SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE - JUNE 5, 2015

Dear Shrewsbury Families,

We are having a terrific spring, and we recently had an outstanding Senior Week culminating with the graduation of the Shrewsbury High School Class of 2015.  Congratulations to all of our graduates, their families, and our educators on a job well done!

The **School Committee** met this past Wednesday and discussed a variety of topics, including recommendations regarding what feedback to send to the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding the state testing program, an updated employment policy, and a recommendation to raise the price of school lunches by $0.25 next year.  Information on these items can be found [here](http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1433424732172.htm), and if you have any feedback for the Committee or me in advance of their votes on June 10, you can contact us at schoolcommittee@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us and jsawyer@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Please note the following informational items:

**#3 in Massachusetts and #41 in the U.S.! Recognition of SPS Food Service Program**: Did you know that our school district has been ranked through a national survey group as being 3rd best in the state and 41st in the nation for best school district food?  Check out the links [here](https://k12.niche.com/rankings/public-school-districts/best-food/s/massachusetts/) and [here](https://k12.niche.com/rankings/public-school-districts/best-food/) for more info.  Congratulations to our hardworking cafeteria staff!

**Student successes and events**:

Recent student successes include:

* The Shrewsbury High School Robotics team earned the “Medal of Honor” award at a recent competition at WPI.
* The Shrewsbury High School Introduction to Engineering class recently held its annual cardboard boat design competition at Lake Quinsigamond.  Check out [this article](http://www.telegram.com/article/20150515/NEWS/150519390/0/) for more information and photos.
* Many SHS athletics teams are currently competing in the playoffs - good luck and go Colonials!
* Sherwood Middle School partnered with the Shrewsbury Artists’ Guild and the SHS National Art Honor Society on a joint project where local artists and SHS students created paintings signifying the school’s core values, based on designs created by Sherwood students.  For a newspaper story and photos, click [here](http://www.telegram.com/article/20150529/NEWS/150529241).
* Oak Middle School presents *Willy Wonka* tonight and Saturday evening at 7pm in the Oak auditorium.

Thanks for your continued support of our schools.

Respectfully,

Joe Sawyer

Superintendent of Schools