

# Sharon Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Upcoming Observances & Events

# Information & Disclaimers

The Sharon Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee does its best to list events and observances representing our diverse community and country. If you would like to see a holiday or event included in these slides, please use the DEIC submission form: <https://www.townofsharon.net/diversity-equity-inclusion-committee/webforms/submit-your-event-to-be-displayed-on-the-deic-calendar>

You can reach out to the Sharon DEIC through [DEICcommittee@townofsharon.org](mailto:DEICcommittee@townofsharon.org).

Religious observances are taken almost exclusively from the [Anti-Defamation League's \(ADL's\) Calendar of Observances](#). That document notes: “The calendar includes significant religious observances of the major faiths represented in the United States. It can be used when planning school exam schedules and activities, workplace festivities and community events. **Note that Bahá'í, Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown the previous day and end at sundown on the date listed.**”

The ADL notes: “The calendar notes U.S. holidays that are either legal holidays or observed in various states and communities throughout the country. Important national and international observances that may be commemorated in the U.S. are also included.”

# Sources of Observances & Events

Individual community submissions, Sharon DEIC announcements, and Sharon Public School's Dispatch newsletter, What's Happening Sharon Newsletter (Sharon Cultural Council)

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Calendar of Observances 2024:

<https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/calendar-of-observances-2024.pdf>

GLSEN's School Year Calendar: [https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/GLSEN\\_School\\_Calendar\\_2023\\_24.pdf](https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/GLSEN_School_Calendar_2023_24.pdf)

# May is

## JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

## ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

**May 6:** YOM HASHOAH • Jewish

**May 6-10:** TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

**May 9:** ASCENSION DAY • Western Christian

**May 9:** Sharon DEIC meeting, virtual, 7 p.m.

**May 10:** Submissions due for Sharon's Juneteenth Art Show. Sign up sheet: [click here](#) or scan flier in June events.

**May 10:** Music Jam folk music open mic. Unitarian Church of Sharon, Main St., 7 p.m.

**May 11:** [The Play That Goes Wrong auditions](#). Uncommon Theatre, by appointment.

**May 12:** MOTHER'S DAY

**May 14-30:** *Distortions* High School Art Exhibit featuring SHS student art work. Attleboro Arts Museum.

**May 17:** INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, AND BIPHOBIA

**May 17:** The Little Mermaid Jr. by Uncommon Theatre. Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

**May 18:** SHS Theatre Company's Junior Drama Program presents "Pure Imagination" featuring high school and elementary school performers. \$10 at door. SHS Auditorium, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m

# May (continued)



**May 19:** PENTECOST • Western Christian

**May 19:** AGENDER PRIDE DAY

**May 19:** Chalk Art Festival, plus music, food trucks, & lawn games. Sponsors Sharon Cultural Council & Sharon Rec. Sharon Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**May 20:** Summer Reading Kickoff. Crescent Ridge, 3-4:30 p.m.

**May 21:** WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

**May 21:** Annual Town Elections. SHS Gym, 7 a.m.- 8 p.m.

**May 22:** SHS Music Awards. SHS Auditorium, 10 a.m.

**May 23:** VISAKHA PUJA • Buddhist

**May 23:** DECLARATION OF THE BÁB • Bahá'í

**May 24:** PANSEXUAL AND PANROMANTIC DAY

**May 26:** LAG B'OMER • Jewish

**May 26:** Children's Business Fair. Sharon Historical Society.

**May 27:** MEMORIAL DAY

**May 28:** ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH • Bahá'í

**May 29:** New Yorker Cartoonist and Author Bob Eckstein shares his favorite museums and cartoons. Sharon Public Library. Virtual. 7 p.m.

# May (continued)



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👍 Liked by townofsharonma and 44 others  
officialshstc Get ready because Jr. Drama is right around the corner on May 18th in the Sharon High School Auditorium at 2pm and 7pm! Our amazing high school and elementary cast will perform musical numbers from popular musicals! Tickets will be sold for 10 dollars at door only! No pre sales!



**Want to support your student athlete?**

Come to the Boosters next meeting to find out how.

7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10 @ SHS Rm 1108

Sharon High Boosters is a non-profit, volunteer organization that fosters school spirit and supports SHS Athletics. We fund SHS athletic team needs that are not covered by user fees and grant scholarships to SHS student athletes.

Visit [SharonBoosters.com](http://SharonBoosters.com) to learn more

**SMS StuCo** & SHS American Heart Association Club Present

## ♥ Heart Fun Fair ♥

On **Wednesday, May 22nd**, StuCo and the AHA Club at the high school will be running a fun fair in the gym after school from **2:15 until 3:45pm**.

Here's how it works:

- We will be providing different stations that promote heart health and healthy living. Some stations have trivia, some teach skills, and many have games and athletic challenges!
- When you arrive, you will receive a punch card. After you visit and complete each station, your card will get punched.
- Once you have visited all of the stations, drop your punch card off at our prize table! At the end of the event, we will be randomly selecting punch cards for a chance to win some great prizes, including . . . **A brand new pair of Apple AirPods!! For real!** This is no joke (unlike our Game Show event 😊)
- The event is totally free!



Your chance to win a new pair of **Apple AirPods!** For real!!



The PTO Needs  
YOUR Help:

- Food Items
- Volunteers
- Monetary Donations (Venmo & Paypal)

**SMS STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**  
MAY 6-10  
Let's show the staff some love!

MON 5/6  
BREAKFAST DAY

Weds 5/8  
Baked Goods

Tues 5/7

GRAB AND GO  
SNACKS

THURS 5/9  
LUNCHEON

Catered Lunch Sponsored -  
Beverage Donations  
Needed!

Fri 5/10  
END On a  
SWEET Note  
w/ Candy & Sweets

Write a note to let SMS  
Staff know  
that you appreciate them!



**SIGN-UP & DONATE**

**VENMO:**  
@PTOSHARONMIDDLESCHOOI

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DADA92EA>

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# WE NEED YOU!



## FOR SMS PTO BOARD

Please consider volunteering for 24- 25 school year, below are some of the open positions  
Elections will be held on our next PTO meeting on 23th May 2024. Email us for details

President	Plans agenda and conducts PTO meetings. Contact with Admin team. Work closely with Communications Chair to publicize the PTO. Lead PTO Executive board. Plan Fundraisers
Vice President	Shadows the President to take that position following year. Plan and share responsibilities with President
Treasurer	Organizes budget, gives monthly reports, handles reimbursement and banking
Secretary	Keeps minutes at PTO meetings, organizes and maintains the PTO Google Drive.
Committee Chair Positions: *Communications *Sponsorships *Spirit Wear Store	

Email [smspto@sharonschools.net](mailto:smspto@sharonschools.net) for any questions



## GAMES FOOD FUN & SUPPORT

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[weareempower.org/events/](http://weareempower.org/events/)

## EMPOWER

# MOTHER'S & FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

### JOIN US

The Empower Mother's and Father's Day events are taking place at Gillette Stadium and are events filled with fun activities, games, food - and even special guests! The events welcomes children and young adults up through age 24 who have experienced the loss of a parent.

At Empower, we know that Mother's and Father's Day can be difficult days, and perhaps the weeks leading up to the days are tough, too. Kids can find "relief from grief" and meet others who can relate to the loss of a parent.

### RSVP TODAY

Registration is simple and the events are FREE of charge to the family. Children ages 14+ may enroll online at [www.weareempower.org](http://www.weareempower.org) and younger children should be enrolled by a caregiver or other adult who knows and loves them.

MOTHER'S DAY EVENT  
Sunday, May 12th  
11am - 4pm

FATHER'S DAY EVENT  
Sunday, June 9th  
11am - 4pm



### QUESTIONS?

Email Sam Loutzenhiser, VP of Operations:  
[sam@weareempower.org](mailto:sam@weareempower.org).





# SHS MUSIC

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4	<b>Tri-M Community Concert</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - SHS Auditorium
April 5	<b>Select Choir MICCA Concert</b> 3:20 PM - Norwood High School
April 11	<b>SPS 6-12 Choir Concert</b> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - SHS Gymnasium
April 25	<b>SHS Large Ensemble Concert</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - SHS Auditorium
May 2	<b>SHS Small Ensemble Concert</b> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - SHS Auditorium
May 22	<b>Music Awards Ceremony</b> 10:00 AM - SHS Auditorium
June 2	<b>Graduation</b> Time/Details TBA



**AUDITIONS NOW OPEN!**




# THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

**Saturday, May 11  
(by appointment only)  
for students currently in grade 9 - age 21**

**for more info and to  
sign up head here**



Don't slip up and forget to sign up for your audition spot. Auditions for the hilarious comedy THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG are taking place on Saturday, May 11 for students currently in 9th grade - age 21. For more info, and to sign up, head to <https://uncommontheatre.org/auditions/>

SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Summer Reading Kick-Off

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**  
(RAINDATE TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024)

CRESCENT RIDGE DAIRY  
407 BAY ROAD  
3:00 - 4:30 PM

ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WELCOME!

COME MEET OUR K-8 LITERACY SPECIALISTS AND HEAR ABOUT OUR OPTIONAL SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-8. STUDENTS WHO COME MAY CHOOSE A BOOK TO KICK START THEIR SUMMER READING. INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES ON WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING AT HOME ALL YEAR LONG!

(THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER)

## Calling All Young Entrepreneurs



## Now Accepting Applications!

**Sunday, May 26**

**10 AM - 3 PM**

**16 High Street**

**[childrensbusinessfair.org/sharon-ma](https://childrensbusinessfair.org/sharon-ma)**

*\$20 fee to cover expenses and net proceeds to the Sharon Historical Society*

# June is LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH



**5TH ANNUAL SHARON  
PRIDE FESTIVAL & CAR  
PARADE**

**Sunday, June 9, 2024, 12-4 p.m.**

Join us for a family friendly  
celebration including music, arts &  
crafts, read alouds, lawn games, and  
more!

For more information, visit:

<https://www.lgbtqpluss Sharon.org/>



SPONSORED BY THE SHARON PRIDE STEERING COMMITTEE WITH SUPPORT FROM SHARON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE, SHARON CULTURAL COUNCIL, THE BOSTON PRIDE COMMUNITY FUND, AND THE TOWN OF SHARON.

Sharon Pride Steering Committee is fiscally sponsored by NOPI - Nonprofit Incubator, a program of NOPI INC, a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation and 501(c)(3) organization, EIN 81-5089505. Learn more at <https://thenopi.org>.

**June 1:** Indian American Association of Sharon (IAAS) Color Run/ Summer Kick Off. Borderland. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**June 2:** SHS Graduation. Congratulations! Time TBA.

**June 5:** WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

**June 5:** Sharon High School Leadership Workshop. Speaker Dr. Matthew Arau, Upbeat Global Motivational Speaker. 11-2:30 p.m.

**June 9:** Sharon LGBTQ+ Pride Festival. Veterans' Memorial Park Beach, Sharon. 12-4 p.m.

**June 9:** Father Bullock's Run, Walk & Shuffle for Charity. 5k run, 2 mile walk, 1k kids' run. 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.sharon5krun.com/>

**June 12:** ANNE FRANK DAY

**June 12:** LOVING DAY

# June (cont.)



**June 12-13:** SHAVUOT • Jewish

**June 12:** PULSE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

**June 13:** ASCENSION Day • Eastern Orthodox Christian

**June 13:** Sharon DEIC meeting, virtual, 7 p.m.

**June 14:** FLAG DAY

**June 15-30:** Commemorating Juneteenth Art Show:

Showcasing Sharon's Creativity. Sponsored by the Sharon DEIC, Sharon Cultural Council, and SREA. More information:

<https://www.townofsharon.net/home/news/deadline-extended-to-may-10-to-enter-juneteenth-art-show>

Sharon Community Center.

**June 16:** EID AL-ADHA • Islamic

**June 16:** FATHER'S DAY

**June 18:** Reception for Commemorating Juneteenth:

Showcasing Sharon's Creativity. Sharon Community Center, 6-8:30 p.m.

## June (cont.)

**June 19:** JUNETEENTH

**June 19:** Walpole's Juneteenth Celebration. Walpole Common.

**June 20:** SUMMER SOLSTICE

**June 20:** WORLD REFUGEE DAY

**June 23:** PENTECOSTE • Eastern Orthodox Christian

**June 23:** "Remembering Our Friends" event. Sponsored by Sharon Substance Prevention and Resource Coalition. Sharon High School Cafeteria, 3-5 p.m.

**June 26:** ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE U.S.

**June 28:** STONEWALL RIOTS ANNIVERSARY

**June 28:** Walpole Pride. Sponsored by Be Inclusive, Walpole Town Common, 1010 Main St., 6-8 p.m.

**June 30:** ALL SAINTS' DAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian





INDIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SHARON

# SUMMER KICKOFF & COLOR WALK



JUNE 1ST 10AM-3PM



BORDERLAND STATE PARK

GET READY TO KICK OFF SUMMER IN STYLE WITH OUR ELECTRIFYING COLOR WALK!  
JOIN US FOR A DAY FILLED WITH FUN AND PLENTY OF VIBRANT COLORS!

- WALK THROUGH SCENIC ROUTES
- COLOR PLAY, INTERACTIVE GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- FOOD FOR PURCHASE
- VENDOR BOOTHS

Adults - \$15  
Kids(5-10) - \$10



SCAN HERE!



Sign up for booth setup- Kids & Adults!!



SCAN HERE!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE SUMMER'S MOST EXCITING EVENT! GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, LACE UP YOUR SHOES, AND GET READY!

FOOD | MUSIC | ACTIVITIES | PHOTO BOOTH



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Sharon High School  
Student Leadership Workshop

# 2024

## SHARON HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Come learn leadership skills, reignite passion, and become empowered to lead cultural change within your school!

**Dr. Matthew Arau**

President, Founder, CEO of Upbeat Global,  
Motivational Speaker, Guest Conductor



**Upbeat** GLOBAL  
IGNITE. INSPIRE. LEAD.

### Key Discussions & Insights

- ✓ The Power of G.E.T.
- ✓ Mindset, Mindfulness, & Well-Being
- ✓ Habit Development
- ✓ 4 Cs of Leadership
- ✓ Conflict Resolution
- ✓ Peer-Teaching & Giving Feedback



REGISTER NOW!



5 June 2024, 11 am - 2:30 pm



More information  
rglenister@sharonschools.net



Visit our event page on  
www.upbeatglobal.com



# JUNETEENTH

Celebrate Black history, culture, and raise funds for **Be Inclusive**, a nonprofit organization, based out of Walpole, MA, that is dedicated to lifting the voices of historically underrepresented and marginalized communities.

Be Inclusive's Juneteenth celebration is a major community event that takes place annually on the Walpole town common. This family-friendly event typically attracts more than 300 visitors and includes performances, music, food, vendors, and a children's area for the youngest celebrants. Be Inclusive relies on sponsorships, volunteers and community partners to make this event a success, and offers a range of opportunities for you or your organization to get involved!

**Wednesday June 19th 2024**  
**Walpole Town Common**

Be Inclusive and the services it provides (The Multicultural Books Initiative and Inclusive Community Events) are a Massachusetts non-profit corporation and 501(c)(3), EIN:87-1228058



**Friday June 28th, 6-8 PM**

**Walpole Town Common**

**1010 Main St, Walpole MA**

**Celebrate with us!**

**This event is being organized to celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride. We look forward to having the community come together, grabbing some take out from the area restaurants and joining us on Walpole Town Common for a picnic with music, performances, children's activities and more!**



# July

**July 2:** SILVIA RIVERA'S BIRTHDAY

**July 4:** INDEPENDENCE DAY

**July 11:** Sharon DEIC meeting, virtual, 7 p.m.

**July 9:** MARTYRDOM OF THE BÁB • Bahá'í

**July 13:** ULLAMBANA (also known as OBON) • Buddhist

**July 14:** NONBINARY PEOPLE'S DAY

**July 16:** INTERNATIONAL DRAG DAY

**July 17:** ASHURA • Islamic

**July 17:** MUHARRAM • Islamic

**July 21:** DHARMA DAY • Buddhist

**July 26:** AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY  
also know as DISABILITY INDEPENDENCE DAY