

Community Bulletin

May 9th, 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 <u>School Committee policy</u>.

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The Shrewsbury Public Schools' Visual Arts Department is excited to be hosting the Spring Art Festivals this month. Artists on exhibit will be notified by their teacher. The artwork displayed was created between January and early May. We welcome you to join us for the following festivals:

Middle Schools Art Festival

Monday, May 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oak Middle School, by the Auditorium

High School Art Festival

Thursday, May 19th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Shrewsbury High School, Commons

Elementary Schools Art Festival

Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Maj. Howard W. Beal School, lower level by the Media Center

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Robotics Summer Program (New)

The Shrewsbury Robotics Summer Program is back for this summer. Join us for four weeks of robotics and engineering fun, which can be taken as individual weeks or multiple. The program is run by the Shrewsbury High School Robotics team and aimed at students entering 4th through 8th grade. Full details and signups can be found here.

3. 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!

4. Save the Date - Shrewsbury Education Foundation Trivia Night, May 13th

After a 2 year hiatus, the Shrewsbury Education Foundation is bringing back its annual Trivia Night. The 2022 SEF Trivia Night is sponsored by Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union and will be held virtually on Friday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. Create a team of 4 to 5 people and compete for

the SEF Trivia Night championship. The cost to participate is \$20 per person and all proceeds benefit the Shrewsbury Education Foundation, an all-volunteer organization that raises money to fund grants which put resources and programs directly into the classroom.

Click <u>here</u> to register your team today and click <u>here</u> to see the flyer. For more information about SEF Trivia Night, please contact James Dealy at <u>jamesdealy@hotmail.com</u>. To learn more about the Shrewsbury Education Foundation, visit <u>SEFgrants.org</u>.

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1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services Summer Programming (New)

LeadHERship Camp

Welcome to LeadHERship Camp (formerly You Go, Girl), one of Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services' most popular programs. This program focuses on the concerns, hopes, dreams, and goals of 4th grade girls by discussing the important changes they are experiencing during this critical time in their lives. They will learn how to strengthen their self-confidence, manage emotions, and communicate better with friends and family members. There will be plenty of practice in decision making and problem solving, too! They will learn how being healthy will help them become the person they are meant to be. We have included ways to stay drug-free and help others stay drug-free. Finally, they will practice setting goals and thinking about ways to make the most of themselves! This program will be held Monday-Thursday at the First Congregational Church. Click here to register.

Session 1: June 27 - June 30 Session 2: July 11 - July 14 Cost: \$150 per session

Classes run from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Enchanters Camp

Welcome 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 Monday-Thursday at the First Congregational Church and welcomes children ages 9-11. Click here to register.

Session 1: July 11 - July 14

Session 2: July 18 - July 21

Cost: \$100 per session

Classes run from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library May Events for Tweens and Teens (New)

We have tons of great events for tweens and teens happening in May at the Library, including our Teen Summer Volunteer Info Sessions!

- Mondays, May 9th and 23rd Stop Motion Animation 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A.
 Grades 5-8. Register for May 9th or 23rd.
- Fridays, May 13th, 20th, and 27th Self Improvement Club 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room Grades 5-8. No registration necessary.
- Saturday, May 14th Sustainability Experience Workshop 2:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-8. Register here.
- Monday, May 16th Teen Advisory meeting 8:00 p.m in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12.
 Register <u>here</u>.
- Wednesday, May 18th Paper Quilling Animals 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. Register <u>here</u>.
- Sunday, May 22nd Israeli Dance for Families 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 2+ and families. Register <u>here</u>.
- Monday, May 23rd Finding Your Dream Colleges 6:00 p.m. virtually. Grades 9-12 and parents. Register <u>here</u>.
- Monday, May 23rd Summer Volunteer Info Session 8:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B.
 Grades 7-12 (in fall 2022). Register here.
- Tuesday, May 24th Summer Volunteer Info Session 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B.
 Grades 7-12 (in fall 2022). Register here.
- Wednesday, May 25th Summer Volunteer Info Session 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 7-12 (in fall 2022). Register for 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 26th Summer Volunteer Info Session 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 7-12 (in fall 2022). Register here.
- Friday, May 27th Teen Take & Make: Felt Sushi all day in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary grab a kit to take home.

Check our online calendar and PDF calendar for more details and registration!

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

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

<u>Crew Rowing (Learn to Row)</u> - 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.

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

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

<u>Home Safety</u> - Ages 9 and up, Saturday, June 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Dean Park South Pavilion. Cost is \$37.

<u>Babysitting Course</u> - For grades 6th-8th on Thursdays, May 25th and June 1st from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Oak MS Cafe. Cost is \$57.

<u>Junior Golf Summer</u> - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

<u>Teen Interview Prep Workshop</u> - 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.

<u>Teen Archery Summer Sessions</u> - Thursdays for grades 6th and up starting June 2nd 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 Golf Summer Sessions - Visit our website for fees, times, dates, and schedules.

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

4. 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.

5. Please Note - Shrewsbury Public Library May Events

Songs and Stories - The Highwaymen

On Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m., join the Shrewsbury Public Library with longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York, who will perform the songs of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Krisofferson, and Waylon Jennings and tell stories of their careers. The four songwriting legends joined forces in the 1980s to form the country supergroup "The Highwaymen." However, they'd each previously established themselves as stars and their careers intersected many times since the 1960s. York has twice been nominated as Best Male Artist by the New England Music Awards and his latest release was named one of the Boston Globe's best albums of 2019. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Shrewsbury Local Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. The program will be held in person at the library; please register to attend here.

SpeakOUT Boston

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of learning more about the LGBTQ+ community as members of SpeakOUT Boston share their personal stories. SpeakOUT has been telling the stories of LGBTQ+ lives for 50 years. Since 1972, volunteer speakers have shared stories in an engaging way and fostered dialogues within middle and high schools, colleges, businesses, faith communities, nonprofit organizations, and more. SpeakOUT's motto is "Ask Us Anything" and the speakers create a safe and supportive atmosphere to ask questions. 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. The program will be held in person at the library; please register to attend here.

The Journey

On Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m., join the Shrewsbury Public Library and presenter Diane Lewis, psychic medium, for a unique workshop. Diane will put you in an altered state and then transport you to another realm. During the journey, you will have an individual and group experience in this multi-layered workshop, so whatever your needs, spirit will show you the way. Because we'll be together for a couple hours, comfortable clothing is recommended; have a pen and paper handy and water and a snack for after (for grounding). All attendees must be on time. No one will be admitted after the program has begun. Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will be held virtually on Zoom; please register to attend here.

6. 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!

7. Save the Date – Girl Scout Recruitment Event, May 12th

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.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note - Shrewsbury Volleyball Clinic

The Shrewsbury High School Volleyball team invites all middle school girls going into grades 5th through 9th to join them in learning and playing volleyball at a clinic on June 8th, 9th, and 10th. Come join the team in hitting, passing, and playing this great sport. All levels are welcome! Please print and complete the <u>application</u> and mail it with payment to Shannon Michalowski at 34 Edgewood Road, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. If you have any questions, please call (508) 320-0795 or email <u>michalowskifamily@gmail.com</u>.

2. 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.