



Community Bulletin

October 18th, 2021

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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Dear Families,

The Shrewsbury Food Service Department is asking for your patience and support as we navigate new challenges. As you may be aware, we are currently faced with unprecedented shortages of food and packaging materials, massive delays or cancellations of deliveries, and department labor shortages. Nationwide shortages and delays have affected availability of certain food items, leading to substitutions of menu items we've been able to offer regularly in the past. These supply issues are occurring throughout the country and are especially challenging for school systems due to the quantity of meals we serve and the nutrition standards we follow.

All of this means that we may need to make quick substitutions to our menus based upon what we are able to acquire. We know that this affects students, and we are doing our best to provide updates about menu changes when possible as soon as we identify an issue.

Please know that our number one priority continues to be providing healthy, nutritious, and appetizing meals for your children. We love seeing them every day and appreciate your support and patience as we continue to offer meals at no charge for all students. The good news is that free breakfast and lunch will continue throughout the school year, so please stick with us while we face yet another challenge. Your participation helps our program stay strong, and we look forward to serving you!

Warmly,
Beth Nichols
Food Service Director

2. Please Note – Destination Imagination (New)

Welcome to the "in-person" season of Destination Imagination at Shrewsbury Public Schools! Student/team registration is now open for the 2021-2022 season. More Information about the program can be found on our [website](#). Click [here](#) to view the DI parent information session recording.

The cost is \$75 per student (\$50 for students whose parents help manage or appraise the team). Please note that this fee is in addition to the school activity fee, which is \$50 for

Sherwood Middle School, \$75 for Oak Middle School, and \$100 for Shrewsbury High School. This fee is only required once and covers all activities for the year. We do not want the fee to be a barrier to participation; if your child wants to participate but you are in financial need, please contact Central Office Administrative Assistant Blake Stewart at bstewart@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us (all inquiries will be confidential).

3. Save the Date – SHS Robotics Farmers Market & Holiday Craft Fair, November 20th (New)

The SHS Robotics Apple Pie Fundraiser is back and so is the Winter Farmers Market and Holiday Craft Fair! This event will be held inside Oak Middle School gym (masks required) on Saturday, November 20th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Save the date and apply to be a vendor for locally-made foods and handmade crafts and services. Spaces are limited, so don't wait. Proceeds from the \$30 vendor fees will be donated to SHS Robotics Club. For more information, see the [flyer](#), contact Missy at 01545farmermarket@gmail.com, or fill out the [vendor application](#).

4. Please Note – SAT Prep Course, Classes Begin November 1st

The Shrewsbury High School Fall SAT Prep Course will be offered once again through Shrewsbury High School. Classes will begin on Monday, November 1st and run through Monday, December 6th. Classes will meet remotely on Mondays from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a total of six night sessions. Test-taking strategies will be emphasized in this class. 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 \$220 for Shrewsbury residents and \$250 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 Williams if you have any questions at jawilliams@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or (508) 841-8810.

5. Save the Date – SHS Athletic Boosters Bowling for Boosters, October 24th

The SHS Athletic Boosters' 12th Annual Bowling for Boosters has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bowlero Bowling, Route 9 West, Shrewsbury. Teams of 4-6 players each are wanted! Adults 21+ only.

The evening will feature a Halloween-themed event, including unlimited bowling, pizza, soda, raffle prizes, cash bar, and awards ceremony for best score, worst score, and best-dressed team in costume! Please see the [flyer](#) or visit the [website](#) for more information and to register. Thank you for your support!

6. [Save the Date](#) – SEPAC Textile Recycling Fundraising Drive, October 23rd

Shrewsbury SEPAC will be holding a textile recycling fundraising drive on Saturday, October 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sherwood Middle School (side entrance). Please click [here](#) to see the flyer.

We will collect the following items:

- Clothes: tops, pants, jeans, shorts, ties/scarves, gowns, suits, sweaters, sweats, vests, tee-shirts, pj's, socks, tights, belts
- Outerwear: coats, jackets, ski pants, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, rain-gear, bathing suits
- Other: Uniforms, costumes/dress-up clothes, towels/washcloths, shower curtains, drapes/curtains, sheets/pillowcases, tablecloths, cloth napkins, pot holders, blankets, comforter/duvet covers, shoes/boots/flip flops/slippers, pocketbooks/backpacks/duffle bags

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1. [Please Note](#) – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Fall Offerings

Fall Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for some of our fall programs. New programs will be added throughout October/November based on space availability. Pre-registration is required for all Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Youth Basketball League - We are still accepting limited registrations for leagues: Boys 3rd & 4th, Girls 3rd & 4th, Boys 5th & 6th, Girls 5th & 6th, Boys 7th & 8th, Girls 7th-9th, and NEW this year Boys 9th-12th league. Games are played at the Oak & Sherwood Middle Schools on Saturdays with one weeknight assigned for a team practice. Cost is \$135.

Tiny Tykes Basketball Program - Thursday evenings starting December 2nd for 1st and 2nd graders at Sherwood Middle School Gym. Cost is \$88.

Men's Pickup Basketball - Wednesdays starting November 3rd at Oak Middle School Gym.
Cost is \$30.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball - Intermediate on Mondays, Advanced on Tuesdays, and Recreational on Thursdays. Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

Visit our new website! shrewsburyma.myrec.com Old accounts do not work in the new system. Please build a new household and we can approve it for you.

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

We have some great SPOOOOOKY (and non-spooky) events for tweens and teens happening in October at the Library!

- Monday, October 18th - Teen Advisory meeting - 8:00 p.m in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Friday, October 22nd - Teen Take & Make: Spooky Terrarium - all day in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary - grab a kit to take home.
- Monday, October 25th - Spooky Storytime in the Cemetery - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Wednesday, October 27th - Dr Frankenstein's Toy Lab - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Saturday, October 30th - ASL Signing Rocks! - 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. All ages. Register [here](#).
- Fridays - Each Friday after school we'll have a different game or activity! Drop in for guessing games, puzzles, board games and more.

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

3. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Public Library Author Discussion, November 16th (New)

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America

In this virtual discussion on Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m., acclaimed author Richard Rothstein will explain how residential segregation was created in the mid-twentieth century by racially explicit and unconstitutional government policies that openly subsidized whites-only suburbanization in which African Americans were prohibited from participating. His lecture will educate attendees on the history of these policies so they can be prepared to undertake the national conversation necessary to remedy the unconstitutional racial landscape. Click [here](#) to see the flyer. Register to attend [here](#).

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, the Shrewsbury Rotary Club, A Better Shrewsbury, The Needham Diversity Initiative, the Needham Rotary Club, the Grafton Public Library, the Hopkinton Public Library, the Westborough Public Library, and the Southborough Public Library.

4. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Public Library Battleground Film Screening, November 9th

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, November 9th for a virtual screening of the documentary film Battleground, followed by a live Q&A with the film's creators.

The film explores the state of American democracy as seen through the eyes of two opposing grassroots political leaders. Tom Carroll is a Trump delegate and a Tea Party Chairman. Greg Edwards is a Black pastor and a progressive leader supported by Bernie Sanders. When their paths collide, we realize that they have much more in common than meets the eye. They come together to provide a framework for us to begin to heal our divide in America.

Battleground is an antidote to the media echo chamber effect, which is marked by passion, but is often devoid of understanding. Register to attend [here](#). Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library.

5. [Please Note](#) – Cards for Veterans [\(New\)](#)

Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation is [collecting homemade cards for Veterans](#). Cards can be colorful and full of joy, but please no glitter or paint. Please drop off your card(s) by November 5th to the Town Hall DPW Office or drop them in the mail box in front of town hall, attn: Parks & Recreation. Cards will be distributed for Veterans Day to local veterans.

6. [Save the Date](#) – Troop 4 Annual Pumpkin Carving Event, October 28th [\(New\)](#)

If you would like to learn about Troop 4 Boy Scouts and all of the exciting activities, events, and adventures that we have to offer, please join us for our Annual Pumpkin Carving Event on Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Ray Stone Post. This is a free event. Pumpkins, carving tools, and treats will be provided! Please see the [flyer](#) and RSVP to recruiting@troop4shrewsbury.org.

7. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Historical Society Presentation, October 27th

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents “Doctor Edward Austin Flynt: Physician of the American Revolutionary War” by Donald Pottle on Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. This virtual program will also be available as a taped rebroadcast on Shrewsbury Channels 28 and 328 and available on demand online at www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org. For any questions, please email shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com.

About the Program: Doctor Edward Flint served as a physician in the Continental Army under General Artemas Ward, who was second in command to General George Washington. Edward Flint (1733-1818) apprenticed to Dr. Simon Tufts in the “Art of Physics and Chirurgery” in Grafton, Massachusetts. Most notably, Dr. Flint periodically treated sick and wounded soldiers during the American Revolutionary War from 1775 to 1783. “Dr. Flynt” variously demonstrates 18th century tooth extraction, blood-letting, leeching, cranial trepanning, leg amputation, musket ball removal, cataract couching, snake bite treatment, pain management, pharmacological preparations, smallpox vaccination, and several other medical practices of the period.

About the Presenter: Donald Pottle is a fifty-year veteran of education from Shrewsbury High School and Schepens Eye Research Institute (Boston, MA). He portrays, in the first person, “Dr. Edward Austin Flynt,” a generic physician of the American Revolutionary War. To date, Don, as Dr. Edward Austin Flynt, has presented his first-person generic 18th century colonial medicine re-enactments to more than fifty audiences, including Historical and Medical Societies throughout Worcester County.

8. [Save the Date](#) – Fall Town Clean Up Day, October 23rd

The Fall Town Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 23rd. [Volunteers](#) are needed to help pick up litter and the town will dispose of it. Gather your friends, community group, or neighbors and join in. Help keep Shrewsbury beautiful. Sponsored by Keep Shrewsbury Beautiful, a program organized by Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation.

9. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Public Library Community Read Kickoff, October 20th

Join us virtually on Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. for the kickoff for our five-month community read of *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life*. The book was named one of NPR’s best books of the year and longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. Author Eric Klinenberg will deliver an address via Zoom on the book’s main topic: the importance of shared community spaces.

Community members can register for the event [here](#) and registered attendees can pick up a free copy of the book at the Library. This event is partially funded by an LSTA grant for Civic

Hub from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and by the Shrewsbury Public Library Foundation. Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

10. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Girl Scouts Informational Meeting, October 20th

Do you want to learn more about Girl Scouts? On Wednesday, October 20th, the Shrewsbury Girl Scouts will have an informational meeting at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Children are welcome and a craft will be provided. Troops will be welcoming new girls and new troops will be forming. If you have questions or are unable to attend, please email Diana.Karas@gmail.com. Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

11. Save the Date – Autumn Full Moon Walk, October 19th (New)

A brilliant Hunter's full moon and crisp autumn air--perfect! Join the Shrewsbury Trails Committee on Tuesday, October 19th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a leisurely walk at Shrewsbury's Lake Street Park under the open sky to enjoy our nearest neighbor and other astronomical sights. The Park entrance is next to that of SAC on Lake Street. We will meet in the lower parking lot next to the athletic field. This walk is suitable for all ages, but dress for the expected temperature and possible mud on the trail. Rain date is Wednesday, October 20th.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Central Mass Revolution “Bruins Academy Learn to Play Hockey”

Central Mass Revolution is pleased to once again partner with the Boston Bruins offering the Bruins Academy Learn to Play Hockey. Registration is filling up quickly! Receive over \$500 worth of hockey equipment and 4 on-ice sessions. Registration, dates, cost, and more can be found at www.revshockey.com. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information. Visit us on [Facebook](#), too!

2. Please Note – St. Mary's Parish Boys Basketball Registration, Closes October 24th

St. Mary's Parish Boys Basketball is now accepting registrations for the upcoming 2021-2022 season (click [here](#) for the form). The team is open to boys in grades 5 through 8 with two divisions (5th & 6th grades and 7th & 8th grades). It is first-come first-served, so be sure to get it in soon.

The cost is \$175 which covers gym time for both practices and games as well as a jersey with the player's name on it. Practices will be on Friday nights at either Oak or Sherwood and games on Saturday or Sunday.

It is a no-cut league, but we do have an evaluation process to make sure we build teams evenly. We are targeting evaluations in early November and for games to begin on November 27th and run through February.

We are looking for coaches and new board members, so if anyone is interested in either option, please be sure to check it off on the registration or contact us. The deadline to register is October 31st. Contact stmarysbball01545@gmail.com for additional information or check us out on [Facebook](#).
