



Community Bulletin

January 18th, 2022

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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Shrewsbury Public Schools is partnering with Panorama, an education and technology company to survey SPS families. You can read all about it [here](#) or watch a [brief video](#) to learn more. Please check your email for survey links. The survey is anonymous - and very useful to our future planning. Please fill out one survey for every SPS student in your household. Please note that this survey is for SPS families only.

2. [Please Note](#) – 2022-2023 Preschool Lottery Application Now Open

The 2022-2023 Shrewsbury Public Schools Preschool Lottery Application is now open for all students who will be at least 3 years old by August 31st, 2022. Please [click here](#) to complete the lottery application. The application closes at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26th. For more information, please visit our [registration webpage](#).

3. [Please Note](#) – Shrewsbury Education Foundation Seeking Nominations for John P. Collins Awards for Excellence

The Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is now accepting nominations for this year's John P. Collins Awards for Excellence. These awards honor the exemplary efforts of those dedicated individuals whose work brings to life the mission of the Shrewsbury Public Schools. The award is named for former Superintendent, John P. Collins, PhD, who served for 16 years in Shrewsbury (1978-1994) and exemplified the highest standards of professionalism and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Multiple awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Professional Educator
- Paraprofessional
- Support Staff
- Leadership
- Unsung Hero (Volunteers, PTO, boosters, supporters, fans, helpers)

Anyone who currently works or volunteers in the Shrewsbury Public Schools can be nominated. This includes any staff member or volunteer who you or your child either works with now or has worked with in the past. Just about everyone who's been touched by the Shrewsbury Public Schools at any level can nominate someone. All the nominees receive a copy of the nomination letter and a note of appreciation from SEF.

It's easy to nominate [online](#). Nominations will be accepted until Monday, February 7th and awards will be presented during the week of February 14th. Traditionally, these awards are presented at the annual SEF Dinner. However, due to COVID restrictions, there will be no annual dinner this year.

Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is an all-volunteer organization that raises money to fund grants which put resources and programs directly into the classroom. For more information about the Shrewsbury Education Foundation, please visit www.SEFgrants.org.

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Education Foundation Seeking New Members

The Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is seeking new members to join their mission in supporting the students and educators of our Shrewsbury Public Schools. SEF works to stimulate, strengthen, and support the creation and implementation of innovative educational programs and enrichment activities that benefit students of the Shrewsbury Public Schools.

Through its all-volunteer effort supported by charitable contributions, SEF fills a vital gap for Shrewsbury students. SEF grants allow dedicated educators to create new learning vehicles that cannot be supported otherwise. SEF grants encourage creative approaches to educating the whole child--further meeting their intellectual, psychosocial, and health needs. Shrewsbury Education Foundation receives grant requests from educators within the Shrewsbury Public Schools district for materials allowing them to go beyond the basic necessities of teaching and improving the education process for their students.

SEF meets once per month to discuss community outreach, plan fundraising initiatives, and coordinate events that fund future grant opportunities. If you are interested in joining the Shrewsbury Education Foundation team, please contact Kim Olsen (kimberlyolsen42@gmail.com) or James Dealy (Jamesdealy@hotmail.com) to inquire about joining our team and visit www.SEFgrants.org for more information on Shrewsbury Education Foundation.

5. Save the Date – SEPAC Event, January 26th (New)

SEPAC presents “An Introduction to Gender Diversity and Pronouns” with Alex Brandell on Wednesday, January 26th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. This free presentation will discuss

gender foundations, concepts, and terminology. Alex will also discuss issues facing trans people and how to get comfortable using someone's new name and pronoun. There will be time at the end of the presentation for Q&A. Registration is required - please register by January 25th by emailing shrewsbury.sepac@gmail.com. Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

6. Save the Date – Class of 2022 Fundraiser, January 22nd (New)

Help support Shrewsbury High School's class of 2022 by eating at Mooyah in Northborough on Saturday, January 22nd. 20% of proceeds will go to the class of 2022. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

7. Please Note – SAT Prep Course (New)

The Shrewsbury High School Spring SAT Prep Course will be offered once again through Shrewsbury High School. The course will begin the week of February 7th and run through the week of March 28th. Participants may choose between Monday and Thursday night classes. Classes will meet remotely from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a total of seven 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](#). Please contact Jen Williams if you have any questions at jawilliams@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or (508) 841-8810.

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1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Offerings

Winter Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for some of the Winter programs. New programs will be added throughout January based on space availability. Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Teen Yoga - Grades 6th-10th on Mondays starting January 24th from 5:45 to 6:35 p.m. at Core Connection Fitness Studio. Cost is \$80.

Teen Dining Etiquette Workshop "Valentine's Day" - Grades 8-12th on Saturday, February 12th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$65.

Teen Interview Prep Workshop - Grades 8-12th on Saturday, March 31st from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at Sherwood Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$65.

Children's Conversation Skills Workshop - Grades 2nd-7th on Saturday, January 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sherwood Middle School Cafe. Cost is \$45.

Restaurant Ready Workshop - Grades 2nd-7th on Thursday, February 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sherwood Middle School Cafe. Cost is \$45.

Home Safety - Ages 9 and up, Saturday, January 22nd from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafe. Cost is \$37.

Babysitting Course - Grades 6th-8th on Thursdays, January 20th & 27th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafe. Cost is \$57.

Adult Rhythm & Ride Spin Classes - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball - Recreational spots open on Thursdays. Visit our website for fees, times, dates and schedules.

Adult Pickleball - Mondays or Thursdays from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Visit our website for fees, 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 Events

From Slavery to Civil Rights

On Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, the Shrewsbury Public Library presents musician/educator Roger Tincknell's virtual one-hour program exploring African-American history through music. The concert will begin with African drumming and a welcoming song in Swahili, then continue chronologically with slave songs, spirituals, work songs, and blues, concluding with songs from the 1960s Civil Rights movement. Examples of some uniquely African-American musical styles such as R&B, Motown, and jazz will be included. The audience will be invited to sing, move, dance, and play percussion instruments. A Q & A period will follow

the program. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Please register to attend [here](#).

To see the Shrewsbury Public Library January 2022 adult events flyer, please [click here](#).

3. Please Note – 2022 Rotary Club Scholarships

In 2022, the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury will be awarding three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to attend college in the fall of 2022. Any high school senior who lives in Shrewsbury or attends high school in Shrewsbury is eligible to receive a Rotary scholarship. These scholarships are paid directly to the student recipient upon her or his certification of matriculation at college and may be used for any educational expense that the recipient chooses (examples: tuition, room and board, books, travel to and from school).

Applicants should be aware that the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury is an affiliated club of Rotary International, a world-wide service organization. In keeping with Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self," an applicant's record of involvement in service organizations and projects is given very high consideration in the awarding of the scholarships. Academic achievement and need are also considered. Seniors can access the scholarship application on Schoology in the "Class of 2022" group.

4. Please Note – Volunteers Needed for Shrewsbury Senior Center

The Shrewsbury Senior Center is looking for volunteers for the Meals on Wheels Program run by Elder Services where hot meals are delivered to seniors' homes by trusted Shrewsbury volunteers. Volunteers are especially needed on Tuesdays. Anyone who is interested should reach out to Beth Murray, (508) 841-8757, at the Senior Center. Please note that you will need to provide a driver's license and a CORI application will need to be filled out.

5. Please Note – SELCO & NESN Scholarship

Shrewsbury Class of 2022 seniors attending public or private high school are encouraged to apply for one of three \$1,000 scholarships offered by SELCO and New England Sports Network (NESN). Applications are due by March 10th. These scholarships are awarded based on community involvement, good citizenship, volunteer work inside and outside of school, a recommendation from an advisor or guidance counselor, financial need, and a statement of personal goals and aspirations. Visit SELCO.ShrewsburyMA.gov/selcoscholarship for details and to download an application.

6. Please Note – New Winter Coats for Veterans, Military Personnel, & Family Members

Rep. Hannah Kane has partnered with the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation (MMSF) and St. Anne's Human Services to distribute brand new winter coats to veterans and military personnel at St. Anne's Food Pantry on Friday, January 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The coats are provided at no cost through MMSF's Coats4Vets program. Please register to pick up a coat on the [MMSF website](#).

7. Please Note – SYFS Parent Support Group (New)

SYFS is now offering a new session of our 6-week support group for parents who have children who are struggling with depression, anxiety, or other mental health challenges. Parents are often focused almost entirely on the needs of their children, sometimes to the point that they ignore their own needs and feelings. This group is a chance to address your needs. We will cover topics including the importance of parental self-care and parental social support, parental feelings of guilt, grief, and shame, as well as accessing and navigating the treatment system. This group will be co-led by two master's level clinicians and will be free of charge.

The six week session will start on Wednesday, February 2nd and all sessions will be held from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. For questions and registration, please email jgildea@syfs-ma.org. Please note that we will not be able to accept new group members after the second session.

8. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Meeting, January 26th (New)

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents "Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary War Murder Conspiracy" by Andrew Noone on Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. as a virtual program and taped rebroadcast (Shrewsbury Channels 28 and 328 and available on demand online at www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org). Download the Shrewsbury Media Connection app from the App Store and watch Shrewsbury Historical Society programs live, as well as those recently recorded.

What possessed a woman from the elite of eighteenth-century New England society to conspire with American and British soldiers to murder her husband at the midpoint of the American Revolution? Join Andrew Noone as he discusses this tragic tale, documented in his recently published book. Author Andrew Noone brings to life this murder and scandal that shook New England for decades. Mr. Noone is a docent for Preservation Worcester and was previously a member of the Worcester Historical Commission. He holds graduate degrees from Syracuse University, and is currently a music teacher for the Worcester Public Schools. Interestingly, his home borders Green Hill Park, final resting place of Bathsheba Spooner.

9. Please Note – Shrewsbury Historical Society Scholarships (New)

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is pleased to announce two scholarships for high school seniors who attend school in Shrewsbury and reside in Shrewsbury.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society Stephen Porter Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior in memory of Stephen Porter, a longtime member who was involved in the historic restoration of the District #5 Schoolhouse on the corner of Old Mill Road and West Main Street. This scholarship award is \$500.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society Jean McDonald Graham Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior in memory of Jean Graham, a longtime member dedicated to educating students about local history. This scholarship award is also \$500.

Students who are currently seniors in high school in Shrewsbury, reside here, and anticipate being accepted into a four-year college this spring are invited to apply for the scholarships. Applications and additional requirements can be found online at www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.org. Completed applications and support materials are due Thursday, March 31st.

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

Looking to get your kiddo out on the ice for hockey? If so, visit 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!

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Spring 2022 Registration Open

Registration for the 2022 Spring lacrosse season is now open for Shrewsbury boys in 1st through 8th grades. As always, Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse (SYL) encourages players of any ability to join us for an exciting new season of lacrosse. See [flyer](#) for more information and go to our [website](#) to find out more about our organization, the game, and how to register to play with us this spring.

Questions? Email us at shrewsburylax@gmail.com or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Come join us for the fastest game on two feet!

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Baseball

Registration is now open for the Spring 2022 Shrewsbury Little League baseball season! Join the tradition and sign up now! Players 5-years-old to 12-years-old can register [here](#). Team assignments for all divisions will be sent out in the spring. Registered ball players in AAA (9- and 10-year-olds) and Majors (11- and 12-year-olds) will be invited to an indoor player evaluation this February - please be on the lookout for more information.

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Softball

Register now for the Spring 2022 Shrewsbury Little League softball season! Join the tradition of learning the game of softball in a competitive and fun program. Players preschool through high school age can register [here](#). No prior playing experience is necessary. The season runs from April–June and team assignments will be sent out in the spring. Players will be invited to an indoor evaluation on January 29th at The Bancroft School. The Pitching Clinic registration is also now open.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Girls Lacrosse

Registration is now open for Shrewsbury Girls Lacrosse 2022 Spring Season. Sign-ups are through our [website](#).

- Open to grade divisions 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8
- Practices will be on Mondays & Wednesdays; games are on Sundays during the season.
- Practices and home games will be held at Oak Middle School
- Indoor practices will start early March
- Registration fee includes town field fees

- All players must have a game uniform to play. If you need to purchase a uniform, please click on the 'uniform' link under 'Register Now'

Our league is growing fast, and we are always looking for volunteers and people to help with coaching; US Lacrosse approved training will be provided.

About Shrewsbury Girls Lacrosse: Our goal is to promote girls' youth lacrosse in an environment that emphasizes fun, while developing skills, teamwork, good sportsmanship, and integrity. Along with committed volunteer coaches, we continually accomplish our goal. We operate under the principles, rules, and regulations enunciated by [U.S. Lacrosse](#) and are governed by the [Founders Girls Lacrosse League \(FGLL\)](#).
