



Community Bulletin

February 22nd, 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

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. Please Note – Shrewsbury Robotics Blood Drive

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](#).

5. Please Note – English Language Education Tiered Focused Monitoring (New)

During the week of March 14, 2022, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) Office of Language Acquisition will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring (TFM) Review of Shrewsbury Public Schools. The Office of Language Acquisition reviews each district's and charter school's English Language Education program every six years to monitor compliance with federal and state English learner education laws and regulations. Areas of review will include English learners' student assessments, identification of English learners; what programs English learners are placed in, parent and community involvement, curriculum and instruction, student support services, licensure requirements for faculty, staff and administration, program plans, and evaluation and recordkeeping.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Language Acquisition will send a survey to the parents of students whose records the review team examines. The survey focuses on key areas of their child's English learner education program. Survey results will contribute to the monitoring report.

For more information, please see the complete press release [here](#).

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1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Offerings

Winter Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for some of the Winter programs. New programs will be added throughout February/March based on space availability. Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited.

Junior Golf Spring/Summer Offerings - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

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.

Canvas N Cup Art Classes - Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Canvas N Cup starting March 3rd. Cost is \$180.

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.

Adult Golf Spring/Summer Offerings - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

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 - New offering of Wednesdays 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Visit our website for fees, dates, and schedules.

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

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Summer Playground

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!

- 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)

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.

Institute for New England Native American Studies

Join Dr. Cedric Woods with the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for a discussion of the work done by the Institute for New England Native American Studies (INENAS) at the University of Massachusetts Boston. The Institute's purpose is to connect Native New England with university research, innovation, and education, including projects relating to tribal government capacity building, Indian education, economic development, and chronic disease prevention.

Cedric Woods is a citizen of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and has served as a consultant for the National Museum of the American Indian, the Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, and the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center.

This program is sponsored by federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Please register to attend [here](#).

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Employment Opportunity

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

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

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

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

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!

10. Please Note – Shrewsbury Garden Club Scholarship Opportunity (New)

Applications are open for a \$1,000 scholarship from the Shrewsbury Garden Club. Applicants must be a high school senior or graduate and a resident of Shrewsbury for at least three years who has been accepted or is enrolled at a school of higher education in one of the following fields: Agriculture, Architectural Landscaping, Conservation, Ecology, Environmental Studies, Floral Design, Forestry, Horticulture, or in a closely related field to these studies. A recipient may re-apply for this scholarship yearly while continuing his/her education in this field. Applications and more information may be obtained by going to the Club's [website](#) and clicking on the [scholarship page](#). The deadline to apply is Friday, April 8th.

11. Please Note – SELCO & NESN Scholarship (New)

Shrewsbury Class of 2022 seniors attending public or private high school are encouraged to apply for one of three \$1,000 scholarships offered by SELCO and New England Sports Network (NESN). Applications are due by March 10th. These scholarships are awarded based on community involvement, good citizenship, volunteer work inside and outside of school, a recommendation from an advisor or guidance counselor, financial need, and a statement of personal goals and aspirations. Visit SELCO.ShrewsburyMA.gov/selcoscholarship for details and to download an application.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring Season

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

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!
