



Community Bulletin

February 20th, 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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School District Items

1. Please Note – SSMA Scholarships

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

Summer Enrichment

Registration for the Summer Enrichment program is now open. You can learn more about the program and preview the catalog [here](#).

Location: Sherwood Middle School

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

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

All members of the community are welcome!

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 is now open. You can learn more about the program [here](#).

Location: Shrewsbury High School

Dates: July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26, and July 29-Aug 2

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

For students who will be entering grades 4-8 in the fall of 2024

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. Please Note – Friday Lunch and Learn Sessions for Shrewsbury High School Students

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 [click here](#) 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 – News from the Shrewsbury Public Schools Art Department

The Visual Arts Department at Shrewsbury High School welcomes you to view the [2024 Winter Art Exhibit \(Virtual\)](#) 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. The exhibit will run during business hours through February 29th.

Community Items

1. Please Note – Town of Shrewsbury Notices (New)

Dog licenses for 2024 are due on March 1. It's time to license your dog! Click [here](#) for information about licensing dogs in Shrewsbury as well as a link to our [Dog License Application](#). Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-841-8507 if you are unable to use the online form or need assistance.

Nomination papers are available for the Annual Town Election on May 7. Papers are available at the Town Clerk's office and must be submitted to Registrars of Voters by 5:00 P.M. on March 19. A minimum of fifty signatures of Shrewsbury voters are required for all positions other than town meeting member. Town meeting member candidates must submit a minimum of ten signatures of registered voters who reside in the candidate's precinct. Candidates are encouraged to obtain more than the required number of signatures.

2. Please Note – Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Scholarship (New)

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library are offering a \$1,500 Scholarship to a graduating senior who will be pursuing a Bachelor's or Associate's degree full-time. The deadline to apply is April 5th. Please see this flier for more information.

3. Save the Date – Boy Scout Can & Bottle Drive, February 24th (New)

BSA Troop 227 will be holding a can & bottle drive on February 24th from 1-3 pm at Saint Anne's Church, 130 Boston Turnpike Street. The Scouts will accept all redeemable bottles and cans. Proceeds from the drive will support our Scouting activities throughout the year.

4. Save the Date – St. Mary's 12th Annual Fish Fry, March 1st (New)

On Friday, March 1, St. Mary Parish in Shrewsbury will be hosting the 12th 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, 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 pm in the Parish Hall. No reservations necessary! Tickets will be available at the door but discounted tickets may be purchased either on-line at www.StMarysFishFry.com or by calling Kerry Martineau in the Pastoral Center at (508) 845-6341. We hope to see you there!

5. 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!

Summer Youth Program Update

Registration for week-long Summer Programs is open! Check out the options [here](#) in our guide. This guide includes our Summer Playground program, Half Days at Dean, Playground Adventures, and specialty camp opportunities.

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 [Sponsorship Packet](#) and see how we can work together!

Upcoming Seasons

Registration for spring programs will open on March 21st. Registration for summer programs and classes will open on May 22nd.

Family Programs & Events

- A Syrup Soiree, March 23, 10-11 am, Pure BS Maple Shack in Auburn, \$25/family

- This interactive experience shares the sweet science of making maple syrup. You will have an opportunity to sample the evolution of syrup (raw sap, sap as it is being processed, syrup and maple cream) while also enjoying the various grades of syrup! Learn about the different ways to tap trees, check out the Shack's evaporator, see the chickens and enjoy a themed craft along with a fire pit and hot chocolate!
- Eggstravaganza, March 30, 10 am-12 pm, no registration or fee
 - Celebrate the arrival of Spring with the Shrewsbury Recreation Department. All ages are welcome to join us for our annual egg hunt and crafts down at Dean Park! More details to come.
- Cookie Decorating Class, February 27, 6:30-7:30 pm, Senior Center, \$40
 - Short & Sweet Bakery will be teaching a cookie decorating class where you will learn the art of winter-themed cookie design for 3 unique cookies. All supplies included, no experience necessary.

Please [click here](#) for the Parks & Recreation website.

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

Look Inside the Invisible World - February 20 at 3pm

Join SEEDS, Inc. and look inside the invisible world! Kids will use digital microscopes to see what everyday and exotic things REALLY look like up close! For kids ages 6-8. This program was funded in part with a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council. Registration required.

Lego Club - February 20 at 4:30pm

Head to the Children's Program Room and build with Legos. Follow our weekly prompt, or create whatever your heart desires. For kids of all ages who are comfortable using Legos. Parents, please be aware that this program has no facilitator.

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club - February 20 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. This month we are reading Mystery of the Maya. Help decide which path we will take! For kids in grades 4 - 6. We will be having pizza! Email Roxanne, rstarkin@cwmars.org, if you are interested in coming.

Science Illustration Class - February 21 at 3pm

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

Make Felt Foods with Burncoat Center for Arts and Wellness - February 22 at 3pm

Join The Burncoat Center of Arts and Wellness and make felt foods! Kids will hand stitch felt food plushies, add googly eyes, mouth, sprinkles, etc. They are going to be so cute!
Registration required.

StoryWalk at Lake Street Park, 430 Lake Street in Shrewsbury

We are celebrating Black History Month with the picture book Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed. You can stroll along and read this inspiring story at Lake Street Park, 430 Lake Street in Shrewsbury. This Storywalk® is made possible through a partnership between the Shrewsbury Library and Parks & Recreation Departments and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

For more information on these and other programs and to register, please [click here](#).
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!

7. 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 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 [register](#) to attend.

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

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 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!

9. 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.

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.

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. 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

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Spring Clinic Powered by Scoops Lacrosse (New)

In partnership with Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse, Scoops will be running a 6-week spring lacrosse clinic on Sunday afternoon, open to boys and girls ages 3-7. Scoops Clinics are designed for kids who are interested in learning as well as continuing their development of lacrosse. Kids will be broken into different groups based on age and/or skill levels. Most importantly, Scoops Clinics are designed for maximum amounts of fun, confidence building, and pure lacrawsomeness. The only equipment necessary is a lacrosse stick - no pads needed!

Click [here](#) to register. Reach out to info@shrewsburylacrosse.com with any questions.
