



# Community Bulletin

March 21st, 2022

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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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### **School District Items**

#### **1. [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](http://mySSMA.com). Applications and support materials are due Monday, March 28th.

#### **2. [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](#).

### **3. Please Note – SHS Career Exploration Program Searches for Local Partnerships**

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](mailto:aflynn@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)), Ms. Kate Mercadante ([kmercadante@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kmercadante@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)), and/or Mr. Sean Russell ([srussell@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:srussell@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)). Thank you for your consideration!

### **4. Please Note – Youth Art Month at Worcester Art Museum**

March celebrates Youth Art Month (YAM) at the Worcester Art Museum! YAM is a national celebration endorsed by the Council for Art Education, the National Art Education Association, and the Massachusetts Art Education Association. Shrewsbury Public Schools will be showcasing approximately 50 pieces of incredible 2D and 3D work from our students, grades K-12. Artwork will be exhibited in the Higgins Education Wing of the Worcester Art Museum along with other schools from Central Mass throughout the month of March. This annual celebration emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality art programs in public and private schools.

A family reception will be held on Sunday, March 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The exhibit will be open to the public from March 1st through March 31st in the Higgins Education Wing of the Worcester Art Museum. Admission to this exhibit is free.

### **5. Please Note – Reducing Traffic Congestion at Schools**

With the significant decrease in Covid cases, we are urging parents and students to fully resume bus riding and carpooling. All of our schools are experiencing peak traffic counts in both the mornings and afternoons causing congestion and delays for all involved. The best way to resolve this problem is to reduce our traffic counts by having children ride the bus or carpool with another family/friend.

Many families have registered for bus service but all of those children are not riding the bus. This is just one more way for us to adapt and return to "normal" operations. Let's get our students back on buses or carpooling to reduce traffic congestion.

## **6. Please Note – Current Openings in the Extended Day Program**

The Extended School Care program has immediate openings in the before and after school programs for students attending Beal, Coolidge, Floral, Paton, Spring, and Sherwood.

Extended day offers a structured enrichment program led by experienced, professional staff. Students can choose from a variety of planned activities each day including art, gym games, dramatic play, outdoor play, and many special projects and clubs. Students in grades 1-6 also have a period of quiet homework time. A snack and drink are provided each day. The program is located in each of the school cafeterias and students go directly to the program at school dismissal. There is no transportation for Extended Day. Parents must pick up their child no later than 6:00 p.m. The before school programs at the elementary schools open at 7:00 a.m. and parents may drop off anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Our staff will ensure students get to class at the start of the school day.

Students enrolled during the current school year are guaranteed a spot in next year's program. Additional information, including tuition rates, can be found on our [website](#). Please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, at [kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) if you are interested in enrolling your child for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

## **7. Save the Date – ELPAC Meeting, March 30th**

Our English Learners Parent Advisory Council (ELPAC) is a group for the families of students who are English learners. We meet regularly to increase communication between families and schools and to talk about ways to support families. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 30th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please mark your calendars! Sign up to attend the meeting by completing the [Google Form](#). We will share the Zoom link on the day of the meeting. For more information or if you have questions, please see the [event flyer](#), visit the [ELE webpage](#), or write to Kaori at [shrewsburyelpac@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburyelpac@gmail.com).

## **8. Please Note – 2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration Now Open (New)**

Dear parents and caregivers: New kindergarten student registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. If you plan to enroll your child in kindergarten for next year, please complete the online student registration process by April 1st. You can access the registration link [here](#).

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### **Community Items**

#### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Offerings**

Online Registration - Currently accepting registration for programs listed. New programs will be added throughout March/April based on space availability. Pre-registration is required for all of the parks & recreation programs. Space is limited.

Youth Flag Football - Wednesday evenings starting June 22nd at Sherwood field. Cost is \$65.

Youth Summer Tennis Sessions - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules. Classes start the week of June 20th.

Youth Summer Basketball League - Tuesday evenings starting June 21st at Shrewsbury High School Gym. Cost is \$74.

Junior Golf Spring/Summer - 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.

Archery Spring & Summer Sessions - Visit our website for fees, dates, and schedules.

Canvas N Cup Art Classes - Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Canvas N Cup starting April 7th. Cost is \$180.

Adult Summer Tennis Sessions - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

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

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

Visit our website! [shrewsburyma.myrec.com](http://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**

We are currently accepting registration for all 6 weeks of Summer Playground this summer, starting on June 27th. Parents have weekly options and AM/PM add-ons to each week! Please make sure you have an active account in our new system. Click [here](#) for our website. Contact us with any issues at [parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:parkrec@shrewsburyma.gov).

## **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library March Events for Tweens & Teens**

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

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

### Building Beautiful Aquariums for Beginners

Have you ever dreamed of having a vibrant, colorful aquarium in your home? Join the Shrewsbury Public Library and local expert Jonathan Rainey on Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. for a dynamic presentation as he discusses the basics of planning, setting up, and populating your very first fish tank. Learn how to best balance water chemistry, implement underwater vegetation, and select the ideal tank residents, as well as how to successfully maintain your tank once it's running. This talk will cover fresh water tanks, as well as give some pointers for saltwater tanks. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will be held in person at the library. Please register to attend [here](#) and click [here](#) for the flyer.

Collaborative Book Discussion: Shrewsbury, UK & Shrewsbury, MA

Join us for another across-the-pond collaboration between two great Shrewsbury Libraries! On Saturday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), Shrewsbury, Shropshire, UK and Shrewsbury, MA will be coming together to discuss Eric Klinenberg's book, *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life*, an intimate examination of how shared public spaces (especially libraries!) create a deeper sense of community and connection between individuals, and how their gradual disappearance from the world is contributing to a world that is increasingly disconnected and polarized. Find out what your friends on the other side of the Atlantic think in this relaxed, one-off book club. Please register to attend [here](#) and click [here](#) for the flyer.

#### DAWNLAND Documentary Screening

On Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m., join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a virtual screening of the feature-length documentary DAWNLAND. The film, which won an Emmy for Outstanding Research in 2018, follows Maine's "truth and reconciliation commission" (TRC) to contemporary Wabanaki communities to witness intimate, sacred moments of truth-telling and healing. With exclusive access to this groundbreaking process and never-before-seen footage, the film reveals the untold narrative of Indigenous child removal in the United States. The film's Learning Director, Dr. Mishy Lesser, will briefly introduce the film and answer questions after the screening. 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](#) and click [here](#) for the flyer.

#### Jellyfish: How to Pastel Paint

On Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m., join the Shrewsbury Public Library for a fun, two-hour virtual workshop with experienced painting instructor Greg Maichack. Greg will guide participants in producing their very own original pastel of a stunning jellyfish. The possibilities are bottomless! Those who sign up will become experts in the exciting practice of blending and utilizing pastel paints, with the emphasis in this workshop on creating jaw-dropping translucency effects in their work! All necessary pastels, pencils, paper, blending materials, and photographic references will be provided, and as always, at the conclusion of the workshop, all participants will get to keep their 12x18 painting. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Please register to attend [here](#) and click [here](#) for the flyer.

#### The History of Chinese Americans in Massachusetts

On Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m., join the Shrewsbury Public Library and Michael Liu, a lifelong activist and scholar of the Boston Chinatown community, who will present a talk on the history of Chinese Americans in Massachusetts and its relationship to anti-Asian attitudes that continue into the present. Dr. Liu is the author of *Forever Struggle: Activism, Identity, and Survival in Boston's Chinatown, 1880–2018* and former senior research associate at the Institute for Asian American Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston. This event will take place virtually on Zoom. Please register to attend [here](#) and click [here](#) for the flyer.



## **5. 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.

## **6. Please Note – Northborough Junior Women's Club Women in STEM Conference**

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](#).

## **7. Please Note – SYFS Harry Potter and the Enchanters Camp**

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.

## **8. Please Note – Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Scholarship**



The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library announces the sponsorship of an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to a student residing in Shrewsbury, graduating from a local public or private high school this school year, and continuing their education the following academic year as a full-time student working toward a bachelor's or associate degree.

Scholarship applications can be obtained through applicants' guidance departments or downloaded from the [SPL website](#). Applications should be mailed to or dropped off at the Shrewsbury Public Library, 609 Main Street, no later than Friday, April 1st.

### **9. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Virtual Meeting, March 30th**

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents "It's My Seat!" by John Horrigan on Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. as a virtual program and taped rebroadcast on Shrewsbury Channels 28 and 328 and available on demand online at [www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org](http://www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org).

Award-winning historian John Horrigan presents "It's My Seat," a 100-year chronology that begins with Elizabeth Jennings and concludes with Rosa Parks. It is the story of women who refused to give up their seats, which sparked landmark court cases that ended segregation and established civil rights for African Americans. John Horrigan is a prolific historical researcher and author. His lecture portfolio includes over 100 different titles. He has presented lectures at historical societies and other prominent venues throughout New England over the past twenty years.

### **10. Please Note – Shrewsbury Historical Society Scholarships**

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is pleased to announce two scholarships for high school seniors who attend school in Shrewsbury and reside in Shrewsbury.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society Stephen Porter Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior in memory of Stephen Porter, a longtime member who was involved in the historic restoration of the District #5 Schoolhouse on the corner of Old Mill Road and West Main Street. This scholarship award is \$500.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society Jean McDonald Graham Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior in memory of Jean Graham, a longtime member dedicated to educating students about local history. This scholarship award is also \$500.

Students who are currently seniors in high school in Shrewsbury, reside here, and anticipate being accepted into a four-year college this spring are invited to apply for the scholarships. Applications and additional requirements can be found online at [shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.org](http://shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.org). Completed applications and support materials are due Thursday, March 31st.

### **11. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Trivia Night, March 26th**

On Saturday, March 26th, the Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse program will be hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser at the Scandinavian Athletic Club (SAC) in Shrewsbury from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Register your trivia team with 4 players for \$80/team. This fun event will feature snacks, cash bar, trivia prizes, and raffle items! If you want to join the fun as a spectator, it will be \$10 at the door. Money raised will go directly to the program to provide our athletes with the equipment and items they need to be successful and competitive.

Register [here](#) by March 18th. For more information, view the [flyer](#), see the [Facebook event page](#), or reach out to [shrewsburylax@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburylax@gmail.com).

### **12. Save the Date – Community Preservation Committee Public Forum, March 29th**

The Community Preservation Committee invites you to their Public Forum on March 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Public Library Meeting Room. The Committee is seeking your input on Shrewsbury's needs for outdoor recreation including parks/playgrounds and athletic fields, open space protection, historic preservation, and affordable housing. Your input will help the Committee develop the Community Preservation Plan, which will guide the Committee with its recommendations on how Community Preservation Act funds are spent. A formal presentation will start at 7:00 p.m., but please drop by anytime to make your voice heard!

### **13. Please Note – Council on Aging Seeking Van Drivers**

The Town of Shrewsbury is seeking to fill three part time (up to 17 hours/week) Van Driver positions with the Council on Aging. Van Drivers play a crucial role at the Council on Aging, safely transporting clients to and from their destinations in the para-transit vans provided.

Qualifications for this position include a Valid Massachusetts's Driver's License, the ability to pass a DOT physical exam and RTA drug and alcohol screening, and CORI check. CPR and First Aid Certification preferred. The salary range for this position is \$16.28 - \$18.68 per hour.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Christine Mattero, Human Resources Coordinator, at [cmattero@shrewsburyma.gov](mailto:cmattero@shrewsburyma.gov). Position is open until filled.

### **14. Save the Date – Al-Hamra Academy Student Plays, March 26th**

The students at Al-Hamra Academy are so excited to announce ticket sales for our two upcoming plays on March 26th, sponsored in part by the Shrewsbury Cultural Council. "The Bee Play" is a children's production centered on climate change and "The Ten Year Test" is a play centered around youth advocacy! Please see <https://www.alhamraacademy.org/play> for more information or to purchase tickets. We have a coupon code available to waive the ticket fee for families who need financial assistance. Please email [sanamz@alhamraacademy.org](mailto:sanamz@alhamraacademy.org) for more information.

#### **15. Please Note – Department of Public Works Job Openings**

The Department of Public works has several job openings in Public Facilities: Park Maintenance Craftsman (full time), Parks Seasonal Laborer (part time), Junior Custodian (part time/school days), and Junior Custodian (full time). More details are on the [town website](#).

#### **16. Please Note – Shrewsbury Rotary Club Community Recycling Event, April 24th (New)**

Gather your junk and join the Rotary Club for an Earth Day electronics recycling fundraiser on Sunday, April 24th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Town Hall. The cost is \$40 per car load and low single-item fees. Just about anything with a cord or made of metal is accepted. For a complete list of accepted items, view the [flyer](#). Contact Beth Casavant with questions at [bethcasavant@gmail.com](mailto:bethcasavant@gmail.com).

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### **Youth Athletics and Activities**

#### **1. Please Note – Shrewsbury High School Varsity Baseball Blue & Gold Clinic**

The Shrewsbury High School Varsity Baseball Team will be holding its Annual "Blue & Gold Baseball Clinic" on Wednesday, April 20th at the Shrewsbury High School Baseball Field. The clinic is for kids grades 1-8. Attendees will participate in drills and receive instruction from the SHS coaching staff and SHS players. The cost is \$40 and will run from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Please click [here](#) for the flyer. For questions and further information, please call Lee Diamantopoulos at (508) 560-2124 or email at [ldiamantopoulos@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:ldiamantopoulos@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

#### **2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Girls Youth Lacrosse Clinic (New)**

Shrewsbury Girls Youth Lacrosse League is offering a girls youth lacrosse clinic this spring for girls in grades K-4. The clinic is designed to introduce girls to the game of lacrosse and have them learn the fundamentals while developing an understanding of the game. The sessions will progress to scrimmage-like games. The girls will need a stick, goggles, and mouthpiece to participate. The clinic will run over 6 sessions on Sundays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and June 5th from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Oak Middle School fields. The cost is \$90 per child. Register at [shrewsburygirlslax.usl.la](http://shrewsburygirlslax.usl.la) and contact Breana Hogan at [breanahogan@gmail.com](mailto:breanahogan@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Football & Cheer (New)**

Shrewsbury Youth Football & Cheer registration is now open. As a member of AYF and Central Mass Youth Football and Cheer Conference (CMYFCC), Shrewsbury American Youth Football and Cheer Organization (SAYFCO) provides an opportunity for all children to participate in a safe, competitively balanced, and organized setting. The lessons and values being instilled through football and cheer will last a lifetime – lessons like hard work, discipline, commitment, and teamwork. These are the vital character traits we are trying to engrain in the participants that come through our program while making sure each participant is having fun. Click [here](#) for football season details and [here](#) for cheer season details. Please register by May 31st for Shrewsbury American Youth Football & Cheer at [www.SAYFCO.org](http://www.SAYFCO.org) to receive the early registration discount. Contact us at [marketing@sayfco.org](mailto:marketing@sayfco.org) if you have additional questions.

New Flex Flag Football Program for Grades K-1: Flex Flag Football is a growing alternative to full contact football and teaches basic skills and concepts of the game. SAYFCO Flex Flag Football provides boys and girls in grades K-1 a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in light contact (blocking is allowed) and continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. Flex Football is a variation of flag football that provides young players a "bridge" to tackle football. The SAYFCO program is designed to educate young people about the techniques and skills of youth football while emphasizing participation and sportsmanship. Our team will be competing with towns across Central Mass. Click [here](#) for an overview of the flex program.

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