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Packed House For *Most Likely To Succeed*

We had a packed house on March 16 for the screening of [*Most Likely To Succeed*](#).

Over 400 people came to the Shrewsbury High School auditorium to view the film and join in a discussion afterwards with panelists [Justin Reich](#), Executive Director of the PK12 Initiative at MIT, [Dan Kara](#), Research Director for Robotics at ABI Research in Boston, Heather Gablaski, SMS Assistant Principal and member of the district's Innovation in Learning study group, and Alex Murphy, SHS Class of 2013/WPI 2017.

Mary Beth Banios, Assistant Superintendent, moderated the discussion through her own direct questions to the panelists and questions from the audience.

The documentary presented a school that is heavily focused on project-based learning, and it opened the audience's eyes to the potential for how aspects of this approach might distinguish our students and better prepare them for their future. Increasing project-based learning opportunities for Shrewsbury students is part of our current strategic plan, and Shrewsbury's faculty and administration are very excited to investigate ways in which this approach might be further enhanced in the future, as we

begin the early stages of a transition to the next five-year strategic plan for our district.

To view Dr. Sawyer's opening comments and the full discussion following the movie, please click [here](#).

Will Richardson - April 5 at 6:00 PM at Shrewsbury High School



"What constitutes an education now that we can learn deeply in informal spaces outside the school walls? What are the new roles of teachers when content knowledge is everywhere? And how do we best prepare our students for the modern learning worlds in which they will live and work?"

--Will Richardson, noted author, international speaker and strong advocate for change in America's classrooms

The last 10 years have seen an explosion of devices and connections that are changing the landscape of education and learning. We now carry massive storehouses of information and knowledge as well as billions of potential teachers in our pockets and backpacks. As a result, a new world of connected, networked, self-directed learning and creating is upon us, with huge implications for schools.

At 6:00pm on April 5th at Shrewsbury High School, Mr. Richardson will tackle these topics as he explores the important and complex changes and shifts that come with 24/7 access to the Web. You are invited to be part of this important discussion, as we continue to look at what our schools need to do to ensure that we are best preparing our students for a changing world.

To find out more about Will Richardson, visit www.willrichardson.com.

We'd Still Like Your Feedback

If you attended the March 16 screening of *Most Likely To Succeed*, please be sure to complete our survey and give us your thoughts on the ideas presented in the film. We were able to hear from only a handful of people in our audience but we would like to hear from more of you! Your feedback is what makes the evening truly valuable. Click on the link below to get to the short survey.

<https://goo.gl/uZLDri>

Help Us

Please help us to continue providing programs like the movie and panel discussion and the Will Richardson keynote. Donate to the Colonial Fund today.

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Next Fundraiser: 9th Annual Road Scholars Race

Our 9th Annual Road Scholars 5k Race and 1 Mile Fun Run to benefit the Colonial Fund is scheduled for April 10th, 12:00 noon. We hope to see 400+ runners!

Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5k Race & 1 Mile Fun Run

APRIL 10, 2016

Oak Middle School
45 Oak Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

New this year:

- Chip times for all 5k runners
- 1 mile fun run will complete before the 5k starts
- Kids yoga during the 5k to keep kids busy
- Gift certificates from Marathon Sports for top male/female winners, per age group
- Vendors providing stretching, training, massages, etc.
- A family fun day

Register at www.shrewsburyroadscholars.org and save \$5 off race-day registration fee.

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