



Community Bulletin

January 9th, 2023

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 the [School Committee policy](#).

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School District Items

1. [Please Note](#) – 2023-2024 Preschool Lottery Application and Survey Now Open **(New)**

The 2023-2024 Shrewsbury Public Schools Preschool Lottery Application and Survey opened on Tuesday, January 3rd. All students who will be at least 3 years old by August 31st, 2023 are eligible to apply. We encourage all age-eligible families to complete the form even if they do not plan to send their child to preschool with Shrewsbury Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year, as this is valuable information for us.

Please [click here](#) to complete the form. The application closes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27th. For more information, please visit our [registration webpage](#).

2. [Please Note](#) – Judges Urgently Needed for Shrewsbury High School's DECA Business Club Competition, January 12th **(New)**

Shrewsbury High School is now part of [DECA](#), which is a competitive business club where students develop leadership and business skills, explore careers, network with business people, and compete in national events.

Our next competition is being held at the DCU Center in Worcester from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12th. We are in need of judges to judge business presentations - no experience necessary. Breakfast, lunch, parking, and a gift to show appreciation will be provided by DECA to all of our judges.

If you haven't judged a live competition before, don't worry. You will be guided every step of the way and we will make sure you are judging an event or area in which you feel comfortable.

What does a judge do?

- You will judge about 10-15 participants or teams who are competing against each other.
- You will evaluate the participant's presentation using provided instruction and rubric.

- The top performing participants from each section based on their presentation score will advance to the state competition.

The full description of a judge's responsibilities are [here](#). If you are willing to help, please fill out the [sign-up form](#) and someone from the district board will be in contact with you. Thank you!

3. Please Note – SAT Prep Course (New)

The Shrewsbury High School Spring SAT Prep Course will be offered once again through Shrewsbury High School. The course will begin the week of February 6th and run through the week of March 27th. Participants may choose between Monday and Wednesday night classes. Classes will meet remotely from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a total of seven night sessions. Test-taking strategies will be emphasized in this class. Class size will be kept small, allowing for a great deal of individual attention. Enrollment is strictly on a first-come first-served basis; the course is open to juniors and seniors. Students will also take two full-length SAT exams, which provides reinforcement for skills taught during the course and test-taking experience.

The cost of the program is \$260 for Shrewsbury residents and \$300 for non-Shrewsbury residents. This class will run only if there is sufficient demand. Additional information and registration forms are located at Shrewsbury High School in Mrs. Monopoli's office on the third floor, the School Counseling office, or can be downloaded from the [SHS School Counseling webpage](#). Please contact Jen Lundsten if you have any questions at jalundsten@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or (508) 841-8810.

4. Please Note – Employment Opportunity: Cafeteria Help Wanted

The Shrewsbury Food Service department is looking for part-time and full-time employees and substitutes to work in the school cafeterias. Days and hours are flexible. Duties include prepping food, setting up serving lines, serving students, and breakdown and clean-up. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Please [click here](#) to obtain an employment application.

Please forward your application to the Food Service Department C/O Shrewsbury High School, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 or email to hdoyle@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. If you have any questions, please call Heidi Doyle, Tuesdays-Thursdays, at (508) 841-8855.

5. Please Note – Visual Arts Department Art Exhibitions

Shrewsbury Public Schools students are showcasing their artwork this winter at Shrewsbury Credit Union, Shrewsbury Town Hall, Anna Maria College (virtual exhibition), and through the

National Art Honor Society (virtual exhibition). Please [click here](#) for more information about these exhibitions and the participating artists.

6. Please Note – Seeking Nominations for the Upcoming SPS Annual Report

An invitation from Dr. Jane Lizotte, Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships and Well-Being, and Ms. Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning:

Shrewsbury Public Schools is seeking nominations of extraordinary people and programming in our schools to feature in the upcoming SPS Annual Report. The report will recognize individuals and celebrate accomplishments made during the 2020, 2021, and 2022 calendar years. The Annual Report celebrates faculty, staff, students, and alumni who exemplify SPS's Core Values and consistently respect, include, and empower others. Past submissions and recognitions illustrate a balance of diverse skills, experiences, contributions, and profiles.

Please consider nominating a special person and/or program! Click [here](#) to submit your nominations. Thank you for your consideration.

Community Items

1. Please Note – Town of Shrewsbury Scholarships (New)

Applications are now available for the 2023 Town of Shrewsbury scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to deserving residents of Shrewsbury who are seniors at any high school. Awards are based on financial need, character, community service, and academic achievement. The Scholarship Fund was instituted by Town Meeting vote in May 1995. In 2022, twenty-five \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to students who were furthering their education at accredited institutions of higher learning.

Students who are interested in applying for a scholarship may obtain applications at the Shrewsbury High School Guidance Office or other high school guidance offices in the surrounding area, or at the Select Board's Office. Applications can be downloaded at the [Town of Shrewsbury website](#) at [2023 Scholarship Application](#).

Completed applications must be received by the Select Board's office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9th. Additional information is included in the [application](#).

2. Please Note – SELCO/NESN Scholarship for Shrewsbury Resident Graduating Seniors (New)

Applications are now available for the 2023 SELCO/NESN Scholarships. The online application and a hard copy application for download are available on our [website](#).

Class of 2023 Shrewsbury resident graduating seniors, attending public or private high school, are encouraged to apply for one of three \$1,000 scholarships offered by SELCO and New England Sports Network (NESN). These scholarships are awarded based on community involvement, good citizenship, volunteer work inside and outside of school, a recommendation from an advisor or guidance counselor, financial need, and a statement of personal goals and aspirations.

Applications must be received by March 10th. Applications can be filled out online (preferred), mailed, or dropped off at the SELCO Main Office at 100 Maple Avenue.

3. Save the Date – Upcoming Holy Cross Basketball Games (New)

The Holy Cross Women's Basketball team wants to welcome anyone involved with Shrewsbury Public Schools discounted tickets to games on January 28th, February 11th, and February 18th. These are especially important games to Holy Cross as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX. We hope to make them some of the best games of the year!

Our jersey retirement day for five women's basketball players will take place on Saturday, January 28th. They are the first jerseys retired in the history of the program.

Our National Girls and Women in Sports Day will take place on Saturday, February 11th. We will be hosting a Women's Sports Fair with many of our women's teams holding demonstrations of their sports before the women's basketball game at 2:00 p.m. This will allow young women to have exposure to as many different sports as possible and enjoy a fun day of basketball.

Finally, our Title IX game will take place on Saturday, February 18th. We will be honoring some of the best teams in our women's program's history as a part of the 50th anniversary of co-education at College of the Holy Cross and the 50th anniversary of Title IX.

We have a [special link](#) for anyone in Shrewsbury who may want to purchase tickets to any of these games. **Tickets are just \$3!** If you have any questions, please reach out to Justin Pierce at (508) 793-2573 or jmpierce@holycross.edu.

4. Please Note – Community Locker Room: Kids Playing It Forward, Sports Gear and Equipment Collection (New)

Community Locker Room is a local non-profit organization started by a Shrewsbury mom that collects gently used sports gear and equipment and redistributes it to children and recreation programs in surrounding under-resourced communities.

We will be collecting gear and equipment at the Shrewsbury Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on January 28th, January 29th, February 4th, and February 5th.

Being involved in sports has so many benefits for kids and teens. Please help us get these children off the sidelines and into the games by donating your gear and equipment. Please [click here](#) for the flier with more information on the Community Locker Room.

5. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Meeting, January 25th (New)

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents “Cases, Cabinets and Curiosities from the Historic Collection: A Curator’s Report” by Linda Davis on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Shrewsbury Historical Society at 17 Church Road. The program will be available afterwards on Shrewsbury Media Connection. If you have any questions, please email shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com.

Wondering about what’s inside the museum’s cabinets and cases? Join Curator Linda Davis as she shares the stories behind several of the most interesting artifacts and curiosities from the museum collection. Don’t miss this rare opportunity for a behind the scenes look at several artifacts and their connection to Shrewsbury’s historic past and the men and women who made this town their home.

Linda Davis is a lifelong resident of Shrewsbury and serves as the Curator of the Shrewsbury Historical Society. In addition to collections preservation and management, Linda conducts research, writes articles for the Society newsletter, and gives tours of the museum for school groups and local organizations. She has presented character portrayals for the “Walk Through History at Mt. View Cemetery” and prepared several programs for the Society.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Winter Programs (New)

Winter Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for winter programs listed below. Additional programs will be added throughout January. Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Dodgeball - Mondays starting January 9th at Sherwood Middle School from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$40.

Kids Test Kitchen! - For kids ages 7 and up, each virtual class presents students with an opportunity to explore new or familiar foods in their raw, unmanipulated state. Then, with adult supervision and occasional assistance (as needed), we'll work together virtually to slice, dice, peel, measure, and cook until we have each prepared the finished dish. The virtual experience gives students the unique opportunity to immediately share their work with family! Six Tuesdays starting January 10th or six Thursdays starting January 12th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$82.

Home Safety - Ages 9 and up, Saturday, January 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$37.

Home Safety - Ages 9 and up, Saturday, February 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$37.

Babysitting Course - For grades 6th-8th on March 6th and March 9th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$57.

Children's Conversation Skills Workshop - Grades 2nd-7th on Saturday, February 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$50.

Social Skills Workshop - Grades 2nd-7th on Saturday, February 11th from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$60.

Teen Interview Workshop - Grades 8th-12th on Saturday, February 11th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$65.

Children Dining Etiquette Workshop - Grades 2nd-7th on Monday, January 30th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$65.

Adult Indoor Pickleball - Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Visit our website for fees, dates and schedules. Registration starts Tuesday, January 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Visit our website! shrewsburyma.myrec.com Create a new account if you have not done so within the past year.

7. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events (New)

50+ Job Seekers Virtual Networking Group

Come meet new job seekers to expand your network, news, and views with the Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group! If you are over 50 and unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, or re-entering the job market after a gap, this group is perfect for you.

The group meets on Zoom from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday mornings each month, with repeat sessions on the same topics offered in the evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesday evenings. Registration is required for each session ([register here](#) for morning sessions; [register here](#) for evening sessions). This group is sponsored by more than 60 Massachusetts public libraries. The January topics are:

- Self-Assessment & Transferable Skills (January 11th)
- Create Your "Career Story" Pitch (January 18th & 25th)

Find the full list of topics and registration [here](#).

Spanish Conversation Club

Are you looking for a casual space in which you can practice your Spanish and learn more about the multiple cultures of those who speak that language? Join the Spanish Conversation Club every Tuesday at the Shrewsbury Public Library (6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab on the second floor). No registration required.

¿Buscas un espacio informal en el que puedas practicar tu Español y aprender más de las múltiples culturas que hablan este idioma? Únete a nuestro club de conversación los martes en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury a las 6:00 p.m. en el laboratorio del segundo piso. No es necesario registrarse.

SPL Tech Tuesdays: Digital Privacy and Security

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab for Tech Tuesdays! The Tuesday, January 10th class will cover Digital Privacy and Security. Attendees will learn how to assess potential risks in their digital privacy, some specific tools and strategies you can implement as part of a security plan, and how to take action when your data has been breached. This program is intended for proficient computer users who are familiar with navigating the internet. Space is limited, so [registration is required](#).

The Benefits of Meditation

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with Clare Vidich on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. for this lively and engaging virtual workshop. Meditation can bring about a sense of calm and balance that benefits both your emotional and physical well-being, which in turn will impact your overall health and reduce stress. It is easy to learn and can have many lasting and beneficial effects. Clare Vidich has lectured nationally on the topic of meditation and was a speaker at a Global Conference on Spirituality in 2007 and 2009 in Delhi, India. She has conducted meditation classes at the adult education, college, high school, grade school and preschool level. She served on the Integrative Health Committee at Windham Hospital and led meditations for hospital staff. This event will take place virtually on Zoom; please [register to attend](#).

Introduction to Personal Finance

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. for this workshop on personal finance. Presenter Merwyn Figueiredo will help attendees learn about the financial planning process and how to use financial statements and budgets to help increase their savings and net worth. Merwyn worked for Digital Equipment and Millipore for a combined 25 years and then retired at the age of 50. For 12+ years he taught courses at QCC, including Micro and Macro Economics, Introduction to Business, Personal and Corporate Finance, Principles of Real Estate, and Principles of Management. This event will take place in person at the library; please [register to attend](#).

Taste of Korea

Please join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. for an online cooking lesson with KSCPP (Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project) on how to prepare japchae (potato starch noodles with various vegetables), with step-by-step instructions via Zoom meeting. In addition to the cooking lesson, KSCPP will explain the health benefits of traditional Korean meals and screen a short documentary film on bangjja, traditional Korean bronzeware. Visit www.kscpp.net and www.tasteofkorea.org for information on KSCPP. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This event will take place virtually on Zoom; please [register to attend](#).

Read, Listen, and Watch with Hoopla!

What's all the hoopla about Hoopla?! Are you looking for an alternative to Libby? Did you know your library card lets you download and stream with the Hoopla service from the comfort of your own home? Bring your device (e.g. smartphone, tablet) to this in-person class on Thursday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m. and learn how to borrow digital books, audio, movies, and television series using Hoopla. This program will take place at the Shrewsbury Public Library. Space is limited, so [registration](#) is required.

Hit the Bus Concert

Join Hit the Bus on Saturday, January 21st at 2:00 p.m. for this eclectic concert that mixes a variety of popular music from the '50s through today! Hit the Bus plays the music people want to hear, dance, and party to! Dave Garden formed Hit the Bus back in 2008 and has been playing throughout New England since then. Inspired by a variety of musical influences, the group works seamlessly in a creative environment to make every show great. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This event will take place in person at the library; please register to attend [here](#).

8. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Tweens & Teens

We have some great events for tweens and teens happening in January at the Library!

- Fridays, January 13th, 20th, 27th - [Self Improvement Club](#) - 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. Explore self improvement, productivity, self

reflection, and happiness. You will be sure to learn something useful while also having fun! Led by Arnav N. and Harish R. of Shrewsbury High School.

- Sundays, January 15th, 22nd, 29th - [Rubik's Cube Club](#) - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Ages 8+. No registration necessary. Are you interested in a brain teaser? A way to challenge your mind and have fun at the same time? Join our Rubik's Cube Club! Each week we'll work on new cube puzzles.
- Monday, January 9th - ['80s Trivia Night!](#) - 6:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. [Registration](#) required. Calling all lovers of things '80s! Crimp your hair and test your knowledge of songs, toys, people, TV shows, and events of the '80s! Register your team and save some room for a slice of free pizza!
- Tuesdays, January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st - [YMCA Youth Corps](#) - 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B. For teens 13+. The Shrewsbury Public Library is excited to partner with the YMCA for a brand new leadership training program for high school students. This 4-week program will provide participants with leadership training, job readiness skills, and CPR & first aid training. All registrants will be required to complete a formal application that will be emailed to them. Register through the YMCA [here](#).
- Friday, January 13th - [Friday Afternoon Doodles](#) - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. This Friday, we bring the art supplies, you bring the doodles. Drop in for some unstructured art fun with markers, colored pencils, tissue paper, pom poms, googly eyes, glitter, and whatever else is on the table.
- Friday, January 20th - [Friday Afternoon Videogames](#) - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. School is over - work off a little steam with videogames! We'll have some of the most popular multiplayer games for the Nintendo Switch, like Super Smash Bros, Mario Party, and Overcooked. Show up ready to play or just watch your friends!
- Monday, January 23rd - [Teen Advisory Meeting](#) - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. Join us to meet some new people, eat snacks, and help us make our Teen Room (and library) THE BEST! Earn volunteer hours for attending and participating.
- Friday, January 27th - [Friday Crafternoon](#) - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. Try a fun craft or activity that will change each month. No crafting experience (or talent) necessary, just try it out!

Check our [online calendar](#) and [digital pdf calendar](#) for more details and registration!

9. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services Groups

Meditation Group for High School Students

Enrollment for a new Meditation Group at SYFS is now open! This 6-week educational group is for any high school student looking to start a meditation practice or learn what meditation is about. Meditation and mindfulness are evidence-based techniques that have been shown to help people improve their mental health and make lasting positive changes in both the brain and

the body. Throughout the course, students will learn about the benefits of meditation as well as a variety of techniques they can practice on their own. Each week, participants will have the opportunity to meditate with a trained instructor, reflect on their experience, and connect with like-minded peers. By the end of the 6-week program, students will be able to establish their own meditation practice and begin to incorporate mindfulness into their everyday lives. No prior experience necessary to join. Sessions will be led by a Licensed Therapist with a certification in meditation as well as a Masters-level intern and will be free of charge.

The six-week session begins on Tuesday, January 17th and all sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 3:50 p.m. For questions and registration, please email ARobinson@syfs-ma.org. Please note that we will not be able to accept new group members after the second session. Space is limited, so it is recommended to sign up early!

Art Therapy Group for 5th and 6th Grade Students

Enrollment is now open for our new 6-week Art Therapy group for 5th and 6th graders! The intention of this group is to create a safe place for children to experience and creatively express their emotions, as well as cultivate opportunities for self-expression, mindfulness, acceptance, and self-compassion. The art therapy exercises will include a variety of techniques ranging from collaging and textiles to drawing, painting, sculpting, and writing. Kids will walk away with some really cool artwork, but the focus will be on the process, not the product. They will learn to let go of critical thoughts and judgements that could impede the creative process. Navigating the challenges of adolescence today is hard and this group will be a place where kids can increase coping and social skills through creative expression. No artistic expertise necessary! The group will be led by a local Visual Arts Educator/Certified Therapeutic Art Life Coach and a Masters-level intern and will be free of charge.

The six-week session begins Monday, January 9th and all sessions will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For questions and registration, please email ARobinson@syfs-ma.org. Please note that we will not be able to accept new group members after the second session.

Social Emotional Learning Group for 3rd and 4th Grade Students

Enrollment is now open for our new 6-week Social Emotional Learning group for children in third and fourth grade! This group is designed to support children in identifying, understanding, and managing emotional experiences, developing skills to establish and maintain positive relationships, and learning and practicing skills to communicate successfully with others. This will also be an opportunity to engage with peers and foster new friendships! The group is facilitated by a Master's-level clinician and a Master's-level intern. Social emotional learning has been shown to increase academic success, positive social behavior, and confidence, as well as decrease emotional distress. Developing these skills now will better prepare children to navigate school, friendships, family, and other road bumps life may throw at them!

The six-week session begins on Tuesday, January 17th and all sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For questions and registration, email

ARobinson@syfs-ma.org. Please note: we will not be able to accept new group members after the second session.

Depression and Anxiety Support Group for 7th and 8th Grade Students

Enrollment is now open for our NEW 6-week Depression and Anxiety Support group for children in 7th and 8th grade! Navigating middle school can feel overwhelming. It's not uncommon for young adolescents to struggle with worries, sadness, and self-doubt. This program will allow children to learn about mental health, identify tools and coping skills to help manage fears and worries, challenge negative thoughts and identify positive thinking, and explore hopes and dreams for the future. This group aims to help children feel they have the skills necessary to be successful. It is designed to support young teens in identifying, understanding, and managing emotional experiences, developing skills to establish and maintain positive relationships, and learning and practicing skills to communicate successfully with others. This will also be an opportunity to engage with peers and foster new friendships! This group is facilitated by a Master's level clinician and a Master's level intern.

The six session group begins on Thursday, January 19th and all sessions will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For questions and registration, email ARobinson@syfs-ma.org. Please note: we will not be able to accept new group members after the second session.

10. Please Note – Christmas Tree Pickup Program

Christmas Tree Pickup will be on your regular scheduled pickup day for all Pay-As-You-Throw households during the following week:

Monday, January 16, 2023 through Friday, January 20, 2023

Please note that the original calendar shows different days for Christmas tree pickups, which were replaced with the dates above. Please place only (1) ONE REAL Christmas tree per household, free of snow and ice, free of decorations, and not frozen to the ground. Trees must be visible to the collection crew and placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Pay-As-You-Throw residents will also have an option to use the drop-off location at the Old Beal School at 1 Maple Avenue from December 26th through January 20th. Please place Christmas Trees inside the dumpsters.

11. Please Note – Shrewsbury Department of Public Works Yard Waste Survey

We want to hear from YOU! Please take a moment to fill out our 2023 Yard Waste Survey. As part of our ongoing efforts to improve services, the Department of Public Works is asking residents for input on their preferences for yard waste collection. Surveys can be completed online [here](#). Paper surveys are also available at the Town Hall, Senior Center, Library, or upon

request. Please return surveys no later than January 27th at 12:00 p.m. Please contact the Department of Public Works at (508) 841-8502 or solidwasterecycling@shrewsburyma.gov with any questions!

12. Save the Date – Al-Hamra Academy School Play, January 28th

Al-Hamra Academy is excited to announce its 2nd annual school play, *The Jungle Book*, sponsored in part by Shrewsbury Cultural Council! The show will take place on Saturday, January 28th at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's High School auditorium. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). If you are interested in attending but cannot afford tickets, please contact sanamz@alhamraacademy.org.

13. Save the Date – Chinese Spring Festival, January 22nd

The 2023, Year of the Rabbit, Chinese New Year celebration party will be held at the Shrewsbury High School Auditorium on Sunday, January 22nd from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The organizers are Massachusetts Beijing Chinese Language School, Shrewsbury High School Mandarin classes, Oak/Sherwood Middle School Mandarin classes, St. John's High School Mandarin Classes, and Mulan Performing Arts Association. Please [click here](#) for the program flier. Free of admission up to the capacity of the auditorium.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Softball and Baseball Registration (New)

Shrewsbury Little League Softball registration is now open for ages 4 to 16 and Shrewsbury Little League baseball registration is now open for ages 5 to 16. Shrewsbury Little League is focused on ensuring a fun, positive playing experience for players at all levels while maintaining a competitive program. [Click here](#) to register. For more information about softball, please email shrewsburygsb@gmail.com. For more information about baseball, please email sllpresident2@yahoo.com.

2. Please Note – Worcester Volleyball Club Blazers (New)

Worcester Volleyball Club Blazers is offering a 10-week program for grades 5 and up. No experience is required to participate! Participants receive an introduction to volleyball, learn from trained coaches, develop skills, and build a passion for the game. Our inclusive club

brings kids and young adults (up to age 24) with and without disabilities together, providing enriching experiences for all. Our programs provide our community with the opportunity to increase physical activity, create new friendships, develop new skills, increase independence, and experience success.

The Blazers meet on Saturdays at the Open Sky Community Services Gym (4 Mann Street, Worcester). The program begins on Saturday, February 11th. The program is a collaboration between Worcester Volleyball Club Blazers and Open Sky Community Services' Community Membership Department. Please [click here](#) for the registration form and additional information.

Ask about our volunteer and mentorship opportunities! For more information, please reach out to our program contact, Susan Dunshee, at worcblazers@gmail.com or (508) 277-6986 or visit www.worcblazers.com.

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring Season

Registration is now open for the Spring season for all Shrewsbury Youth Soccer age groups (pre-kindergarten through grade 12). Our season is scheduled to start in early April 2023 and will run to the end of the school year. [Click here](#) to register. If you did not register for fall 2022, we have migrated our registration system to Sports Connect. Some important points for registration:

- If you do not currently have a Sports Connect account, you will have to create one and add each of the players you would like to register for the spring.
- You do not have to upload a birth certificate.
- If you are ordering a travel uniform, please be sure to select the corresponding fee buttons under “Additional Registration Information.”
- The Fan Wear Clothing Store that Sports Connect forces you into at the end of the registration process, much like an amusement park where you are dropped into the souvenir shop at the end of the ride, does not offer the travel uniforms; they have to be selected at the top of the registration form.

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Registration

Registration is now open for the spring 2023 season for all Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse age groups (girls and boys in grades 1-8). The girls' and boys' lacrosse programs recently combined, so you can easily register your athletes in one easy location. Please reach out to Alison Smith alison.smith@shrewsburylacrosse.org if you have questions. [Click here](#) to register. We migrated our registration system to a new platform. Some important points for registration:

- If you do not currently have a Demosphere account, you will have to create one and add each of the players you would like to register for the fall.
 - You do not have to upload a birth certificate.
 - Uniform ordering will come in a few weeks. We appreciate your patience as we manage the growing pains of switching platforms and combining programs.
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