



Community Bulletin

November 14th, 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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The Food Service Department will now offer breakfast and a “Grab & Go” lunch bag on all scheduled student half days this school year. For the “Grab & Go” lunch bag, students will be asked to pre-order by indicating “yes” or “no” on the Monday before each half day so the cafeteria staff have an accurate estimate of lunch bags to prepare. Pre-orders will be taken at each school and sent to the cafeteria.

On each scheduled half day (see 2022-2023 school calendar [here](#)), students will be afforded time before dismissal to go to the cafeteria to pick up a “grab and go” lunch bag by inputting their cafeteria PIN number.

Lunches will be eaten at home, not at school nor on the school bus. K-6 students who are in the Extended School Care Program on these early release days will still have a special lunch offered by the ESC staff. However, they may also pick up a “grab and go” lunch bag before dismissal if they so choose.

As a reminder, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts along with the federal government have fully subsidized the school lunch program for the 2022-2023 school year by providing a fixed amount reimbursement for each student meal served and documented by the district.

2. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Public Schools Strategic Planning Public Forum, November 16 at 6:30pm at SHS

Our school district has begun the work to create an updated strategic plan as our current [plan](#) comes to a conclusion. We are partnering with [Focused Schools](#), an organization who will assist us in identifying our strengths and needs and ensuring that we have robust input from all of our stakeholders. As part of that process, **you are invited to attend an interactive public forum to provide feedback for our next strategic plan on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30pm at Shrewsbury High School**. We are hopeful that many SPS parents and caretakers, staff members, older students, and community members will join us for this important discussion; **if you plan to attend, please complete the RSVP form [here](#) so we can effectively plan for the number attending** (to translate this form, see the short video [here](#)).

3. Save the Date – Robotics Holiday Market and Craft Fair, November 19th

Kick off the holidays with the Shrewsbury High School Robotics Winter Farmer Market and Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 19th from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Oak Middle School gymnasium. Grab a delicious apple pie to support Shrewsbury Robotics and start holiday shopping with amazing local vendors! There will be handmade crafts, jewelry, candles, soaps, stocking stuffers, and other treats for sale. Want a table? There are some vendor spots still available! Email Diana.Karas@gmail.com to apply.

4. Please Note – Jobs for Students

Do you have a high school student looking for a job? Shrewsbury Public Schools has published a [list of available jobs](#) in our community. Every job listing contains a brief job description, instructions for how to apply for the job, and the contact person. It is the student's responsibility to connect with the employer and to apply for the job personally. This list will be kept up-to-date as much as possible. Please note that if your student is under 18, they must [apply for a work permit](#). Instructions are also on the Jobs for Students page.

5. Save the Date – Job Fair for High School Students (New)

Do you have a high school student looking for a job? The Shrewsbury Public Schools is hosting a Job Fair for high school students, November 17th, 2-3pm, in the SHS Commons. Local businesses will provide information about immediately available jobs and interview interested students. Many jobs are available: dining servers, front desk, Kidzclub, table bussing, host/hostess, ski and snowboard instructors, cashiers, cooks, lift attendants, lifeguard/swim instructors, child watch, after school care, etc. Businesses attending are The Shrewsbury Club, AJ Tomaiolo's Restaurant, Ski Ward, YMCA of Westboro, Continental Pools, Creedon Catering, Inc. and Salmon Health and Retirement (Dining servers needed in Senior Living Residences in Westboro and Northboro). Please note that if your student is under 18, they must [apply for a work permit](#). Additional instructions are also on our new [Jobs for Students](#) page.

6. Please Note – SHS Students are Seeking Employment! Do you have jobs to offer?

Are you a local business looking for seasonal or part-time help? Students are looking for jobs! On November 17th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., 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 [Jobs for Students](#) webpage. Thank you for supporting our students.

Community Items

1. Save the Date – Senior Girl Scout Troop Babysitting Night, November 19th (New)

Shrewsbury Senior Girl Scout Troop 30993 is hosting a babysitting night for children aged 5-12. We are earning money for a trip our troop is planning!

When: Saturday, November 19th from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: First Congregational Church (on the Common), Shrewsbury

How much: \$25 for the first child in the family, with discounts for additional children

We will have games, activities, snacks, and a movie. For more information or to sign up, please [click here](#).

2. Save the Date – Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Concert, November 20th (New)

Support students at Shrewsbury Public Schools, including John Qui, who are performing in the Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra's opening concert on Sunday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall in Boston. Maestro Benjamin Zander conducts Strauss's Ein Heldenleben (The Hero's Life) and Beethoven's most famous symphony, No. 5.

Join us in person or access the live stream to watch from the comfort of your own home. Use promotional code FRIENDS to receive the \$10 tickets (available in sections B and C). Please redeem by Friday, November 18th at 12:00 p.m. Tickets and additional information are available [here](#).

3. Save the Date – India Society of Worcester Events (New)

India Society of Worcester is celebrating Diwali Festival of Lights at New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill in Boylston, MA on Saturday, November 19th. Visit iswonline.org to get a discount code to buy reduced rates tickets at nebg.org. Diwali gets its name from the row of diyas that Indians light in their homes to illuminate their way to knowledge. Enjoy a wonderful evening of Indian cultural programs, a talk on Ayurveda, delicious Indian food, shopping at the Bazaar, henna, and much more. Wander through the beautiful gardens including the new children's ramble and soak in the festive atmosphere beautifully lit up with twinkling lights.

In our new production innovation classes, students can receive hands-on development sessions and submit to two challenges for prize money. The classes are open to students in grades 5 and up and take place on Thursdays. Email iswuniversity@iswonline.org for more information.

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

4. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Fall Programs

Fall Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for fall programs listed below. Additional programs will be added throughout November/December. 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 15th 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.

Teen Yoga - Grades 6-12 on Mondays starting November 14th from 5:45 to 6:35 p.m. at Core Connection Fitness Studio. Cost is \$80.

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

5. Please Note – Unified Basketball Program Looking for New Partners!

Shrewsbury Parks and Recreation are currently looking to add new partners to their Special Olympics Unified Basketball program. Partners play alongside our amazing athletes or those who may step up to coach! We plan on having two basketball teams this winter, with the junior team being ages 8-15 and the adult team being ages 16 and older. Practices are at Sherwood Middle School on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. starting November 29th through March 14th. We also have qualifiers for division play, which is determined at a later time. Register at [Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation](#).

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

Jewelry Making for Moms

HEY MOM! It's a fun class just for you! Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Monday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m., leave the kiddos at home, and enjoy a relaxing evening making jewelry for yourself or to give as a gift. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This event will take place in person at the library, please register to attend [here](#).

Stealing Rembrandts

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. for this fascinating talk. Rembrandt has been the chief target of art thieves because everyone knows that he is considered perhaps the greatest painter in history and, therefore, his works are highly valuable. His acclaim--and the fact that his works are in every major museum--make him irresistible to thieves looking for a get-rich-quick scheme. However, what becomes of the paintings after they are stolen? What do thieves think they will do with the works when they have them in their hands? Anthony Amore, author of *Stealing Rembrandts*, will explain the answers based on his years of experience investigating art heists using examples of Rembrandt heists from Massachusetts to illustrate his points. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This event will take place in person at the library, please register to attend [here](#).

Spanish Conversation Club

Are you looking for a casual space where you can practice your Spanish and learn more about the multiple cultures of those who speak that language? Join the Spanish Conversation Club every Tuesday in November and December at the Shrewsbury Public Library (6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab on the second floor). No registration required.

¿Buscas un espacio informal en el que puedas practicar tu Español y aprender más de las múltiples culturas que hablan este idioma? Únete a nuestro club de conversación todos los martes de noviembre y diciembre en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury a las 6:00 p.m. en el laboratorio. No es necesario registrarse.

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 16th meeting will focus on 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.

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

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, 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!

8. 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!

9. Save the Date – Yuletide Market and Light the Common, December 3rd

The Shrewsbury Town Center Association announces the 2022 Yuletide Market and Light the Common on Saturday, December 3rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the Town Common and Chiampa Funeral Home on Church Road. You are invited AND it will be magical! There will be shopping, music, and entertainment.

The Market will open at 4:00 p.m. and the Light the Common will dazzle at 4:45 p.m. Food, beverages, and festive treats will be sold, including the Shrewsbury Fire Department's delicious "Fire House Chili" and a variety of other food trucks.

Admission is free. Pets are not allowed. Please [click here](#) to see the flier. For more information, including parking locations, visit www.shrewsburytca.com.

10. [Save the Date](#) – Shrewsbury Historical Society Meeting, November 16th

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents "The Best Ever! Parades in New England, 1788-1940" by Jane Nylander on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

About the Presentation:

For centuries, Americans have celebrated their public identity with parades. Marching politicians and soldiers, stirring music, colorful flags and banners, ornamented fire engines, costumed school children, and colorful floats set forth on the stage of town after town to symbolize traditions and values that Americans hold dear. This talk will explore both story and significance, focusing on parades in New England from the time of those celebrating the ratification of the Constitution in 1788 to the Tercentenary celebrations of the 1920s and 1930s.

About the Presenter:

Jane Nylander, President Emerita of Historic New England and a well-known author and speaker, will offer the audience an illustrated review of her most recent book, *The Best Ever, Parades in New England, 1788 to 1940*. Other publications include *Our Own Snug Fireside: Images of the New England Home, 1750-1860*, *Windows on the Past*, and more than one hundred articles.

The meeting will be held at the Shrewsbury Historical Society at 17 Church Road. The program will be available afterwards on Shrewsbury Media Connection. Questions? Email shrewsburyhistory@townisp.com.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. [Please Note](#) – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring Season

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 for 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

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!
