



Community Bulletin

January 2nd, 2024

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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This week, on January 5th, the SHS Lunch and Learn guest speaker is Ragoo Raghunathan, Mr. Raghunathan has a Ph.D in Neuroscience, did research at Yale University, co-invented a technology to amplify DNA at a biotech company and then moved on to sales and business development for the past 20 yrs. He currently works at a Swiss biotech company, Insphero, and is responsible for growing their business in the eastern half of the US. The company helps pharmaceutical companies develop safer medicines for various diseases. He mentors students/Ph.Ds in their career transition from academic to industry jobs providing context and role/responsibilities to various career tracks that they could pursue. Registration is required and students can register [here](#).

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 – Help Bring State-of-the-Art Technology to Shrewsbury High School

Imagine a Shrewsbury High School biology classroom with the most technologically advanced, 3D anatomy visualization tool for exploration. Picture our science students immersed in an interactive journey, where the exploration and virtual dissection of real human bodies - tissue, muscle, veins, and organs, are literally at their fingertips. With your help, this incredible tool, an Anatomage Table, will become a reality at Shrewsbury High. [Click here](#) to see a video of how the Anatomage Table has the potential to propel our Science Department into a new era of learning and engagement.

Would you help us raise the \$80,000 needed to bring this amazing Anatomage Table to Shrewsbury High School? All of the 1,850+ high school students who take courses in Biology, Human Anatomy, and Principles of Biomedical Science will benefit, as well as students in future courses starting next year in our planned Biomedical and Life Sciences Innovation Career Pathway program. [Click here](#) for more information and photos.

How to Make Your Gift

- Make a monthly donation [here](#). Create a lasting and sustainable impact through small, consistent contributions.
- Make a one time gift [here](#). Your gift of \$50 or more would help us reach our goal.

- To pay by check or submit a request for Matching Funds from your employer, click [here](#) to download a donation form.

Donations of any amount are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Colonial Fund Tax ID #04-6001300. Questions? Email development@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Thank you for your support of Shrewsbury students!

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury High School Athletic Booster Winter Calendar Raffle

Shrewsbury High School athletic booster winter calendar raffles will be sold by Winter Team Athletes during the weeks of January 2nd through the week of January 15th. The cost of each raffle ticket will be \$10.00 each. Each athlete will be responsible to sell 5 tickets each. All proceeds raised will support the athletic teams.

Please help promote this with your social media contacts to family and friends. Cash or checks made out to SHS Athletic Boosters will be accepted. Venmo and paypal are not available at this time. Please reach out to the secretary of Boosters, Paula Toti, at ptoti@shrewsburyk12.ma.us if you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets.

Your ticket purchase will qualify you for multiple chances to win in the month of February. Every day a ticket will be pulled and for a different amount. You will be notified by phone or email and your name posted on our website as well. Click [here](#) for the February athletic boosters raffle calendar.

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1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events

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.

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.

Writing Workshop

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a series of writing workshops on Saturdays, January 6th February 3rd and March 2nd at 2:00 p.m.! A writing workshop is a place where writers can gather together, share writing, and receive feedback. A writing prompt will be given for the workshop, and time will be set aside for participants to write in response to said prompt. Afterwards, share and discuss your work with peers to improve your writing! Writing workshops are facilitated by Ashton Hooley, a published writer.

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

The Two Nerdy History Girls Ride Again!

Join the Ashland and Shrewsbury Public Libraries on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. as the Two Nerdy History Girls - authors Loretta Chase and Susan Holloway Scott - answer all of our burning questions. How do they find interesting tidbits of historical lore, which libraries of the

world have they visited, and how do they avoid the inescapable "rabbit hole"? We can't wait for what we know is going to be a fascinating conversation between these two friends and researchers.

This program is in partnership with a multitude of MA Libraries and sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library. This program will take place on Zoom; please [register](#) to attend.

From Doormats to Dynasty: History of the Perennial Powerhouse Patriots

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. with author and veteran sports writer Marty Gitlin, as he discusses the struggles of the Boston Patriots to the decades of Super Bowl crowns. Gitlin has covered the NFL in the newspaper field and for CBS Sports. This program will take you on a roller coaster ride through the history of the franchise that has captured more crowns than any other. Watch the exploits of such early standouts as Gino Cappelletti and Babe Parilli, relive the disappointment of the Jim Plunkett era and talents of Steve Grogan and Sam "Bam" Cunningham. Experience again the transition from Drew Bledsoe to Tom Brady. Marty will host a Q&A following the program.

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

Shrewsbury Public Library Makerspace Survey

Calling makers of all ages! Shrewsbury Public Library is looking to start a makerspace and we would like your input. [Click here](#) to complete a survey to help us build the best makerspace possible.

Lions, Tigers, and...Bulldogs? An Ivy League Writer's Road to Publishing

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m with Ivy League alumnus and professional writer and educator Matt Robinson. He will discuss his book, Lions, Tigers, and... Bulldogs? An unofficial guide to the legends and lore of the Ivy League and the lessons he learned while writing and publishing it.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania who is married to a Dartmouth graduate and the son of a Brown graduate, Matt Robinson has been steeped in Ivy League culture for most of his life. Matt has had an interest in the history and traditions of the "Ancient Eight" and a knack for remembering the mascots of many schools for far longer than that.

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

Medicare Workshop

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. with expert Medicare Russ. He will guide you through Medicare coverage options and recent changes in Medicare policy that will affect Massachusetts Medicare beneficiaries.

For a brief video description, please [click here](#). This program will take place in person at the library; please [register](#) to attend.

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

We have some great events for tweens and teens happening in January 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.

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

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Programs

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
- Adaptive Gym Games with Coach Chip Collins, Floral St. School
 - Wednesdays starting January 17; ages 6-15 from 6-7 pm, ages 15 and up from 7-8 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

4. 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.

5. 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

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

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

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
