



Community Bulletin

February 26th, 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

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Do you have a student interested in learning more about Artificial Intelligence (AI), Product Management, or the Tech Industry and startups?

This week, on March 1st, the SHS Lunch and Learn guest speaker is Mr. Abhinav Garg, Product Manager for an AI developer platform startup, whose product is used by OpenAI who built ChatGPT. Mr. Garg has Bachelors of Engineering (Electrical) and Masters of Science (Software) from India, and has 21+ years of experience in the tech industry. He started his career as a Sales Executive at a small ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software firm in India, and later pivoted to become a software engineer at a tech consulting firm called Sapient. After moving to the US just over 6 years ago, he made another career shift within the tech industry by joining a Data & AI startup called Databricks which was at the forefront of Enterprise AI at that point. He is currently working at an AI developer platform startup called Weights & Biases, where he leads the product management. Their product is used by OpenAI who built ChatGPT. He would love to talk to SHS students about product management as a career, its relevance in the tech industry & startups, how different businesses think about AI, and related career opportunities available. Registration is required and students can register [here](#).

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 kkehane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you are interested.

2. Please Note – Jobs for Students (New)

If you have a high school student looking for a part-time job, please visit the [SHS Jobs for Students site](#). This is not an exhaustive list, but it does contain some of the most recently added part-time jobs in the area. Each listing has a link to the business' website, a brief description of the job, hours and pay, as well as instructions for how to apply. You can also find the link to this list off of the [SHS website](#). If you have a part-time job to offer students, please email kkehane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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.

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1. Please Note – India Society of Worcester Spring Programs (New)

India Society of Worcester is offering many new programs coming up:

[Free Seminars on March 16 - How to Survive the ChatGPT Invasion - Strategies for Parents & Students](#)

Learning, mathematics and AI and impact on our children's future employment. If you are a high schooler or parent of a middle or high schooler, this talk is for you. Prof Loh will discuss educational strategies that build relevant skills to survive this new era of Generative AI (e.g. ChatGPT). He is a social entrepreneur, an inventor, a math professor at Carnegie Mellon

University, and served a decade-long term as the national coach of the USA International Mathematical Olympiad team from 2013–2023. He will talk about his experience going from the ivory tower of academia into the practical mess of the real world, including his pioneering innovations for a scalable way to learn challenging math live online.

The second seminar is on [Industry Wisdom for Personal Growth](#) - be prepared for the volatile job market. Meet directly with industry experts. Open to students and adults.

[ISW Cultural and Language School](#) continues to offer rolling admissions for several Indian languages, like Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Gujarati, Marathi & Online Sanskrit. We also encourage kids to attend Indian Cultural and Yoga only assembly, held on Sundays at 10:30 am. Conversational Hindi classes for adults are also offered. Send email to schoollead@iswonline.org for more information.

[India Center's Free Health Stop](#) since 2005, has been providing health care and is open to all. It is held on Wednesdays 6-8 PM. Services are provided to anyone regardless of their financial, immigration and insurance status.

[Sign up for ISW's free newsletter](#) for all our activities including Showcase India, a cultural event organized by our Indian Youth Group.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events (New)

De-Stress with Gentle Stretching and Exercises

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with Jill Patterson on Tuesday, March 5th at 10:30 a.m. for this active workshop where we will be participating in exercises while learning about the benefits of stretches and exercises. There are many benefits of exercises and stretching, some of which include: decreased stress, decreased risk of injury, increased mind/body connection and increased bone mass and metabolism. Comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended.

Jill Patterson, RDN is a national speaker and an award-winning registered dietitian nutritionist, certified personal trainer and group fitness instructor. She specializes in providing wellness education programs that inspire individuals to implement healthy habits. She is passionate about helping people live their happiest, healthiest lives!

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

From Ireland to America

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 p.m. for From Ireland to America, 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 are provided.

Roger Tincknell is a professional singer, yodeler, and multi-instrumentalist with over 50 years of experience teaching and performing. His songs and stories are augmented by his singing, yodeling, and playing of many musical instruments including guitar, banjo, mandolin, piano, ukulele, harmonica, and a wide variety of international folk instruments.

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

Emerging Thoughts About Regulating AI

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. with Representative James McGovern and Senator Mike Moore as they discuss the regulation of AI. Today, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is everywhere in our lives! There are many positive applications for AI, such as in health care with early diagnostic capabilities to prevent or treat future illness. But there are many negative aspects to AI as demonstrated by the recent news about famous individuals being publicly compromised by AI images and voice messages. What are the Federal and State Governments going to do about regulating this swiftly advancing technology? The Foundation's Distinguished Speaker Series is proud to present Congressman James McGovern to discuss the potential for guard rails being considered by the Federal Government and State Senator Mike Moore, Chair of the Mass. Legislature's Committee on AI, to inform us about the State's emerging thoughts about regulating AI.

This program will take place in person; please [register](#) to attend:

Celebrating Women's History Month with Authors of Women Who Win

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Sunday, March 17th at 2:00 p.m., with the authors of Women Who Win: Real Stories, Real Women: Inspiration, Resilience, and Ambition from Women Around the World, a book about diverse women who share their stories – of business success, personal growth, challenges met, obstacles overcome, and more. Authors Shaleen Sheth, Dr. Deepa Jhaveri, and Dr. Manju Sheth (Author) compiled this collection of stories during the pandemic to amplify the voices of the women, a majority of whom are from the New England area. Meet the authors and some of the featured women and get inspired by their stories. Let's celebrate Women's History Month by celebrating local women achievers from a spectrum of races, cultures, and backgrounds.

This program will take place in person; 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 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!

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

Ayyamiha Storytime - Thursday, February 29 6:00—7:00 PM

Join our community guests from the Shrewsbury Baha'i community for a 60-minute activity about the festival of Ayyam-i-Ha. Children in grades K-8 (ages 5-15) will learn about the festival, how it is celebrated, read a book, participate in a craft and eat some pizza. Please register in advance using [this link](#).

Science Bee for Kids - Thursday, March 7 6:00—7:30 PM

The Library's Science Bee is for kids in grades 3rd & 4th. General science topics will be covered in the quiz. This program is rescheduled from the original January 25th date. Please register in advance using [this link](#).

5. **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!

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 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.

7. Please Note – Town of Shrewsbury Notices

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.

8. Please Note – Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Scholarship

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 the 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.

Application deadline is April 5th 2024. Scholarship applications may be picked up at your school's Guidance Department, the Shrewsbury Public Library, or from the [Library's website](#).

9. Save the Date – St. Mary's 12th Annual Fish Fry, March 1st

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!

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.
