



# Community Bulletin

April 1st, 2024

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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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Shrewsbury Public Schools invites community members to donate to our [RISE](#) (Reaching Independence through Supported Employment) programming and [Maple & Main](#), an innovative retail store located at the heart of Shrewsbury Center. Please [click here](#) for more information about RISE and Maple & Main. Please consider making a [donation](#) to support innovative programming and local retail business!

#### **2. [Save the Date](#) – Maple & Main Candle Night, April 4th (New)**

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.

#### **3. [Save the Date](#) – SHS Job Shadowing Opportunities, April 17th (New)**

SHS will be providing Job Shadowing opportunities for students over April break. We have 11 locations providing job shadowing across a variety of careers, such as Science, Theater, Robotics, Law, Real Estate, Town government, Finance, Police, and more. Registration is required and students can register [here](#).

#### **4. [Save the Date](#) – SHS Job Fair, April 25th (New)**

Do you have a business that is looking for student employees or summer staff? SHS is hosting its 4th semi-annual “Job Fair for Students”, April 25, 2:30-3:30 pm in the SHS Commons

(cafeteria). If you are interested in offering summer employment to High School students fill out [this registration 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](mailto:kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us). Thank you for supporting our students!

#### **5. Save the Date – SHS Lunch and Learn Guest Speakers, April 5th (New)**

Do you have a student who may not know what they would like to do after high school and is looking for a solid career? This week, on March 15th, the SHS Lunch and Learn guest speaker is Mr. Ted Hughes, from MA Association of Insurance Agents. He represents the interests of the Independent Insurance Agents in the state, and the biggest priority of his industry in the coming future is to find new talent. A huge percentage of their workforce is going to be retiring in the next ten years, and insurance is a really great career opportunity that many times gets overlooked. Mr. Hughes would love the opportunity to speak to students about the many different paths that insurance has to offer for a potential career. (Some students may remember him from the Career Fair in February.) Stop by and say hello! Registration is required and students can register [here](#).

Do you have a student interested in learning more about Solar energy? The second guest speaker this week is Mr. Ian Gregory, Senior Consultant for KIWA Solar. He has worked for 25 years in the solar power industry in various countries. He is on a long-term personal mission to help ensure the growth and sustainability of solar power as a key contributor to mitigating the negative Registration is required and students can register [here](#).

#### **6. 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](#).

#### **7. 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](#).

### **8. 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.

### **9. 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!

### **10. 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.

## **11. 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](#) is now open. 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](mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

## **12. 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](mailto:ptoti@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) or call 508-847-1871.

### **13. 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](#).

### **14. 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.

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#### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth & Family Services Meditation Challenge (New)**

Join Shrewsbury Youth & Family Services for a free 14-day meditation challenge! Join live sessions or practice on your own with guided meditation videos provided.

Our meditation challenge can help you:

- Reduce anxiety and/or depression symptoms
- Change your response to stressful situations
- Get out of negative thought or belief patterns
- Overcome unhealthy habits
- Reduce wear and tear on your body from stress

Details of the challenge:

- Take 2 short surveys to document how you are feeling before and after the challenge
- Meditate for 10 minutes each day. You can meditate anytime, anywhere.
- Optional Live meditations will be offered online throughout the challenge
- As an alternative, meditations can be done independently. Jaime offers free guided meditations on her YouTube channel @JaimeGildea
- You may choose to share your experience by completing a short questionnaire at the end. Or keep your thoughts private and use the experience in any way that feels right for you

To sign up:

- Email JGildea@SYFS-ma.org and let Jaime know you are interested in joining
- Emails will be sent with information on accessing the surveys and meditation videos.
- LIVE online meditations will be available

#### **2. Please Note – India Society of Worcester Spring Programs (New)**

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

[YIG Showcase India](#) takes place on Sunday, April 7th - our youth shares the Indian culture in a fun event.

[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](mailto: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.

### **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events (New)**

#### 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.

#### Sea Songs & Stories - Davis Bates Concert

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. with Davis Bates. A wonderful way to bring people of all ages together, this program includes songs and stories that entertain, educate and create a feeling of community. It also encourages audiences to sing along and celebrate the diverse cultural history of a variety of maritime communities.

Sea Songs & Stories includes shanties and farming songs, ocean ballads, traditional tales, oral history narratives and stories from Davis own family, and is inspired both by childhood summers spent on in Maine and on the Cape, as well as time Davis spent as a volunteer crew member on the Hudson River Sloop, Clearwater. He is known for his humor, his professionalism, and for his ability to adapt his programs.

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

#### Paranormal Hotspots with Ronny LeBlanc

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Monday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. with Ronny LeBlanc, local author, paranormal investigator, and former host of the Travel Channel's Expedition Bigfoot, who will give a presentation on paranormal hotspots in which he discusses parts of the U.S. that have had UFO, cryptid, and paranormal activity, including areas within New England . He will also provide some tips and advice for budding paranormal investigators for what to look for in older buildings such as the library!

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

### The Amistad Trials: What Price Freedom?

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, April 24th with Justice Dennis J. Curran (ret.).

This case pits the American government against the Spanish government, the President against his own Secretary of State, the executive branch versus the judicial branch, and abolitionists against slave traders. It even prompted a former President to appear before the Supreme Court to condemn the policies of a present Administration. This case finally received the recognition it deserved from Stephen Spielberg's 1997 Academy Award-nominated feature film, Amistad.

Justice Dennis J. Curran (ret.) served as a Massachusetts trial judge for 15 years. He is a graduate of Boston Latin School, the University of Pennsylvania (B.A. and M.A.) and the University of Virginia School of Law.

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

#### **4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Tweens & Teens (New)**

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

- Monday, April 1st-Tuesday, April 30th - 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 solar powered glowing wind chime!
- Tuesday, April 2nd - STEAM Fun with WPI - Ozobots! - 1:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. [Registration required](#). Let's go STEAM! Students from WPI will give a short presentation on STEAM concepts, then participants will get to work on a hands-on activity.
- Friday, April 5th - Friday Movie - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. Celebrate the end of the week by relaxing with a movie and snacks! Movie TBD, stop by the Teen Office if you have a good suggestion.
- Monday, April 8th - Eclipse Party - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. No registration necessary. Celebrate the eclipse with the Shrewsbury Public Library! We'll have crafts, live stream of the total eclipse, and eclipse viewing glasses to use!
- Thursday, April 11th - Teen Writing Club - 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. Writers and aspiring writers are invited to join this new club for teens. Bring a work in progress or try something new. Over the course of the hour we'll

write, brainstorm, work with prompts, and enjoy snacks. Writers of all skill and experience levels welcome - we're here to have fun! This club will meet on the second Thursday of each month during the school year

- Friday, April 12th - 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 will make dirt cups! Those with food allergies should please exercise caution.
- Wednesday, April 17th - Escape the Haunted Library - [10:00 a.m.](#) and [2:00 p.m.](#) in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Registration required. It's all fun and games in the library... until the screaming starts! Come play our popular Escape Room series! Do you have what it takes to find the clues, solve the puzzles, and escape before you're trapped in the haunted library forever??? Please sign up for ONLY ONE session or waitlist. Each participant must sign up individually. Each session has room for 6 participants - coordinate with your friends! Sessions may be canceled if there are an insufficient number of participants registered.
- Thursday, April 18th - Escape the Haunted Library - [9:00 a.m.](#) and [12:00 p.m.](#) in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Registration required. It's all fun and games in the library... until the screaming starts! Come play our popular Escape Room series! Do you have what it takes to find the clues, solve the puzzles, and escape before you're trapped in the haunted library forever??? Please sign up for ONLY ONE session or waitlist. Each participant must sign up individually. Each session has room for 6 participants - coordinate with your friends! Sessions may be canceled if there are an insufficient number of participants registered.
- Friday, April 19th - Escape the Haunted Library - [10:00 a.m.](#) and [11:30 a.m.](#) in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Registration required. It's all fun and games in the library... until the screaming starts! Come play our popular Escape Room series! Do you have what it takes to find the clues, solve the puzzles, and escape before you're trapped in the haunted library forever??? Please sign up for ONLY ONE session or waitlist. Each participant must sign up individually. Each session has room for 6 participants - coordinate with your friends! Sessions may be canceled if there are an insufficient number of participants registered.
- Friday, April 19th - Taylor Swift Party - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. No registration necessary. Calling all Swifties! Celebrate the release of The Tortured Poets Department with trivia, friendship bracelet making, a craft, a photo booth station, and of course, karaoke.
- Monday, April 22nd - 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!

- Wednesday, April 24th - Locker Chandelier Craft - 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. Does your locker need a refresh? Make a unique locker chandelier that actually lights up!
- Friday, April 26th - Friday Activity - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. You made it through another week of school! Try a fun craft or activity that will change each month. No crafting experience (or talent) necessary, just try it out. This month we'll make paper plate stained glass suncatchers!

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

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

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

## 6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Historical Society Events

### Shrewsbury Historical Society Upcoming Programs

- 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](mailto:shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com).

### **7. 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.

### **8. 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](mailto:bethcasavant@gmail.com) with questions.

### **9. 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](mailto:ggordon@gscwm.org).

### **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!

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## **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](mailto: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! The clinic begins on April 28th.

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

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