



Community Bulletin

March 25th, 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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Join us for a candle night! [Maple & Main](#), presented by our [RISE](#) program, is hosting an event with one of our store vendors, Kitchen Sink Candle Company, on Thursday, April 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come make your own candle with us! Learn the basics of candle making, choose from over 50 scents, mix and match scents, and enjoy some light refreshments. Click [here](#) to register.

2. [Save the Date](#) – Chipotle Fundraiser for SHS Friends of Shrewsbury Crew, March 27th (New)

This Wednesday, March 27, do good with Chipotle! Come down to the Chipotle at 97 Boston Turnpike in Shrewsbury from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm and support Friends of Shrewsbury Crew (FOSC) by purchasing (dine-in, carry-out, online) menu items for pick-up.

Use the code 4JHFWZ9 and/or present [this flier](#) prior to purchase and help Chipotle donate a portion of sales to FOSC that evening. This is a great opportunity to support the 87-year-old Shrewsbury High School Crew program and get a great meal.

3. [Save the Date](#) – SHS Students Looking for Job Shadowing Opportunities, April 17th

SHS will be providing Job Shadowing opportunities for students over April break, during the morning of April 17th. We have 10 locations providing job shadowing, but we would like to provide more. If your business would like to host a student or group of students over April break, please complete [this form](#). Questions? Contact Kathleen Keohane at kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Thank you for supporting our students!

4. Save the Date – Are You Looking for Student Employees? - SHS Job Fair, April 25th

Do you have a business that is looking for student employees or summer staff? SHS is hosting its bi-annual job fair for students looking for employment, especially summer employment. The event will be held at

SHS is hosting its 4th semi-annual "Job Fair for Students", April 25, 2:30-3:30 pm in the SHS Commons (cafeteria). Local businesses will interview students on the spot and answer questions about their jobs. (A list of employers will be published a few days before the Job Fair). If you have a local business looking for student workers, or know of someone who does, please join our Job Fair and fill out [this form](#). Be prepared to interview students on the spot and hire new employees immediately!

Can't make the Job Fair, but want to get your job description in front of our students? Fill out [this form](#) so we can post it on our [Jobs for Students site](#). Questions? Contact Kathleen Keohane at kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Thank you for supporting our students!

5. Save the Date – The Peterson School Open House for Careers in Trades, April 4th

The Peterson School in Worcester MA teaches Engineering, HVAC, Gas Heat, Oil Heat, Electricity, Facilities Maintenance, Plumbing and more. At their Open House on April 4th, 2-5pm, learn how they can help you start a career in the trades. Registration is not required. At the Open House, you can speak with instructors and tour their labs. A high school diploma or GED is not required for attending The Peterson School and scholarships are offered. Please visit [this link](#) for more information or see [this flyer](#).

6. Save the Date – Deadline Fast Approaching for \$1500 Scholarship, due April 5th

Deadline is fast approaching to apply for the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Scholarship. Pass the word to any high school senior you know who resides in Shrewsbury. Apply by Friday, April 5th. Details on the website via the QR code in [this flyer](#) or [this link](#).

7. Save the Date – UMass Chan Medical School Nursing Expo for Middle and High School Students, April 22nd

On Monday, April 22, 2024 at 3:45 to 7:00 p.m, Umass Chan Medical School will host their NursingExpo. The Expo will educate middle/high school and undergraduate students about the

many pathways into nursing as a career for life, and to connect students and their families with the many nursing schools in Central Massachusetts. [Visit their website](#) for more information.

8. Save the Date – Seeking Career Day Facilitators at Oak’s Grade 7 Career Day, April 24th

Grade 7 Career Day is coming soon at Oak Middle School! Please consider joining our Career Day presenters on April 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This event is the culmination of research designed to expose our students to diverse careers. Career Day provides all Grade 7 students with an opportunity to connect with professionals from various fields, gaining insights into the world of work and allowing them to make informed decisions about their future career paths.

Here's what you can expect as a Career Day participant:

- You will have the opportunity to speak with two different groups of students, with each session lasting approximately 30 minutes.
- During the first half of each session, we encourage you to present and discuss your job. Please feel free to bring any presentation materials, brochures, or items related to your work.
- The second half of the session will be dedicated to a question and answer session with the students, where they can engage with you and gain deeper insights into your profession.

We appreciate your consideration! If you are interested and available to participate in Career Day, please take a moment to complete this [survey](#). We look forward to welcoming members of our community to Oak Middle School for this event!

9. Please Note – Jobs for Students Website

If your student is looking for a job for the spring, several new positions have been added to the [Jobs for Students website](#). Shrewsbury businesses now looking for part-time help include Petco, Chipotle, Napoli Deli and Seasons Corner Market. Other local jobs include Cellar Bar and Grille in Northboro, Dunkin Donuts and Nouria, plus many more! This site is updated frequently.

10. Please Note – SPS April Vacation Enrichment Classes

Shrewsbury Public Schools is pleased to be offering enrichment classes for students in grades K-6 during April vacation. These classes are open to the community. [Registration](#) will open Thursday, March 14th, at 7:00AM. Preview the catalog [here](#).

Program Information

Dates: Tuesday, April 16th - Friday, April 19th

Location: Beal School

Morning Class: 8:30-11:30 - \$100/week

Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 - \$100/week

Early Drop-Off: 7:00-8:15 - \$40/week

Extended Hours: 3:00-6:00 - \$85/week

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 a lunch from home and will be supervised in the cafeteria from 11:30-12:00.

Financial Assistance

Students who meet the financial guidelines for the free and reduced lunch program can use the code APRVAC50 at checkout to receive a 50% discount off their total fees. Please note, even though all SPS students currently receive free lunch, this discount is only for families who meet the federal income guidelines for free and reduced meals. If you meet the criteria, you are eligible for financial assistance with other school programs. Learn more and apply [here](#). All discounts will be verified with Food Services, and if you do not qualify, you will be billed the full cost of the class. Students who do not attend Shrewsbury Public Schools are not eligible for this discount, regardless of income status.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, at 508-841-8727 or kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

11. [Save the Date](#) – SHS Athletic Boosters Fundraising Events

Bowling for Boosters, April 7th from 5:00-7:00 pm at Bowlero

Join us for the 16th annual SHS Athletic Boosters Bowling Tournament. Click [here](#) for registration and additional details.

Comedy Night, April 20th from 7:00-9:00 pm at El Basha Restaurant

Join us for a night of laughs sponsored by the Shrewsbury Athletic Boosters. Doors open at 6pm. light appetizers and cash bar available. Click [here](#) for registration and additional details.

We encourage your support to raise money for our athletic department. If you have any questions, please reach out to Paula Toti at ptoti@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or call 508-847-1871.

12. Please Note – 2024-2025 New Student Registration Now Open

Dear parents and caregivers: New student registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. If your student is not currently enrolled in Shrewsbury Public Schools and you plan to enroll your child for the coming school year, please complete the online student registration process as soon as possible. You can access the registration link [here](#).

13. 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.

Community Items

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events

Climate Change: SIMPLE. SERIOUS. SOLVABLE.

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. with beloved local meteorologist Harvey Leonard as he explains the difference between weather and climate, and why climate change is simple but real, which is what makes it so serious. He will go on to explain how we can mitigate or solve some of our problems caused by climate. His talk will be followed by a Q&A.

Harvey Leonard is WCVB Channel 5's chief meteorologist emeritus. After a fifty-year career in meteorology, Harvey retired from the helm of StormTeam 5 in May 2022 and transitioned into his emeritus role. In this new position, Harvey continues to serve the community with important information as a periodic contributor to StormTeam 5 coverage and engage in community speaking appearances.

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

Chocolate and the Environment Presented by Cocoa Beantown

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. with Cocoa Beantown. With concerns about climate change increasing by the day, cacao producers around the world are working to ensure their farms survive the changing growing seasons. Likewise, small batch chocolate makers find themselves a surprisingly large piece of the puzzle—supporting farmers by purchasing beans that were farmed in a sustainable way and employing their own green practices to chocolate production, packaging, and delivery chains.

We'll also talk about the fabled history of the Arhuacos, an indigenous tribe in the Sierra Nevada region of Colombia that considers themselves stewards of the environment, and have raised cacao for over 500 years. Participants will also have the opportunity to taste different varieties of chocolate from Cocoa Beantown.

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

Music of the Beatles

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Saturday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m. for a one hour concert with Melodious Zach, who 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; please [register](#) to attend.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Children

Spring Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30th starting at 9AM SHARP

Head to the library to find the eggs! Please read below as we are expecting to have a lot of fun and want everyone to have a nice and safe time. No registration required.

- This program will start at 9am SHARP.
- The Children's Program Room will be set up for the youngest (pre-walking) visitors.
- The Children's Room will be for kids up to age 5.
- The Main Floor will be for kids 6+
- The library will provide bags for kids to hunt with
- Each child is asked to only take 10 eggs
- If a family comes with more than 1 child they are welcome to pick the area they hunt in

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

We have some great events for tweens and teens happening in March 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, March 1st-Sunday, March 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 live potted plant from the Teen Room!
- Friday, March 29th - 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!

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

4. 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 is now open. Registration for summer programs and classes will open on May 22nd.

Family Programs & Events

- 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.

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

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Historical Society Events

Shrewsbury Historical Society Upcoming Programs

- March 27th: “Needle & Thread: The Art and Skill of Clothing an Early 19th-Century Family” by Rebecca Beall
 - Clothing a New England family in the early 19th century was a challenging task! Drawing on their extensive collection, “Needle & Thread” is the most recent exhibit at Old Sturbridge Village. It showcases early 19th century garments, as well as essential sewing tools and household equipment that supported this important work of New England housewives. This Powerpoint presentation highlights the responsibilities involved with constructing new garments, patching, mending, and darning worn items, and repurposing old items into new

wardrobes, ensuring that every family member was clothed in good order for many different occasions.

- 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.

6. Save the Date – Boy Scouts Troop 227 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, April 7th

Who doesn't like a pancake breakfast? BSA Troop 227 is hosting our Second Annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, April 7th. The event will be held at St Anne's Church in the Father Smith Center building in Shrewsbury. Breakfast will be served from 7:30am to 12:00pm. All proceeds from the event will go towards the troop camping equipment and fun activities.

7. Save the Date – Rotary Club of Shrewsbury Recycling Fundraiser, April 7th

Spring cleaning? The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury will hold a drive-through recycling fundraiser on Sunday, April 7th from 12-3:00 pm at Town Hall. Most metals and electronics are accepted. Please see the [flier](#) for a complete list of accepted items. \$40 per car load and low single item rates. Additional fees apply for certain items to be recycled. Contact Beth Casavant bethcasavant@gmail.com with questions.

8. Save the Date – Girl Scout April Vacation Program for Kindergarteners & Preschoolers

Girls in preschool going into kindergarten in the fall and current kindergarteners who are not already Girl Scouts are invited to spend four days exploring Girl Scouts through fun, hands-on activities. The program will take place from Tuesday, April 16th through Friday, April 19th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Worcester Leadership Center (115 Century Drive, Worcester). The cost is \$35 per child (financial assistance is available) and includes program supplies, snacks, and Girl Scout membership benefits through September 2024. Please register by April 11th by

clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ginger Gordon at ggordon@gscwm.org.

9. Please Note – Town Meeting Member Nomination Papers

Nomination Papers are available for the Annual Town Election on May 7, 2024. Town Meeting Members needed in most precincts. Papers are available at 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. For more information contact the Town Clerk's office at (508) 841-8507.

10. Save the Date – Touch-A-Truck Event, April 6th

Ready to rev up some excitement? Mark your calendar for our 2nd annual Touch-a-Truck event happening at 333 South St on Saturday, April 6 from 12-4pm! Get ready to experience the thrill of exploring all sorts of cool trucks and vehicles. As we celebrate Autism Acceptance Month in April, the event will have a sensory-friendly atmosphere. Last year was a blast, and we're gearing up for an even bigger and better event this time around! Don't miss out on the fun – everyone's invited, so bring your friends and family along. We can't wait to see you there!

11. Save the Date – Music Bingo Night Supporting Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse

Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse presents its Annual Music Bingo Night Fundraiser! Get ready for a night filled with music, raffles and delicious eats, all for a fantastic cause! Indulge your taste buds with mouthwatering delights from Shrewsbury's own Buck Hill BBQ – they're bringing the flavor to our event! You can bet your brisket, it's going to be a night to remember.

Date: March 30, 2024

Time: 6-10pm

Venue: SAC - 438 Lake Street, Shrewsbury, MA

Tickets are \$25 in advance - register at [this link](#) and pay for tickets via Venmo @ShrewsburyLax, \$30 at the door. Please note, this is an adults-only event.

12. Please Note – Shrewsbury Historical Society Scholarship Applications

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is pleased to announce two scholarships for Class of 2024 high school seniors who attend public or private high schools in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts and reside in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. These scholarship awards are \$500.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society Stephen Porter Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior in memory of Stephen Porter, a longtime member who was involved in the historic restoration of the District #5 Schoolhouse on the corner of Old Mill Road and West Main Street.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society Jean McDonald Graham Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior in memory of Jean Graham, a longtime member dedicated to educating students about local history.

Students who are currently seniors in high school in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, reside in Shrewsbury, and anticipate being accepted into a four-year college this spring are invited to apply for the scholarships. Applications and additional requirements can be found online at www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.org. Completed applications and support materials are due March 31.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Challenger Adaptive Baseball

The Shrewsbury Little League Challenger Adaptive Baseball team is looking for Buddy Volunteers. This adaptive baseball program, which follows the Unified Sports model, is for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges who rely on Buddy volunteers. The role of a Buddy is to assist the Challenger players in the areas of batting, base running, catching, and throwing, as needed during practices and games, to ensure their safety.

Requirements for Buddies:

- Buddies/volunteers are needed for this program at a 1:1 ratio.
- We ask that buddies commit to coming to each practice and game.
- We rely heavily on email for communication for this program.
- Volunteers must possess a lot of patience.
- No prior experience is necessary.

Practices are on Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm, on the Upper Dean Softball Field. Games are on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 (either in Northboro, Westboro, Grafton, or Shrewsbury).

If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Chip Collins at shrewsburychallenger@gmail.com.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Spring Clinic Powered by Scoops Lacrosse

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.
