

SHAPE American Middle School

SAMS



Home of the Gladiators



2023 - 2024
(Week 31)

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DoDEA Webpage: <https://www.dodea.edu/shapems/index.cfm>

SHAPE American Middle School is known as (**SAMS**)

School Colors: **Green & Gold**

School Mascot: The **Gladiator**



**Department of Defense Education Activity
(DoDEA)**

Vision

*Excellence in Education for Every Student,
Every Day, Everywhere*

Mission

*Educate, Engage, and Empower military-connected
students to succeed in a dynamic world.*

Next Week

Mar 2024

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31						

1200 Early Release

on

Thursday

March 21st

(Lunch will NOT be served)



SHAPE ES/MS PTSO
invites you to...



family

BINGO

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH 2024

5:00-7:00PM

in the MPR

5€ / book of bingo cards

€ Cash Only

2€ bingo daubers

Food and Drinks available for purchase from
community organizations.

Prizes donated by SHAPE ES/MS Teachers and Staff

Verbal Bullying Is NOT ok Campaign

SAMS AVID STUDENTS

Hosted a Schoolwide Assembly

Promoting a Safe and Respectful
Learning Environment



SAMS Students Fostering a Culture of Kindness, Empathy, and Inclusion

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“ It’s our words that either build our friends or tear them down so choose wisely of what you say ”

—DR. BLACK MURREL

Verbal Bullying is NOT ok

AND HERES WHY
It lowers students self esteem making them not as confident in themselves



Verbal Bullying is NOT ok

AND HERES WHY
Verbal bullying makes people feel insecure, uncomfortable, and mentally exhausted

Verbal Bullying is NOT ok

AND HERES WHY
*Bullying is never okay especially not in school
*School should never be a place to be afraid but rather a place to embrace your uniqueness and individuality

Verbal Bullying is NOT ok

AND HERES WHY
When people bully you they are trying to make themselves feel better and more powerful by making you feel weak

Verbal Bullying is NOT ok

AND HERES WHY
Verbal bullying in school can cause decreased productivity and increased depression, anxiety, self-harm, and in extreme circumstances suicide

6th Grade Inventor's Fair



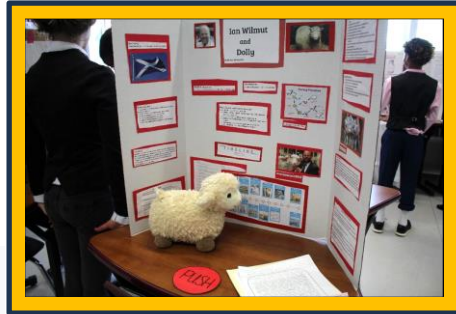
Benjamin Franklin



Henry Ford



Thomas Edison



Madam C. J. Walker



Samuel Morse



Guglielmo Marconi



Charles Babbage



Nikola Tesla



Leonardo da Vinci



George Washington Carver.



Orville Wright



Alexander Graham Bell

REASONS TO TAKE SPANISH

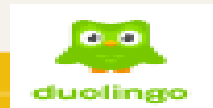
An Infographic Guide

Spanish is spoken in 21 countries around the world.

Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in the world, with over 460 million speakers. It is the official language of Spain and is also spoken in many Latin American countries.



Spanish is indeed a common choice for high school languages. In addition, according to Duolingo, Spanish is the most major language for people to study in America. 4 Mar 2022



At SAMS: Look forward to....

- Project-based lessons
- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
- Spanish I and II are offered for HS credit (get a head start)
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Culture-based projects
- Study -trips
- Community Partnerships



Spanish is one of the best languages for Americans to learn. Not only is it widely spoken throughout the world, it's also widely spoken in the United States. More and more jobs require Spanish, and its alphabet and grammar make it an easy language for English speakers to pick up





SHAPE MIDDLE SCHOOL



PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Career Exploration

What Does It Mean to Take **CTE Courses** in Middle School?

Middle school CTE courses ensure all students in grades 6-8 have the unique opportunity to explore careers. Utilizing their middle school years to explore and curate their interests assist students in building a strong foundation of becoming career, college, and life ready. Middle school is the perfect time to provide students with pertinent information about future careers and introductory skills they will need to embark upon the ever-changing workforce.

Computer Applications – quarter or semester, grade 6

This course is designed to assist students in applying a variety of computer technology and its application to their daily lives. In addition to information literacy, the areas of technology introduced may include word processing, spreadsheet, database, Internet, e-communication, graphics, presentations, and publications applications.

Google for Education



Applied Technology – semester, grades 7 and 8

This course introduces students to the use of emerging technologies and applications, such as Lego Robotics, to prepare them for current workplace practices and everyday life. Combining colorful LEGO building elements, easy-to-use hardware, and an intuitive drag-and-drop coding language based on Scratch, SPIKE Prime continuously engages students through playful learning activities to think critically and solve complex problems, regardless of their learning level. From easy-entry projects to limitless creative design possibilities, including the option to explore text-based coding with Python, SPIKE Prime helps students learn the essential STEAM and 21st century skills needed to become the innovative minds of tomorrow... while having fun!



LEGO education

SPIKE™

Graphic Communications – semester, grades 7 and 8

This course introduces students to basic design elements by manipulating digital images and completing graphic design and desktop publishing projects such as photo editing, graphic, raster and vector projects, text effects, business cards, posters, brochures, and covers. Students use Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator to create digital projects.



Introduction to Programming – semester, grades 7 and 8

This course is designed for students to explore programming concepts, use algorithmic procedures, implement programming procedures with one or more standard languages, such as JavaScript, Python and C++, as well as master programming fundamentals. Coding is used throughout the course. Graphical user interfaces are used as students design and develop applications.



Video Production – semester, grades 7 and 8

This course is designed to provide students with exploratory and investigative activities dealing with camera functions, filming techniques, composition, non-linear/linear editing using Adobe Premiere Pro. This class will ask students to express themselves through researching, writing, and creating media projects. Students will consistently use critical thinking skills and a good work ethic to achieve an advanced level of media literacy. Script writing and public speaking is a vital component to the class.



Sixth grade students are placed on a career exploratory wheel with classes lasting for nine weeks while 7th and 8th grade students are given more time to dive deeper in specific course material resulting in longer periods of instruction such as semester. Each CTE middle school course incorporates career ready practices such as teamwork, collaboration, and communication skills to assist them not only in CTE courses but throughout all courses. By offering a wide variety of CTE courses, middle school students create their own career exploration journey.



SAES & SAMS PTSO Corner



Bingo Night is tonight! 5-7pm in the cafeteria. There will be food and drink for sale at the event, and amazing baskets to be won as prizes! Thank you to Ms. Jenny and Nurse Liz for chairing this event!

Purple Up 5k Walk/Run on April 4th. Please register by March 21 to be guaranteed a shirt!

Nomination window open for PTSO Board Positions next year. Thank you to everyone who has submitted nominations for positions for next year! Position Spotlight: If you enjoy creating digital content for event promotions and communications, the role of Creative Director might just be for you! If interested or for inquiries, email shapeesmsptso@gmail.com.

PTSO funded murals are underway at both schools! Thanks to Jessie Brougham for her fabulous work in Ms. Farrell's ES library, and to Mr. Stapleford and his art students for their work in the MS front lobby! Their talents will be appreciated by the students and school community for years to come!

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Scan me to
Volunteer!

This Flyer is approved by the SAMS Principal GH-March 15, 2024



SAES & SAMS PTSO Corner



Popcorn Days

Shape American Elementary & Middle School
Spring Semester 2024

2€

Students in K - 5th can
give their money to
their classroom teacher
at the start of the day.

Students in 6th - 8th can
purchase popcorn
during their recess.

★ **April 26**

★ **May 17**



Volunteer with the PTSO!
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April

Month of the Military Child

SAMS **Purple Up!** Week 2024

Weekly Events & Activities

Tuesday, April 2 nd	Wednesday, April 3 rd	Thursday, April 4 th	Friday, April 5 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk of Honor → Invite parents & units to welcome students in!• Door Decorating Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Door Decorating Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purple Up! Fun Run (tentative)• Door Decorating Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly & Pep Rally (During Seminar)• Door Decorating Contest (Winners announced!)
<p><u>SPIRIT WEEK THEME</u> → Class Color Day 6th: Gold/Yellow 7th: Green 8th: Black</p>	<p><u>SPIRIT WEEK THEME</u> → Wear your best camo!</p>	<p><u>SPIRIT WEEK THEME</u> → Wear the colors of your home country!</p>	<p><u>SPIRIT WEEK THEME</u> → Purple Up!</p>



PURPLE UP 5k Run/Walk Registration Form

Thursday, April 4th, 2024

4:15 pm

Cost: 10 €

Register by March 21st to be guaranteed a shirt. Proceeds from the run will go to the Elementary and Middle School PTSO.

****Top Finisher prizes are kindly donated by Andrews Federal Credit Union****

All ages and abilities welcomed and encouraged!!

Name: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Email Address: _____

Adult sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL Child sizes: 5/6, 7/8, 9/11, 12/14

Release and Waiver (Please read and sign)

I understand that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also understand that, although police protection might be provided, there could be traffic on the course route; therefore, I assume the risk of running in traffic. I also assume any other risks associated with running this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, and the effects of weather and conditions of the road. I understand I am solely responsible for my own safety while traveling to and from or participating in this event.

Knowing these facts and in consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might sue on my behalf covenant not to sue, and waive, release, and discharge the sponsors or contributors to this event, any race officials, volunteers, their representatives successors or assignees from any and all claims of liability for death, personal injury, or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of my participation.

The release form and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen and unforeseen, known and unknown. The undersigned further grants full permission to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or another record of the event for any purpose.

Signature (parent must sign for those under 18)

Date

SHAPE American Middle School...



For current 5th grade students*

transition  middle school

Tuesday, June 4

at 1415

SAES/SAMS Multi-purpose Room

aka SAES/SAMS Cafeteria



Students will...

- Tour the school
- Ask questions about classes
- Practice Opening Locks
& MORE!

-resources will be available online to parents following the Step-Up*
questions? Contact the SAMS counselor at
maureen.becker@dodea.edu



Shape American Middle School

SY 2023-2024

STUDENT CLUBS



Clubs	Instructor(s)	Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club	Ms. Whetzel	ES/MS GYM	3:30-5:00			3:30-5:00	
Robotic Club	Mr. Rete	M020	4:00-5:00				
Chess Club	Mr. Coles	M123	3:35-4:35				
Mural	Mr. Stapleford	M122				Gold Thursday 4:00-5:30	
Art Club	Nurse Liz	M011				4:00-5:00	
Lunch Bunch Movie Club	Mr. Taylor	M123	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	lunchtime	lunchtime	
Am Homework Club	Ms. Jones	M104	8:00-8:30	8:00-8:30	8:00-8:30	8:00-8:30	8:00-8:30
PM Homework Club	Ms. Jones	M104	3:30-5:00	2nd, 4th, 5th Tues of the month 3:30-5:00	No Club	3:30-5:00	3:30-5:00



Monday (March 18) - Full body Workout (Elementary gym- 4:00pm)
Thursday (March 21) – No workout – Educator Day
Friday (March 22) - 8:00am Teacher Workout

Permanent **C**hange of **S**tation

**Are you PCSing between
May 15th and June 11th?**

If so, your student could qualify for an
Accelerated Withdrawal!

Active-duty military and Department of Defense civilian dependent students can be authorized to accelerate 20 or fewer instructional days prior to the end of the semester with verification of date of sponsor's departure via PCS or other official orders.

For more information, please contact the SAMS registrar at amanda.casey@dodea.edu.

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08 February 2024



Base Support Group
Morale Welfare Branch

SHAPE Fitness Centre Main Building Closure

From **Saturday, 09 March until Friday, 22 March**, the Main Building of the SHAPE Fitness Centre will be closed for Exercise STEADFAST BLUEPRINT 24, which is a SHAPE-led Deterrence and Defence of the Euro-Atlantic Area (DDA) Rehearsal of Concept Drill. The purpose of the exercise is to rehearse the DDA Family of Plans to ensure theatre-wide understanding and validate the execution of NATO's defense plans

To support this significant NATO Exercise, the squash courts, spinning suite, aerobic suite, weights, CV room, changing room, all offices, and swimming pool will not be available. The swimming pool, saunas, changing rooms, squash courts, weights and cardio room will reopen **Saturday, 23 March**. All remaining Sports and Fitness areas will reopen **Monday, 25 March**.

The climbing wall will be closed 19 and 20 February. The main court area will be subject to closure from **Monday, 26 February**.

The Gymnasium Annex will remain open throughout with 24/7 access. Customers who are not already registered for 24/7 access are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

The gym (including classes) at Chievres Air Force (CAB) Base will remain available to all SHAPE ID (AMIS) Card holders during normal opening hours: Mon-Fri – 0600-1900, Sat-Sun – 0900-1700. 24/7 access to the Chievres Gym is NOT available to SHAPE ID holders.

Please contact MWB Operations at USERSHAPEDOMBSGMOWFMB@shape.nato.int if interested in transportation to CAB Fitness Centre during the closure period. BSG will consider coordinating a shuttle service with sufficient community interest.

Note: Customers who have paid for lockers in the changing rooms will automatically be credited for an additional month at no charge. Those leaving SHAPE before the end of their contract will be refunded one month's locker charge.

Thank you for your patience and support.

**For more information, please contact:
Gym Front Desk at Ext. 5325.**

Army & Air Force Exchange Service



Lunch Program

Shape EMS - LUNCH MENU

18 to 22-March-24

18-Mar-24	Monday	Side Items
	BBQ Joe Sandwich	Sweet Potato Fries
	Pic Nic Chicken Drumsticks	Celery Dippers
	Cheesy Breadsticks W/Marinara Sauce (V)	Fruit
		Milk
19-Mar-24	Tuesday	Side Items
	Teriyaki Chicken Wings W/Fried Rice	Seasoned Peas And Carrots
	Teriyaki Meatball W/Fried Rice	Fresh Cauliflower Bites
	Chicken And Veggie Dumplings	Fruit
	Mediterranean Hummus Salad w/Chips (V)	Milk
20-Mar-24	Wednesday	Side Items
	**Pepperoni Pizza	Christmas Veggies
	Cheese Pizza	Seasoned Carrots
	Southwestern Salad W/Chips (V)	Fruit
		Milk
21-Mar-24	Thursday	Side Items
	(1200 Early Release)	
	LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED	
22-Mar-24	Friday	Side Items
	NO SCHOOL	

* Pork Free Item / ** Item may contain Pork

Menu subject to change based on product availability.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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