, once every two weeks, once a week or on a one time basis, WE NEED YOU! Forms can be sent in with your child and placed in the PTO box in the office (Red Volunteer Coordinator folder).

If you sign up to be a regularly scheduled team volunteer, expect a call/email confirming your scheduled time and dates for equipment and/or volunteer training.

Thanks in advance to all volunteers for making a valuable contribution to your child's middle school!! It's people like you who make a great school even better! Questions? Contact Andrea Everton at smsvolunteers@hotmail.com.

Please write legibly!

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

STUDENT(S): _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER/GRADE(S): _____

Team/Teacher Volunteer: Routinely scheduled to help collate, copy, laminate etc.

DAY/TIME AVAILABLE: _____ PREFER: Monthly ___ Bimonthly ___ Wkly ___

Office Volunteer: Help secretaries with copying, sorting, filing etc.

Instrumental Dept. Help band/orchestra teacher w/ office work, cummerbund/bowtie orders, transport instruments etc.

Occasional Volunteer: Will be called as need arises for special school events.

Bakers and Cooks: For sock hops or special events, you will be called when needed.

Bake a cake: For staff birthdays, you will be called when needed.

Book Fair: Usually scheduled for October or November, help during school or the evening hours.

Fundraiser: Help the day of the event.

8th Grade Dance or Picnic Plan, coordinate or assist.

Entertainment: Pour drinks, manage snack table, monitor hall at entertainment events.

Hospitality Committee: Help set up for special teacher breakfasts and dinners.

School Beautification: Will meet possibly evenings or weekends.

****BE ADVISED THAT WITH NEW STATE AND COUNTY LAWS**, any person who volunteers and could possibly have contact with students (including chaperones), **WILL NEED TO HAVE ATTENDED A VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION 7 SCHOOL DAYS prior to** the scheduled event. Once you have received the training at any Carroll County Public School, for the current school year, you are eligible to volunteer at any CCPS.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

I received volunteer training last school year and still need to be trained for the 2009-2010 year.

I received volunteer training for the current school year at _____ school.

I have never received volunteer training.

"SCORPION FEST 2009"

The Fundraising Committee is gearing up for the Scorpion Fest. We are asking students to collect monetary donations from family members, friends, and neighbors. In return, students will pledge to do an activity for 90 minutes during their scheduled specials on Friday, September 25th. Please keep in mind that this is the PTO's main fundraiser and we need your support!

Students will be able to sign up for 1 of 6 activities that are planned for that day, ranging from basketball and kickball, to softball and playing board games. We will make every effort to place students in their first choice activity, however, we can not accommodate everyone, and therefore some students will be doing an activity that was their second choice.

Students will be given pledge envelopes the week of September 8th, so if your student doesn't show or give you this envelope (and many 8th graders are notorious for this), please ask for it. On this envelope are the prizes and pertinent dates regarding this fundraiser.

It will only take \$30.00 in donations to get a Scorpions t-shirt. Please note that the pledge money is due BEFORE the Scorpion Fest, on September 21st. We will accept money after that date, but we'd like the money in on the 21st. If your child wants to qualify for the drawing for the gift certificate to a local store, the money must be in by October 3rd.

We will need lots of volunteers on the day of the Scorpion Fest. You can email Kelli Nelson or Lisa Halstead to sign up and volunteer! Thank you!

Kelli Nelson: belle2gabby@yahoo.com

Lisa Halstead: lisahalstead@verizon.net

Carroll County Public Schools
Volunteer Program
Making A Difference Together

Level II Volunteers (classroom helpers, tutors, chaperones, mentors, etc) are required to attend an annual training session at least seven (7) school days prior to volunteering. School Days are defined as days when schools are open for students.

SCHEDULED TRAINING SESSIONS FOR 2009-2010

Revised 8/19/09

Allow adequate time so you can arrive at the training location in a timely manner. The training session will begin promptly at the scheduled time, and those arriving after the starting time may be asked to attend another session.

SEPTEMBER 2009

DATE	SCHOOL + precedes a school event/activity * follows a school event/activity # part of a school event/activity	TIME	CONTACT Please call the number provided to confirm the scheduled training session.
10	+ Oklahoma Road Middle	5:30 PM	410-751-3600
10	+ Winters Mill High	6:00 PM	410-386-1500
10	+ New Windsor Middle	6:15 PM	410-751-3355
10	East Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3656
10	+ Shiloh Middle	6:30 PM	410-386-4570
11	Elmer Wolfe Elementary	9:30 AM	410-751-3307
14	Wm. Winchester Elem.	6:00 PM	419-751-3230
14	Carrolltowne Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3530
15	Parr's Ridge Elementary	6:15 PM	410-751-3559 301-829-6585
15	Sykesville Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3545
15	Winfield Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3242
21	North Carroll High	7:00 PM	410-751-3450
24	Spring Garden Elementary	7:30 AM	410-751-3433
24	Westminster Elementary	9:00 AM	410-751-3222
29	North Carroll Middle	7:00 PM	410-751-3440

OCTOBER 2009

DATE	SCHOOL + precedes a school event/activity * follows a school event/activity # part of a school event/activity	TIME	CONTACT Please call the number provided to confirm the scheduled training session.
1	Eldersburg Elementary	9:30 AM	410-751-3520
1	+ Carrolltowne Elementary	6:30 PM	410-751-3530
1	Eldersburg Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3520
5	Westminster Elementary	6:00 PM	410-751-3222
5	Wm. Winchester Elem.	6:00 PM	410-751-3230
5	New Windsor Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3355
7	* Ebb Valley Elementary	8:00 PM	410-386-1550
8	Francis Scott Key High	4:30 PM	410-751-3320
8	+ Winters Mill High	6:00 PM	410-386-1500
12	Northwest Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3270
12	Shiloh Middle	6:30 PM	410-386-4570
13	Westminster Elementary	6:30 PM	410-751-3222
15	Spring Garden Elementary	7:30 AM	410-751-3433
15	Oklahoma Road Middle	9:00 AM	410-751-3600
15	Oklahoma Road Middle	7:00 PM	410-751-3600
20	Sykesville Middle	6:30 PM	410-751-3545
20	North Carroll Middle	7:00 PM	410-751-3440
21	Parr's Ridge Elementary	6:30 PM	410-751-3559 301-829-6585
22	Shiloh Middle	9:30 AM	410-386-4570
22	Westminster High	2:45 PM	410-751-3630
22	Carrolltowne Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3530
26	+ Ebb Valley Elementary	5:30 PM	410-386-1550
27	+ Ebb Valley Elementary	6:30 PM	410-386-1550
27	Winfield Elementary	7:00 PM	410-751-3242

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or provision of services, programs or activities. Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities, 410-751-3177. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.



CCPS Bus Pass Policy

The Transportation Office of Carroll County Public Schools does not allow students to ride a different bus from his or her assigned bus or to get off at a different stop except in cases of an emergency, extenuating circumstances, or a medical necessity. Going to a friend's house because he or she needs a ride to an after school event, to work on homework or a project does not fit into this category.

If a student needs a bus pass due to some type of emergency, he or she must bring a note explaining the situation to the office the morning before school or have a parent call an administrator during the school day at 410-751-3545.



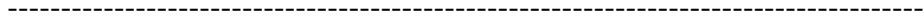
CCPS Dress Code

At Sykesville Middle School we are committed to education. Students are to groom themselves in a manner that is modest, clean, appropriate, decent, and not disruptive to the educational process. Students are expected to abide by this dress code from the time they arrive to school until the end of the school day. Please refer to pages 5 and 6 of the Carroll County Public Schools Student/Parent Handbook. Unfortunately some of the latest fashion trends are not in compliance with our dress code. Please review this policy with your child so that there is no confusion. Again, education is our main focus at Sykesville Middle School and we want our students dressed for success.

Distribution of the School & PTO Newsletter

Future School and PTO newsletters will be sent to you via **AlertNow** and contain a link that will connect you to the current copy of the School/PTO newsletter. If you still prefer a hardcopy, please fill out the information on the bottom portion of this notice.

Please note, the School Newsletter at the beginning of each school year with class information and other important start-up information will continue to be mailed to each student's home during the month of August.



If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter, please fill out this portion and return it with your child to his/her homeroom teacher.

Student Name

Homeroom



Parent Signature



Dear Parents:

Our school has again been offered an opportunity to participate in the MARTIN'S A+ School Rewards Program. Starting October 4, 2009 through March 13, 2010, Sykesville Middle will have the opportunity to earn CASH through this exciting program.

All you have to do is fill out the Designation Card below:


and deliver it to Martins

or

Log on to www.MartinsAplus.com to designate on-line.


After you designate our school, each shopping trip at a participating* MARTIN'S store using your BONUSCARD earns CASH for our school! You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the MARTIN'S website. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Taking just a minute of your time to designate can make a huge difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to designate Sykesville Middle using ID # 00437 on the Designation Card below. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children!



Sign up today to
begin earning points for
your school!

From October 4, 2009 -
March 13, 2010, every time you
shop at a participating store with
your BONUSCARD, you'll be help-
ing your school earn cash. Results
will be posted monthly at:
MartinsAplus.com



Please allow 2 -3 weeks to
process your application.

1. BONUSCARD number:

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2. First three characters of your last name:
3. School ID Code for your chosen school(s) below
(you may choose up to two schools per household):

1.)

2.)

- 4. Phone number (Optional: You will only be contacted if there is a need to
verify your School ID or BONUSCARD information):
- 5. E-mail address: _____
(to receive important A+ School Rewards announcements including special promotions)

Please note: If you choose more than one school, your A+ School Rewards will be evenly distributed among your designated schools. Fill in the School ID Codes of ALL schools each time you add/change your designation, as this designation will override any previous designation.

We will not disclose your name, home or e-mail address, or phone numbers to anyone without your permission, other than companies in our corporate family, companies that perform services for us and sign a confidentiality agreement, as required by law, or in other limited circumstances described in our privacy policy. We may use your information for our own sweepstakes or reward mailings, which may include special offers or coupons. For a complete copy of our privacy policy, please visit our website at MartinsFoods.com or call 1-888-814-4268.

Form #17

S.M.S. SWEATS

COLOR: Black with teal block lettering.

SIZES: Parents will determine sizes and order accordingly (Youth L, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL).
For XXL, add \$2.00 to price for each item. Please size sweats so students may wear them more than one year! We will not be held responsible if the wrong size is ordered. We only order what we sell, so there are no extras.

PRICES:	<u>SWEAT SHIRTS</u>	<u>SWEAT PANTS</u>
	Crew - \$ 18.00*	Pants - \$ 20.00*
	Hooded with pocket - \$ 23.00*	

***Tax is included! Make checks payable to Sykesville Middle.**

ORDERING: Sweats may be ordered before homeroom begins on:

Friday	9/11	Wednesday	9/16
Monday	9/14	Thursday	9/17
Tuesday	9/15		

Please circle the item and size desired:

Crew: YL, AS, M, L, XL, XXL

Hooded: YL, AS, M, L, XL, XXL

Pants: YL,AS, M, L, XL, XXL

Student Name:

P.E. period: