



Community Bulletin

October 17th, 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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1. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Education Foundation Trivia Night, November 5th (New)

The Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is excited to announce the in-person return of its annual Trivia Night. The SEF Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Borgatti Bar at Whole Foods in Shrewsbury. This event will be hosted by Hank Stolz of Radio Worcester. The cost to participate is \$20 per person with a team maximum of 4 people. All proceeds benefit the Shrewsbury Education Foundation, an all-volunteer organization that raises money to fund grants which put resources and programs directly into classrooms.

[Click here](#) to register your team today. For more information on SEF Trivia Night and to learn more about the Shrewsbury Education Foundation, visit SEFgrants.org.

2. Save the Date – SEPAC General Meeting, October 18th (New)

Please join the Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) for our next General Meeting on Tuesday, October 18th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. SEPAC membership is free and open to all parents and guardians of students receiving special education services as well as interested Shrewsbury residents. This meeting will have a minimal agenda, with the bulk of the time dedicated to sharing stories and feedback, asking questions and supporting one another. Agenda and Zoom link will be sent to the SEPAC mailing list and posted in the Shrewsbury SEPAC Facebook group, but please also feel free to request them by emailing shrewsbury.sepac@gmail.com.

3. Save the Date – SEPAC Textile Collection Fundraiser, October 29th (New)

Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will be holding a textile recycling fundraising drive in collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sherwood Middle School. Funds raised will be used to provide workshops, speakers, social events and more for parents and guardians of students receiving special education services. We will collect bags of textiles including clothing, outerwear, pocketbooks/backpacks, table linens, towels, bedding and more. Please contact us at shrewsbury.sepac@gmail.com with any questions or if you'd like to schedule a pick-up.

4. Please Note – Destination Imagination Registration Open (New)

Welcome to a new season of Destination Imagination at Shrewsbury Public Schools! Registration is open now. We will have an informational meeting in person and virtual on Zoom

on Thursday, October 20th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Sherwood Middle School cafeteria. To sign up for the meeting, please [visit our website](#) and click on the "[Shrewsbury Destination Imagination Learn More](#)" Google form. Sign-up is mandatory to attend the virtual meeting. If you come in person, no sign-up is required.

[Zoom meeting link](#)

Meeting ID: 963 108 8361

Passcode: 011099

We will be answering questions at the end of the meeting. Registration for students and teams will be open during the meeting. Parents are advised to bring a phone or other device to complete the registration.

The cost is \$100 per student (\$75 for students whose parents help manage or appraise the team). Checks can be dropped off on the day of the meeting or at another time. 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).

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1. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union Paper Shredding Event, October 22nd (New)

The Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union will be holding a paper shredding event on Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will also be holding a food drive with all proceeds going to St. Anne's Human Services Food Pantry. All items must be non-perishable. Those participating in the food drive will be entered to win two excellent tickets to see Aladdin at the Hanover Theater in November.

2. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Trails Committee Nature Walk, November 4th (New)

The Shrewsbury Trails Committee invites you to enjoy a nature walk with local Mass Audubon Naturalist Martha Gach on Friday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of a moon-lit evening at Prospect Park. Please dress for weather conditions. The walk is considered to be handicapped-accessible and will be suitable for all but the smallest children. Additional parking is available at the Montessori School. This program has been made possible by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council; they have our sincerest thanks. For more information, call (508) 523-1621. If the weather is uncooperative, the walk will be canceled.

3. Please Note – India Society of Worcester Fall Offerings (New)

The India Society of Worcester has many fall academic offerings:

3D Printing - ISW is offering workshops for students in grades 1 and up and up to learn all about 3D printing. Adults and beginners are welcome as well. Attendees need their own laptop. Parents are welcome to stay. The workshop will take place on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m., no ISW membership required. Financial help is available if needed.

ISW Innovation Product Development - These hands-on sessions will result in students submitting to two challenges for prize money. They are open to students in grades 5 and up. The classes will be held in-person on Thursdays from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

ISW Tutoring Classes - These classes are offered by high school volunteers. Subjects include math, English, Spanish, French, speech, lego & chess, and many more. The tutor and tutee will meet online once a week, one-on-one (no group classes). [Click here](#) for more information.

ISW Language Classes - These classes are in session and enrollment is still open. Please reach out for more information.

Just a reminder, ISW's free [Health Stop](#) has been providing health care since 2005 and is held on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 152 Main Street, Shrewsbury. Services are provided to anyone regardless of their financial, immigration, or insurance status. Email schoollead@iswonline.org for more information about any of these offerings.

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events (New)

Author Talk: Cheryl Melody Baskin

On Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m., award-winning author Cheryl Melody Baskin will present two of her award-winning motivational self-help books, *Peace Dreamer: A Journey of Hope in Bad Times and Good* and its sister book, *Heart-Dreamer: Stepping into Life, Love, Creativity and Dreams - No Matter What*.

[Cheryl Melody Baskin](#) is an award-winning author of four books. In addition to being an author, she is a singer, recording artist, composer, performing artist, intuitive life coach, peace educator, motivational speaker, and music educator for young children. In her presentation, Melody (her preferred first name) shares her specific reasons for authoring each book, reads meaningful sections, shares samples of poetry and songs woven within each book, and warmly invites your interactive participation. This event will take place in person at the Shrewsbury Public Library; please register to attend [here](#).

Feasting from the New England Seaside

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with chef Liz Barbour of [The Creative Feast](#) on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. for this recipe workshop. The beautiful shorelines of New England offer an amazing variety of fresh seafood. During class, Liz will share her tips on buying, storing, and preparing seafood at home and demonstrate two recipes that you and your family will love. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This event will take place virtually on Zoom; please [register to attend](#).

Halloween Harvest

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with Davis Bates on Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. for this wonderful way to celebrate the harvest season, Halloween, and New England regional culture. The program will include stories and songs designed to entertain, educate, and create a feeling of community, while encouraging a connection to and an awareness of the seasons and folk traditions of a variety of cultures from the region and around the world. The audience will sing harvest songs and ghost songs and hear true-life ghost stories and tales about other spirits and shape-shifters. The seasonal sing-alongs are often accompanied by spoons, limberjack, and other percussion instruments. Funded in part by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This event will take place in person at the library; please [register to attend](#).

Goodbye OverDrive . . . Hello Libby!

Do you currently use OverDrive to access ebooks and audiobooks? Are you worried about making the switch to Libby? Bring your device and join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a class in our Learning Lab to get help with the transition! This program is intended for current OverDrive users. Registration is required; please visit [our events calendar](#). Dates include:
Thursday, October 20th, at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 10th at 5:30 p.m.
Monday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

50+ Job Seekers Virtual Networking Group

The Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (October 5th & 19th), from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. If you are unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, or re-entering the job market after a gap, this networking group program is perfect for you! Remember, 85% of jobs are found through networking!

Each meeting features a new topic and includes activities such as presentations, hands-on workshops, guest speakers, access to hiring managers, small group breakout rooms to network, and 1-on-1 coaching guidance. Find the list of topics and registration [here](#). The October meetings will focus on LinkedIn. This group is sponsored by a partnership between the public libraries in Andover, Billerica, Chelmsford, Danvers, North Andover, Shrewsbury, Tewksbury, Westford, and Wilmington.

Get Started with Libby

Want access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more, anytime and anywhere? You can with Libby! Bring your device and join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a class in our Learning Lab to get set up and familiar with the Libby app! The class will be held on Wednesdays, November 2nd and December 7th at 6:00 p.m. This program is intended for first-time Libby users. If you currently use OverDrive, check out our other program, "Goodbye OverDrive... Hello Libby!" Registration is required; please visit our [events calendar](#).

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Fall Programs (New)

Fall Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for fall programs listed below. Additional programs will be added throughout October/November. Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Kids Test Kitchen! - For kids ages 7 and up. Each virtual class presents students with an opportunity to explore new or familiar foods in their raw, unmanipulated state. Then, with adult supervision and occasional assistance (as needed), we'll work together virtually to slice, dice, peel, measure, and cook until we have each prepared the finished dish. This virtual experience gives students the unique opportunity to immediately share their work with family! Six Tuesdays starting November 4th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$82.

Home Safety - Ages 9 and up on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$37.

Babysitting Course - For grades 6-8 on Thursdays, December 1st and December 8th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafe. Cost is \$57.

Preschool/Tots Activities - Now accepting registration for Bitty Basketball, All Sports, Baseball, and Lil Dragons Karate.

Visit our website! shrewsburyma.myrec.com Create a new account if you have not done so within the past year.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Basketball Programs (New)

Currently accepting registration for all of the basketball programs! [Shrewsbury Parks & Rec Program Registration](#)

Youth Basketball League - Registration is open for leagues by grade: boys 3rd & 4th, girls 3rd & 4th, boys 5th & 6th, girls 5th & 6th, boys 7th & 8th, girls 7th-9th, and boy's 9th-12th. Games are

played at Oak and Sherwood Middle Schools on Saturdays with one weeknight assigned for a team practice. Cost is \$150 (limited space at this time). Coaches are needed to help expand the league.

Tiny Tykes Basketball - Registration is open for Thursday night classes for 1st and 2nd graders starting December 15th at Sherwood Middle School. Cost is \$84.

7. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Children

Trick-or-Treat Storywalk - Saturday, October 29th, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Join the Children's Librarians at Lake Street Park (430 Lake Street) for Halloween fun! Come in costume, read the story along the path, and trick-or-treat for candy! While supplies last.

Wake Up with Wimpy - Tuesday, October 25th, 6:00 to 7:30 a.m.

It's time to Wake Up with Wimpy! Celebrate the release of the latest Diary of a Wimpy Kid book, Diper Overlöde, with fun and games at the Library. Each attendee will also receive a copy of Diper Overlöde to take home. This event is open to kids in grades 3-7. This event consists of a series of identical 15-minute sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 a.m. This is a very popular program, so this year the registration will be done through a lottery system. [Click here](#) to enter your family into the raffle starting at 9:00 a.m. on October 11th. Winners will be notified of their time slot on Wednesday, October 19th. This program has been graciously sponsored by the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union.

Alchemy and Storytelling: A Chat With Author George Jreije - Monday, October 24th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Come and chat with George Jreije, the author of *Shad Hadid and the Alchemists of Alexandria*, one of the most anticipated releases of the fall. George will dive into alchemy, his new novel, and how kids can apply the lessons of alchemy to tell exciting stories. There will also be a book signing for those interested. [Registration](#) is preferred, but drop-ins may be allowed to participate if space allows. Geared towards 3rd-7th graders.

Birds! Birds! Birds! - Saturday, October 22nd, 2 p.m.

Come meet a variety of birds and learn all about their adaptations! [Registration](#) is required. For children in Grades K-5th.

Fun Lab! - Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Geared towards kids in grades 2-5, this weekly themed program will range from painting, to building with Legos, to making popcorn, and more! Check out our [e-calendar](#) for details and to register.

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

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

- Monday, [October 17th](#) - Read the Rainbow Book Group - 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 7-12. Registration required. Who should join this book group? Anyone in grades 7-12 who wants to increase their awareness and understanding of LGBTQ+ issues! Copies of A Queer History of the United States for Young People can be collected from the Main Desk. Snacks will be provided!
- Monday, [October 17th](#) - Teen Advisory Meeting - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. Registration required. Join us to meet some new people, eat snacks, and help us make our Teen Room (and library) THE BEST! Earn volunteer hours for attending and participating.
- Wednesday, [October 19th](#) - LED Paper Circuits - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Registration required. Combine STEM skills with a fun craft - we're making LED paper circuits! Master the simple, series, and parallel circuit and then let your imagination be your guide.
- Friday, October 21st - Friday Afternoon Videogames - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. We'll have some of the most popular multiplayer games for the Nintendo Switch, like Super Smash Bros, Mario Party, and Overcooked. Show up ready to play or just watch your friends!
- Monday, [October 24th](#) - Scary Stories in the Cemetery - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery. Grades 5-12. Registration required. Time for scary stories! We'll meet behind the First Congregational Church and walk amongst the graves, then settle in for some chilling tales in the dark. We'll bring cider and cookies, you bring a blanket to sit on.
- Friday, October 28th - Friday Crafternoon - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. You made it through another week of school! Try a fun craft or activity that will change each month. No crafting experience (or talent) necessary, just try it out! This month's craft will be a glowing Spooky Terrarium.

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

9. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Historical Society Presentation, October 26th

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents "Trailblazers by Timing-Activists by Choice" by Lynne McKenney Lydick on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Historical Society (17 Church Road). This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Join Lynne McKenney Lydick as she takes us back to the days before 1920 and the passage of the 19th Amendment. The fight for the right to vote started decades before, with women fighting on all fronts for their equality. Based on excerpts from letters, speeches and newspaper articles

of the day, we hear some of the women in their own words as they worked tirelessly to earn the vote and other rights for women. Actor Lynne McKenney Lydick has performed with the Worcester Women's History Project and at schools, libraries and historical societies throughout the community. She was the recipient of the YWCA's Katharine F. Erskine Award for Arts and Culture.

10. Save the Date – Boy Scout Troop 4 Annual Pumpkin Carving Event, October 27th

Come join us for the Troop 4 Annual Pumpkin Carving Event on Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Ray Stone Post (2 School Street). This event is open to any boys 5th grade and older who are interested in learning more about Troop 4 and Boy Scouts. Parents are required to stay; siblings are welcome.

This is a free event. Pumpkins, carving tools, and treats will be provided. Come find out why our scouting program can benefit your son and learn about all the exciting activities we participate in! For more information about Troop 4, please visit our [website](#). Please RSVP to our membership chairs Andrea and Wendy at recruiting@troop4shrewsbury.org.

11. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth & Family Services Groups

Enrollment is now open for our NEW 6-week Social Emotional Learning group for children in third and fourth grade, as well as fifth and sixth grade! This will also be an opportunity to engage with peers and foster new friendships. These groups are facilitated by a Master's level clinician and a Master's level intern.

Social emotional learning has been shown to increase academic success, positive social behavior, and confidence, as well as decrease emotional distress. These groups are designed to support children in identifying, understanding, and managing emotional experiences, developing skills to establish and maintain positive relationships, and learning and practicing skills to communicate successfully with others. Developing these skills now will better prepare adolescents to navigate school, friendships, family, and other road bumps life may throw at them!

Social Emotional Learning Group for Grades 3rd and 4th

The six week session begins on Tuesday, November 1st and all sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For questions and registration, email ARobinson@syfs-ma.org. Please note that we will not be able to accept new group members after the second session.

Social Emotional Learning Group for Grades 5th and 6th

The six session group begins on Thursday, November 3rd and all sessions will be held on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For questions and registration, email ARobinson@syfs-ma.org. Please note: we will not be able to accept new group members after the second session.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Take Charge Hoops One Day Fall Basketball Clinic (New)

The Shrewsbury High School boys varsity basketball coaches Adrian Machado and Gerry Nowosacki will be sponsoring one Saturday morning basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-12. The focus will be on individual skills to be incorporated within the game/scrimmage process. The daily routine will consist of warm up techniques and conditioning, drill stations for skill development, and group instruction and demonstrations for individual and team strategies.

Where: Shrewsbury High School Field House

When: Saturday, November 12th

Time: Sign-in at 8:30 a.m. and program from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$75 (\$10 discount for siblings)

Please [click here](#) for the complete flier and application. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Nowosacki at (508) 842-6014 or gym21rat@aol.com.
