



Community Bulletin

December 18th, 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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Do you have a student interested in a career in Communication, Writing, becoming an author or publishing their own novel?

This week, on December 22nd, the SHS Lunch and Learn guest speaker is Tanner Walling. Mr. Walling is an SHS alum from the class of 2020 and the Amazon bestselling author of the middle-grade disaster thriller series, Fury of the Storm Adventures. Entering the publishing industry at the age of thirteen, his books and short stories have since sold copies in over a dozen countries on every inhabited continent. Currently a senior Communication and History double major at Stonehill College, he has spent the last eight years writing and independently publishing books for children and young adults and hopes to share his unique experiences with students interested in writing, the publishing industry, marketing, and entrepreneurship.

Shrewsbury High School students now have the opportunity to interact with and learn from alumni and community partners during lunches on Fridays throughout the school year. Groups of up to eight students are invited to meet with invited guests during each of the four, 20-minute lunch periods. These events are specifically structured to create a casual and interactive environment where students gain insights into various career paths and connect with professionals from different fields, while having opportunities to ask questions and interact.

The schedule of speakers and student registration for all speakers can be found [here](#). Guest speakers will be added frequently, so check this link weekly. Questions? Contact kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association Grants

The Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association has awarded grants to student groups, classes, and organizations each year since 1994. Applications for this school year are being accepted through December 31. The grant program relies on contributions from alumni and friends. For information on how to donate, see <https://www.shrewsburyalumni.org>. Details on applying for a grant can be found [here](#).

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury High School DECA Club in Need of Volunteers

Shrewsbury High School's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Team is busily preparing for its first of the season DECA competition on Wednesday, January 11th and Thursday, January 12th, and is actively seeking members of our community to volunteer as

judges - for one day or two! DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

Shrewsbury's DECA student membership has increased from 60 student members last year to over 200 this year! Please read the information below and sign up to help if you are interested and able. Be sure to select Shrewsbury - Jason Andreola on the form to confirm that you are representing our district!

Judges can volunteer for either day (Wednesday or Thursday) or on both days. Judges are needed to:

- Read papers before the January 10th competitions
- Evaluate written and roleplay presentations on the day of the event

Contact Judge Coordinator Edward O'Connor at occonnor@pathfindertech.org with any questions. Click [here](#) to learn about what a DECA judge does and click [here](#) to sign up. Thank you for your consideration!

Community Items

1. [Save the Date](#) – Senior Connection Winter Mixer, December 20th (New)

The Senior Connection Winter Mixer is an exciting and heartwarming event that brings together seniors to engage in friendly conversations and build meaningful connections. This event is a fantastic opportunity for couples and single seniors to break free from isolation and expand their social circles in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 20th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome! There will be a photo booth with a green screen background and props, light refreshments, ice breaker questions to start conversations, and all are encouraged to dress to impress. Everyone who joins will receive a seasonal surprise! RSVPs are appreciated but not required - please call the Shrewsbury Senior Center at (508) 841-8640.

2. [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 first and third Wednesday mornings, 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. Find the full list of topics and registration [here](#). This group is sponsored by more than 60 Massachusetts public libraries.

SPL 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 most Tuesdays 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 la mayoría de los martes en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury a las 6:00 p.m. en el laboratorio del segundo piso. No es necesario registrarse. Visita nuestro [calendario de eventos](#) para verificar citas.

SPL Spanish Culture Club

The Spanish Culture Club provides an open and casual learning environment outside of the classroom for adults to learn and practice the language as well as to celebrate the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries around the world. This club is not only about learning Spanish, but learning about Hispanic culture: cuisine, idioms, movies, food, and more. The group will meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Public Library; no registration required. Visit the library's [events calendar](#) to confirm dates (December 27th).

Tech Tuesday: Digital Privacy and Security

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab for Tech Tuesdays! This program is intended for proficient computer users aged 13+ who are familiar with navigating the internet. Laptops will be provided. Space is limited, so [registration](#) is required.

Bruce Faithwick is a successful business consultant in the software industry with many years of product management and marketing experience. He currently provides workshops and training to groups where he connects meditation and self development to important aspects of our lives. With over 40 years of meditation experience, he focuses his time on personal development and in helping others. If you have attended one of Bruce's workshops, you know they are special.

This program will take place on Zoom; please [register](#) to attend.

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Tweens & Teens (New)

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

Please remember that program attendees in grades 5-6 must be accompanied to the library by a parent/parent's representative who will remain in the building during the program and rejoin the attendee at the conclusion of the program.

- Friday, December 1st-Sunday, December 31st - Scavenger Hunt - in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. Try our monthly Scavenger Hunt! Find all the hidden items and you're entered to win a fun prize. This month's prize is a cute kitty mug with a hot chocolate set!
- Monday, December 18th - Teen Advisory Meeting - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. What is Teen Advisory? It's a way for you to connect with the library and make your voice heard. It's a chance to see your ideas and opinions come to life. It's an easy way to earn volunteer credit by attending monthly meetings. Join us to meet some new people, eat snacks, and help us make our Teen Room (and library) THE BEST!
- Wednesday, December 20th - Great for Gifting: Jasmine Hot Compresses - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. No registration necessary. Need a gift that shows you care? Drop in for our series Great for Gifting! At this workshop we'll make Jasmine Hot Compresses. Participants will create handmade hot compresses with a soothing scent - great for chilly winter days. Younger children may require adult assistance).
- Friday, December 22nd - Friday Trivia - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. Drop in for trivia fun! We'll do trivia lightning rounds - try one or stay for the whole game!
- Thursday-Friday, December 28th-29th - December Vacation Escape Rooms - Various times in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. Are you feeling clever, bold, sneaky, curious, adventurous? Come try our December Vacation Escape Room! Designed in collaboration with our Teen Advisory, these Escape Rooms will test your wits and your teamwork. Sessions will run on Thursday, December 28th at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and Friday, December 29th at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Escape Room sessions will last approximately 30-45 minutes. Please sign up for ONLY ONE session or waitlist. Each participant must sign up individually. Each session has room for 6 participants - coordinate with your friends! Sessions may be canceled if there are an insufficient number of participants registered.

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

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

Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited. Visit our [website](#) for more information and registration and follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates and photos!

Winter Program Guide

Registration is now open for winter programs! Click [here](#) to check it out.

Youth Programs

- Little Kid (2-5 yrs) & Big Kid (6-8 yrs) Creative Drama
 - Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15 and 5:30-6:15, beginning January 16, Oak Middle, \$185/child
- Kids Test Kitchen
 - Tuesdays, beginning January 16, 4:30 pm for 6-10 year olds and 5:45 pm for 11-15 year olds, Oak MS Cafe, \$18/child
- Lacey's Makeup Academy
 - Wednesdays, beginning January 10, grades 5-8, 5-6 pm, Senior Center, \$78/child
- Babysitting Courses
 - December 29 or March 9, Ages 12-15, 10 am - 12:30 pm, \$60/person
 - Option to add CPR & AED Certification from 1-3 pm on each date, \$70/person
- Skills & Drills Basketball Clinic
 - Thursdays, beginning January 11, Sherwood MS Gym, \$78/child
 - First Graders: 6-6:45 pm; Second Graders: 6:45-7:30 pm
- February Break Camps
 - Minds In Motion STEM Programs - Tuesday 2/20-Friday 2/23, Floral St. School
 - Chemical Creations for ages 6-10, 9am-Noon
 - CSI for ages 7-11, 12:30-3:30 pm

Adaptive Programs

- Rec Connect Open House, Friday, January 12, Shrewsbury Senior Center, 6-8 pm

Family Programs & Events

- Summer Program Information Night: January 23, 6-8 pm, Senior Center
- Family Bingo Night, January 26, 6-8 pm, Senior Center, \$20/family
- A Syrup Soiree, March 23, 10-11 am, Pure BS Maple Shack in Auburn, \$25/family
- The Crafty Corner, Various Sundays, 1:30-3 pm, \$15/person
- Ice Fishing Clinic, February 6, 2-4 pm, Jordan Pond, Registration Required, No Fee
- Eggstravaganza, Saturday, March 30, 10 am-Noon, No Registration or Fee

Adult Programs

- Adult Recess
 - Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 pm, begins January 16, \$72, Oak MS Gym
- Meditation

- Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm, begins January 3, \$95, Senior Center
- Women's Volleyball
 - Fridays, 7:30-8:30 pm, \$120, Begins January 5, Sherwood Middle
- CPR & AED Certification
 - 12/29 or 3/9, 1-3 pm, \$70
- Pickleball Lessons & Open Play at Beal Elementary
 - Intermediate play on Mondays & Wednesdays
 - Beginner lessons at 9 & 10:15 and open play for all levels from 11:30-1:30 on Sundays

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Historical Society Events

Shrewsbury Historical Society Upcoming Programs

- January 24, 2024: "Shrewsbury Charitable Society "by Tom Kelleher
- February 28, 2024: "Hebert Candies, Past to Present: Creation of the Candy Mansion " by Paul Smith (at Hebert Candy Mansion)
- March 27, 2024: "Needle & Thread: The Art and Skill of Clothing an Early 19th-Century Family " by Rebecca Beall
- April 24, 2024: "Spectacle and Substance: Tracking a Tale of Victorian America " by April Jones Price
- May 22, 2024: Annual Meeting and "Having Fun: Wish You Were Here: Historical Society Game Night!" by Erik Larson, President

Mission Statement

The Shrewsbury Historical Society was organized on January 7, 1898, and incorporated on June 23, 1902. The purpose of the Society shall be to keep alive and increase interest in the history of the Town of Shrewsbury; to collect and preserve items of special value, traditions, and curiosities; to encourage general public interest in its work; and to maintain such personal properties and real estate that may come under the control of the Society.

6. Save the Date – First Day Hike 2024, January 1st

The Shrewsbury Trails Committee invites you to start the new year with our annual First Day Hike in Lake Street Park, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 1st. This is an all-ages event and is excellent for the whole family. The local scout troops are eager to show you some of the trails and Trails Committee members can provide color commentary. There will be a warm campfire and hot cocoa and marshmallows to toast. There is nothing like being out in the fresh air with the whole new year in front of you! Please dress for the weather and be advised that in case of inclement weather we will have to cancel.

7. **Please Note – Shrewsbury Young Adults Helping Out Others**

Join Shrewsbury Y.A.H.O.O. (Young Adults Helping Out Others) and help keep Shrewsbury beautiful and provide assistance to your neighbors with fall and spring clean-up! We are looking for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, as well as adult chaperones to perform spring and fall clean-up assistance for older adults in our community who need help. No power tools will be used - simply raking and bagging yard debris for pick-up. This program will take place over 4 or 5 weekend days in the spring and fall for 4 hours each day. You will be able to add this experience to your college and career resumes, build meaningful relationships, and develop leadership skills and a sense of community.

Please join us for information sessions on Tuesday, January 16th at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m. at the Shrewsbury Senior Center (98 Maple Avenue). Please contact Casey Bogan at cbogan@shrewsburyma.gov for more information.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. **Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Baseball Skills Clinic with Shrewsbury High School (New)**

Shrewsbury Little League is very excited to announce the partnership of a winter baseball clinic with the Shrewsbury High School baseball team! The eight-week, 90-minute clinic takes place on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will be geared toward the League's A and AA players (spring 2024 baseball 5-year-olds to 8-year-olds). All sessions will be led by SHS baseball players with oversight by the team's coaching staff. The cost for the clinic will be \$150 per player and a portion of proceeds will go back to the high school team. Registration closes on January 3rd, so [sign up today](#) as space is limited.

2. **Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Baseball and Softball (New)**

PLAY BALL! Spring registration for Shrewsbury Little League Baseball and Softball is now open for softball ages 4-16 and baseball ages 5-12 (born before September 1st). Join your friends for fun on the field! Registration closes February 4th. [Click here](#) to register today.

3. **Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Girls Softball Winter All-Skills Clinic (New)**

Whether you are just beginning softball or are a veteran, this clinic will sharpen your skills and give you a head start on the spring season. [Click here](#) to register today.

The program runs for 7 weeks (Saturdays) beginning February 24 as follows:

Tee and Rookie: 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Minor: 3:00-4.30 p.m.; Major and Seniors: 4.30-6:00 p.m.

Location: Sherwood Middle School

Cost: \$155
