



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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Dear Shrewsbury Families, Staff, & Community Members,

As we begin a school vacation, not to return until a new year and decade have begun, I hope that you will find time to relax in the company of family and friends, doing things that bring you joy and contentment. To all who celebrate, please accept my best wishes for a happy Hanukkah and a merry Christmas, and may the new year bring all of you much happiness.

I wanted to bring a few items to your attention as the calendar year draws to a close:

- The annual Colonial Fund appeal;
- Preschool & Kindergarten lottery process;
- A new episode of *School Talk* with an update on the SHS turf field; &
- SHS students appear on this month's episode of *Ask the Manager*

Consider the Colonial Fund for your end-of-year giving:

The Shrewsbury Public Schools [Colonial Fund](#) provides opportunities for our students to take part in innovative educational experiences. In six years, the Colonial Fund has raised almost \$200,000 that has provided educational equipment and materials that make a positive difference for our students. Click [here](#) to make your year-end gift; because we are a non-profit, your donation may qualify as a charitable contribution depending on your personal financial situation. Thank you for your consideration for supporting our students and educators!

Preschool & Kindergarten lottery process:

The online processes to sign up age-eligible children for lotteries for preschool and full-day kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year are open. For the preschool lottery, click [here](#). For the kindergarten lottery, click [here](#). The deadline for both lotteries is January 13, 2020.

School Talk episode on the SHS turf field:

Click [here](#) to view the School Committee's latest *School Talk* TV show; this episode features School Committee Vice Chair, Jon Wensky, and it provides excellent information regarding the benefits we are experiencing thanks to improvements made to the SHS athletics facility, especially the synthetic turf

field installed at what is now David J. Adams Memorial Field at Central One Federal Credit Union Stadium.

SHS students appear on this month's edition of *Ask the Manager*:

Four students from Mr. John Aloisi's American Government class at Shrewsbury High School, Aleesha Awan '22, Matt Rossi '20, Matt Searbo '20, & Jacob Tran '20, were the guests on this month's episode of *Ask the Manager*. (Click [here](#) to view.) Host Donna O'Connor facilitated a discussion where the students asked Town Manager Kevin Mizikar several questions about issues of importance in our town and schools, and I think they did a terrific job. Thank you to Mr. Mizikar and Assistant Town Manager Kristen Las, who have been working with the American Government class on the topic of the Edgemere Drive-In/Market Basket project as a "real world" learning experience related to local government. We appreciate Mr. Mizikar and Ms. Las taking time out of their busy schedules to provide this outstanding educational opportunity to our students!

Thank you for your continued support of our schools!

Respectfully,

Joe Sawyer

Superintendent of Schools