

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 18 Review and Preview

January 17, 2022

Good afternoon Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. As you know, our schools are **closed** for instruction today, **Monday, January 17**th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



As noted above, our schools are closed for in-person or virtual instruction today in observance and recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Therefore, if you have the chance, please take a moment today to reflect upon and to discuss with your family the amazing accomplishments of Dr. King and the profound impact he has had on our nation and culture, particularly how he taught us how to appreciate the differences in others and to protest peacefully against prejudice and discrimination so as to ensure equality and equity

for all citizens of our great country, particularly people of color. More than ever, this message needs to resonate in our nation. To help you celebrate this very special holiday, click <u>here</u> to check out this amazing rendition of "Lift Every Voice" by the Winston-Salem State University Choir and Alumni, compliments of Dr. Caruso, our incredible Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Concert and Marching Band Director.

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that eight individuals from the middle school, six from the high school, six from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), four from the Eisenhower School, two from the Truman School, two from the Wilson School, two from the Project Before at Cheesequake School, one from the Arleth School, one from the Project Before at the Samsel School, and one from the Campus Security Department have tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, individuals from SUES, Truman, and Cheesequake were determined to be in "close contact" with the infected people. At this time, all have been notified and directed to quarantine. For more information on infections, click here to review our Student and Staff COVID-19 Dashboards.

Speaking of quarantining, please remember that **effective last Wednesday**, **January 12**, **2022**, anyone who is infected with COVID-19 or determined to be a close contact with an infected person will have to isolate or quarantine for **5-10 days** from school, with the exception of a person who is a close contact with someone residing with them that they cannot isolate from, in which they will need to quarantine for **10-15 days**. See the chart below for the specific guidelines for isolation and close contact quarantining.

	New Infected Person Isolation Guidelines	New Close Contact Quarantine Guidelines
	5 days if:	5 days if:
•	You have completed five full days of isolation	The individual remains asymptomatic
	since you have tested positive for COVID-19	
•	You are asymptomatic or COVID-19	Note: Children under the age of 18 who have
	symptoms are resolving/improving for over 24	
	hours	cycle are NOT required to quarantine. Likewise,
•	You are without fever for 24 hours, without	previously infected individuals who were in close
	the use of fever reducing medications.	contact within 90 days of their infection date are
•	You continue to wear a well-fitted mask when	NOT required to quarantine. Also , all close contacts
	around others through day 10. Individuals	are strongly recommended (not required) to
	who are unable to wear a mask when around	COVID-19 test prior to reentering school/work. In
	others will continue to isolate for 10 days.	addition, if close contacts develop COVID-19

Note: If an individual does NOT meet the above criteria, they must quarantine for 10 full days. **Also**, if an individual is asymptomatic and symptoms develop within 7 days of the positive test the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.

symptoms, they must notify the school/district, obtain a COVID-19 test, and follow isolation recommendations until test results are received.

Residential Contacts:

- Residential contacts that are able to isolate will follow the 5-day guidelines starting with the first full day after not having contact with the positive individual.
- Residential contacts that are not able to isolate will quarantine for 10 days from the date of positive with a return date of 11 days from date of positive if the infected person is not symptomatic.
- If the infected person is symptomatic but his/her symptoms resolve within 5 days from the date of positive AND the residential close contact remains asymptomatic the contact will quarantine for 10 days from the date of positive with a return date of 11 days from date of positive if the infected person is not symptomatic.
- If the infected individual is symptomatic and remains symptomatic beyond 5 days from the date of positive AND the residential close contact remains asymptomatic the contact will quarantine for 15 days from date of positive with a return date of 16 days from date of positive.
- If the positive individual is symptomatic and remains symptomatic for beyond 10 days from the date of positive test the residential close contact should contact administration for further direction.

With the recent and very large spike in COVID-19 cases, we continue to implore that parents:

- Do not send their child(ren) to school if they are symptomatic.
- Report to the administration and nurses at their child(ren)'s respective school(s) if their child(ren) are symptomatic, have tested positive, or were in close contact with an infected individual outside of school.
- Diligently complete the daily health screener for their child(ren) every morning.
- Provide their child(ren) with a mask and remind them to wear it appropriately in school.
- Remind their child(ren) to practice appropriate hand hygiene
- Strongly consider participating in the school district's testing and vaccination programs.

That being said, please remember that, as part of our district's <u>Safe Return Plan</u>, this Wednesday, January 5, 2022 we will resume voluntary staff/family and student/family COVID-19 testing with Back to School Solutions from 2:30 – 5 pm and voluntary vaccinations with the Parlin Pharmacy from 4-7 pm in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria. Please also note that the pharmacy is also providing Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson <u>booster</u> shots. Likewise, they are now also providing vaccinations for children <u>5</u> years of age and older. However, in accordance with the CDC and NJDOH it is recommended that parents <u>consult with their child's pediatrician prior to getting them vaccinated, especially those under that age of 12. Below, please find the tentative dates for both of these services throughout the fall. With regard to testing, since we do not test people who are demonstrating symptoms, if you are symptomatic, you should ask your healthcare provider for an appropriate testing location. If you are a staff member or the parent of a student who is interested in learning more</u>



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information about how you and your residing family members can participate in this vital virus spreading prevention activity, click **here**. **Please note** that if you have already participated in testing with us, you only need to conduct a telemedicine appointment. If you have never tested with us in the past, you would need to register using the following link https://backtoworksolutions.com/SayervillePSD.html. Once you have conducted your telemedicine appointment, you will receive a **prescription** for the **PCR** test.

As mentioned above the Parlin Pharmacy will once again administer Flu and COVID-19 Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccine shots to anyone 5 years of age and older, as well as Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J booster shots, in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria. Naturally, any individuals under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian, who will need to provide signed consent for the vaccination. Therefore, anyone interested in receiving the vaccine must register online in advance by clicking here or by going to the Parlin Pharmacy website (www.parlinrx.com). Unfortunately, for safety purposes, no "walkins" will be permitted into the school. In fact, with in-district COVID-19 testing, all registered participants must report to Door 22 of the high school cafeteria (adjacent to the dumpsters), where they will be screened by our security team before being allowed into the vaccination room. Below please find the tentative dates and times.

COVID-19 Testing Schedule Via Back to School Solutions

- Wednesday, January 19, 2022
- Wednesday, January 26, 2022
- Wednesday, February 2, 2022
- Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- Wednesday, February 16, 2022
- Wednesday, February 23, 2022
- Wednesday, March 2, 2022
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022
- Wednesday, March 16, 2022
- Wednesday, March 23, 2022
- Wednesday, March 30, 2022
- Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022
- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022

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- Wednesday, March 16, 2022
- Wednesday, March 23, 2022
- Wednesday, March 30, 2022
- Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 (Ends at 6 PM)
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022
- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During it, we will make the following budget presentations: Individual Schools and, Curriculum and Instruction. The district will also present the Period 1 Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report. To see the agenda for the meeting, click **here**. In order to access the live streaming of the meeting

click <u>here</u>. Since the viewing of the live stream will be handled by YouTube, you must be viewing the stream on a browser or application that is live stream compatible. If you are unable to hear audio you may need to try a different browser/application. The live stream will only be available during the real-time duration of the meeting. Directions for public participation during the meeting will be provided on the above-mentioned live stream page of the website. Finally, if on Wednesday you wish to view it or other past-recorded BOE meetings, click <u>here</u>.



This Wednesday evening at 6 pm Sayreville Parent University will present, The Language of Behaviors: Understanding Challenging Behaviors, which is the first of a series of highly informative webinars about educating children. This one-hour webinar, which will be presented by Effective School Solutions, our district's Tier 3 social and emotional development service provider, will focus on how to evaluate what a child's behavior is trying to communicate, as behavior is a form of communication which is especially important when a child has limited means of expressing themselves or has neither the developmental level nor psychological capacities to "tell us" how they are doing and how we are doing with them. This workshop will develop your ability to appreciate and understand the behavioral

relevance and messaging of children. <u>Here</u> is the link to register for it. <u>Only participants who register in advance of</u> the webinar will receive a link to access it.



Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We commend and congratulate George Orzo, the Lead Day Custodian at the Arleth School, who heroically jumped into action last week to swiftly apply the Heimlich Maneuver and possibly save the life of a choking staff member. In addition, we commend and thank Ms. Dragone and her Arleth School second grade students for the amazing letters that they wrote and dropped off to the veterans at a local veteran's hospital. Finally, we commend and congratulate the below members of the

SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club, who recenty competed in the New Jersey Regional FBLA Chanpionship.

Regional Champions!

Isabella Czajkowski and Savi Sandiford – *Business Management*

Riva Babaria, Gargi Gupta, and Shriya Meda – *Introduction* to Event Planning

Shakil Ashrafi, Jai Desai, Shrikar Gandhesiri, Ronit Luthra, and Rohan Vaidya – *Parliamentary Procedure*

2nd Place Finisher

Diya Kadakia, Aneri Shah, and Aryan Shah - *Hospitality* and Event Management

4th Place Finisher

Ruby Heil and Ashleigh Wisniewski – *Introduction to Event Planning*

5th Place Finisher

Christopher Kennedy – Computer Applications

6th Place Finisher

Sean Donnamaria – Entrepreneurship Ruhi Patel and Riddhee Vadnere – Introduction to Event Planning

8th Place Finisher

Sudeeksha Dasari and Vidhi Koli – Hospitality and Event Management

Sharan Ghuman and Siya Shah – Marketing

9th Place Finisher

Angelica Mendoza – International Business

16th Place Finisher

Maheen Rafhan – Supply Chain Management

States Qualifiers

Ram Buditi and Sam Buditi – Entrepreneurship

Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



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Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff. our students continued to progress in learning and had a ton of fun doing so this past week. At the high school, students in Mr. Veres' Advanced Placement Biology class practiced using both eyes to examine specimens with a microscope. Believe it or not, this is more difficult than you may think.





Likewise, students in Mr. Alvarez's Robotics class particpated in the annual Road Rally Robot





Challenge, which is a student made robot race on an obstacle course designed to simulate a real road rally race. This year's winning team, which was led by Adrian Cruz, Paul Piotrowsky, Adrian Maslowski, Aryan Yadav, and Poorv Patel, broke the all-time school record for the event. Check out



highlights from the race by clicking here. In addition, high school business students attended a virtual



Rutgers University Business for Youth (RUBY) meeting with students and faculty from the Rutgers School of Business. Similarly, our SWMHS Air Force JROTC Cadets visited the Lakehurst Naval Air Station and Lakehurst Historical Society.

Lastly, high school students in Mr. Gliddon's class were



delicious time pretending to make yummy foods in their restaurant centers. The



Pizzeria, Ice Cream Shop, and McDonald's were open for business all week. Finally, our preschool students had a blast learning about friendship.







In athletics, we commend and congratulate the SWMHS Boys Bowling Team, which finished the season with a 14-2-1 record and won the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Championship last week. Additionally, in the GMC Individuals Championship Tournament, Brian Pawelek came in 2nd Place. Likewise,

the Girls Bowling Team finished 13-3-1 and were led by Jamaya Mayers and Skyler Pabone, who both reached the finals in the Individuals Championship Tournament. We also commend and congratulate SWMHS Track and Field



Team athletes Anthony Voto and Jonathan (JD) Magaw, who won the Bronze Medal at last week's New Jersey Group 4 Relay Championships in the Shot Put, as well as Zaimer Wright and

Ryan Donnamaria, who won the Silver Medal in the High Jump. The SWMHS Wrestling Team improved its record to 7-4 on the season with three consecutive match wins last week, including blow out wins over conference rivals East Brunswick and New Brunswick High Schools (HS). The SWMHS Boys

Basketball team won its fourth game of the season and improved its record to 4-6 on the season with an impressive win over Carteret HS. Similarly, the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team improved its record on the season to 3-5 on the season after defeating Carteret HS. The Lady Bombers were led by Brooke Holland, who recorded a rare double double (29 points and 10 rebounds), and



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Chisom Ejikeme, who scored 8 points and gobbled up 15 rebounds. Finally, although both the SWMHS Boys and Girls Swim Teams came up short of victory against Piscataway HS last week, Henry Lynch (200IM,100Fly), Tyler Tomaszewski (100 Breast), Leah Barreiro (200 Freestyle), and Kailyn Koonce (100 Breast) won their respective races and recorded personal best times. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic team schedules and view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on the Athletics page of our website or by clicking here.

As per the 2021-22 School District Calendar and the January Monthly Activities Calendar (click on each to view them) there will be a BOE Business Meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, January 18th. Please also remember that our schools are closed for instruction today, Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Finally, as previously noted, please remember that we will be dismissing students early January 31st through February 4th so that parents and our faculty can participate in conferences.

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click **here** and submit an inquiry with *School Revenue Partners*. Naturally, we will continue to Bomber Blast activity information and community service announcements for our schools and the greater community at no cost. Likewise, if you would like to advertise on our **buses**, click **here**.

Have a great day and wonderful week.

Dr. Labbe