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Dear Parents and Students,

The SBS Shovels program invites you to participate in the Senior Snow Shoveling Program.

The goal of the program is to match 7th grade SBS students with elderly or disabled Shrewsbury residents who are in need of snow removal assistance for the entire winter season. Participants may earn community service hours for participating in this program but should not expect any monetary compensation for their efforts.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form below and return it by January 10, 2020 to Mrs. DiStefano in the main office. Please note that the signature of a parent or guardian is required in order for a student to participate.

With your help in its inaugural year, we hope Shrewsbury will become a great program that provides this much needed assistance to the seniors in our community.

Thank you,

SBS Shovels

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Nearest cross street: _____

Parent's email address: _____

I give my permission for the above student to participate in the 2019 Senior Snow Shoveling Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the mission of the program?

To foster mutual appreciation between senior and student neighbors through communication, caring and responsibility.

Who are the participants of the program?

The participants of the program are seventh and eighth grade student volunteers and Shrewsbury seniors or disabled persons who cannot shovel their own snow.

How will students be matched with a senior?

Parents will be contacted by a Shrewsbury Shovels representative matching them with a senior.

What are the responsibilities of the student volunteers?

The number one responsibility of each student is to communicate with the senior.

Students need to stay in contact with their senior to let them know when they will arrive to shovel. Each student will agree to take care of the specific snow removal needs of his/her assigned senior to the best of his/her ability. If the student will be out of town he/she is responsible to communicate with his/her senior in ample time for the senior to make other arrangements or have a friend help out. Volunteers will assist seniors by clearing the sidewalk, the pathway leading up to the house, and the steps up to the front door.

Should students expect to be paid or accept payment if offered?

The simplest answer is that this is a volunteer, community service and is not a job or business opportunity. Students should be prepared to thank seniors for their offer but also to insist that it isn't necessary nor can it be accepted. SBS will acknowledge and sign off on volunteer hours for students.

Is the student's family allowed to help?

Absolutely but it is not expected! Some families enjoy working together, and other families believe the commitment should be made by the students only.

If the student is taking a planned vacation what should he or she do?

The student must call the senior in advance with the dates they will be out of town so the senior can make other arrangements for their own snow removal.

Will students be expected to assist senior residents who are not in Shrewsbury during the winter, i.e "snowbirds"?

The Senior Snow Shoveling Project volunteers will not be matched with seniors who are not in Shrewsbury during the winter or who are away for part of the winter. Those residents will have to make other arrangements for assistance during the winter months.