



Community Bulletin

August 1st, 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](#).

School Department at Town Hall Summer Hours

Starting on Tuesday, June 21st, the School Department will follow the Shrewsbury Town Hall's summer hours. The following schedule will be in effect through Friday, August 19th. The School Department will resume regular 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily hours the week of August 22nd.

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to **6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to **12:00 p.m.**

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Please save the date for the 67th annual SSMA Music Drive, taking place the morning of Saturday, September 10th. All high school theater and music students should plan to participate in this one-time, four-hour event to sell season concert tickets in our neighborhoods and help raise funds for our theater and music departments. This one event alone earns as much as \$16,000 for use by our performing arts directors and teachers, and we need full community support to accomplish this!

We are in great need of adult drivers! Each year we need 40 to 50 parents to help drive the students out on their routes. It is a tremendous task to find enough drivers to help us in this event. Please consider helping this year! Visit myssma.com to learn more and volunteer to drive!

2. [Please Note](#) – 2022-2023 Parker Road Preschool Openings

Are you looking for a fantastic preschool program for your 3 or 4 year old child for the 2022-2023 school year? Parker Road Preschool, Shrewsbury's integrated preschool, has availability for the 4-day afternoon session (Monday through Thursday) and a very short waitlist for the 5-day morning session. Please visit the [Shrewsbury Public Schools registration website](#) for more information about our program. If you are interested in joining our waitlists, please click on the orange banner labeled "[2022-2023 Preschool Waitlist](#)" to add your child to the waitlist. We look forward to welcoming you to our Parker Road family!

3. [Please Note](#) – Summer Enrichment Classes

Shrewsbury Public Schools is offering a small selection of afternoon enrichment classes in July and August to all current Shrewsbury Public Schools students entering grades 1-9. These classes were originally open only to students who are also invited to participate in Summer Academy classes in the morning; remaining spots in these classes are now open to all students

who will be in grades 1-9 in the Shrewsbury Public Schools next fall. Spaces are limited, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Location: Maj. Howard W. Beal School

Schedule: Monday-Thursday, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Dates: July 18-21, July 25-28, Aug 1-4, Aug 8-11

Cost: Classes are discounted for all participants, and each class costs \$40/week.

How to Register

- Visit our registration website <https://shrewsburyma.ce.eleyo.com/>
- In the upper right corner, click "Sign In"
- If you don't have an account, click "Create One Now"
 - Set up your account - when it asks for "Your info" it means the parent, not the student
 - Add your child to your account
 - Add a second parent to the account if applicable
- Click "Explore" or go back to the home screen
- Under the heading "Summer Academy PM enrichment" click "register now"
- There are many courses to choose from each week
- You can sort the classes by date, or by grade to find a class that meets your needs
- Each child can choose one class per week
- After you've added all the classes to your cart, check out and pay
- All payments must be made online, at the time of registration
- Unpaid classes are incomplete registrations and will not be saved in your shopping cart

If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, at kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Community Items

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

Solutions for Better Heart Health

On Wednesday, August 10th at 10:30 a.m., join the Shrewsbury Public Library and Jill Patterson, Registered Dietician Nutritionist, for this informative and interactive workshop on a heart-healthy lifestyle!

Heart disease is the number one leading cause of death in Americans. Participants will learn a total approach (eating well, staying active, and reducing stress) to improving their heart health. Education about managing cholesterol and blood pressure along with applicable and practical

tips will be incorporated into this 60-minute presentation. There are many benefits of adopting a heart-healthy lifestyle: increased energy, decreased stress, improved cholesterol and blood pressure levels, and decreased risk of heart disease. A few simple tweaks can lead to big results!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place virtually on Zoom; please register to attend [here](#).

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

We have tons of great events for tweens and teens happening in August at the Library!

- Mondays, [August 1st](#), [8th](#), [15th](#), [22nd](#) - Rubik's Cube Club - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. All ages. Registration required.
- Thursday, [August 4th](#); Tuesday, [August 9th](#); Thursday, [August 18th](#); Wednesday, [August 24th](#) - Walk and Talk Book Club - 9:30 a.m. at Dean Park, Prospect Park, and Lake Street Park. Grades 5-12. Registration required.
- Monday, August 8th-Saturday, August 27th - Teen Adventure Walk - all day at Lake Street Park. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary.
- Wednesday, August 10th - Escape from the Haunted Library - [10:00 a.m.](#) and [3:00 p.m.](#) in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Registration required.
- Thursday, August 11th - Escape from the Haunted Library - [12:00 p.m.](#) and [3:00 p.m.](#) in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Registration required.
- Friday, August 12th - Escape from the Haunted Library - [10:00 a.m.](#) and [3:00 p.m.](#) in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Registration required.
- Tuesday, August 16th - Teen Take & Make: Celebrate Dogs - 9:00 a.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary - grab a kit to take home.
- Monday, [August 22nd](#) - Upcycle Your Cloth Masks - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Registration required.
- Tuesday, [August 23rd](#) - Sustainability Town Hall with Senator Moore - 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. Registration required.
- Friday, August 26th - Flower Smash Art - 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary.

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

3. Please Note – Spirit of Shrewsbury Event Details & Volunteers Needed (New)

The Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, September 24th at Oak Middle School. There will be many different activities for everyone - craft shows, exhibitions,

costume competitions, activities for kids, Shrewsbury Got Talent competition, food vendors, and more. A parade will be held on Sunday, September 25th. More details to follow soon!

Spirit of Shrewsbury is looking for volunteers to help with this year's celebration. We will need approximately 50 volunteers on Saturday, September 24th from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. We will also need volunteers on Sunday, September 25th to help with the parade route from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. (approximately 20 volunteers needed) and the senior tea from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (approximately 6 volunteers needed).

Those who volunteer on September 24th will receive a free t-shirt, pizza, and a volunteer certificate. If you are interested in volunteering, please [click here](#) to sign up or email Shyla Ram at shyla.ram09@gmail.com. Thank you for your help!

4. Save the Date – Pack 62 Cub Scout Rocket Launch, August 6th

Come launch your very own rocket with the Cub Scouts! Pack 62 is holding its annual rocket launch, open to Shrewsbury residents ages 5-10 and their parents/guardians. This event is for new and veteran rocketeers alike. Rockets and engines will be available for all attendees for free. The launch will be held Saturday, August 6th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on the Lake Street Park Multipurpose Fields. Email pack62shrewsbury@yahoo.com for more information and go to the [website](#) to learn more about our organization.

5. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Parks & Rec Food Truck Festival, August 5th

Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a Food Truck Festival on Friday, August 5th from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the Oak Middle School front lawn. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and come out and enjoy food from over 10+ food trucks. There will be trucks serving entree items and sweet items.

DJ Larry Falk will be on hand playing music and there will be a coloring station for kids and lawn games for people to use during the event. Trax the mascot from the Worcester Railers will be making an appearance from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine. Mark your calendar and make plans to have a fun night out with family and friends. For more information, please [visit our website](#) or email parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov.

6. Please Note – Infant Formula Shortage Resources

The Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA) in conjunction with several partners have developed a resource in English and Spanish for families during the formula shortage. It

includes tips, guidance, and links for those seeking assistance. Please [click here](#) to view the resource.

If you are struggling to find formula, please contact the Worcester Family Resource Center of YOU Inc., an affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation, at (508) 796-1411 or 20 Cedar Street, Worcester MA 01609. They are collecting information on where local supplies are as they become available.

7. Please Note – “Summer Eats” Free Meals for Kids & Teens

Summer Eats is a totally free-of-charge program that provides free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under, at locations all across Massachusetts during the summer months. Summer Eats livens up every kid’s summer by filling their bellies and filling their days with activities that get them out, up, and moving.

Administered by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Summer Eats sites across the state provide free meals to all kids and teens, no identification or registration required. Caregivers can rest easier knowing meals are off their hands, and use that time and energy to focus on everything else on their to-do list.

Find a Summer Eats meal site through [Project Bread](#) - check back frequently for new and updated site locations and meal service information.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Little League Fall Softball Registration (New)

Now open for a limited time - registration is open for the fall 2022 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 September 11th through October 23rd. Practices and games are on Saturdays and Sundays. A five week clinic is included in your registration price. Non-Shrewsbury players are welcome if your town does not offer a fall program. If you have any questions, please email us at shrewsburygsb@gmail.com.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Fall Programs

Registration is now open for the fall season for all Shrewsbury Youth Soccer age groups (pre-kindergarten through grade 12). Our travel games are currently scheduled to start on September 10th and our in-town games on September 19th, with practices starting 1-2 weeks before. Click [here](#) to register.

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 fall.
- 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 travel uniforms. Travel uniforms have to be selected at the top of the registration form.

Shrewsbury Youth Soccer is running additional “Tiny Tykes” weekend training sessions this fall for our younger players with coaches from Challenger Soccer. The 2-5 year old session is on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and the 6-8 year old session is on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. These sessions are separate to our regular program and you can register [here](#).
