



# Community Bulletin

February 13th, 2023

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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](#).

## Invitation to SPS Families

Shrewsbury Public Schools is inviting families to take part in the final in-person forum with the district's consultants from *Focused Schools* to provide input to help the district shape its next set of priorities and goals. The forum is scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 15th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Shrewsbury High School Presentation Room. Please share your voice and help us determine the priorities for our next Strategic Plan.

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### **School District Items**

1. **[Please Note](#) – Portuguese Volunteer Interpreters Needed for the District **(New)****

Do you speak English and Portuguese well enough to help teachers or school administrators communicate with other families who speak that language? Teachers and staff sometimes need help to communicate with a parent or caregiver who speaks Portuguese. They may need help making a phone call or communicating during a conference or other parent/caregiver meeting.

If you are available to help in any capacity, please give us your contact information and availability [here](#). We will be in touch when help is needed. Thank you for helping Shrewsbury Public Schools!

2. **[Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury High School Athletic Booster Bowling Fundraiser, March 26th **(New)****

Shrewsbury High School athletics is hosting its 15th annual Bowling for Boosters event for the community to support our SHS athletic booster club. All of the money that is raised goes

directly back to all of the athletes for various wishlists for their teams. The bowling tournament will take place on Sunday, March 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Bowlero Bowling in Shrewsbury. Please [click here](#) for the team registration form and additional information.

### **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association Scholarships, due March 20th (New)**

The Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association will be awarding seven scholarships to graduating performing arts seniors.

- The Dorothy Bell Scholarship (\$1,000) for graduates with a major in Music or Theater
- The Jack Feldheimer Scholarship (\$1,000) for graduates with a major in Music or Theater
- The Kathleen Viscardi Scholarship (\$1,000) for graduates with a major in Music or Theater
- The Bonnie Narcisi Scholarship (\$500) for graduates with a major in Education
- The Philip Koziara Scholarship (\$500) for graduates with any major
- The Ralph Metcalf Scholarship (\$500) for graduates with any major
- The Myrtle Young Scholarship (\$500) for graduates with any major

Students who are currently a Shrewsbury High School senior, have been a member of one or more regularly scheduled major performing groups for at least three of their high school years, and are accepted to an accredited four year college, university, or performing arts conservatory are invited to apply for the scholarships. Applications and complete requirements can be found online at [mySSMA.com](http://mySSMA.com). Applications and support materials are due March 20th.

### **4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Robotics Annual Blood Drive (New)**

Shrewsbury Robotics and Shrewsbury High School FRC Robotics Team 467 are proud to sponsor our 3rd Annual Virtual Blood Drive. The Red Cross has to collect 15,000 blood donations every day to have enough blood to help patients in 2,700 medical facilities across the country. That's a lot of patients in need, and all of us, coming together, can help ensure patients receive life-saving blood. Use [our link](#) or search for "robot blood drive 2023" to pledge to donate, then open your American Red Cross account (or create one if you don't have one) to schedule your appointment. It will ask for your zip code and give you options for appointments near you. SleevesUp and help us reach our goal of 100 donations!

### **5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Education Foundation: 2023 John P. Collins Awards Nominations**

The Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is now accepting nominations for the 2023 John P. Collins Awards for Excellence. These awards honor the exemplary efforts of those dedicated individuals whose work brings to life the mission of the Shrewsbury Public Schools. The award is named for former Superintendent, John P. Collins, PhD, who served for 16 years in Shrewsbury (1978-1994) and exemplified the highest standards of professionalism and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Multiple awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Professional Educator
- Paraprofessional
- Support Staff
- Leadership
- Unsung Hero (Volunteers, PTO, boosters, supporters, fans, helpers)

Anyone who currently works or volunteers in the Shrewsbury Public Schools can be nominated. This includes any staff member or volunteer who you or your child either works with now or has worked with in the past. Just about everyone who's been touched by the Shrewsbury Public Schools at any level can nominate someone. All the nominees receive a copy of the nomination letter and a note of appreciation from SEF.

It's easy to nominate [online](#). Nominations will be accepted until Friday, March 17th and awards will be presented to each recipient in April.

Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is an all-volunteer organization that raises money to fund grants which put resources and programs directly into the classroom. For more information about the Shrewsbury Education Foundation, please visit [www.SEFgrants.org](http://www.SEFgrants.org).

## **6. [Save the Date](#) – SEPAC Workshop on Collaborative Problem Solving, February 15th**

The Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), in collaboration with the Northborough/Southborough and Nashoba SEPACs, is excited to host a virtual workshop, "From Conflict to Collaboration: A Parenting Framework That Brings Out the Best in You and Your Child/Teen" presented by Karen Kraut, parenting coach specializing in the Collaborative Problem Solving model. This workshop will take place on Wednesday, February 15th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome and [registration](#) is required.

## **7. [Please Note](#) – Thank You to Shrewsbury Pizzeria**

Thank you to the Shrewsbury Pizzeria for supporting project-based learning at Sherwood Middle School! Sixth grade students were challenged to use their mathematical skills to calculate unit

rates and equivalent ratios to determine the cost of different ingredients. They used their creativity to develop a commercial and brochure to help promote their award-winning pizza. Congratulations to 6 Lime students, including Hansi, Shreya, and Nethra, for creating the *Magnificent Mushroom Madness*. The pizza will be featured on the menu at the Shrewsbury Pizzeria during the month of February. Please consider purchasing this delicious pizza made with fresh dough, cheese, garlic, green bell peppers, mushrooms, and a stuffed crust.

## **8. Please Note – Jobs for Students Website**

Do you have a high school student looking for a job now or for this summer? The Shrewsbury Public Schools has published a [list of available jobs](#) in our community. Every job listing contains a brief job description, instructions for how to apply for the job, and the contact person. It is the student's responsibility to connect with the employer and to apply for the job personally. This list will be kept up-to-date as much as possible. Please note that if your student is under 18, they must [apply for a work permit](#). Instructions for how to apply for a permit are also on the Jobs for Students page (summer jobs are already available and will be posted to this site as well). Questions? Please email [kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

## **9. Please Note – K-6 February Vacation Enrichment Classes**

Shrewsbury Public Schools is pleased to be offering enrichment classes for students in grades K-6 during February vacation. These classes are open to the community.

### **Program Information**

Dates: Tuesday, February 21st through Friday, February 24th

Location: Maj. Howard W. Beal School

Morning Class: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – \$80/week

Afternoon Class: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – \$80/week

Early Drop-Off: 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. – \$35/week

Extended Hours: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – \$80/week

Each class runs Tuesday through Friday. Students may select one class for the morning session and/or one class for the afternoon session. Students who wish to enroll in both morning and afternoon classes can bring lunch from home and will be supervised in the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Registration and payment is done through our [Eleyo Registration Software](#). First-time users will need to create an account; please view instructions [here](#). Families who qualify for free or reduced meals are eligible for a 50% discount.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, at (508) 841-8727 or [kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

## **10. Please Note – K-12 Winter Art Exhibition**

The Visual Arts department is excited to share a [virtual art exhibition](#) of student work from the beginning of the school year. An in-person Spring Art Exhibition is planned for May.

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#### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth & Family Services Harry Potter Program, April 18-21** **(New)**

Welcome to Harry Potter and the Enchanters, a program for kids who want to learn about mental health and have a love for the Harry Potter series written by J.K. Rowling. Throughout the Harry Potter books and movie series, the main character Harry Potter expresses negative emotions and identifies tools along the way to help him manage those feelings. 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. The program will also include fun activities such as sorting kids in their own Hogwarts house, creating wands, and participating in team building exercises.

This program will run April 18th-21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury First Congregational Church. The cost is \$100 and the program welcomes children ages 9-11. Please [click here](#) to register.

#### **2. Please Note – Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Scholarship, due April 3rd** **(New)**

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library is pleased to announce the sponsorship of their annual scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500, will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who resides in Shrewsbury and is continuing his/her education as a full-time student toward a bachelor's or associate's degree.

The application deadline is April 3rd. Scholarship applications may be picked up at your school's guidance department, the Shrewsbury Public Library, or from the [library's website](#).

### **3. Save the Date – COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, February 17th (New)**

The Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Fire Department will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Shrewsbury Fire Station Headquarters (11 Church Road) by appointment only on February 17th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### **4. 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 February. Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Junior Golf Spring/Summer - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

Social Media (Netiquette) Workshop - Ages 10-15 on Tuesday, March 14th from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. at Sherwood Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$55. Is technology making your teen rude? Social media platforms are great places to communicate and learn. However, there is a lack of etiquette on social media because etiquette rules haven't been laid out for users. If you do not use technology responsibly, it can negatively affect your reputation and your relationships, both personally and professionally. Teens need to keep in mind that colleges and employers are seeking people with not just good technical and academic skills, but also with social graces, self-awareness, and a positive presence on the internet. In this workshop, your teen will learn how to be more aware and digitally responsible on the internet in order to ensure that their image is well-reflected.

Dodgeball - Mondays starting March 6th at Sherwood Middle School from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$40.

Preschool/Tots Activities - Now accepting registration for Bitty Basketball, All Sports, Baseball, Tiny Soccer, and lil Dragons Karate.

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.

Adult Golf Spring/Summer - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

Visit our website! [shrewsburyma.myrec.com](http://shrewsburyma.myrec.com) Create a new account if you have not done so within the past year.

### **5. 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.

### 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. Visit our [events calendar](#) to check dates.

¿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.

### Get Started with Libby

Want access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more, anytime and anywhere? You can with Libby! Bring your device and join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a class in our Learning Lab; we'll get you set up and familiar with the Libby app. Dates include:

Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7th at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required; please visit the library's events calendar to sign up for your preferred date.

### SPL Friends Foreign Film Festival

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for the Friends Foreign Film Festival every Sunday in February at 2:00 p.m.! Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, a different foreign film will be screened in person at the library each week: February 19th will feature *The Class* (2008; French); and February 26th will feature *Footnote* (2011; Hebrew). All films are rated PG-13. No registration required.



### Andy & Judy - Folk Concert

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with folk duo Andy & Judy on Saturday, February 18th at 1:00 p.m. Beginning instrumentally with a classic folk guitar base, Andy & Judy deepen their sound through the addition of mandolin, banjo, piano, harmonica, and ukulele. Even though their songwriting style has its roots firmly planted in traditional and folk music, the influences of country, gospel, blues, and bluegrass can be heard in their songs. This diversity of influences allows Andy & Judy to carefully craft and perform their songs so that the listener experiences all of the emotions woven into the music. Their sound is replete with close harmonies that blend Judy's evocative alto and Andy's deep baritone. This concert will take place in person at the library; please [register](#) to attend.

### How to Make a Movie on a Shoestring Budget (Movie Making 101)

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with Melodious Zach on Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. to learn how to develop story ideas, filming techniques (including equipment recommendations), and what editing software to use. This session will also go over local resources and how to get a movie screened at a theater and/or on cable TV.

Melodious Zach had his debut film *O! Melodious Movie: Side 1* theatrically released at Lexington Venue in MA, as well as a television simulcast cable premiere. Zach would like to tell attendees how to do the same with their movies.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This program will take place in person at the library; please [register](#) to attend.

### New Leaves Concert

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Saturday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m. for a concert by Americana duo New Leaves. The group consists of Cameron Sutphin and Mary Hastings, who met in high school and became friends, starting the band Wing & A Prayer with two other classmates before venturing out on their own and becoming a duo. Cameron & Mary perform original material and classic country and folk cover songs such as, "The Times They Are A-Changin'" (Bob Dylan), "Take Me Home, Country Roads" (John Denver), "Jackson" (Johnny Cash), "Hallelujah" (Leonard Cohen), and "Wake-Up Little Susie" (Everly Brothers) as an acoustic act. They have performed at multiple venues in 30 states and Washington D.C.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please [register](#) to attend.

## **6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Tweens & Teens**

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

- Friday, February 17th - 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 SHS.
- Sundays, February 19th, 26th - Rubik's Cube Club - 2:00 p.m. in the Children's Program Room. 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.
- Tuesdays, February 14th, and 28th - 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, February 17th - 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!
- Monday, February 27th - 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.

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

## 7. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Children

We have some great events for children happening in February at the Library!

- Mondays, February 6th-27th - [Chess Club](#) - 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Program Room. For kids of all ages. No registration necessary. Calling all kids who love chess and kids who want to learn how to play chess! This club meets weekly but there will be no class on February 20th.
- Tuesday, February 14th - [Little Gym: Move and Learn](#) - 2:00 p.m. in the Children's Program Room. For kids ages 2-6. This is a token program. The Little Gym is the world's premier enrichment and physical development center for children ages 4 months through 12 years. Programs offer children a Springboard to Life's Adventures by using movement-based learning and imaginative play to help build the confidence and skills needed at each stage of childhood. We do this through our gymnastics, dance, and sports classes. This month's class is Valentine's Day themed. Tokens will be given out 30 minutes before the program begins.

- Tuesday, February 21st - [Ice Cream Party](#) - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A&B. For kids of all ages. No registration necessary while supplies last. February vacation is themed “Bring Back Summer” and what screams summer more than ice cream?!
- Wednesday, February 22nd - [Hide-A-Bug](#) - 4:00 p.m. in the Children’s Program Room. Grades 1-5. [Registration](#) required. YIKES!! A roach!! These things are scary! You know what’s even scarier? Well, EVERYTHING is when you’re a big, fat, tasty insect! Animals need shelter, and it’s up to you to use our forest-gathered materials to build a shelter fit for a bug. Not just any bug, but our residential judge, Mr. Cranky B. Cockroach! Will he approve of your shelter and find safety within, or will he hiss and make his way to more suitable real estate? Join Professor Bugman and find out!
- Thursday, February 23rd - [Luau Party](#) - 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Children’s Room. For kids of all ages. No registration required. Missing the warmth and fun of summer?! Join us for a Luau at the library! There will be summer games, activities, crafts, and more!
- Friday, February 24th - [Big Kid Creative Drama](#) - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Children’s Program Room. For kids ages 6-8. [Registration](#) required. Big Kid Creative Drama brings imagination to the next level! This class is the same as Little Kid Creative Drama but geared toward bigger kids. It’s high-energy, imaginative, zany, silly, and super fun! This is social/emotional learning at its best! The bigger kids will have a Big Kid Creative Drama also has a literacy component and is aligned with state standards for Theater Education.
- Saturday, February 25th - [Bubbling Chemistry with SEEDS Inc.](#) - 3:00 p.m. in the Children’s Program Room. For kids in grades 2-5. [Registration](#) required. Bubbling chemistry is all about chemical reactions that bubble over. They are messy, fun, and colorful. Kids will perform multiple small science experiments that result in mini ‘explosions,’ color changes, or other fun results! This program is supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.
- The Children’s Room is offering two online reading challenges this winter. Check them out!
  - [Cozy Up With A Good Book](#) - ‘Tis the season for coziness. Grab a blanket, your fluffy socks, and your favorite warm drink or snack! Hop into a reading nook and sink into a good book. Log your reading to earn badges all winter long. Reading will also earn you raffle tickets which you can enter to win awesome prizes! Thank you to The Hanover Theatre, the Massachusetts Pirates, and the Friends of the Shrewsbury Library for sponsoring the prizes.
  - [Newberry & Caldecott Reading Challenge](#) - Dive into incredible Newbery and Caldecott award-winning authors and illustrators. Log your reading to earn badges. Reading will also earn you raffle tickets which you can enter to win the 2023 Newbery and Caldecott winning books.

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

## **8. Save the Date – Expedition Bigfoot in Massachusetts with Ronny LeBlanc, March 21st**

Do you believe in Bigfoot? Join us at Oak Middle School on Tuesday, March 21st from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Author and researcher Ronny LeBlanc from Expedition Bigfoot: Travel Channel will be there to answer all of your questions. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## **9. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Council on Aging Community Garden, March 13th**

The Shrewsbury Council on Aging is hosting an opportunity for the Shrewsbury Community to come together to create, build, and enjoy a community garden for those of all ages. Join us at the Shrewsbury Senior Center on Monday, March 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please [click here](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Hollie Lucht, Director Shrewsbury Council on Aging, at [hlucht@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:hlucht@shrewsburyma.gov).

## **10. Please Note – SELCO/NESN Scholarship for Shrewsbury Resident Graduating Seniors, due March 10th**

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.

## **11. Please Note – Town of Shrewsbury Scholarships, due March 9th**

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](#).

## **12. Please Note – Rotary Club of Shrewsbury Scholarship**

The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury will be awarding three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to attend college in the fall of 2023. Any high school senior who lives in Shrewsbury or attends high school in Shrewsbury is eligible to receive a Rotary scholarship. These scholarships are paid directly to the student recipient upon her or his certification of matriculation at college and may be used for any educational expense that the recipient chooses (examples: tuition, room and board, books, travel to and from school). High school seniors can access the scholarship application on their Class of 2023 Schoology page.

## **13. Save the Date – Scout Bottle & Can Drive, February 18th**

On Saturday, February 18th, Scout Troops 114 and 7114 will be hosting a bottle and can drive at Shrewsbury Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Scouts will be happy to accept your redeemable bottles and cans. Proceeds from the drive will go towards supporting their scouting activities throughout the year.

## **14. Save the Date – Upcoming Holy Cross Basketball Games, February 18th**

The Holy Cross Women's Basketball team wants to welcome anyone involved with Shrewsbury Public Schools discounted tickets to a game on February 18th. This is an especially important game to Holy Cross as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX. We hope to make it one of the best games of the year!

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 this game. **Tickets are just \$3!** If you have any questions, please reach out to Justin Pierce at (508) 793-2573 or [jmpierce@holycross.edu](mailto:jmpierce@holycross.edu).

## **15. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Meeting, February 15th**

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents “Historically Speaking: Little Known Tales of Shrewsbury’s Past from a 100 Year Old Scrapbook” by Erik Larson on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Shrewsbury Historical Society at 17 Church Road.

Join Society president Erik Larson as he shares several fascinating little known stories about Shrewsbury as documented in a 100 year old scrapbook. This richly illustrated PowerPoint presentation includes rare archival photographs and features many exciting surprises and mysteries. Discover what was happening here in town, and why it absolutely, without a doubt, still matters today!

Erik Larson is a lifelong history enthusiast and serves as the President of the Shrewsbury Historical Society. He has conducted research about the town, and presented programs for the Society. He has also led walking tours of the Historic Town Center and presented costumed character portrayals for the “Walk Through History at Mt. View Cemetery.” Mr. Larson has completed several local restoration projects and made many presentations throughout the community.

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### **Youth Athletics and Activities**

#### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Girls Softball Registration - Last Two Weeks to Register (New)**

All skill levels welcome ! Make new friends, learn new skills, and have fun. Season starts April 11th. Evaluations will be held on March 4th. Registration closes February 28th. [Click here](#) to register.

#### **2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Baseball Registration**

Shrewsbury Little League baseball registration is now open for ages 5 to 14. 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, please email [sllpresident2@yahoo.com](mailto:sllpresident2@yahoo.com).

#### **3. Please Note – Take Charge Hoops Basketball Clinic**

Shrewsbury High School boys basketball coaches, Adrian Machado and Gerry Nowosacki, are coordinating a basketball fundamentals skills and strategy clinic for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. The clinic will be available during February school vacation (February 20th, 21st, and 22nd) at the Shrewsbury High School gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Please have your child bring sneakers, gym clothes, water, and light snacks. The cost of the clinic is \$75 (financial assistance can be considered). Payment can be made to Take Charge Hoops, 21 Shepard Lane, Shrewsbury MA 01545. Please [click here](#) to see the flier. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Nowosacki at (508) 842-6014 or [gym21rat@aol.com](mailto:gym21rat@aol.com).

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