



Community Bulletin

October 31st, 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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Students in grades K-12 have exhibitions at Shrewsbury Credit Union, Shrewsbury Town Hall, and the Worcester Center for Crafts through the month of November. Please [click here](#) for more information about when and where to see the exhibitions!

2. [Save the Date](#) – SEPAC Speaker Event, November 2nd [\(New\)](#)

The Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), in collaboration with the Northborough/Southborough and Nashoba SEPACs, is pleased to host a virtual speaker event, "Those Kids: Learning Outside the Lines," presented by award-winning writer and activist Jonathan Mooney. This event will take place on Wednesday, November 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and features Jonathan's personal, humorous and research-based talk on being "one of those kids" who couldn't sit still in school and did not learn to read until he was twelve years old. Learn how he beat the odds and graduated from Brown University with an Honors degree in English Literature. All are welcome; [registration](#) is required.

3. [Save the Date](#) – SEPAC Workshop, November 9th [\(New\)](#)

Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will welcome the Federation for Children with Special Needs for a virtual workshop, "Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP," on Wednesday, November 9th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This presentation will delve into the Individualized Education Program (IEP) document, its development, the breakdown of each section, and understanding how the document supports students. All are welcome; [registration](#) is required.

4. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury High School Fall Play, *Gossamer*, November 4th & 5th

The Shrewsbury High School Performing Arts Department is excited to present *Gossamer*. Where do dreams come from? What stealthy nighttime messengers are the guardians of our most deeply hidden hopes and our half-forgotten fears? Drawing on her rich imagination, two-time Newbery winner Lois Lowry confronts these questions and explores the conflicts

between the gentle bits and pieces of the past that come to life in dreams, and the darker horrors that find their form in nightmares. This haunting story tiptoes between reality and the imagination. We follow two people - a lonely woman and an angry boy - facing their own pasts. On their journey, they discover what they can be to one another, renewed by the strength that comes from tiny, caring creatures they will never see.

Gossamer runs on November 4th and 5th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door only for \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. For more information or questions, please contact theatre@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

5. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Education Foundation Trivia Night, November 5th

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.

Community Items

1. [Please Note](#) - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee for the Town of Shrewsbury (New)

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee was established by the Select Board August 23, 2022 alongside their issuance of a commitment statement to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. The Board is seeking one (1) high school-aged Shrewsbury resident junior or senior student to serve on the committee for a one year term set to expire June 30, 2023. The Committee shall be comprised of an intentionally diverse group of seven (7) members appointed by the Select Board.

The mission of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee (DEIBC) is to support and foster an inclusive and equitable community that enhances belonging for all residents. The committee will act in an advisory capacity to the Select Board and Town Manager and provide feedback to local governing bodies, boards, and committees on related topics.

The Charge and Duties of the Shrewsbury Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee are as follows:

- Facilitate discussions, forums, and events for town residents on topics of interest.
- Organize community events, programs, and activities that promote and celebrate diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.
- Recommend strategies to improve access to local resources, programs, and opportunities.
- Foster civic engagement with the goal of increasing diverse participation in Town Boards, Committees, and Town Meeting.
- The committee shall make reports to the Select Board of its activities semi-annually.

Interested applicants must be residents of the Town and are asked to submit a letter of interest and resume to the Office of the Select Board, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 or by email to selectboard@shrewsburyma.gov no later than **November 8, 2022 at 4:30pm**. Please contact the Office of the Town Manager at 508-841-8508 with any questions.

2. Please Note - Shrewsbury High School Students are Seeking Employment! Do you have jobs to offer? (New)

Are you a local business looking for seasonal or part-time help? Students are looking for jobs! On November 17th, 2-3pm, Shrewsbury High School will be hosting a Job Fair for students. If you, or someone you know, has a business looking for student employees, please complete this [form](#). If you cannot attend the Job Fair on November 17th but you need employees, please complete this [form](#) so we can post your job description and information to our Job Board site. Thank you for supporting our students.

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Fall Programs

Fall Online Registration- Currently accepting registration for Fall programs listed below. Additional programs to 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. The virtual experience gives students the unique opportunity to immediately share their work with family! 6 Tuesdays starting 11/4 from 5:30-6:30pm Cost is \$82

Home Safety- Ages 9 and up, Saturday 12/3 from 9:30-Noon at Oak MS Cafe. Cost is \$37

Babysitting Course- for grades 6-8th on Thursdays 12/1 & 12/8 from 4-6:30pm at Oak MS Cafe. Cost is \$57

Teen Yoga- Grades 6-12th on Monday starting 11/14 from 5:45-6:35pm at Core Connection Fitness Studio. Cost is \$80

Preschool/Tots Activities- now accepting registration for 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.

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Basketball Programs

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.

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

Human Library® event

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a Human Library® event on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The mission of the Human Library® is to create a platform for inclusive and appreciative conversation, presenting community members (Readers) with opportunities to talk to real people (Books) who represent groups in society that face prejudice, stigma, discrimination, or taboo. View "[Human Library Explained in a Minute](#)" on Youtube.

SPL's Books include identities such as Multiple Sclerosis/Chronic Pain, Sikh Couple, Nun who became a Doctor, Algerian Muslim Immigrant, Immigrant Navigating Challenges of Autism, Alzheimer's Patient Caregiver, Child of Deaf Adults (CODA), and Wheelchair User, SCI. This event will take place in person at the library and will be drop in (no registration required). Readers are welcome to stop by anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to "check out" a Book (speak one-on-one) for half an hour.

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 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! 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. The November meetings focus on interviewing:

November 2: Interview Preparations & Strategy

November 16: Interview Practice

Find the full list of topics and registration [here](#). This group is sponsored by a partnership between the public libraries in Andover, Billerica, Chelmsford, Danvers, North Andover, Shrewsbury, Tewksbury, Westford, and Wilmington.

Tech Tuesday: Microsoft Word

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the library's Learning Lab for Tech Tuesdays! Once a month from November through April, we will cover the fundamentals of a technology topic. At the November 8th class, we will be discussing Microsoft Word Basics. Attendees will learn how to open new and existing documents; copy and paste text; format font, paragraphs, and margins; as well as save and print documents. Laptops will be provided. Space is limited, so [registration](#) is required.

Upstander Project Short Films Screening

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library with Learning Director, Mishy Lesser, on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. for a virtual screening and discussion of three short films from [Upstander Project](#). Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This event will take place virtually on Zoom; please [register](#) to attend.

Dear Georgina follows the journey of Georgina Sappier-Richardson, who was removed from her home and Passamaquoddy community by child protection services and never saw her parents again. Bounty reveals the story of scalp-bounties used to exterminate Native people in order to take the land and demonstrates the continued resistance and survival of the Penobscot people. First Light documents the historic actions of the Maine Wabanaki Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) as it seeks healing and hope for Native Americans affected by the state's abuse of power through the child welfare system.

SPL Distinguished Lecture: Stephen Puleo

In this Distinguished Lecture sponsored by the SPL Foundation, author, historian, teacher, and public speaker Stephen Puleo will be discussing his most recent book: *Voyage of Mercy: The*

USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission.

"Puleo has found a new way to tell the story [of the Irish famine] with this well-researched and splendidly written chronicle...Mr. Puleo's tale, despite the hardship to come, surely is a tribute to the better angels of America's nature, and in that sense, it couldn't be more timely" (Wall Street Journal).

This will be a hybrid event hosted in person at the library and virtually on Zoom as well as livestreamed on Facebook and recorded by Shrewsbury Media Connection. Mr. Puleo's books will be available for sale in person for cash or credit card payment. [Registration](#) is required for in-person attendance and Zoom.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Tweens & Teens (New)

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

- Tuesdays, November 1st-22nd - Make a Sock Monkey - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. [Registration](#) required. Make a classic stuffed toy: the sock monkey! Fun to keep or give as a gift. In this four-part series, we'll cover basic sewing skills such as threading needles, the running stitch, and the whip stitch, then use those skills to make a unique new friend. Socks will be provided.
- Friday, November 4th - Friday Afternoon Movie - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. Celebrate the end of the week by relaxing with a movie and snacks!
- Saturday, November 5th - Black Panther Movie Viewing - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. No registration necessary. Get ready for Black Panther: Wakanda Forever by watching the still-awesome original Black Panther!
- Monday, November 7th - Marvel Trivia Night - 6:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. [Registration](#) required. Do you know every twist and turn of the Marvel universe? Can you list all the Infinity Stones, all of Captain America's nicknames, and all the Spiders of the Spider-verse? Or are you still confused about the difference between Namor and Aquaman? Either way, join us for Marvel Trivia - there will be free pizza! Play as an individual or make a team.
- Friday, October 18th - Friday Afternoon Videogames - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. School is over - work off a little steam with videogames! 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, November 21st - 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.

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

7. Save the Date – Turkey Trot for the Memory, November 24th

Preparations are underway for the 11th running of the Turkey Trot for the Memory and we can't wait to see you! On Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 a.m., we will gather with friends and family on the Shrewsbury Town Common to show support for those who've been impacted by Alzheimer's disease and to raise funds to support patient care, caregiver support, and research. Please join us for the 2-mile or 5-mile race, fun run, or walk.

We are grateful to our presenting sponsor, Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union, and to the First Congregational Church for generously welcoming us back year after year despite the fact that we've grown exponentially! This event would not be possible without the Church, our sponsors, volunteers, and you!

Registration is live - [click here](#) to sign up early and get a t-shirt. See you at the starting line on Thanksgiving morning!

8. Save the Date – SYFS Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, November 5th

Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services will be teaching a Mental Health First Aid class for interested members of our local communities. The class will teach you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18. The class will be held on Saturday, November 5th at the SAC building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The class is free of charge and breakfast and lunch will be provided courtesy of Celebrate Zoe's Life Fund and Andrea Castinetti Realty. Space is limited, so please register now by emailing arogers@townisp.com. [Click here](#) for more details.

9. Save the Date – Scout Bottle and Can Drive, November 5th

On Saturday, November 5th, Scout Troops 114 and 7114 along with Cub Scout Pack 114 will be hosting a bottle and can drive at Shrewsbury Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Scouts will be happy to accept your redeemable bottles and cans. Proceeds from the drive will go towards supporting their scouting activities throughout the year.

10. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Trails Committee Nature Walk, November 4th

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.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring Season (New)

Registration is now open for the Spring season for all Shrewsbury Youth Soccer age groups (pre-kindergarten through grade 12). Our season is scheduled to start in early April 2023 and will run to the end of the school year. [Click here](#) to register.

If you did not register in fall 2022, we have migrated our registration system to Sports Connect. Some important points for registration:

- If you do not currently have a Sports Connect account, you will have to create one and add each of the players you would like to register for the spring.
- You do not have to upload a birth certificate.
- If you are ordering a travel uniform, please be sure to select the corresponding fee buttons under “Additional Registration Information.”
- The Fan Wear Clothing Store that Sports Connect forces you into at the end of the registration process, much like an amusement park where you are dropped into the souvenir shop at the end of the ride, does not offer the travel uniforms; they have to be selected at the top of the registration form.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Registration (New)

Registration is now open for the spring 2023 season for all Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse age groups (girls and boys in grades 1-8). The girls' and boys' lacrosse programs recently combined, so you can easily register your athletes in one easy location. [Click here](#) to register! We migrated our registration system to a new platform. Some important points for registration:

- If you do not currently have a Demosphere account, you will have to create one and add each of the players you would like to register for the fall.

- You do not have to upload a birth certificate.
- Uniform ordering will come in a few weeks. We appreciate your patience as we manage the growing pains of switching platforms and combining programs.

Please reach out to Alison Smith alison.smith@shrewsburylacrosse.org if you have questions!

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse “Learn to Play” Clinic

Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse is hosting a Learn to Play clinic for athletes new to the sport and interested in picking up a stick and learning the basics. The clinic is for boys and girls in grades 1-8. We will also have current SYL parents and board members on hand to do a Q&A session after the event. Sticks and balls will be provided!

Where: SAC Park - 438 Lake Street

When: Sunday, November 6th

Time: 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.

Cost: FREE!

Please register at www.shrewsburylacrosse.com. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Smith at alisonwhitneysmith@gmail.com.

4. Please Note – Worcester Volleyball Club

Worcester Volleyball Club is collaborating with Open Sky Community Services to offer 8-week volleyball programs starting in November. No experience is required to participate! Kids receive an introduction to volleyball, learn from trained coaches, develop skills, and build a passion for the game. Our inclusive club brings kids and young adults (up to age 24) with and without disabilities together providing enriching experiences for all. Our programs provide our community with the opportunity to increase physical activity, create new friendships, develop new skills, increase independence, and experience success. Please see the [flier](#) for more information or visit our [website](#).

5. Please Note – Take Charge Hoops One Day Fall Basketball Clinic

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.
