



Athletics Report  
2020-2021

# ***Program Highlights 2020-21***

- Shrewsbury High School and Oak Middle School offered reduced athletic opportunities as a result of Covid-19 restrictions set forth by the MIAA and public health officials.
- The number of athletic competitions were reduced for all seasons. Additionally, football, volleyball, unified basketball, and indoor track were moved from their traditional fall season to a “Fall II” season which started in February and concluded in April.
- Oak Middle School (OMS) reduced its athletic program as a result of the pandemic. During this time OMS offered only baseball and softball during the spring season.
- OMS **did not** offer the following sports in 20-21: Boys’ and Girls’ Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Cheerleading, Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball, Boys’ and Girls’ Outdoor Track

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- 19 Different Sports
  - 51 Teams
  - 444 contests compared to over 800 contests in a normal year
  - Unified Sports (Basketball and Outdoor Track)
- 75 Coaches and 26 Volunteers
- Throughout the four seasons we had 1,203 athletes compete at the high school level with some participating in multiple sports.. A small number of athletes were able to compete in all four seasons.

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- 4 Student-Athletes Signed National Letters of Intent to participate in NCAA Athletics
- Prior to the start of each season, student-athletes and their families were required to attend a pre-season virtual meeting with the athletic director (4- meetings for the 2020-21). The meetings were approximately 45 minutes and reviewed the expectations for student-athletes and their parents during the ***Covid-19 pandemic***.
- During the Fall II and Spring seasons all student-athletes were required to participate in weekly ***Covid-19 Pool Testing*** to maintain eligibility for sports.

# Booster Organizations

- **SHS Athletic Boosters Association** held monthly virtual meetings during the year. The 2020-21 school year marked the fifteenth year in which all athletic teams at SHS became members of the Boosters Association. Fundraising was at a minimum due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Friends of Shrewsbury Crew (FOSC)** held monthly virtual meetings during the year. Fundraising was at a minimum due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- For both organizations, the amount of fundraising was down by about 80% due to COVID-19 restrictions.

# Athletic Financials 2020-21

- The fall of 2021 marked the fifteenth year of athletic fees.
- The fee structure and registration process were explained at Parent/Athlete Nights conducted via Zoom, which are held at the beginning of each season. Athletes and parents were informed that all fees, medical and permission forms are due to the athletic department on a specified date.
- The Shrewsbury School Committee agreed to a \$50 reduction in athletic fees for the 2020-21 seasons due to the reduction in contests due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The athletic department utilized *SchoolPay*, an online payment application located in the Parent Portal of *PowerSchool*.
- Total Athletic Fees collected for the 2020-21 school year was \$265,580.

# Future Considerations

The Shrewsbury High School Athletic program provides significant opportunities for student-athletes and decidedly contributes to our positive school culture. As we reflect upon the program, we have identified areas that need to be considered as we move forward.

1. Review and Implement the 5-year strategic plan on the replacement of crew shells and equipment.
2. Create seasonal stipend positions for an Part-Time Athletic Trainer and Seasonal Site Supervisor to ensure coverage and supervision of expanded athletic programming at OMS and SHS.
3. Add Middle School Girls' and Boys' Soccer programming.
4. Continue maintenance and improvements to Athletic Facilities:
  - Replacement of the Shrewsbury High School press box.
  - Installation of a storage facility near the stadium field.
  - Improvements to the baseball and softball fields. (dugouts, storage, and fencing)
  - Netting around the lower soccer field. (former Field Hockey/lacrosse field)
  - Screen protectors around the tennis courts.

# Conclusion

The Shrewsbury Athletic Program provided students an outlet for students to socialize and compete during a very difficult time in our history. Athletic programming helped get students active and re-engaged after months of isolation and quarantine.

Co-curricular programming such as athletics also helped cultivate and improve students' social and emotional well-being and allowed students to continue to expand essential skills such as collaboration, personal responsibility, leadership, perseverance, and resilience. We hope to put the pandemic behind us soon and we can continue to build upon our programming to offer enriching experiences and opportunities for our student-athletes.

**Thank You!**



**Go Colonials!!!**