

Community Bulletin

November 7th, 2023

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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Some students are eligible to receive reduced program fees if their family household meets specific income thresholds. The <u>free and reduced benefit application</u> is used to determine eligibility for reduced program fees.

Although Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make meals available at no cost to all students during this school year, **families should still complete a benefit application** if they think they might qualify. This provides data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. If eligible, students can potentially receive free busing, reduced activity fees, etc. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot. For more information about this program, please click <u>here</u>.

All new and returning students must complete a new application each school year. At any time during the school year, families may apply for reduced program fees. Sometimes families experience job or income loss during the year and this is an opportune time to apply. Please click here to apply for the free & reduced program.

If you have questions or need assistance with the application, please contact the Food Service Director using the contact information below: Beth Nichols (508) 841-8819 bnichols@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

2. Please Note – Cafeteria Help Wanted (New)

The Shrewsbury Food Service is looking for part-time employees, full-time employees, and substitutes to work in the school cafeterias. Days and hours are flexible. Duties include: prepping food, setting up serving lines, serving students, and breakdown and clean-up. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Please <u>click here</u> to obtain an employment application.

Please forward this application to the Food Service Department C/O Shrewsbury High School, 65 Cypress Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 or email to <u>hdoyle@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us</u>. If you have any questions, please call Heidi Doyle at (508) 841-8855.

3. Please Note – Destination Imagination (New)

Welcome to a new season of <u>Destination Imagination</u> at Shrewsbury Public Schools! We officially begin the new season with our virtual informational meeting on November 9th from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm when we will provide an overview of what is to be expected for the upcoming season including tournament plans, training, challenge overview, deadlines and lots more. Come to just listen or ask questions! All Shrewsbury Public School students in grades K-12 are eligible to join a team and there is no cost to participate. To sign up for the meeting, click on the "<u>Shrewsbury Destination Imagination Learn More</u>" Google form.

We will be answering questions at the end of the meeting. Registration for students and teams are open until December 1st. We hope you can join us to kick off the 2023-24 Destination Imagination Season!

Destination Imagination Virtual Info meet link

Meeting ID: 569 856 9800 Passcode: 426681

If you have any questions about the program, contact Rajani Vijayakumar (rvijayakumar@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

4. Save the Date – Shrewsbury High School Athletic Boosters Fundraiser, December 3rd (New)

The SHS Athletic Boosters Meat Raffle Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 4th and 1 Sports Club in Worcester. Come support our Shrewsbury athletes for a Sunday Funday! If interested in sponsoring a table, please contact Kelly Wharton at <u>kdoherty610@gmail.com</u>. She is our fundraising chair and can provide more details. Thank you in advance for your support.

5. Please Note – Lunch and Learn Program for SHS Students

Shrewsbury High School students now have the opportunity to interact with and learn from alumni and community partners during lunches on Fridays throughout the school year. Groups of up to eight students are invited to meet with invited guests during each of the four, 20-minute lunch periods. These events are specifically structured to create a casual and interactive

environment where students gain insights into various career paths and connect with professionals from different fields, while having opportunities to ask questions and interact.

The schedule of speakers and student registration for all speakers can be found <u>here</u>. Guest speakers will be added frequently, so check this link weekly. Questions? Contact <u>kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us</u>.

Help Wanted!

Parents, Caretakers, Alumni, and Community Partners: Please consider joining the all-new Shrewsbury High School Lunch and Learn sessions on Fridays during lunch times at SHS. Our students are seeking to gain knowledge about careers, workforces, and/or colleges. Guests of all ages are encouraged to share their life skills and experiences with students in grades 9-12! Please contact Jane Lizotte at jlizotte@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or Kathleen Keohane at kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you are interested in volunteering.

6. Save the Date – Job Fair for Students, November 16th

Shrewsbury High School is hosting its 4th semi-annual "Job Fair for Students" on November 17th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the SHS Commons (cafeteria). Local businesses will interview students on the spot and answer questions about their jobs. (A list of employers will be published a few days before the Job Fair).

If you have a local business looking for student workers, or know of someone who does, please join our Job Fair and fill out <u>this form</u>. Be prepared to interview students on the spot and hire new employees immediately!

7. Please Note – Jobs for Students

Do you have a high school student looking for an after-school job? New jobs have been added! We have many local businesses looking for student employees, listed on our <u>Jobs for Students</u> site, including jobs for students 15+. Every job listing contains a brief job description, instructions for how to apply for the job, and the contact person. It is the student's responsibility to connect with the employer and to apply for the job personally. This list is updated frequently, with the newest jobs listed first. Please note that if your student is under 18, they must <u>apply for a work permit</u>. Instructions for how to apply for a permit are also on the <u>Jobs for Students</u> page. Questions? Please email <u>kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us</u>. Thank you for supporting our students!

Do you have a business who is looking to hire this fall? Shrewsbury youth are eager to work! Please complete <u>this form</u> to provide information about available positions in your company or

business. Information will be posted to our highly popular and frequently visited <u>Jobs for</u> <u>Students</u> site, and you will receive an invitation to attend the SHS Job Fair in November.

8. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Robotics Apple Pie and Winter Market, November 18th

We are looking for vendors for the ever popular annual event of the Shrewsbury Robotics Apple Pie and Winter Market! Please <u>apply</u> to be a vendor! Be sure to stop by the Oak Middle School Gym on November 18th from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. to grab a delicious pie and do some shopping! Click <u>here</u> for the flier.

Community Items

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Police Department Bi-Monthly Newsletter (New)

To enhance our ongoing efforts in fostering better internal and external communication while highlighting the commendable initiatives undertaken by the Police Department and the Community, we are introducing a new Bi-Monthly Newsletter! Please <u>click here</u>.

2. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Yuletide Market and Light the Common, December 2nd (New)

The Annual Yuletide Market and Light the Common will be Saturday, December 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. on the Town Common. It opens at 4 p.m. and at 4:45, 31,000 lights on the Common will be flipped on in a dazzling display!

There'll be new food trucks, more artisanal gifts and vendors, and more fun for all ages. Don't miss this unique opportunity to stroll the festive Town Common, while getting a jump on holiday shopping. Admission is free, but pets are not allowed. For more information and parking locations, <u>click here</u>.

3. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Boy Scouts Troop 227 Fundraiser, November 8th (New)

Shrewsbury BSA Troop 227 is having a fundraiser at Raising Cain's in Marlborough on Wednesday, November 8th from 6-8:30pm. Come enjoy a night out, eat some delicious food and support our Troop! All the customer has to say is they want to support Troop 227 and show the <u>flier</u>. Spread the word and tell your friends to come!

4. Please Note – Girl Scout Troop Openings (New)

Two Girl Scout troops in Shrewsbury have space available for new Girl Scouts! Troop 30705 is for girls in grades 2 and 3. This troop meets every other Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Click <u>here</u> to register for troop 30705. Troop 65087 is for girls in grade 4. This troop meets monthly on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Click <u>here</u> to register for troop 65087. Register now to claim a spot as troops fill fast. Girl Scout membership is \$35, but financial assistance is available.

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events (New)

50+ Job Seekers Virtual Networking Group

Come meet new job seekers to expand your network, news, and views with the Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group! If you are over 50 and unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, or re-entering the job market after a gap, this group is perfect for you.

The group meets on Zoom from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on first and third Wednesday mornings, with repeat sessions on the same topics offered in the evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesday evenings. Registration is required for each session (register <u>here</u> for morning sessions; register <u>here</u> for evening sessions). This group is sponsored by more than 60 Massachusetts public libraries. Find the full list of topics and registration <u>here</u>. This group is sponsored by more than 60 Massachusetts public libraries.

SPL Spanish Conversation Club

Are you looking for a casual space in which you can practice your Spanish and learn more about the multiple cultures of those who speak that language? Join the Spanish Conversation Club most Tuesdays at the Shrewsbury Public Library (6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab on the second floor). No registration required. Visit our <u>events calendar</u> to check dates.

¿Buscas un espacio informal en el que puedas practicar tu Español y aprender más de las múltiples culturas que hablan este idioma? Únete a nuestro club de conversación la mayoría de los martes en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury a las 6:00 p.m. en el laboratorio del segundo piso. No es necesario registrarse. Visita nuestro <u>calendario de eventos</u> para verificar citas.

SPL Spanish Culture Club

The Spanish Culture Club provides an open and casual learning environment outside of the classroom to promote learning and practicing the language as well as to celebrate the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries around the world. This club is not only about learning Spanish, but learning about Hispanic culture: cuisine, idioms, movies, food, and more. The group will

meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Public Library; no registration required.

Tech Tuesday: Digital Privacy and Security

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab for Tech Tuesdays! This program is intended for proficient computer users aged 13+ who are familiar with navigating the internet. Laptops will be provided. Space is limited, so <u>registration</u> is required.

Zumba at the library

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for Zumba®, an interval-style dance fitness party that combines low-intensity and high-intensity moves. Burn lots of calories while moving to the rhythm with Latin-inspired dance moves. The best part of it all is that it doesn't even feel like exercise! Dance fitness classes aren't just great for cardiovascular health, but also tone muscles and improve balance and flexibility. Zumba instructor Johanny Pineyro will lead this engaging class beginning at 6:00 p.m. No registration required; Wednesday, November 29th.

Understanding Retirement Plans, an Overview

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. with financial advisor Mike Ford, who will help attendees understand employee sponsored and individual retirement plans from contribution limits to eligibility requirements. Planning for retirement is an activity that is best started young allowing for individuals to experience the full benefit of compound interest. However, at any age or salary, there are sound retirement strategies that can be employed to maximize retirement funds.

Mike Ford is a long-time Shrewsbury resident, operating as a financial advisor in town. Mike is a Toastmaster in the Shrewsbury club and enjoys traveling and meeting new people.

This program will take place in person at the library; please <u>register</u> to attend.

Let's Get Growing with Plant Guy Eric

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. with Plant Guy Eric, a cannabis cultivation consultant in central Massachusetts. From choosing seeds to daily care, right through the process of harvesting and curing, Plant Guy Eric will teach attendees all they need to know to begin their journey into the wonderful world of cannabis.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please <u>register</u> to attend.

The Power of Meditation and Gratitude

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. with Ajjili Hodari, Esq, long-time meditator and national speaker, for this transformational online workshop. Meditation has become increasingly more popular and provides many life-transforming benefits.

By meditating, we become relaxed and calm as we come in contact with a state of inner peace and wellbeing.

By learning and practicing this simple yet profound technique, it will become clear how meditation can enhance your life with a sense of wellbeing and deep inner peace. When adding gratitude into our lives, this can be a winning combination.

This program will take place virtually on Zoom; please <u>register</u> to attend.

The True Story Behind the Lincoln Assassination: The Nest That Hatched Evil

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. with Justice Dennis J. Curran (ret.), member of the national Board of Advisors of The Lincoln Forum and a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society, for this fascinating talk that examines the truth versus the myth of Lincoln's assassination.

This presentation dispels many of the commonly-held myths about the murder of our 16th President. Although John Wilkes Booth fired the gun, there were many fingers on that trigger. The Confederate Secret Service, a foreign bank account, multiple assassins, and an orchestrated underground plot conspired to decapitate the Union government, a plan set in motion months before April 14, 1865.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. This program will take place in person at the library; please <u>register</u> to attend.

Madan Sara Film Screening

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. with Etant Dupain, journalist and filmmaker, for a screening of and Q&A about the documentary, <u>Madan Sara</u>. The women known as Madan Sara work tirelessly to buy, distribute, and sell food and other essentials in markets throughout Haiti. Despite the obstacles faced by working in a sector that lacks investment, infrastructure and state assistance, the Madan Sara are one of the most critical parts of the Haitian economy. The documentary tells the stories of these indefatigable women who, despite facing hardship and social stigma, help ensure a better life for future generations. This film amplifies the calls of the Madan Sara as they speak directly to society to share their dreams for a more just Haiti.

This program will take place in person at the library; please <u>register</u> to attend.

6. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Children (New)

Science with WPI - November 9th at 3 p.m.

Join students and professors from Worcester Polytechnic Institute for a science program for kids in grades 3-5. There will be a presentation on magnets followed by a hands-on activity. Register <u>here</u>.

Geography Bee - November 14th at 6 p.m.

The Library's Geography Bee is for kids in grades 3rd & 4th. Participants will be picked through a lottery system. If your child gets in, you will be contacted via email. If you are interested, please send the following information to splkids@cwmars.org starting October 16th: Child's name and grade; Parent's name, email and phone number.

The Poop Museum - November 18th at 3 p.m.

Join award winning teacher and storyteller, Susie Maguire, as she brings her poop museum to the Shrewsbury Library! Geared for children ages 4-9 and their families, Susie will teach attendees about the fascinating world of poop, including does every animal poop? Is there really sweet, tasty poop that you can eat? And which animal does a poop dance? This is a token program, meaning the library will start handing out admittance tokens 30 minutes before the start of the program. One token will be given out per child. Please stop at the main circulation desk starting at 2:30pm on the date of the program to get your tokens.

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

We have some great events for tweens and teens happening in November at the Library!

Please remember that program attendees in grades 5-6 must be accompanied to the library by a parent/parent's representative who will remain in the building during the program and rejoin the attendee at the conclusion of the program.

- Wednesday, November 1st-Thursday, November 30th Scavenger Hunt in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. Try our monthly Scavenger Hunt! Find all the hidden items and you're entered to win a fun prize. This month's prizes are a photorealistic tortilla throw blanket and a bag of candy!
- Tuesday, November 7th Great for Gifting: Herbal Bath Sachets 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. All ages. No registration necessary. Need a gift that shows you care? Drop in for our series Great for Gifting! At this workshop we'll make Herbal Bath Sachets. Participants will choose ingredients to make charming sachets that can be added to a hot bath. Give it as a gift or treat yourself to something nice! Also in this series: Mason Jar Cookies on December 12th and Jasmine Hot Compresses on December 20th. Younger children may require adult assistance).
- Thursday, November 9th Writing Marathon for Teens 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. <u>Registration</u> required. November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) and we're getting into the spirit with a writing marathon! We challenge you to set a word count goal and then go for it! Over the course of two hours we'll write,

brainstorm, work with prompts and new ideas, and eat pizza. Writers of all skill and experience levels welcome - we're here to have fun! This event also kicks off our monthly Teen Writer's Club, which will meet on the second Thursday of each month during the school year.

- Monday, November 13th-Friday, November 17th MATLAB Bootcamp: From Zero to Hero - 4:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab. Grades 6-10. <u>Registration</u> required. This bootcamp is designed for beginners who want to learn the basics of MATLAB programming. You will learn how to create and edit MATLAB scripts, work with data, and create plots and figures. This workshop is perfect for anyone who wants to learn MATLAB programming, regardless of their background or experience level. If you are interested in learning how to use MATLAB to solve real-world problems, then this workshop is for you! Led by Vyshnavi D of SHS.
- Monday, November 13th Poop Museum for Teens 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Grades 5-12. Registration required. The Poop Museum is the place to come if you're curious and have questions about poop, and also if you think that everything in the world, including poop, is fascinating! At The Poop Museum, everyone learns many fantastic, fabulous and fun facts about human, animal, and insect poop, many of which truly amaze and surprise. Just a few of the topics we cover include: what poop is and how it gets made, how we evolved to have butts, which animals eat poop and why, how poop became a medicine, and how poop became a power source.So come and see us to learn and laugh and talk all about poop when The Poop Museum visits your town!
- Tuesday, November 14th Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club 6:00 p.m. in the Children's Program Room. Grades 4-6. <u>Registration</u> required. We'll be reading out loud one book from the Choose Your Own Adventure® series at each meeting and everyone will help decide which path we will take. Participants will receive an Adventurer's Passport to collect badges. Participants who attend all 9 meetings will earn all 9 book badges and be eligible for a prize. FREE PIZZA!
- Wednesday, November 15th Music with Computers 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room
 A. Grades 5-12. <u>Registration</u> required. Enjoy an introduction to the art of making music with computers! Various approaches will be discussed, including using computers as an assistant in the practice of music, performing with computers, and creating and recording music with computers. No prior musical experience is required. Feel free to bring samples of your own work to discuss. This class is being presented by The Jazz Robot Studios, a local arts non-profit, and will be led by Jonathan Larkin.
- Friday, October 17th Friday Snack Craft 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room B. Grades 5-12. No registration necessary. What's more fun than food? School is over - come hang out and create something delicious. A new seasonal snack creation each month! Those with food allergies should please exercise caution.
- Monday, November 20th Teen Advisory Meeting 8:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. Grades 5-12. <u>Registration</u> required. What is Teen Advisory? It's a way for you to connect with the library and make your voice heard. It's a chance to see your ideas and opinions come to life. It's an easy way to earn volunteer credit by attending monthly

meetings. Join us to meet some new people, eat snacks, and help us make our Teen Room (and library) THE BEST!

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

8. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Programs

Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited. Visit our <u>website</u> for more information and registration and follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates and photos!

Shrewsbury Playground Survey

Passed as a CPA project at Town Meeting in May of 2023, a formal playground assessment for the Town is currently underway. At this time, we would like to invite you to share your feedback regarding the playgrounds here in Shrewsbury. Please <u>click here</u> to complete the survey.

Babysitting Courses

This class will help you learn what you need to know and what every parent wants in a responsible babysitter! Learn how to: interview for a babysitting job, choose safe and age-appropriate toys and games, perform basic first aid and CPR, learn diapering and feeding techniques, handle bedtime issues, learn tips for having a safe babysitting experience and more! Open to ages 12-15, \$55/course. Monday and Wednesday, November 6 & 8, 4:00-6:30 pm, Oak MS Cafe

Paint Night

Friday, December 8, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Senior Center, \$35/person An Instructor from Canvas N' Cup will lead us through creating a winter themed masterpiece on canvas. This activity is appropriate for ages 8 and up, families welcome! Children under age 14

must have a parent/caregiver present. Cost is per person and includes all materials.

Children's Etiquette Workshops

New England School of Protocol aims to give every individual a strong foundation in social graces, dining etiquette and interpersonal skills. Our goal is to empower them with confidence and propel them towards personal and professional success.

Upcoming workshop topics include: Social Skills, Prep for the Holidays, Restaurant Ready, and Teen Interview Prep. See our MyRec website for more information on dates, times, and cost of each workshop.

SAVE THE DATE!

Winter Program Registration will open on Wednesday, November 29 at 10:00 am. Winter Programs will be posted for viewing on MyRec and Facebook by Thursday, November 16.

Our Adaptive Program Meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center. If you are interested in exploring how we can all work together to improve our adaptive program offerings and inclusion practices to support community members of all ages with disabilities in recreation programs, please join us!

Please <u>click here</u> for the Parks & Recreation website.

9. Please Note – Shrewsbury Historical Society Events

Shrewsbury Historical Society Upcoming Programs

- November 15, 2023: "Cranberries 101" by Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association
 - Learn about the history of the cranberry in Massachusetts, cranberry farming, and the amazing health benefits provided by this little red berry in a colorful and informative PowerPoint presentation from an industry expert. Enjoy sweetened dried cranberry samples, and take home some amazing cranberry recipe cards.
 - Cranberry Tour Guide Walter Morrison has a degree in Agricultural Business from Stockbridge School of Agriculture and a degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In addition to garden retail experience, Walter has been a trustee for Federal Furnace Cranberry in Carver since 2005 and serves on the Plymouth Conservation Commission.
- December 2, 2023: Yuletide Market 3:00-4:30, "All Aboard, Encore! Model Holiday Train Exhibit and Penny Candy Sale"
- December 13, 2023: "125th Anniversary Celebration of the Shrewsbury Historical Society " by Erik Larson, President
- January 24, 2024: "Shrewsbury Charitable Society "by Tom Kelleher
- February 28, 2024: "Hebert Candies, Past to Present: Creation of the Candy Mansion" by Paul Smith (at Hebert Candy Mansion)
- March 27, 2024: "Needle & Thread: The Art and Skill of Clothing an Early 19th-Century Family" by Rebecca Beall
- April 24, 2024: "Spectacle and Substance: Tracking a Tale of Victorian America" by April Jones Price
- May 22, 2024: Annual Meeting and "Having Fun: Wish You Were Here: Historical Society Game Night!" by Erik Larson, President

Mission Statement

The Shrewsbury Historical Society was organized on January 7, 1898, and incorporated on June 23, 1902. The purpose of the Society shall be to keep alive and increase interest in the history of the Town of Shrewsbury; to collect and preserve items of special value, traditions, and curiosities; to encourage general public interest in its work; and to maintain such personal properties and real estate that may come under the control of the Society.

10. Save the Date – Turkey Trot for the Memory, November 23rd

Preparations are underway for the 12th running of the Turkey Trot for the Memory and we can't wait to see you! On Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 a.m., we will gather with friends and family on the Shrewsbury Town Common to show support for those who've been impacted by Alzheimer's disease and to raise funds to support patient care, caregiver support, and research. Please join us for the 2-mile or 5-mile race, fun run, or walk.

We are grateful to our presenting sponsor, Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union, and to the First Congregational Church for generously welcoming us back year after year despite the fact that we've grown exponentially! This event would not be possible without the Church, our sponsors, volunteers, and you!

Registration is live. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about this community event! If you are interested in volunteering, please click <u>here</u>.

We have room for the names of a few additional <u>sponsors on our t-shirts</u> if you are interested in supporting the event in that way. Sponsorships begin at \$350.

Please contact Jane Lizotte at <u>jlizotte2@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

See you at the starting line on Thanksgiving morning!

11. Save the Date – Veterans Luncheon, November 9th

Shrewsbury Veterans and surviving spouses are welcome to join us at the Shrewsbury Senior Center (98 Maple Avenue) for our Veterans Luncheon on Thursday, November 9th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Monday, November 6th to the Shrewsbury Senior Center (508-841-8640). Proof of veteran status is required (VA ID or DD214). We do not want you to eat alone - please let us know if you would like one additional meal. This event is sponsored by the Shrewsbury Council on Aging Formula Grant and Accessible Home Care and Shrewsbury Nursing Home.

12. Save the Date – Charles River Labs Open House for High School Students, November 9th

Do you have a high school student interested in Chemistry, Biology, Medicine, Math, or Animal Science? Charles River Labs would like to invite students to visit the Charles River Laboratories Shrewsbury location. Students will tour both the In-Vivo and In-Vitro labs as well as meet staff members: Scientist, Study Directors, Formulation Technicians, Veterinarians, Veterinary

Technicians, In-Vivo and Animal Care Technicians. We will offer tours of the labs as well. Students will be given snacks, swag and will be able to meet a couple of retired beagles. These events are most beneficial for Junior and Senior students, however all are welcome. Come visit and get an idea of what it is like to work at a company like Charles River and all the jobs types a large company can offer. For more details, <u>see this flier</u>.

(Charles River Laboratories-Shrewsbury is a Contract Research Organization (CRO). We work with companies to bring pharmaceuticals to market. We will help our clients anywhere in the drug development pipeline from Discovery to FDA submission. On site we use in-vitro (bench) and in-vivo (animal) models to test new medications for effectiveness and safety.)

13. Please Note – 2024 Town of Shrewsbury Scholarship

The 2024 Town of Shrewsbury Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications!

The Scholarship Fund was established at Town Meeting in 1995 and is supported through generous donations from many Shrewsbury residents and businesses. \$500.00 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors with demonstrated character, community service, academic achievement, and financial need. Applicants must be Shrewsbury residents but can be seniors at any high school.

To apply, please review and complete the <u>2024 Town Scholarship Application Form</u>. Applications must be submitted to the Office of the Select Board by 4:00 p.m. on March 7, 2024.

Youth Athletics and Activities

1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Spring 2024 Season (New)

Registration is now open for the Spring season for all Shrewsbury Youth Soccer age groups (pre-k through grade 12). Our season is scheduled to start in early April 2024 and will run to the end of the school year. We have had waiting lists for most age groups in the last few seasons, so register early. Click <u>here</u> to register.

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse Spring Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the Spring 2024 travel season for all Shrewsbury Youth Lacrosse age groups (girls and boys in grades 1-8). Come out for this fun, fast-paced sport. All experience levels are welcome! The season will run from early April to mid-June, with indoor

pre-season practices starting in mid-February. Regular games will be on Sundays with the season culminating in a fun 3-game jamboree. Click <u>here</u> to register! Email us with any questions at <u>info@shrewsburylacrosse.com</u>.