



Community Bulletin

December 7, 2015

Dear Shrewsbury Families,

Please note the following announcements and information related to various events or activities that may be of interest to you and your children. Announcements from non-school sources are passed on as a courtesy if they meet the requirements of [School Committee policy](#).

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1. **NEW!** - Support Innovation in Our Schools

During this season of giving, please consider a gift on behalf of your own family, or in honor of a teacher or family member who already has everything. We can mail you 4x5 acknowledgement cards for each donation you make in honor of someone this holiday season. These special note cards can be presented to your honoree.

What type of innovation does the Colonial Fund support? Innovation can mean technology, support for technology, or even a new idea or way of teaching in the classroom. This year, we will be supporting an expansion of the 4th grade digital classroom pilot, the purchase of 24 interactive projectors for classrooms at the high school, expansion of a subscription to an online library of digital books, which will help motivate readers, and STEM-related classroom supplies for kindergarten and pre-school classes. This spring, the Colonial Fund will also sponsor a showing of the film, Most Likely to Succeed. More details will be announced later.

To donate online to the Colonial Fund, please visit:

<https://unipaygold.unibank.com/Default.aspx?customerid=574> or mail your donation, made payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools Colonial Fund, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Remember, Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union will match your donation to the Colonial Fund!

Thank you for your support.

2. This Weekend - "Tom Sawyer" Musical at Sherwood Ticket Sales Announcement

Performances and Dates/Times: **Friday, December 11 - 7pm and Saturday, December 12 - 7pm**
Ticket Prices: Adults \$8 Students/Senior Citizen \$5 - Tickets can be purchased 60 minutes prior to each performance. All performances are held in the Oak Auditorium, Oak Middle School, 45 Oak Street, Shrewsbury.

3. NEW! - Kids' Night Out! Mark Your Calendars for December 12, 2015

A fun night for kids hosted by Student Council! Part of Shrewsbury High School will be open to children ages 5-12 to play games, watch movies, do arts and crafts, grab dinner and more. SHS students are volunteering as "Big Brothers and Sisters" for the evening, running the event on December 12 from 6-9pm. The cost is \$20 per child with discounts for multi-child families. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will also be available for purchase. Adult supervision by SHS staff members and a licensed school nurse will be provided. Pre-register at: tinyurl.com/KNOshrewsbury
Maximum capacity is 200 children. Registration at the door is available pending maximum capacity has not been reached. Entrance to the event will be at the Gym entrance of Shrewsbury High School. Registration/admittance will open at 5:45pm. Funds raised at KNO support Student Council, The Engineering Club, and Excelsior. Please contact Becky Moisan (rmoisan@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) with questions.

4. NEW! - Shrewsbury Education Foundation Holiday(SEF) Care Package Offer

This Holiday Season, ***show your special teacher(s) that you care*** with a Holiday Care Package from the Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) sponsored by Blue Coast Coffee!!! Make a \$25.00 donation per package, online at www.sefgrants.org - look for a form with more details on our website. These Holiday Care Packages contain goodies and personal care items and a \$5.00 gift card to Blue Coast Coffee. Packages are in limited supply. First come, first served!! Order NOW, deadline to order is Friday, December 18. We will deliver your package on Tuesday, December 22. Don't forget your teacher(s) this Holiday season and show them that you care!!!!

5. Save the Date - 8th Annual Boosters Event - Sunday, February 21st, 2016!!!!

Our 8th annual Bowling for Boosters Event will be held on **Sunday, February 21st, 2016 from 4:30-7 pm** at the Town and Country AMF Bowling Alley on route 9 West in Shrewsbury. It's an adult only event that is sure to put a smile on your face. Both outstanding and awful bowlers are invited! Pick a captain, get your team of four ready, fill out the registration form and get practicing for February!!!! Contact Kevin Flaherty at flahertykpt@townisp.com for more information about the event or for corporate sponsorships available. Checks can be made out to: SHS Athletic Boosters and sent to: SHS Athletic Boosters 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury, MA. 01545

6. Last Chance to Buy Tickets! - Shrewsbury Schools Music Association 2015 Grand Raffle

The Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association (SSMA) is a volunteer organization committed to supporting the arts in all of the Shrewsbury Schools. The parents work diligently all year long to raise funds, which help all grade levels. Some of the items we provide support for are bus transportation to events such as the Central District Auditions and Festival for the middle and high school students, instrument replacement, uniform/concert attire, and scholarships for graduating seniors. **Our Grand Raffle is running now until our Final Concert of the season at Oak Middle School on December 15**, where we will draw the names of our three lucky winners. The winners do not need to be present. **The First prize is a Snow Blower from Caola Equipment of Worcester.** Our second prize is two tickets to see "42nd Street" at the Hanover Theatre and third prize is a beautiful sterling silver G Clef necklace from our friends at Sach's Jewelers. If you would like to purchase a ticket or learn more about the SSMA, please visit our website at: www.myssma.com

7. NEW & Starting This Week! - Shrewsbury Public Library Offers Numerous Courses

- **Wednesday, Dec 9, 6:30-8 PM - WIN Workshop - "Show Them, Don't Tell Them"**

Joanne Dennison, “the Guidance Counselor for Grown-ups”, will teach participants how to answer job interview questions by showing what they have done and what they can do.

- **Saturday, Dec 12, 10-11 AM – Coloring Club for Adults**

Did you know that adult coloring books are all the rage now? Join us for our first monthly meeting of the Coloring Club for Adults. Bring your own coloring books or use the pages we give you and color your way to calm!

- **Saturday, Dec 12, 1-2 PM – You Wrote a Book, Now What? A Publishing Workshop**

Gain an insider's view of book publishing with literary agent, and Chairman of Unicorn Writers' Conference, Jan L. Kardys. Jan has 40 years' diversified publishing experience working for 10 major NYC publishing corporations.

All these programs are at the Shrewsbury Library, 214 Lake Street. Please register for the programs by going to the online calendar on the library website [HERE](#) and picking the right date and event.

8. Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Winter Registration Opens on December 16th

New programs for the winter include *Babysitting* and *Home Alone Safety* courses. Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation **winter registration opens on December 16th at 8AM ONLINE**. Please make sure you have logged into your household account prior to registration. Please make sure that your household information is up to date and the correct grade level is listed for each child. Program information is listed on our online registration web site: www.shrewsburyma.gov/parkrec

9. Spring 2016 Registration is Now Open for Shrewsbury Girls Lacrosse

Open to girls in grades 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8. All practices and home games will be held at Oak Middle School. Sign-ups are through our website at <http://www.shrewsburygirlslax.usl.la/>. Click [HERE](#) for an informational flyer on grades, game times & locations, and more.

10. This Friday - Holiday Caroling Festival Open to the Public

Stressed out this time of year? Tired of canned holiday mall music? Join us for the real thing! Come spend some relaxing, stress-free time at our **Christmas Carol Festival Friday, December 11th 6:30-7:30pm, Parish Hall, St. Mary's 20 Summer Street, Shrewsbury**. We ask each family to bring one dozen Christmas cookies, which we will all enjoy with a hot cup of cocoa after our sing-along. Whether you love to sing or think you can't carry a tune, all are welcome and bring friends.