



News and Updates

Summer 2015

Greetings!

As we end the 2014-2015 school year, we wanted to update you on important happenings in our schools. We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Road Scholars Race a Huge Success!



On April 12th, we held our 8th annual Road Scholars 5k Road Race and 1 mile Fun Run. We had a beautiful day and a record-breaking 450 runners attended. We made \$8600 for the Colonial Fund, thanks to all of our runners and the generosity of our local sponsors: [Dunkin Donuts](#), [Lakeway Business District Association](#) (who also provided our new banner to

hang across Maple Ave), [Avidia Bank](#), [Law Offices of Joseph J. Cariglia, P.C.](#), Darryl Henry Arborist and Landscape Contractor, [Price Chopper](#), [National Facility Service](#), [Collins and Demac Real Estate](#) and [Greendale Physical Therapy](#). Please take a moment to check out all of our race day photos on our website, <http://www.shrewsburyroadscholars.org/>. You might recognize a few people!

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!



On May 28th, Shrewsbury High School graduated one of the most accomplished classes they have ever had. During their 12 years in Shrewsbury Public Schools, these students saw many programs and teachers eliminated and budgets slashed, but thanks to the dedication of the administration and staff, these students persevered and became a resilient group of young men and women. Here is just a small portion of their accomplishments:

- The highest percentage of students on the honor roll (compared to the other 3 grades) every single year of their 4 years of high school.
- The highest percentage of students taking AP exams in Shrewsbury history with 57% having taken at least one AP course just this past year.
- The highest percentage of students inducted into National Honor Society - 29%
- An accumulated total of 16,070 hours of community service over the past four years
- Over 1/2 of this year's seniors played at least one varsity sport
- As sophomores, this class had the highest percentage of students on varsity teams. That is, this class had more students on varsity teams than juniors and seniors.

For more information about this class, see our LinkedIn page at [Shrewsbury Public Schools Colonial Fund](#).

Our Accomplishments This Year

Looking back on this 2014-2015 school year, we have accomplished and learned a lot!



-We raised \$1850 through our various "Dine and Donate"

programs

- We raised \$500 through our "Shop Local" event



- We collected \$7000 in donations from parents and community members.

- We supported a successful Digital Classroom iPad Pilot Program in select 4th grade elementary schools around the district, providing 1 iPad for every 2 students to use in school, under the direction of their teachers. Students and teachers alike complemented their curriculum with access to online videos and pictures, sharing comments on each other's stories, collaborating on projects and engaging in new ways to learn. This pilot gave us valuable insight as to how we could provide iPads to all 4th grade learners in the future.

What's Next?



We have exciting things planned for the 2015-2016 year! Our focus will be on

"Innovation and Inspiration" in our schools. We will host a speaker series with local business or educational leaders who will discuss innovation projects in their communities. We would also like to promote "Innovation and Inspiration" in our schools, through an "Innovation Challenge" to our middle school and high school students and faculty. In addition, we hope to make stronger connections within our own local businesses and community through a broader outreach of communication and more sharing of the interesting and fun things our students are doing.

Look for postings on our Twitter

Account [#SPSInnovates](#) and our LinkedIn group "[Shrewsbury Public Schools Colonial Fund](#)", as well as our Facebook page

[SPSColonialFund](#) and website,

shrewsburyps.wix.com/colonialfund. We look

forward to an invigorating year ahead!

Thank you for your support of the Shrewsbury Public Schools Colonial Fund. Only with your help can we make innovation happen.

Sincerely,

Michelle Biscotti and Kathleen Keohane
Coordinators of Development and Volunteer
Activities
Shrewsbury Public Schools

If you believe in Innovation and Inspiration in our schools, then donate today!

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