



School Looks A little Different This Year

Do you remember any of your first days of school in Shrewsbury? We bet they were nothing like what our 6,200+ students are experiencing this year.



District leaders and staff worked tirelessly over the summer to offer families a choice of two learning models. Students could stay at home and learn all on line or follow a hybrid model, with two days in school and three at home. Regardless of the choice, students headed back to class on September 15, on line or in person, eager to get the school year started.

Though masks, staying 6 feet apart and other COVID related requirements make this an extremely challenging time, the picture above shows the joy teachers feel as they are finally able to welcome students back to class, virtually or in person. **Click on the photo above to view the "We're In This Together" video that Shrewsbury High School teachers and staff put together - you might recognize some of your favorites!**



Our Commitment to Equity

In his opening day remarks to staff, Superintendent Dr. Joe Sawyer reaffirmed the district's commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion in our school community. Dr. Sawyer outlined the district's initial steps to advance equity and anti-racism, saying, "we must continue to reflect on how we collectively, and each of us individually, can ensure that all of our students feel unconditionally accepted for who they are and that their diversity is seen and respected."

Well before events unfolded across the nation last spring, Shrewsbury Public Schools initiated an equity audit of itself in order to advance the district's strategic priority to "(provide a) learning environment where everyone's success matters." This audit was conducted by the Assabet Valley Collaborative,

an outside education service agency serving 15 member school districts, including Shrewsbury. Starting in January, the audit team gathered information from interviews with school families, principals and staff. The full report with findings and recommendations was submitted to the School Committee on June 22 and can be read [here](#).

If you have an opinion or experience to share from your time as a student in Shrewsbury Public Schools that could help the district further this important work around equity, diversity and inclusion, we encourage you to contact us. Please email equity@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. While both urgent and important, this work will also be undertaken with great care, thoughtfulness, and deliberation. Your input is welcome.

Student Entrepreneurs Help Us Raise Over \$110,000 For Our Schools

The ingenuity of our students is amazing!

On June 9th, when our schools were facing a staggering multi-million-dollar deficit, we asked for help to fund the greatest needs in our district. An incredible 496 people answered our plea and donated \$110,138 to help our schools.



Included in those 496 people were several Shrewsbury Public Schools students who ran yard sales, established a home business to sell sweet treats, [Shrewsbury Smart Cookies](#), and sold their beautiful [hand made jewelry](#)

All of these students demonstrated an incredible entrepreneurial spirit and a can do attitude that we see nurtured and supported in our schools and in our community every day. We are so very grateful and humbled by their support. We can't wait to see what this next generation of Shrewsbury alums will do!

All money raised by the students and our community went to the Shrewsbury Public Schools Colonial Fund. Please visit the [Colonial Fund website](#) for a full list of donors and to learn more about how the Colonial Fund supports our schools each year.



A Lot To Be Proud Of

As a Shrewsbury alum, we believe you have a lot to be proud of. You are the product of a school district that continues to grow, develop and improve each and every year. But do you know much about Shrewsbury Public Schools today? Do you know about the strategic goals that guide our district or the honors and academic achievements of our students? Do you know that we are building a new elementary school? Can you guess where this new school will be located in town?

You will find all of this information and more in the latest [Shrewsbury Public](#)

[School Annual Report](#). You will also hear from fellow alums like Marsha Smith (2006), Brittany Altomare (2009), Miriam George (2014) and Astitva "Steve" Asthana (2020).

If you would like to be included in a future annual report or have a classmate you'd like to see included, please contact us at alumni@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Our alumni, like our students, are doing great things and we'd love to hear about it.

Calling All Alumni

Our new alumni network is growing, but we are still missing many alumni. Please share these links with your own SHS classmates and ask them to join you in connecting "back home":



Alumni Network: <https://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/alumni>
LinkedIn Group: [Shrewsbury Public Schools Community Group](#)

Thank you for re-connecting with Shrewsbury Public Schools!



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