



Community Bulletin

February 27th, 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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1. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury High School Athletic Booster Bowling Fundraiser, March 26th

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.

2. [Please Note](#) – Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association Scholarships, due March 20th

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. Applications and support materials are due March 20th.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Please Note – Portuguese Volunteer Interpreters Needed for the District

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!

Community Items

1. Save the Date – First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury Events (New)

The Underground Railroad in Shrewsbury: Examining the Evidence

The First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury presents “The Underground Railroad in Shrewsbury: Examining the Evidence” on Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 a.m. inside the church in Gifford Hall. This program is free and open to the public. As part of our 300th Anniversary celebration, our historians will present this exciting program exploring the underground railroad in Shrewsbury. Who helped the slaves escape? Where were the rumored tunnels? Who delivered abolitionist speeches from the pulpit? Join us to find out these answers and more! On display will be an underground railroad sampler quilt of secret quilt patterns used as clues to tell the slaves which way to go. Children will hear the story of Peg Leg Joe, design their own underground railroad quilt, and play the game Freedom North! A light brunch will be served. Attendees will receive an Evidence Pack which is essential to the program. Please reserve your Evidence Pack [here](#) or by calling the Church Office at (508) 845-7286. The complete list of free and open to the public events can be viewed at www.fccsm.org.

Ensemble Aubade

Arts on the Green presents “Old World, New World Soundscapes” performed by Ensemble Aubade at the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury on Saturday, March 25th at 4:00 p.m. This lovely concert of chamber music composed by European and American masters 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. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Directions and more information can be viewed at www.fccsm.org.

2. Save the Date – Boy Scout Troop Fundraiser: 18th Annual Pasta Supper, March 11th (New)

Scout Troops 114 and 7114 will hold their annual pasta supper fundraiser on Saturday, March 11th. The fundraising event will help the troops raise proceeds to support scouting activities, campouts, high adventure trips, and other needs throughout the scouting year. The fundraiser will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (19 Church Road, Shrewsbury Center). The donation fee is \$10 per person and children under 5 eat free!

Dinner includes pasta with sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, beverages, coffee, and homemade desserts. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Silent auction will be on display for bidding. Thank you for supporting Scouting in Shrewsbury!

3. Save the Date – Baseball and Softball Equipment Swap/Sale, March 11th (New)

The Shrewsbury Little League softball and baseball equipment swap/sale will take place at the St. Mary's Church (640 Main St) gathering space on Saturday, March 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Gently used bats, gloves, helmets, pants, cleats, and bags will be available at \$5 per item, with bulk discounts available. Proceeds go to Shrewsbury Little League with remaining equipment donated locally. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at (973) 219-7306.

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

Winter Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for some of the Spring programs listed below. Online Summer registration starts March 7th at 10:00 a.m. Additional programs to be added throughout March/April. 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.

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.

Youth Summer Basketball League - Tuesday evenings starting June 21st at Shrewsbury High School gymnasium. Cost is \$84. Registration opens March 7th.

Archery Spring & Summer Sessions - Visit our website for fees, dates and schedules. Registration opens March 7th.

Summer Playground - We are offering 6 weeks this summer starting on June 26th. Parents have weekly options and AM/PM add-ons to each week! Weekly program information is now available on our website. Registration opens March 7th.

Youth Flag Football - Wednesday evenings starting June 21st at Sherwood Middle School field. Cost is \$65. Registration opens March 7th.

Youth/Adult Summer Tennis Sessions - Visit our website for fees, times, dates and schedules. Classes start the week of June 20th. Registration opens March 7th.

Visit our website! 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.

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:

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 Movie Discussion Club March

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library Movie Discussion Club every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Google Meet! Intended for film fans 18 and older.

Watch the "Movie of the Month" on your own time, then meet with us virtually to discuss. The March 7th film is *The Disaster Artist* (2017, rated R). Shrewsbury residents may view the movie [here](#) on Kanopy (create an account/log in with your library card to access Kanopy); non-residents of Shrewsbury should sign up for/access Kanopy through their home library, i.e., the library in the town in which they reside, or by signing up for a [Boston Public Library eCard](#). Attendees are also free to find an alternative way to watch.

Register [here](#) to receive an email three days prior to the discussion date with the Google Meet link. Contact Dana Volke with any questions at (508) 841-8609 x4049 or dvolke@cwmars.org.

Tech Tuesday: Introduction to Google Suite

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab for Tech Tuesday! The March 7th class will be Introduction to Google Suite. Attendees will get a brief overview of getting started with Google Drive, Google Docs, and Google Sheets. By the end of this class, participants should understand how to create a new document and perform basic word processing, create spreadsheets and simple formulas, and how to upload files to Google Drive for storage. An active Gmail account is required; basic computer skills are recommended. Laptops will be provided. Space is limited, so [registration](#) is required.

Spanish Conversation Club

Are you looking for a casual space where you can practice your Spanish and learn more about the multiple cultures of those who speak that language? Join the Spanish Conversation Club (most) Tuesdays at the Shrewsbury Public Library at 6:00 p.m. (in the Learning Lab on the second floor). No registration required. Visit [our events calendar](#) to confirm dates (Tuesdays the 21st & 28th in March).

¿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 la mayoría de los martes en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury a las 6:00 p.m. en el laboratorio. No es necesario registrarse. Visita [nuestro calendario de eventos](#) para verificar citas (martes 21 y 28 de marzo).

Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Child

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a parenting workshop led by Lydia Proulx (they/them), Director of Youth Programs at [Youth MOVE National](#), on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. As a parent or caregiver, you want to support your child as they grow up and figure themselves out. When it comes to a young person's sexuality and gender, it's hard to know what to do and what to say to show you care. Maybe your child has already come out as LGBTQ+, or maybe you want to be better prepared in case they do in the future. Either way, this is a great place to start! We'll talk about basic terms and meanings for LGBTQ+ youth, as well as answer your questions. Resources and information will be available to take home. This program will take place in person at the library; please [register](#) to attend.

From Ireland to America

Presented by beloved local musician Roger Tincknell on Saturday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m., "From Ireland to America" is a festive music program celebrating traditional Irish music and culture. The concert includes a variety of traditional Irish and Irish-American songs and instrumentals. Lovely Irish ballads, work songs, and familiar Irish sing-alongs are interspersed with lively jigs and reels instrumentals. The audience is invited to sing, clap, dance and play spoons. Introductory Irish step dancing and spoon playing instruction included (spoons provided). "From Ireland to America" is performed on guitar, banjo, mandolin, Irish bouzouki, Irish bodhran (drum), harmonica, pennywhistle, and spoons. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. This program will take place in person at the Shrewsbury Public Library; please [register](#) to attend.

Rose of Glenkerry: A County Wicklow Mystery with Author Robert T. McMaster

To help set the mood for St. Patrick's Day, Massachusetts author Robert T. McMaster will introduce his latest novel, [Rose of Glenkerry: A County Wicklow Mystery](#), on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. Both a mystery and a touching love story, the book is set amid the incomparable scenery of Ireland's County Wicklow. Bob will read excerpts from his book, accompanied by images and even a little music from the Emerald Isle.

McMaster is a native of Southbridge, Massachusetts, with family ties to Ireland. He has also authored *The Trolley Days* series, set in Massachusetts in the World War I era, and a biography of pioneering dinosaur scientist Edward Hitchcock, *All the Light here Comes from Above: The Life and Legacy of Edward Hitchcock*. This event will take place virtually on Zoom; 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!

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

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.

9. Please Note – Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Scholarship, due April 3rd

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](#).

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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](#).

14. Save the Date – St. Mary's Parish 11th Annual Fish Fry Dinner, March 3rd

On Friday, March 3rd, St. Mary's Parish in Shrewsbury will be hosting the 11th Annual Fish Fry dinner. This is a community-wide event and all are welcome to join us for great food and great company. The menu features fish & chips served with coleslaw, a soft drink, a choice of dessert, and coffee for only \$15. Kids can choose between pizza or mac & cheese plus a soft drink and dessert for only \$8! Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. No reservations necessary! Tickets will be available at the door but discounted tickets may be purchased either online at www.StMarysFishFry.com or by calling Kerry Martineau in the Pastoral Center at (508) 845-6341. We hope to see you there!

15. 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.

16. Please Note – Adventures in Veterinary Medicine Middle School Program

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2023 Adventures in Veterinary Medicine (AVM) program at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. AVM is a unique and exciting in-person intensive program where students can explore the wide variety of careers available within veterinary medicine and discover first-hand what it is like to attend veterinary school.

For students who are trying to determine whether veterinary medicine is the right career path, AVM is a great way to gain a deeper understanding of the profession. The program is also helpful for students who have already decided on a future in veterinary medicine, as it allows them to experience life as a veterinary student and explore opportunities within the field. Many of our past AVM participants have successfully gained admission to veterinary school both here at Tufts and at other schools.

Full details, including eligibility, tuition, and the online application, can be found on our [website](#).

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring Season (New)

Registration is still open for the Spring season for all Shrewsbury Youth Soccer in-town teams, pre-kindergarten through grade 4. Our season is scheduled to start in early April and will run through the end of the school year. Please [click here](#) to register.

If you did not register in 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.
- 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.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Challenger Division (New)

The Challenger Division is a separate division of Little League designed to enable boys and girls with physical and intellectual disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. Playing with the same equipment on the same fields, Challenger Division participants can experience the joys of pulling together as a team, being cheered, and earning awards for their achievements. Registration is free and open to ages 5 and up. Learn more [here](#).

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Girls Softball Registration, Ends March 28th (New)

Want to try the sport before committing? Come to the all-skills clinic beginning February 25th. Already know you love softball? Evaluations for Minors and Majors is March 4th and teams are forming the second week of March! [Click here](#) to register.
