

Community Bulletin

February 12th, 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 <u>School Committee policy</u>.

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School District Items

1. Please Note - SSMA Scholarships (New)

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

The Scholarships

- 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 18th.

2. Please Note - Summer Programs at Shrewsbury Public Schools (New)

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Registration for the Summer Enrichment program will open Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00AM. You can learn more about the program and preview the catalog here.

https://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/extendedlearning/summer-programs

Location: Sherwood Middle School

For students who will be entering grades 1-8 in fall of 2024

All members of the community are welcome!

Dates: June 24-27, July 8-11, July 15-18 and July 22-25

Half-day and Full-day options are available, with dozens of classes to choose from each week. Each half-day class costs \$100 per week.

Shrewsbury Public Schools students who meet the financial guidelines for the free and reduced lunch program can use the code SUMMER50 at checkout to receive a 50% discount off their total fees.

SUMMER ROBOTICS

Registration for the Summer Robotics Program will open Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00AM. You can learn more about the program here.

https://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/extendedlearning/summer-robotics

Location: Shrewsbury High

For students who will be entering grades 4-8 in the fall of 2024 Dates: July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26 and July 29-Aug 2

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30-3:30

All members of the community are welcome!

Cost: \$310 per week.

Shrewsbury Public Schools students who meet the financial guidelines for the free and reduced lunch program can use the code SUMMER50 at checkout to receive a 50% discount off their total fees.

3. SHS Career Fair, and Lunch and Learn (New)

SHS Career Fair - thank you!

Thank you to all who attended the SHS Career Fair on February 6th. 40 businesses were represented and over 500 students attended. Pictures from the Fair and descriptions of the businesses in attendance can be found <u>here</u>.

SHS Lunch and Learn Guest Speaker, February 16, 2024

Do you have a student interested in learning more about Immigration Law or knowing more about Immigration Services?

This week, on February 16th, the SHS Lunch and Learn guest speaker is Ms. Melissa Scher, Director, Immigration Services at Umass Chan Medical School. As Director, she is responsible for the review, analysis and implementation of policies, systems and procedures for employment-based, international student and exchange visitor programs. Ms. Scher would like to share with students interested in pursuing law, that you can use your degree to help newly arrived Americans to navigate the U.S. immigration agency. She believes that, to work in this field, you must have an open mind, have a sensitivity to diverse cultures and language barriers, and a strong desire to help someone. **Choosing Immigration Law versus a traditional law**

practice can be very rewarding, helping someone complete their entire immigration journey and become a permanent resident or even a U.S. citizen. **Registration is required** and students can register <u>here</u>.

Are you interested in being one of our guest speakers? An overview of the Lunch and Learn program can be found here, and the schedule of future speakers with newly added time slots for March and April, can be found here. Contact kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us_if you are interested.

4. Save the Date - Sports Management Summit for SHS Students, February 23rd

Do you have a student interested in a career in Sport, Sport Management or working with a local sports team? The Nashua Sport Management Summit will be held on February 23rd, 9:30-3:00pm at Rivier University in NH. Anyone interested in a career in Sports or a job with a local sports team should attend this event. Students will have the chance to meet with representatives from Celtics, Patriots, Bruins, Red Sox, Woo Sox and others. SHS Students who attended last year really enjoyed the event. Registration is required, please see this flier. Because this event will be held during February vacation, students must find their own transportation.

5. Please Note – Cafeteria Help Wanted

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

Please forward this application to the Food Service Department C/O Shrewsbury High School, 75 Cypress Avenue, Shrewsbury MA 01545 or email to hdoyle@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. If you have any questions, please call Heidi Doyle at (508) 841-8855.

6. Please Note - 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. Registration is now open.

Program Information

Dates: Tuesday, February 20th - Friday, February 23rd

Location: Beal School

Morning Class: 8:30-11:30 - \$100week Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 - \$100/week Early Drop-Off: 7:00-8:15 - \$40week Extended Hours: 3:00-6:00 - \$85/week

Families who qualify for free or reduced meals are eligible for a 50% discount.

View program details and register for classes here.

Each class runs Tuesday-Friday, so students may select one class for the morning session and/or one class for the afternoon session. Students who wish to enroll in both AM and PM classes can bring lunch from home and will be supervised in the cafeteria from 11:30-12:00.

Preview the catalog <u>here</u>. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, at (508) 841-8727 or <u>kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us</u>.

7. Please Note – News from the Shrewsbury Public Schools Art Department

The Visual Arts Department at Shrewsbury High School welcomes you to view the <u>2024 Winter Art Exhibit (Virtual)</u> from students in semester one art classes. There will be an in-person art exhibition on May 16th at SHS to highlight semester two students...save the date!

During the month of February, SHS students in semester one will have their artwork on exhibit at the Shrewsbury Credit Union. A reception will be held on Thursday, February 15th from 4:30-5:30pm at Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union (489 Boston Tpke). The exhibit will run during business hours through February 29th.

Community Items

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Town Hall Winter Drive

The Shrewsbury Town Hall is hosting a winter drive organized by Migrant Alliance, a local student-led team, to fundraise for newly settled migrants of Shrewsbury. The bin is located in the front of the Town Hall. For our community's migrant families, the following is appreciated:

- Winter coats, boots, hats, mittens/gloves
- Anything for babies: clothing, formula, diapers, etc.
- Hygiene supplies for adults

2. Save the Date - Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services "Evening of Giving," May 18th

Join Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services for our "Evening of Giving" annual fundraiser for mental health. This will be an evening of purpose in raising money and awareness to combat the mental health crisis in our community. The fundraiser will take place at The Haven Country Club (369 Cross St, Boylston, MA) on May 18th at 6:30 pm. Please visit our <u>website</u> for more information.

3. Save the Date – Grafton/Shrewsbury League of Women Voters Book Club Discussion, March 28th

Please join the Grafton/Shrewsbury League of Women Voters for a book club discussion of professor Heather Cox Richardson's new book, *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*. The meeting will take place on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Public Library in meeting room B. All are welcome.

4. Save the Date - Scout Bottle & Can Drive, February 17th

On Saturday, February 17th, 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. Thank you!

5. 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 <u>events calendar</u> 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 <u>registration</u> is required.

Writing Workshop

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a writing workshop on Saturday, 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 <u>register</u> 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. <u>Click here</u> to complete a survey to help us build the best makerspace possible.

Sound Healing Presentation

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. for a Sound Healing Presentation with Julia Nadolny. What is sound healing? Sound healing is an ancient practice that has been around for thousands of years that promotes balance and total bliss throughout the body.

It will be important to bring a yoga mat or towel, something to lay on during the program and a blanket to cover yourself up in. Pillows are a personal preference but you are more than welcome to bring one, whatever makes you feel most comfortable. Chairs will be available if anyone prefers them.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please <u>register</u> to attend.

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

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, February 13th 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 <u>register</u> to attend.

Music of the Beatles

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. for this one hour concert with Melodious Zach. He will perform Beatles songs written jointly by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, and entertain you with Beatles trivia.

Melodious Zach has been performing music professionally since 2004. In 2015, he received the ASCAP Plus award for songwriters and independent recording artists. His music video "Hum It"

was featured on NH Chronicle, followed up by NH Magazine's featuring his "20 Greatest Hits!" which was a #1 album on Amazon's new Bubblegum CD chart.

This program has applied for support 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 <u>register</u> to attend.

Exploring Identity, Love, and Being Black in America in Fiction Writing

Join the Shrewsbury Public virtually on Tuesday, February 20th at 4:00 p.m. with New York Times bestselling author Jason Mott about his recent novel Hell of a Book. This magnificent work of fiction is deeply honest, at times electrically funny, and is a book that goes to the heart of racism, police violence, and the hidden costs exacted upon Black Americans and America as a whole.

Unforgettably told, with an electrifying plot and characters who burn into your mind, Hell of a Book is the novel Mott has been writing in his head for the last ten years. And in its final twists, it truly becomes its title.

This program, brought to you by the Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation with the Library Speakers Consortium, is free and open to the public. This program will take place virtually; please <u>register</u> to attend.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Tweens & Teens February 2024 (New)

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

- Thursday, February 1st-Thursday, February 29th 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 My Little Pony coloring books and rainbow colored pencils!
- Tuesday, February 13th Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club 6:00 p.m. in the Children's Program Room. Grades 4-6. Registration required. We'll be reading out loud one book from the Choose Your Own Adventure® series at each meeting and everyone will help

decide which path we will take. Participants will receive an Adventurer's Passport to collect badges, and raffle tickets for each club meeting they attend. FREE PIZZA!

- Friday, February 16th Friday Snack Craft 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. What's more fun than food? School is over come hang out and create something delicious. A new seasonal snack creation each month! This month we're making Valentine's leftovers trail mix. Those with food allergies should please exercise caution.
- Tuesday, February 20th-Sunday, February 25th Vacation Scavenger Hunt all day, all library, all ages. No registration necessary. Got some free time during vacation week? Drop in and try our Scavenger Hunt: Baby Animal Cuteness Overload! You'll have to search the library from top to bottom to find everything on our list.
- Monday, February 26th 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!

Check our online calendar for more details and registration! https://tinyurl.com/5652hz37

7. Please Note Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Children (New)

Valentine's Day STEAM - Edible Anatomical Hearts - February 12 at 4pm. Join us to learn about the human heart and enjoy a snack! Kids in grades 2-5 are invited to try their hand at assembling a model heart using edible materials. Registration is required.

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club - February 13 at 6pm.

This is a book club where you don't have to read ahead of time because we read each book together when we meet. Help decide which path we will take! For children in grades 4 - 6. We will be having pizza at each meeting. Email Roxanne, rstarkin@cwmars.org, if you are interested in coming. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Animal Engineering Challenge with Tufts University 2/17 at 2pm.

Join Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine professor Dr. Cyndie Leveille-Webster and her team for this fun animal engineering challenge! Ages 9-13. Requires registration.

For more information on these and other programs, and to register: https://shrewsburyma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2024-february/ Questions? Call us! 508-841-8609 x4

Have you visited the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Bookstore? We have oodles of books for kids, from early readers to teacher recommended chapter books. All children's books are \$1. Your purchases help the Friends fund many family-friendly library programs! We need Children's Picture Book Donations!!

8. Please Note - Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Foreign Film Festival

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library are pleased to announce our annual Foreign Film Festival, presented each Sunday in February at 2:00 pm.

The Sea Inside, February 18

2004 - Spanish with English subtitles, PG-13

The story of a man who was left quadriplegic after a diving accident, and his 28-year fight in support of euthanasia and the right to end his life. Academy Award Winner 2004 Best Foreign Language Film.

Life Is Beautiful, February 25

1997 - Italian with English subtitles, PG-13

During World War II an Italian Jewish man must use his will, imagination and sense of humor to protect his wife and son from the dangers around their concentration camp. Winner of 3 Academy Awards including Best Actor, Best Foreign Film and Best Music.

9. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Programs

Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited. Visit our <u>website</u> 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.

Summer Youth Program Update

The program guide will include our Summer Playground program, Half Days at Dean, Playground Adventures, and vendor camp opportunities. Summer Youth Program registration above opens on Saturday, February 3 at 10 am.

Become a Community Partner

We are planning more events than ever before, and are seeking community partners to help support our initiatives. Do you or someone you know enjoy our free or low cost events - like Summer Concerts in the Park, Truck or Treat, and the Food Truck Festival - and would like to

take advantage of the opportunity to give back to your community while also promoting their business or organization? Take a look at our <u>Sponsorship Packet</u> and see how we can work together!

Youth Programs

- Babysitting Courses
 - o March 9, Ages 12-15, 10 am 12:30 pm, \$60/person
 - o Option to add CPR & AED Certification from 1-3 pm on each date, \$70/person
- February Break Camps
 - o Minds In Motion STEM Programs Tuesday 2/20-Friday 2/23, Floral St. School
 - o Chemical Creations for ages 6-10, 9am- Noon
 - o CSI for ages 7-11, 12:30-3:30 pm

Family Programs & Events

- A Syrup Soiree, March 23, 10-11 am, Pure BS Maple Shack in Auburn, \$25/family
- Eggstravaganza, Saturday, March 30, 10 am -Noon, No Registration or Fee!

Adult Programs

- Meditation
 - Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm, begins February 7, \$95, Senior Center
- CPR & AED Certification
 - o March 9, 1-3 pm, \$70
- Pickleball
 - Sunday Lunch Hour Open Play, 11:30-1:30 at Beal Elementary

Please <u>click here</u> for the Parks & Recreation website.

10. Please Note - Shrewsbury Historical Society Events

Shrewsbury Historical Society Upcoming Programs

- February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Hebert Candy Mansion: "Hebert Candies, Past to Present: Creation of the Candy Mansion" by Paul Smith
 - In this Powerpoint presentation Paul Smith, Hebert Candies Vice President of Operations, walks you through the years of the famous Hebert's Candy Mansion, its mark on New England, and how the Hebert Legacy lives on. The Society has pre-purchased a chocolate bar for each attendee.
- March 27th: "Needle & Thread: The Art and Skill of Clothing an Early 19th-Century Family" by Rebecca Beall
- April 24th: "Spectacle and Substance: Tracking a Tale of Victorian America" by April Jones Price
- May 22nd: 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. Questions? Email shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com.

11. Save the Date – Boy Scout Troop 227 Camping Event, February 17th

Calling all Arrow of Lights (AOLs), 5th graders & 11 year olds! Join BSA Troop 227 on Saturday, February 17th for Cabin Camping at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation Camp in Rutland.

Arrive Saturday at 1:00 pm for capture the flag, board games, and crock pot cook off! AOLs can camp overnight; 5th graders and 11 year olds who are not registered with the BSA can spend the day full of fun!

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note - Take Charge Hoops Basketball Clinic

The Shrewsbury High School boys varsity basketball coaches Adrian Machado and Gerry Nowosacki will be sponsoring a three-day basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-12. The focus will be on individual skills through the use of time-oriented drill stations. The goal will be to learn, relearn, and execute the fundamentals of basketball, enhance one's skills, and be a better player and teammate.

Where: Shrewsbury High School Field House

When: Tuesday, February 20 through Thursday, February 22

<u>Time</u>: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150.00 (\$10.00 discount for siblings; financial assistance can be considered)

Please contact Gerry Nowosacki at (508) 842-6014 or gym21rat@aol.com to sign up.

2. 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. <u>Click here</u> 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