



Community Bulletin

September 25th, 2023

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. [Save the Date](#) – SHS Athletic Booster Mattress Fundraiser, October 21st **(New)**

We are excited to present the mattress fundraiser once again. This fundraiser is hosted by the Shrewsbury High School Athletic Boosters Club. All of the funds that are raised will go directly to the Booster Club that supports all athletes in the middle schools and high school. The event will take place on Saturday, October 21st at Shrewsbury High School from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

2. [Please Note](#) – SSMA Music Drive Thank You! **(New)**

Thank you to the entire Shrewsbury community for supporting the SSMA with this year's Music Drive. If you missed us (or we missed you) and would like to purchase tickets to this year's SHS music concert season, or simply make a donation, please visit mySSMA.com.

And our special gratitude to the students, parent drivers, volunteers, and SHS directors whose hard work made this year's event such a success!

3. [Please Note](#) – SAT Prep Course

The SHS Fall SAT Prep Course will be offered once again through Shrewsbury High School. The course will begin the week of October 21st and run through the week of December 4th. Classes will meet remotely on Mondays from 5:30pm to 7:40pm for a total of seven night sessions. Test taking strategies will be emphasized in this class and will focus on the new digital SAT. Class size will be kept small, allowing for a great deal of individual attention. Enrollment is strictly on a first-come first-served basis; the course is open to juniors and seniors. Students will also take two full-length SAT exams, which provides reinforcement for skills taught during the course and test-taking experience. The cost of the program is \$270 for Shrewsbury residents and \$300 for non-Shrewsbury residents. This class will run only if there is sufficient demand. Additional information and registration forms are located at SHS in Mrs. Monopoli's office on the third floor, the School Counseling office, or can be downloaded from the SHS School Counseling webpage (under "College Related Testing" on the SHS website). Please contact Jen Lundsten if you have any questions at jalundsten@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or 508-841-8810.

4. Please Note – Jobs for Students

Do you have a business who is looking to hire this fall? Shrewsbury youth are eager to work! Please complete [this form](#) to provide information about available positions in your company or business. Information will be posted to our highly popular and frequently visited [Jobs for Students site](#), and you will receive an invitation to attend the SHS Job Fair in November (details TBD).

Do you have a high school student looking for an after-school or summer job? We have many local businesses looking for student employees, listed on our new [Jobs for Students site](#)! Every job listing contains a brief job description, instructions for how to apply for the job, and the contact person. It is the student's responsibility to connect with the employer and to apply for the job personally. This list is updated frequently, with the newest jobs listed first. Please note that if your student is under 18, they must [apply for a work permit](#). Instructions for how to apply for a permit are also on the [Jobs for Students page](#).

Questions? Please email kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Thank you for supporting our students!

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 preparing 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 Heidi Doyle at hdoyle@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. If you have any questions, please call Heidi Doyle at (508) 841-8855.

Community Items

1. **Save the Date – Shrewsbury Fire Department Open House, October 14th (New)**

Shrewsbury residents of all ages are invited to the Shrewsbury Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to meet the

firefighters, tour the firehouse, sit in a fire truck, and meet their mascot, Sparky! See the [flier](#) for details.

2. Save the Date – Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Annual Meeting, October 4th (New)

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library are thrilled to invite all who are interested to A Pleasant Pairing: Tea and Chocolate with a Downton Abbey Theme, including Downton trivia and a large Downton display. Please join us on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. as Kim Larkin presents a delicious tea and chocolate pairing. She is a commercially licensed Chocolatier and Creative Arts teacher with 20+ years experience.

This will be a fun, educational talk highlighting the history and many health benefits of tea and dark chocolate (cacao), with insights from the presenter's chocolatier background. She will discuss how to brew a proper cuppa, how tea varieties differ, and the tenets of the Cha/Tea Ceremonies. Included are samplings of tea infusions paired with fine chocolates.

Please also join us for our annual business meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. [Registration](#) is required, as we are limited to 50 attendees. Click [here](#) to see the flier.

3. 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 to promote learning and practicing 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.

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.

Imagine 2200: Climate Fiction for Future Ancestors with Tory Stephens

On September 27th, join the Blue Marble Librarians with [Tory Stephens](#) of Grist Magazine, an independent non-profit media organization focused on the climate crisis, and learn how he created Imagine 2200: Climate Fiction for Future Ancestors. Imagine is a storytelling initiative that calls for fiction writers to envision the next 180 years of equitable climate progress, imagining intersectional worlds of abundance, adaptation, reform, and hope. The initiative also seeks narratives that center solutions from the communities most impacted by the climate crisis, and stories that are rooted in cultural authenticity and rich subcultures that uplift traditions not often seen in mainstream literature. Writers and readers alike will enjoy this climate justice romp. This program will take place virtually on Zoom; please [register](#) to attend.

KM Harikrishnan Author Talk

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. with author KM Harikrishnan for a talk about his 2022 book, The Three Muscat Years. Harikrishnan will discuss why he decided to write this book, the writing process, and describe some anecdotes from the book, then answer questions from the audience.

More about The Three Muscat Years: In this book of adventure, a greenhorn Army doctor chronicles his discovery of a foreign land, newfound love, and new peoples. A series of matchless experiences help him cope with personal loss, understanding of fellow human beings, and self-discovery along the way. How does a young man come face-to-face with deep-rooted traditions and overpowering emotions experienced never before? Read on to find out from this heartwarming, brutally honest account. This program will take place in person at the library; please [register](#) to attend.

SPL September Movie Matinee: No Time To Die

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for our Movie Matinee! A different film will be screened monthly in person at the library on a Saturday at 2:00 p.m. No registration required.

On September 30th, come enjoy a screening of No Time To Die (2021; Rated PG-13): "James Bond [Daniel Craig] has left active service. His peace is short-lived when Felix Leiter, an old friend from the CIA, turns up asking for help, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology."

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

We have some great events for tweens and teens happening in September 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, September 28th - Introduction to Piano - 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. [Registration](#) required. This course is meant to serve as a fun introduction to playing the piano! In this class, the fundamental basics of playing the piano will be explored. These include learning to read basic sheet music notation, and practicing matching such musical notes on a keyboard/piano. This skill will help with learning how to play scales and simple songs! Classes are led by Suhrit G from SHS, an experienced pianist who is eager to share his love of music. Participants must bring their iPad with GarageBand installed.
- Friday, September 29th - 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!

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

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Children

We have some great events for children happening in September at the Library!

- Friday, September 1st through Saturday, September 30th - [Banned Books Reading Challenge](#) - For kids ages 5-12. Reading is empowering! Learn about new perspectives and celebrate the freedom to read with books that have been challenged or banned throughout the years. Log your reading to earn badges throughout the challenge. Read

any book and log it through Beanstack. Each book you log will award you a raffle ticket to enter to win your own copy of a banned book. Register [here](#).

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

6. 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!

Fall Program Guide

Registration for fall programs and winter youth basketball league is open! Sign up online to grab your spot today!

Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Senior Center (98 Maple Ave). Last date is September 20th.

Food Truck Thursdays

Thursdays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Lawn through October 12th

Freshwater Fishing Clinic

Wednesday, September 27th at 5:00 p.m. at Jordan Pond. No fee, but [registration](#) is required.

Movie in the Park

Join us at Dean Park for an outdoor family movie night on Friday, September 29th! Bring your chairs, blankets, and picnic dinners. Movie title TBD, start time is 6:30 pm.

Truck or Treat!

Big Truck Day meets trick or treating. Costumes and candy plus vehicles and equipment to explore sounds like a fun way to spend the day! Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Free and open to the public.

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

7. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Multicultural Festival, November 4th

Immerse yourself in a rich array of cultures at the first-ever Shrewsbury Multicultural Festival! Embrace diversity through an enchanting blend of artistic expressions, melodic rhythms, global flavors, and time-honored customs. This festival's mission is to cultivate harmony, empathy, and

intercultural respect, providing a stage for significant interactions that enhance the tapestry of our local community.

Join us on Saturday, November 4th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School for Shrewsbury's Multicultural Night! We are requesting community members to help host booths related to games and activities, food (licensed restaurants and businesses only), entertainment, performances, and much more! Please complete [this survey](#) no later than September 15th if you are interested in participating.

8. Please Note – Shrewsbury Cultural Council Invites Grant Applications, due October 17th

The Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, invites local artists to apply to our 2024 Grant Cycle. The SCC believes in supporting all varieties of arts in the local community and seeks to enrich the cultural experience and quality of life of Shrewsbury residents. We do this by awarding grants for deserving projects that take place in our schools, cultural organizations, community centers, libraries, elder care facilities, town halls and parks; wherever our community comes together. We strive to support cultural enrichment and creative opportunities that provide diversity and availability to all residents of our town. For the second year, the state has provided the SCC with \$18,700 to distribute. Click [here](#) to apply by October 17th.

9. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Rotary Club Community Recycling Fundraiser, October 15th

Got Junk? Clean out your unwanted, hard-to-recycle items and support the Shrewsbury Rotary Club's Community Recycling Fundraiser being held on Sunday, October 15th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Town Hall. All metals, electronics, power tools, and appliances are accepted. If it has a cord, we'll probably take it! \$40 per car load and low single-item fees. See the [flier](#) for more information or contact Rotary President Beth Casavant at (508) 641-8174 or bethcasavant@gmail.com with any questions. Proceeds benefit service projects of the Shrewsbury Rotary Club. Shrewsbury Rotary thanks our friends at WIN Waste Innovations for their generous sponsorship of this event.

10. Save the Date – SELCO Community Open House, October 6th

SELCO will be holding its first Community Open House on Friday, October 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at SELCO's service area at 30 Municipal Drive. Parking will be available at Paton School. This event will feature tours of the Johnson Substation, Touch-A-Truck, kids activities, giveaways, Boston Trolley Dogs food truck, free popcorn, bounce house and inflatable games,

information on rebates and incentives such as heat pumps, EVs, weatherization, yard equipment, solar, appliances and more, Electric Vehicle displays, SELCO Stream demo and raffle, green screen fun sponsored by Shrewsbury Media Connection, and more! Click [here](#) for the event link and [here](#) for the Facebook link.

11. Save the Date – Annual Reliant Foundation 5K, September 30th

On Saturday, September 30th, the annual Reliant Foundation 5K road race will be held at Shore Park in Worcester. This certified, chip-timed race attracts hundreds of runners, walkers, and spectators to raise funds in support of community grants for youth mental health and substance use prevention and recovery for people of all ages. The race starts at 9:30 a.m. with race-day registration opening at 8:30 a.m. The event features family-friendly entertainment including music by Cumulus Radio 100 FM The Pike, visits by local sports team mascots, kids' activities, refreshments, and raffles.

Early bird registration rates are available until August 31st. Online registration remains open through September 27th. To register, or for more information, visit the [Reliant Foundation website](#). The race features prizes and awards for individuals of all ages and teams. Runners, walkers, and people of all abilities are welcome. Register by September 5th to be guaranteed a complimentary runner's jersey.

Your support makes it possible for Reliant Foundation's Community Grants Program to fund services throughout the region that boost resources and increase access to mental health and behavioral health services for children and youth; build tools for recovery for individuals struggling to break free from substance use disorder; and fund impactful education and initiatives to battle the stigma and raise awareness around these issues.

12. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Trails Committee Full Moon Walk, September 28th

Full Moon Walk

The Full Harvest Moon will provide the backdrop for a Shrewsbury Trails Committee walk in Lake Street Park, 7:30 to 8:30 pm on Thursday, September 28. The moon is near perigee, its closest approach to the earth, and will be accompanied in the night sky by the just-rising Jupiter and higher in the sky, Saturn. Local amateur astronomer Chris Williams is planning to be on hand to give us close up looks through his telescope at these two most spectacular planets. We will walk the meadow trail, which is flat and easy walking. The event is suitable for all but the smallest babies. As the evenings are getting chilly, please dress for conditions. The closest parking is in the lower parking lot next to the soccer fields. The rain date is Friday, September 29.

13. Save the Date – Walk to End Alzheimer’s, September 26th

Join the Shrewsbury Council on Aging in our effort to support the Alzheimer's Association and the fight to end Alzheimer’s! Walk a mile with us on Tuesday, September 26th at 11:00 a.m. - \$10 to join or sponsor - all proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association. Click [here](#) to donate any amount to the Alzheimer's Association via the Council on Aging Walk Team.

Please meet at the Senior Center, 98 Maple Ave, Shrewsbury. Free parking is available around the Town Hall and Senior Center. Walkers will start promptly at 11am, so plan accordingly. The walk will start at the Senior Center, loop to the fields beyond the police station and then finish back at the Senior Center. All abilities, strollers and dogs on leashes are welcome! Registrations and donations will be taken on the day of the event as well. In the event of rain, the walk will be moved indoors. Thank you for your support!

14. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Events

Mountain View Cemetery Historic Tours

Please join us on Saturday, September 30th for tours of the Historic section of Mountain View Cemetery in Shrewsbury. There are 2 time slots to choose from. The first tour begins at 6:30 p.m. and the second begins at 7:45 p.m. This tour is coordinated and presented by First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury in celebration of our 300th anniversary, in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Historical Society. All speakers are from First Congregational Church. A light reception will follow. This event is free and open to the entire community. Registration is necessary so that we can plan ahead for the reception. The tour will consist of seven gravestones in the historic corner of the cemetery. Tour guides and speakers will be dressed in period attire. Your way will be lit by luminaries and lanterns. Tours last approximately one hour. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun, education, and fellowship. Plan to meet in the Church parking lot to begin your tour. Please use [this Sign-up Genius link](#) to register. Rain date is Saturday, October 14th.

“Churches of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts: Past and Present, 1723-2023” by Bill Whitehead on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church. This presentation contains many interesting facts about the churches of Shrewsbury past and present. Mr. Whitehead is a member of the First Congregational Church. Free and open to the public; refreshments provided.

15. Please Note – Community Fridge and Food Locker

Shrewsbury's Community Fridge and Food Locker need food items! The donation site is located next to the Senior Center on Shrewsbury’s municipal campus on Maple Avenue. The fridge provides free food to community members in need. Please consider donating products including

fresh produce, eggs, bread, dairy, and frozen food, as well as meals and goods from certified kitchens.

Please do not donate raw meat and seafood, homemade food or leftovers, rotting or wilted food, unsealed food or hygiene supplies, expired items, alcohol or medication, severely dented cans, ungraded eggs and clothing and housewares.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Basketball Association Winter Travel Team Tryouts

Fair play and good sportsmanship are the Shrewsbury Basketball Association's trademarks. Our goal is to prepare boys and girls in grades 4th through 8th for high school play by teaching each player the fundamental and technical skills of team basketball in a highly competitive environment. For those that have played organized basketball, you will find travel ball a rewarding experience as they build upon their existing skill sets and truly take their games to the next level. The program is open to all Shrewsbury residents who possess a general understanding of the game and are interested in competitive, structured basketball against other towns' select teams.

Tryouts for the 2023-2024 winter travel team will take place on September 30th and October 1st from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Shrewsbury High School gym. Please [click here](#) to register for tryouts and [click here](#) for more information about the travel team.
