



# Community Bulletin

November 8th, 2021

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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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The Shrewsbury Public Schools is in search of educators who are invested in the achievement, equity, and access of all learners in and beyond the classroom. We are hiring Day-to-Day Substitute Teachers at all grade levels. We hire many of our regular paraprofessional positions and long-term substitute teachers from our day-to-day substitutes. This is a great entry position to be considered for full-time employment. The day-to-day substitute teaching rate is \$100/day. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

### **2. Please Note – 2021-2022 Tiered Focused Monitoring**

During the week of December 6, 2021, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of the Shrewsbury Public Schools. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students. Please [click here](#) to see the press release with more information.

### **3. Save the Date – SHS Robotics Farmers Market & Holiday Craft Fair, November 20th**

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 - click [here](#) to fill out the vendor application. Proceeds from the \$30 vendor fees will be donated to SHS Robotics Club. We also need volunteers to help vendors set up - click [here](#) to sign up and earn community service volunteer hours for clubs or scouts. For more information, see the [flyer](#) or contact Missy at [01545farmermarket@gmail.com](mailto:01545farmermarket@gmail.com).

### **4. Save the Date – SHS Presents “The Scarlet Letter,” November 12th & 13th (New)**

Shrewsbury High School Performing Arts Department presents *The Scarlet Letter*. We are extremely excited to perform live again! In this new and theatrical retelling of the classic tale by

Nathaniel Hawthorne, Hester Prynne is forced to wear a scarlet letter on her chest as punishment for committing adultery in Puritan New England. Throughout time, *The Scarlet Letter* has endured as a way to examine societal expressions of shame, guilt, and ultimately, redemption.

Performances are Friday, November 12th and Saturday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Masks must be worn throughout the entire performance and this production will be performed without an intermission. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may only be purchased at the door on the night of the show. For more information, please contact [theatre@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:theatre@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

## **5. Please Note – Search for Shrewsbury Public Schools Alumni**

The Shrewsbury Public Schools would like to reconnect with all of the alumni currently living in Shrewsbury. If this is you, please complete this very [short survey](#) and tell us a little more about yourself.

Over the past few years, we have been actively engaging with the alumni we have already reconnected with. During the early days of the pandemic, we invited our high school students into discussions with SHS alumni who volunteered to meet and speak with students for an hour about their chosen career and life choices. During the 2020-21 school year, we again had alumni to “return to the classroom” to speak to elementary students on a specific subject suggested by the teacher.

Your experiences as a student in SPS will help us enhance the educational, career, and life experiences of the next generation. Even if you can’t volunteer right now, or you went to Shrewsbury schools for only part of your school career, please still reconnect. THANK YOU for helping our students!

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## **Community Items**

### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Offerings & New Indoor Pickleball!**

Fall Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for some of our fall programs. New programs will be added throughout November/December 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.

Recreational Pickleball - Thursdays starting November 4th from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. at Beal School. Cost is \$40 (for residents) for 5 nights.

Intermediate Pickleball - Mondays starting November 8th from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. at Beal School. Cost is \$48 (for residents) for 6 nights.

Dining Etiquette "Prep for the Holidays" - Grades 2nd-7th on Saturday, December 4th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$60.

Visit our new website! [shrewsburyma.myrec.com](http://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 November Events for Tweens & Teens (New)**

We have some great events for tweens and teens happening in November at the Library!

- Wednesday, November 10th - Crafty: Sock Monkeys, Part 1 - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Friday, November 12th - Self Improvement Club - 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. Register [here](#).
- Monday, November 15th - Teen Advisory Meeting - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Wednesday, November 17th - Crafty: Sock Monkeys, Part 2 - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12.
- Friday, November 19th - Teen Take & Make: Fall Mini Wreaths - All day in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary - grab a kit to take home.
- Friday, November 19th - Self Improvement Club - 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. Register [here](#).
- Friday, November 26th - Self Improvement Club - 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. 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. Please Note – Shrewsbury Affordable Housing Lottery (New)**

SEB Housing is currently working with Edgemere Crossing at Flint Pond, DHCD, and the Town of Shrewsbury to provide affordable housing rental units. Please see the [flyer](#) for housing information and important dates. For lottery information and applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to [www.sebhousing.com](http://www.sebhousing.com) or call (617) 782-6900x1 and leave a message or postal mail to SEB Housing, 257 Hillside Ave, Needham MA 02494.

### **4. Save the Date – Yuletide Market & Light the Common, December 4th (New)**

The Shrewsbury Town Center Association announces the 2021 Yuletide Market and Light the Common, Saturday, December 4th on the Town Common and Chiampa Funeral Home on Church Road. You are invited AND it will be magical!

Events are presented respectively by Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union and Robert “Chief Joseph” Terkanian, and Major Sponsors SELCO and David Chiampa.

The Lights will begin at 4:45 p.m. and the Market will open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Food, beverages and festive treats will be sold, including the Shrewsbury Fire Department’s delicious “Fire House Chili.” There will be shopping, music, AND entertainment! Admission is free but no pets are allowed.

Parking will be available at Town Hall with free shuttles running from the Senior Center to the Town Common from 4:15 to 8:45 p.m. For more information, please visit the [website](#) or see the [flyer](#).

### **5. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Public Library Events**

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America. November 16th

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.

#### Intermittent Fasting for Beginners at the Shrewsbury Public Library, November 16th

On Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Donald Peltó will introduce the topic of intermittent fasting, a popular weight control technique seen frequently in the media. He will explain why it works, what the health benefits are, who should and should not attempt this type of fasting, and how it works for weight loss and helping to control diabetes. Dr. Peltó will share examples from his patients who have had success with intermittent fasting, as well as typical fasting schedules and tips to make it easier. This is an in-person event at the Shrewsbury Public Library; please register [here](#).

#### "Battleground" Documentary Virtual Film Screening and Live Q&A, 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.

#### **6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Bear Hunt**

Join the Council on Aging's #ShrewsburyBearHunt in November! Find all ten signs around Shrewsbury by November 30th and be entered to win a prize. Seniors, kids, Shrewsbury residents or not, everyone is encouraged to participate!

Prizes Levels:

Level One: Shrewsbury Senior (60+)  
Level Two: Shrewsbury Resident (59 and Under)  
Level Three: Non-Shrewsbury Resident (Any Age)

Signs will be up at 10 locations around town starting on November 1st. Tell the Senior Center what bear you found at each location and be entered to win a prize. Prize drawing will be on December 8th.

Use the QR code on each sign to enter! Every sign has a unique QR code that links to an online form to send us your name and contact info. Each form also has some fun bonus content related to its bear! Let us know what signs you found on social media using #ShrewsburyBearHunt. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **7. Save the Date – Turkey Trot for the Memory, November 25th**

GET READY! Lace up your sneakers for the 10th running of the Turkey Trot for the Memory! Preparations are underway and we couldn't be more excited to be back!

On Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 a.m., we will once again gather on the Shrewsbury Town Common to support all those who've been touched by Alzheimer's disease and to raise funds for the MA/NH chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. You are welcome to race, trot, or walk the 2-mile or 5-mile courses. Please [register](#) and join us!

Masks will be required during indoor registration and bib pickup at the First Congregational Church, but no masks will be required outdoors. We are following all public health protocols related to COVID-19.

## **8. Save the Date – SFCU Shred Day, November 20th (New)**

The Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union will be hosting a free community shred day for households on Saturday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will take place in the parking lot of the credit union located at 489 Boston Turnpike. We ask that you bring canned and/or dry goods for a donation that we will make to the Worcester County Food Bank during Thanksgiving week.

## **9. Please Note – Extra Halloween Candy Collection**

The Shrewsbury Girl Scouts will be collecting extra Halloween candy from November 1st through 16th at Papa's Hardware. The candy will be donated to veterans and healthcare workers. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Minton at [troop11087@gmail.com](mailto:troop11087@gmail.com).

## **10. Save the Date – Bottle & Can Drive, November 13th**

Cub Scout Pack 114 and Boy Scout Troop 114 are excited to bring the bottle and can drive back to Shrewsbury! On Saturday, November 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., you can bring your redeemable glass bottles, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans to Shrewsbury Town Hall where Scouts and adult volunteers will be happy to collect them. Proceeds from the drive will help fund the Pack's and Troop's Scouting activities for the year. We appreciate receiving beer bottles in any original packaging you have. Thank you for your support!

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## **Youth Athletics and Activities**

### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring 2022 Season**

The goal of SYS is to create and foster a positive and fun-filled environment for players, coaches, officials and parents. The program strives to maintain the highest standard of skill and sportsmanship, developing and training players, coaches, and referees for all levels of competition and offering a program that encourages and supports the participation of all abilities. The season is scheduled to start in April and run through to early June. Registration is open to all age groups from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Click [here](#) to register.

### **2. Please Note – Central Mass Revolution Hockey (New)**

Looking to get your kiddo out on the ice for hockey? If so, visit [www.RevsHockey.com](http://www.RevsHockey.com) for registration for our "Learn to Play Hockey House League" with Central Mass Revolution (Shrewsbury youth hockey and Starhawks youth hockey). See our [flyer](#) for all of the details. Go REVS!

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