

## **Pay to Play (Participate) Interscholastic Athletic Program**

The need for students to pay-to-participate is a direct consequence of the significant budget cuts that the state has imposed on school districts. Instruction must be our primary focus as we continue to help each student develop to his/her fullest potential, thereby preserving the level of academic excellence that we currently offer our children.

In order to maintain the Interscholastic Athletic Program in Shrewsbury while at the same time being mindful of our responsibility to work within the tight fiscal constraints imposed on the district, students will be charged a non refundable fee in order to participate in all interscholastic sports. As sports programs are non mandated programs, based on the state's finances and the hard caps being placed on property tax increases, we expect that cost for these non mandated programs will not be included in all future budgets.

### **Non-Refundable Pay-to-Participate Fees as of September 2015**

For EACH sport, fees will be determined by the total cost of the sport (which varies) divided by the total number of students who make the team up to the maximum allowable number of athletes on the roster. The district fees included in the cost are for items such as coaching stipends, equipment, league fees, referee fees, transportation and processing.

Fees will be accessed after the student has made the team following tryouts. Fees must be paid within five (5) days of making the team. All fees must be paid in full prior to the student participating in the activity, practice/game or receiving a uniform.

The fee will be accessed per sport. There are no multi-sport discounts or discounts for multiple children participating. Please be advise that our current payment system in not functioning at the moment. Once your student has made the team, students will be required to pay by check made payable to the Shrewsbury Board of Education within the five (5) days after your student has been notified and/or prior to your student attending any practice sessions. No student will be permitted to practice without submitting their payment for that sport. Checks should be submitted to the Business Office. Please be sure to note what student you are paying for (first and last name) when processing your payment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE:** There could be additional fees for teams that advance past the regular season. Any costs associated with the playoffs will be paid for directly by the students or through fund raising efforts.

Physicals: All students that will be trying out for the sports programs must still have a physical in order to participate in tryouts.

### **INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS PROGRAM FEES**

<b><u>Team</u></b>		<b><u>Roster</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>
Boys Soccer:	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	18	\$133
Girls Soccer:	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	18	\$133
Cross Country:	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	13+	\$139
Boys Basketball:	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	13	\$255
Girls Basketball:	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	13	\$255
Baseball:	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	14	\$205
Softball:	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	14	\$205
Track:	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	40	\$ 87
Cheerleading:	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	18	\$108