



Community Bulletin

April 19th, 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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We are pleased to announce the official opening of the 2022-2023 bus registration process. The bus registration process will be open from now until June 30th. It will be closed from July 1st until early August and will re-open on approximately August 8th. We have 3 important messages to highlight here:

1. Bus registration and payment must be done via the PowerSchool Parent Portal for students attending Shrewsbury Public Schools and via the Google Form for students attending Assabet Valley Reg. Technical High School and all private schools. There is no “processing charge/convenience fee” for online payment of the bus fee and both credit cards and debit cards are accepted.
2. All of the regulations and rules pertaining to bus ridership eligibility and the requirement to pay a fee are posted on our website under the Transportation link. Please read them carefully and access the FAQ if you have questions.
3. If your child has a negative food service account balance or owes a fee for some other additional service, then you will be blocked from bus registration until all overdue payments are made.

The bus fee for the 2022-2023 school year is \$320/student with a \$960 family cap. For all in-district students, please register now by clicking [here](#). If your child will be attending Assabet or a private school located in Shrewsbury for the 2022-2023 school year, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please email transportation@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

2. [Please Note](#) – Career/Trade Fair - Thank you! (New)

We would like to thank all of the students and parents who attended the Career/Trade Fair on April 14th. We had an amazing turnout for the first time offering this event. We would also like to thank the businesses and programs who were in attendance as well: Starbucks, Saint Gobain, Salmon Health and Retirement, Mass Hire, Job Corps, Peterson School, Universal Technical Institute, Quinsigamond Community College, Mass Bay Community College, Tech Learning Center, Dynamy, and Lamacchia Realty. A special thank you goes out to our SHS

alumni who shared their personal stories of how they entered their trade programs after high school, and who offered a unique perspective to current students looking to get into the trades.

If you attended the fair and did not already do so, please fill out [this survey](#) and tell us how we can improve the fair for next year.

If you were not able to attend, please see the [information sheet](#) on the businesses and alumni who attended. If you have any questions, or are interested in more information about how your student can participate in any of these programs, please contact High School Counselor, Jessica Rice at jrice@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

3. Please Note – Cafeteria Help Needed

The Shrewsbury Food Service is looking for full, part-time, and substitutes to work in the school cafeterias. Duties include: Prepping food, setting up serving lines, serving students, and breakdown and clean up. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Please click [here](#) to obtain an employment application.

Please forward this application to the Food Service Department c/o Shrewsbury High School, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury MA 01545 or email it to hdoyle@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Questions? Please call Heidi Doyle, Monday-Wednesday, at (508) 841-8855.

4. Please Note – 2022-2023 Extended Day Program Registration

The Extended School Care program is now accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year. We offer before-school and after-school programs for students in grades K-4 at all elementary schools (Beal, Coolidge, Floral, Paton, and Spring), as well as an after-school program at Sherwood Middle School for students in grades 5 and 6.

Enrollment is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Information about the program, including hours of operation, tuition fees, and registration instructions can be found on our [website](#). If you have questions, please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning, at (508) 841-8727 or kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

5. Save the Date – SHS Athletic Boosters Annual Mattress Fundraiser Sale, June 4th

Need a new mattress? According to a leading research journal for the mattress and furniture business, 1 in 10 people buy a mattress every single year. If this is you in 2022, we have the

perfect solution! Purchase the new mattress you need while at the same time supporting the student athletes of Shrewsbury High School and Oak Middle School. Our 2nd Annual SHS Athletic Boosters Mattress Fundraiser is being held in the Fieldhouse at Shrewsbury High School on Saturday, June 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See the [flyer](#) for additional details. Thank you in advance for your anticipated support!

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

The History of Blues in America

On Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, join acclaimed guitarist and music historian Joey Leone and the Shrewsbury Public Library for “The History of Blues in America.” This one-hour virtual program covers the history, influence, and social impact of American blues music through songs, stories, and historical facts. Joey highlights the influence of blues on virtually all styles of contemporary music over the past 7 decades, playing a variety of songs on multiple guitars from his personal collection. In addition to the live music segments, he touches on recurring themes of how the blues transcended racial boundaries and brought people together in times of celebration and times of healing. 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](#).

Climate Change Challenge Kickoff

Climate Change Challenge is a new library group meeting quarterly. It was created to challenge Shrewsbury residents to learn more about climate change, to challenge ourselves to mitigate and prepare for its consequences, and to challenge ourselves to support each other and our community. Experts have indicated those who are active in making efforts to mitigate climate change and talk with others about it experience less climate-related anxiety. There will be group book readings, group discussions, films, speakers, and activities, with groups for adults, young adults, and children. Activities will be in person or virtual depending upon health and safety needs. A kickoff event will take place at the library on Thursday, April 21st, with an afternoon and evening of activities. A children's film, *Tomorrow*, and an all-ages film, *Life on Our Planet* (with David Attenborough, rated PG), will be shown beginning at 4:30 p.m. Registration not required.

Women in Music: Folk, Rock, Soul, and Blues

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. for this fun and informative virtual music program about the impact of women on music in America. From their musical contributions to their struggle for equal pay and recognition, Kirsten Thien covers the early innovators and pioneers, as well as contemporary stars of today, along with sharing some

of her personal journey as a professional touring and recording musician. Part concert, part history, and part folklore, Kirsten will be accompanied by Eric Boyd on bass and guitar for this one-hour program on Zoom. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Please register to attend [here](#).

George Kinder presents: Reflections on Spectacle Pond

Join author and thought leader George Kinder via the Shrewsbury Public Library for a talk on Monday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Inspired by Zen poets, landscape painting from China and Japan, and Thoreau's *Walden*, Kinder has spent the last 30 years finding creative inspiration from the solitude of living on the edge of a New England pond. Attuned to nature's teachings, Kinder recorded its seasonal changes through poetry and photography that culminated in his latest book, *Reflections on Spectacle Pond*. In this event, he offers an intimate window into his creative process with a poetry reading, photography slideshow, and discussion about meditation, nature, and inspiration. Please register to attend [here](#).

Nipmuc Perception in Today's Society

Come learn about Nipmuc culture at this talk from Andre StrongBearHeart Gaines, Jr. on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. Andre will share his work in cultural preservation and revitalization, perform songs and stories, and lead a dialogue guided by questions from the audience. Andre StrongBearHeart Gaines, Jr., is a citizen of the Nipmuc people. He serves as a cultural steward for his Tribe, is a father, public speaker, traditional dancer, Indigenous Activist for Indigenous rights, carpenter by trade, and educator. Andre's work focuses on bringing Traditional Knowledge back to Indigenous Peoples, including how to flesh and brain tan hides to make items such drums, buckskin, and blankets. Andre is a resident artist at the [Ohketeau Cultural Center](#) in Ashfield, MA. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please register to attend [here](#).

2. [Save the Date](#) – League of Women Voters Candidates' Night Forum, April 25th (New)

The Grafton/Shrewsbury League of Women Voters presents Candidates' Night Forum on Monday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School's auditorium. The Board of Selectmen forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the School Committee forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. Audience participation is encouraged. The Candidates' Night Forum will be covered live by Shrewsbury Media Connection and recorded to be aired before Election Day (May 3rd) and available on YouTube. The League of Women Voters is dedicated to encouraging citizen participation in government and providing information to voters so that they may make educated decisions.

3. [Save the Date](#) – Girl Scout Recruitment Event, May 12th (New)

We are having a blast! Launch into Girl Scouts. Join us on Thursday, May 12th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Shrewsbury Public Library, Room B (609 Main St). Your girl is invited to learn about

rockets, build and launch her own rocket, and earn her first official Girl Scout patch. This program is for girls currently in PreK and K who are not currently Girl Scouts. Click [here](#) to register by Sunday, May 8th. If you have any questions, please email lbrochu@gscwm.org.

4. Please Note – India Society of Worcester April/May Programs (New)

The India Society of Worcester is starting a series of different classes by our volunteers this April and May. Subjects range from 3D Printing Workshop for grades 1 and up (adults are welcome as well), SAT Math classes for grades 7-9, AP Physics tutoring, and LEGO Mindstorms classes. We are also hosting a free Sanskrit family workshop. Classes will be held in-person at India Center, 152 Main Street, Shrewsbury. Visit our [website](#) or email tutoring@iswonline.org for more information.

5. Save the Date – Cub Scout Pack 114 Bottle & Can Drive, April 30th (New)

Cub Scout Pack 114 will be hosting a bottle and can drive on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury in conjunction with SELCO's Earth Day celebration at the Town Common. Just bring your glass bottles, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans to the Church parking lot where Scouts and adult volunteers will be happy to collect them. Proceeds from the drive will help fund the Pack's Scouting activities for the year. Thank you for your support!

6. Save the Date – Earth Day Celebration on Shrewsbury Common (New)

Join us on the Shrewsbury Common for an Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It will be fun for all ages! The following organizations will be hosting events, along with additional community groups, environmental information, food, live music, and more!

- SELCO - Free Tree Giveaway
- Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union - Shred and Recycle Event
- Boy Scout Troop 114 - Bottle and Can Drive
- Papa's Hardware - Spring Sale and Electric Lawn Equipment Demo
- Shrewsbury Town Center Association - Community Art Project and Fundraiser
- Wagner Motors - EV Demo

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

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

Crew Rowing (Learn to Row) - For grades 8th-12th, four days each session. There are four sessions offered during the weeks of 6/21-6/24 and 7/18-7/22 . Choose between the 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. class. This program is being offered through a partnership with the Regatta Point Community Sailing and Parks & Recreation! Cost is \$225.

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 Tuesday, May 10th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Cost is \$65.

Restaurant Ready Workshop - Tuesday, May 17th for grades 2nd-7th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Cost is \$45.

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

Teen Archery Spring Sessions - Thursdays for grades 6th and up starting April 28th from 5:40 to 6:40 p.m. Cost is \$145.

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

Adult Bodyweight Boot Camp - Tuesdays starting May 3rd from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. at Dean Park. Cost is \$60.

Adult Golf Spring/Summer Sessions - 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 Create a new account if you have not done so within the past year.

8. 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.

9. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library April Events for Tweens & Teens

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

- Wednesday, April 20th - Escape from the Ice Fortress - [10:00 a.m.](#) and [3:00 p.m.](#) in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Click on a time to register.
- Wednesday, April 20th - Cactus Rock Gardens - 12:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 7-12. Register [here](#).
- Friday, April 22nd - Escape from the Ice Fortress - [11:00 a.m.](#), [12:15 p.m.](#), and [3:00 p.m.](#) in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Click on a time to register.
- Monday, April 25th - Teen Advisory Meeting - 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. Register [here](#).

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

10. Please Note – Feedback Requested on How to Support Youth Health: Public Health Survey, Plus Opportunity for One-on-One & Focus Group Conversations

Worcester Department of Public Health is currently completing an assessment under the Massachusetts Collaborative for Action, Leadership, and Learning 3 (MassCall3) grant. This is a prevention grant focused on using evidenced-based strategies to prevent and delay first use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana. This funding source supports work in Worcester, Shrewsbury, Grafton, and Millbury. In the last few months, as part of the assessment process, we have administered the regional youth survey in all towns. We are now starting the next phase of the assessment process, which is conducting focus groups and one-on-one interviews with stakeholders within the four identified towns.

Your voice matters! We would love to hear from you and get your input on ways we can help our youth in Shrewsbury continue to build the skills they need to thrive. If you live, work, and/or attend school in Shrewsbury, you could play a role in helping our youth become healthy, thriving adults. Please complete the survey to sign up to have a one-on-one conversation or join a focus group - click [here](#) to take the survey in English and [here](#) to take the survey in Spanish. Let's have a conversation!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Jennifer Nakijoba at nakijobaj@worcesterma.gov.

11. Please Note – Shrewsbury Town Hall “Food Truck Thursdays”

“Food Truck Thursdays” are back at the Shrewsbury Town Hall (100 Maple Ave) starting on Thursday, April 14th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Each week, up to four food vendors will be serving entrees and dessert items for sale. Bring a lawn chair or get food to go. Click [here](#) for the food truck schedule.

12. Save the Date – Shrewsbury’s Town Takeover WooSox Game, May 22nd

Join in the fun at Shrewsbury's Town Takeover Game at the WooSox on Sunday, May 22nd, at 1:05 p.m.! \$5 from each ticket purchased will be donated to Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Throughout the season, the WooSox will host different towns in Central and Western Massachusetts at Polar Park for “town takeover” nights. Tickets purchased for each “town takeover” night will benefit a non-profit from that town. At the end of the season, the town with the largest turnout will be rewarded with a trophy and special recognition!

13. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Historical Society Program, April 27th

Shrewsbury Historical Society presents “Major Taylor: The Worcester Whirlwind” by Lynne Tolman on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. It will be available as a virtual program and taped rebroadcast on Shrewsbury channels 28 and 328 and available on demand online at www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org.

Learn the story of the 1899 world cycling champion's remarkable life on and off the racetracks of the world at the turn of the 20th century, and how the legacy of this African American pioneer is shaping cycling and our communities today.

Lynne Tolman is president of the Major Taylor Association. She is a cyclist herself, an editor - retired from the Telegram & Gazette - and president of the nonprofit Major Taylor Association, based in Worcester. Lynne bikes with the Seven Hills Wheelmen and has written about cycling for VeloNews, USA Cycling, and other publications.

14. Please Note – Shrewsbury Rotary Club Community Recycling Event, April 24th

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.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Central Mass Youth Flag Football

Central Mass Flag Football is coming to Worcester this Spring! With two new locations at Worcester State University and Lake Park, Central Mass offers co-ed teams for children ages 3-15.

Central Mass Flag Football is a NFL Flag Football league serving the Central Mass area. Games this spring season will be held on Sundays. Spring and fall leagues have been established to teach the fundamentals of football through a focused approach to development; flag football is a safe and effective option to tackle.

Register today at www.worcesterflag.com. Please email rich@worcesterflag.com or call (978) 504-2120 with any questions.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Girls Youth Lacrosse Clinic

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 and contact Breana Hogan at breanahogan@gmail.com with any questions.

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Football & Cheer

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 to receive the early registration discount. Contact us at 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.
