



Community Bulletin

February 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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SHS Athletic Boosters has now rescheduled its Bowling for Boosters Tournament for Sunday, March 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Bowlero Bowling, Route 9 West, Shrewsbury. Teams of 4-6 players each wanted! Adults 21+ only. The evening will feature unlimited bowling, shoes, pizza, soda, raffle prizes, cash bar, and awards ceremony for best score, worst score, and best-dressed team! See [flyer](#) for more information and for how to register.

Please consider registering a team for the new date to help us to continue to provide the essential tools needed by our school athletes to be competitive and successful! Kindly submit your registration form and payment by March 6th. Thank you in advance for your anticipated support!

2. Please Note – K-12 Virtual Winter Art Festival

Please join the Visual Arts Department in viewing works from our amazing artists in grades K-12 from the first part of the school year. We look forward to celebrating more artists this spring... In person! Stay tuned and enjoy the viewing! [Click here](#) to view the K-12 Virtual Winter Art Festival.

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association Scholarships (New)

The Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association will be awarding seven scholarships to graduating performing arts seniors.

The Scholarships:

- The Dorothy Bell Scholarship (\$1,000) for graduates with a major in Music or Theater.
- The Jack Feldheimer Scholarship (\$1,000) for graduates with a major in Music or Theater.
- The Kathleen Viscardi Scholarship (\$1,000) for graduates with a major in Music or Theater.
- The Bonnie Narcisi Scholarship (\$500) for graduates with a major in Education.
- The Philip Koziara Scholarship (\$500) for graduates with any major.
- The Ralph Metcalf Scholarship (\$500) for graduates with any major.
- The Myrtle Young Scholarship (\$500) for graduates with any major.

Students who are currently a Shrewsbury High School senior, have been a member of one or more regularly scheduled major performing groups for at least three of their high school years, and are accepted to an accredited four-year college, university, or performing arts conservatory

are invited to apply for the scholarships. Applications and complete requirements can be found online at mySSMA.com. Applications and support materials are due Monday, March 28th.

4. Save the Date – SEPAC Meeting, February 17th (New)

SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) will host their February General Meeting through Zoom on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. General meetings are a wonderful opportunity to connect with other members, share experiences, and ask questions. For the Zoom link, please visit the [SEPAC website](#).

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Robotics Blood Drive (New)

Shrewsbury Robotics and the Shrewsbury High School FRC Robotics Team 467 is proud to sponsor our 2nd Annual Virtual Blood Drive. The American Red Cross is currently experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade and they are in desperate need of donations. Every donation makes a difference! SleevesUp and help us reach our goal. Make an appointment [here](#).

Community Items

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Offerings (New)

Winter Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for some of the Winter programs. New programs will be added throughout February based on space availability. 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! Six Thursdays starting February 17th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$82.

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.

Teen Rhythm & Ride Spin - Grades 6-10th on Tuesdays starting March 1st from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. at Core Connection Cycle Studio. Cost is \$80.

Junior LAX - Ages 6-8 on Mondays starting March 7th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$132.

Preschool/Toddlers lil Dragons Karate - Ages 2.9-5 on Mondays starting March 7th from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$175.

Preschool/Toddler All Sports - Ages 2-5 on Saturdays starting March 12th from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$150.

Preschool/Toddler Baseball - Ages 2-4 on Mondays starting March 14th from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Club. Cost is \$150.

Adult Strength & Sculpt - Thursdays starting February 24th from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. for 6 classes at Core Connection. Cost is \$80.

Adult Pilates Slim & Sculpt - Saturdays starting March 5th from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. for 6 classes at Core Connection. Cost is \$80.

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

Adult Pickleball Spring Session - 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 Parks & Recreation Summer Playground (New)

Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation is offering 6 weeks of their Summer Playgroup program this year starting on June 27th. Parents have weekly options and AM/PM add-ons to each week! Weekly program information is now available on our [website](#). Online registration opens on Tuesday, March 1st at 8:30 a.m. Please make sure you have an active account in our new system. Contact us at parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov with any issues so they may be resolved before registration begins.

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

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

- Friday, February 18th - Teen Take & Make: Fancy Eye Masks - all day in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary - grab a kit to take home.
- Tuesday, February 22nd through Saturday, February 26th - Scavenger Hunt: Duck Duck Goose! Ages 5+. No registration necessary.
- Monday, February 28th - Teen Advisory Meeting - 8:00 p.m on Zoom. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Fridays - Each Friday after school we'll have a different game or activity! Drop in for guessing games, puzzles, board games, and more.

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

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

Abraham Lincoln: From Rail-splitter to President

On Tuesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, the Shrewsbury Public Library presents actor-storyteller Lou Del Bianco portraying Abraham Lincoln as Civil War President, frontiersman, and storyteller. Lincoln's values, honesty, love of family, thirst for education, sense of justice, and perseverance shine through this dynamic new presentation. Audiences will learn about Lincoln's struggles as President from his suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus to his stand on Slavery. New light is also shed on his personal struggles, as well. Authentic historical quotations are used throughout. A question and answer period will follow the program. The show has been endorsed by the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Please click [here](#) to see the flyer. Please register to attend [here](#).

Dementia & Alzheimer's: Compassionately & Effectively Working with People with Dementia

On Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, the Shrewsbury Public Library presents Ryan Dowd leading a workshop on working with people with dementia. The first half of the workshop provides a practical overview of Alzheimer's, for example, how dementia affects specific parts of the brain in different ways. The second half will cover "do's" and "don'ts," including how to use nonverbal cues, closed-ended questions, and a "redirecting" technique. Ryan Dowd has trained organizations around the globe (including libraries, homeless shelters, and hospitals) on how to use empathy-driven enforcement with homeless individuals.

This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. It is also partially sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Please click [here](#) to see the flyer. Please register to attend [here](#).

Filling Your Heart with Love Through Meditation

On Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, the Shrewsbury Public Library presents an engaging workshop from long-time meditator Nirav Sheth on how to use the practice of meditation to transform the heart. The workshop will include how to incorporate more love and peace in your life, which will have a profound transformation on your overall well-being. Learn how to let go of anger, fear, and worry in order to create more harmonious relationships, improve work and home environments, and experience a deep sense of personal peace and love. The workshop will include a short meditation session. Please click [here](#) to see the flyer. Please register to attend [here](#).

Community Art Project for Kids, starting Saturday, February 19th

What does it mean to be a citizen? What does it mean to be a community member? The library is inviting kids ages 8+ to share with us what being part of a community means to THEM. Participants are welcome to write, draw, paint, or construct a creation that represents what community means to them. We are asking participants to keep creations to a maximum size of 8"x11". Once creations are finished, drop them off in the Children's Room where they will be displayed. Those who share their creations with the library will be entered into a raffle to win a prize! For inspiration for projects, we recommend reading A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée. This book is a middle grade novel about friendship, family, and standing up for what's right. This community program is part of the Civic Hub LSTA Grant awarded to the library by the MBLC.

Virtual Escape Room - Escape from Wonka's Factory!

Are you up for the challenge?! Can you escape Wonka's Factory by solving Roald Dahl themed puzzles?! This virtual escape room will be available online starting February 19th through February 28th. An entry link will be provided on the library's online calendar and Facebook page. Participants who solve the puzzles will be automatically entered into a raffle to win books and candy! This program is geared toward kids ages 7+ and their families.

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Employment Opportunity (New)

The Shrewsbury Public Library is seeking to fill a Teen Room Aide/Library Page position. This seasonal position runs from September through June each year, with a typical schedule of Fridays 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on school early release days.

The essential functions of this job are:

- Assisting the Teen Librarian in monitoring the Teen Room and adjacent areas
- Communicating policies and usage guidelines to teen visitors
- Assisting at teen events and programs
- Other duties as assigned by the Teen Librarian

Necessary qualifications are:

- Excellent interpersonal skills, especially in relating to teenagers

- Able to provide at least a two-year commitment to the position
- Able to communicate tactfully and respectfully with library visitors
- Desire to work with teens

The pay rate is \$12.54 per hour. Interested applicants should submit a Letter of Interest which briefly describes their interest in the position and any applicable skills or experiences. These should be submitted via email to Teen Librarian Annie Lee King at splteens@cwmares.org. The position is open until filled, but applications received by Friday, February 25th will receive priority consideration. Teens are encouraged to apply.

6. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Little League Equipment Swap/Sale, March 12th (New)

Do you have baseball or softball equipment your kids have outgrown and is gathering dust in the garage? Perhaps someone else can make great use of it for the upcoming season. Shrewsbury Little League is holding a baseball and softball equipment swap/sale where you can donate “gently used” and clean equipment (helmets, gloves, bats, cleats, pants) that you no longer need and are still in good condition while giving you an opportunity to pick up equipment your child can make use of for \$5 per item OR \$15 for 4 items. Please make sure if you are donating gently used bats that they are 2018 Little League approved bats only. Proceeds will go to Shrewsbury LL with remaining equipment donated locally.

Where: St. Mary’s Church, Summer Street, Shrewsbury, MA - Church Gathering Space adjacent to parking lot

When: Saturday, March 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Drop off equipment that Saturday morning starting at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to drop off equipment before the 12th, please use the contact information below.

If you have any questions, contact Katie Walker at (774) 254-0776 or mcalee@townisp.com.

7. Save the Date – Troop 114 Bottle & Can Drive, February 26th (New)

On Saturday, February 26th, Boy Scout Troop 114 will be hosting a bottle and can drive at the Shrewsbury Town Hall. Scouts will be on hand from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to collect your redeemable bottles and cans. All proceeds from the drive will support their Scouting activities throughout the year.

8. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Program, February 23rd (New)

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents "Cabinet Making: A Trade in Transition" by Tom Kelleher on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This virtual program will also be taped and rebroadcast on Shrewsbury channels 28 and 328 and available on demand online at www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org.

Like so much else in the new republic, the business of making furniture was changing in the early 1800's. This talk will look at case studies of several early Massachusetts woodworkers to see how rural furniture making transformed from a part-time trade and evolved into different business models by the mid-1800's. The story will also include the triumphant return of the trade to Old Sturbridge Village, a living history museum of the early 19th century.

Tom Kelleher is currently Historian and Curator of Mechanical Arts at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. He regularly teaches and demonstrates at museums and historical societies around the country. Tom holds a Master's in history from the University of Connecticut, and writes often for a variety of magazines and journals, including Early American Life.

9. Save the Date – Boroughs YMCA Open House, February 23rd (New)

Join us at the Boroughs YMCA for a free community event on Wednesday, February 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There'll be many activities for the whole family to enjoy, including a bounce house, zoo animals, lunch truck, and sample classes! It's open to everyone! We'll have free raffle prizes including a one-month membership! No reservation required. Please see the [flyer](#). For more information or questions, please email Slader Lyell at slyell@ymcaofcm.org. We can't wait to see you!

Youth Athletics and Activities

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

Registration is still open for many Shrewsbury Youth Soccer age groups. Our travel games are currently scheduled to start on April 2nd and our in-town games on April 16th, with practices starting 1-2 weeks before, depending on field conditions.

For travel teams (grades 3-12), some age groups are already placing players on a waitlist, while others still have limited space available. Please click [here](#) to see the status of each group.

Registration is still available for all in-town teams (grades PreK-4), but spaces are filling up and a late registration fee will be applied for registrations after March 1st. Click [here](#) to register.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Girls Softball (New)

We are pleased to announce that registration is open for Shrewsbury Girls Softball. If your child will be at least 5 years old by April 15th, she will be eligible to play. We welcome all abilities, whether your child has never played before or has prior experience. It is a great opportunity for your children to meet new friends and learn about teamwork. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Pellini and Manny Gomes at shrewsburygsb@gmail.com.

Registration closes on Monday, February 28th - click [here](#) to register. Don't miss out!
