



Community Bulletin

February 28th, 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

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](#).

6. Please Note – SHS Career Exploration Program Searches for Local Partnerships (New)

The following is a request from Dr. Jane Lizotte, Acting Principal of Walter J. Paton Elementary School and Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships and Well-Being:

Shrewsbury High School students are seeking opportunities to engage in career exploration through job shadowing and internship opportunities during the upcoming spring and summer months, in addition to the April Vacation week. The new SHS Career Exploration Program endeavors to partner with local businesses and community organizations by providing students with learning experiences in fields and occupations in which students are interested in learning more. Coordinators of this innovative program include SHS Director of School Counseling, Ms. Angie Flynn, School Counselor, Mr. Sean Russell, and Orchestra and General Music Teacher, Ms. Kate Mercadante. The coordinators are working diligently to provide career exploration opportunities to juniors at SHS, and are actively pursuing community members and SHS alumni who are willing to partner with students, staff, and families. Over 260 students in the junior class have expressed interest in these job shadowing and internship experiences. Please help if you can!

If you have any questions and/or are seeking additional information, please reach out to Ms. Angie Flynn (aflynn@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us), Ms. Kate Mercadante (kmercadante@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us), and/or Mr. Sean Russell (srussell@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us). Thank you for your consideration!

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 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.

Archery Spring & Summer Sessions - Visit our website for fees, dates, and schedules. Registration opens March 1st.

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 12:15 to 12:45 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 Golf Spring/Summer Offerings - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

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 March Events for Tweens & Teens (New)

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

- Wednesdays, March [9th](#), [16th](#), [23rd](#), [30th](#) - Middle School Improv - 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. Register for each session individually.

- Thursday, March 10th - Needle Felted Bird - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 7-12. Register [here](#).
- Saturday, March 12th - Israeli Dance Workshop - 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Tuesday, March 15th - Post Pi Day Extravaganza - 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary.
- Monday, March 21st - Teen Advisory Meeting - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).
- Friday, March 25th - Teen Take & Make: Mirror Mosaic Plant Pots - All day in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary - grab a kit to take home.
- 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](#) for more details and registration!

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

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](#).

An Evening of Poetry with Adam Falkner

On Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, join the Shrewsbury Public Library and award-winning poet Adam Falkner for readings from his critically acclaimed collection, *The Willies*, a sharp portrait of the journey into queerhood and masculinity in America. Falkner will also reveal the stories that contextualize his poems. 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. Please register to attend [here](#).

5. 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.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Garden Club Scholarship Opportunity

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.

7. Please Note – SELCO & NESN Scholarship

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.

8. Please Note – 2022 Rotary Club Scholarships

In 2022, the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury will be awarding three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to attend college in the fall of 2022. Any high school senior who lives in Shrewsbury or attends high school in Shrewsbury is eligible to receive a Rotary scholarship. These scholarships are paid directly to the student recipient upon her or his certification of matriculation at college and may be used for any educational expense that the recipient chooses (examples: tuition, room and board, books, travel to and from school).

Applicants should be aware that the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury is an affiliated club of Rotary International, a world-wide service organization. In keeping with Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self," an applicant's record of involvement in service organizations and projects is given very high consideration in the awarding of the scholarships. Academic achievement and need are also considered. Seniors can access the scholarship application on Schoology in the "Class of 2022" group.

9. Please Note – Town Meeting Members (New)

A special message from the Shrewsbury Town Clerk's office: Town Meeting Members are needed in all precincts! Now is the time to get involved in Representative Town Meeting, the legislative body in the Town of Shrewsbury. Any qualified candidate (registered voter in Shrewsbury) may have their name placed on the ballot by pulling and filing nomination papers with the Town Clerk. The deadline to file signed nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15th. Town Meeting Members require a minimum of ten (10) signatures of registered voters in their precinct. Visit our [website](#) for more information on the 2022 Annual Town Election and how to run for Town Meeting Member in your precinct.

10. Please Note – Northborough Junior Women's Club Women in STEM Conference (New)

The Northborough Junior Women's Club is happy to announce our annual Women in STEM Conference. Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic as we were planning the conference, it will once again be virtual. We have planned 29 workshops with women from around the country who will lead discussions and activities related to their STEM careers. The conference will be held on Saturday, March 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is open to all 5th-8th grade girls and will close on Tuesday, March 8th. For information about the 2022 Virtual NJWC Women in STEM Conference and to register, please [click here](#).

11. Please Note – SYFS Harry Potter and the Enchanters Camp (New)

Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services welcomes you to Harry Potter and the Enchanters Camp, a program for kids who want to learn about mental health and have a love for the Harry Potter series written by J.K. Rowling. Throughout the Harry Potter books and movie series, the main character Harry Potter expresses negative emotions and identifies tools along the way to help him manage those feelings. This program will allow children to learn about mental health, identify tools and coping skills to help manage fears and worries, challenge negative thoughts and identify positive thinking, and explore hopes and dreams for the future. The program will also include fun activities such as sorting kids in their own Hogwarts house, creating wands, and participating in team building exercises.

This program will run during April vacation week (Tuesday, April 19th through Friday, April 22nd) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m at First Congregational Church in Shrewsbury. This program welcomes children ages 9-11. The cost for the program is \$100 per student. [Click here](#) to register.

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!
