



Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 20 Review and Preview

January 31, 2022

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend and were not too affected by Saturday's snowstorm. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Speaking of Saturday's snowstorm, as I noted in my broadcast email yesterday, thanks to the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our amazing Buildings and Grounds staff, who worked tirelessly throughout the day yesterday and Saturday to clear snow, **with the exception of the high school, which will be closed today due to a ruptured pipe**, we will have a **regular school opening** today. However, while we will be out salting early this morning, due to the extremely frigid temperatures, please be careful navigating our parking lots and sidewalks, as there is still a layer of snow and ice on them that will remain until Tuesday when temperatures are expected to rise above freezing. Also, please remember that **today and every day this week** we will **dismiss students early** so that parents and our faculty can participate in **Parent/Teacher Conferences**.

Speaking of Parent Teacher Conferences, in our continuing effort to encourage and reinforce communication between parents/guardians and the schools, we have scheduled five days of **virtual or remote parent/teacher conferences this week**. During each day of conferences, we will dismiss students early from school so that our faculty members can be available to discuss the progress of students in individual classes. Thus, parents can schedule conferences with multiple teachers. See the complete schedule below.

Grades	Monday 1/31	Tuesday 2/1	Wednesday 2/2	Thursday 2/3	Friday 2/4
K – 3	1:50 - 3:35	6:00 - 8:00	1:50 - 3:35	1:50 - 3:35	1:50 - 3:35
4 – 5	1:15 – 3:00	1:15 - 3:00	6:00 - 8:00	1:15 - 3:00	1:15 - 3:00
6 – 8	1:15 – 3:00	1:15 – 3:00	1:15 – 3:00	6:00 – 8:00	1:15 – 3:00
9 – 12	6:00 - 8:00	12:45 - 2:30	12:45 - 2:30	12:45 – 2:30	12:45 – 2:30
Pre-K	1:45 - 3:45	1:45 - 3:45	1:45 - 3:45	6:00 – 8:00	1:45 - 3:45

This afternoon at 4 pm the district will officially open registration for our **free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs**. Therefore, parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2022**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage (www.sayrevillek12.net) as "**Student Registration**". Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the **2022-2023 Project Before and Kindergarten** text box: [New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten](#) or [Returning Student Enrollment Update for students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year](#).

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that two individuals from the middle school, one from the Truman School, one from the Eisenhower School, one from the Project Before at Cheesequake School, and one from the Transportation Department have tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, individuals from Truman 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.

Educating Today's Learners to Be Tomorrow's Leaders

Please remember that, as I reported to you last Thursday, the following new guidelines will go into effect this **Tuesday, February 1st**: children **12 years of age and older** **MUST** have had a **booster shot** (if they received their 2nd shot of Pfizer or Moderna more than 6 months ago or their J&J shot more than two months ago) to be eligible for **exclusion from having to quarantine** when determined to be in close contact to and infected individual. Thus, below please find our revised chart for the specific guidelines for isolation and close contact quarantining.

New Infected Person Isolation Guidelines	New Close Contact Quarantine Guidelines
<p style="text-align: center;">5 days if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have completed five full days of isolation since you have tested positive for COVID-19 • You are asymptomatic or COVID-19 symptoms are resolving/improving for over 24 hours • You are without fever for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications. • You continue to wear a well-fitted mask when around others through day 10. Individuals who are unable to wear a mask when around others will continue to isolate for 10 days. <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 days if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual remains asymptomatic <p>Note: Children under the age of 12 who have completed the COVID-19 full primary vaccination cycle are NOT required to quarantine. However, children 12 and older MUST be boosted (if they received their 2nd shot of Pfizer or Moderna more than 6 months ago and their J&J shot more than two months ago) <u>in order to be excluded from quarantining</u>. Likewise, previously infected individuals who were in close contact within 90 days of their infection date are NOT required to quarantine. Also, all close contacts are strongly recommended (not required) to COVID-19 test prior to reentering school/work. In addition, if close contacts develop COVID-19 symptoms, they must notify the school/district, obtain a COVID-19 test, and follow isolation recommendations until test results are received.</p> <p>Residential Contacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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With the recent surge 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 [Safe Return Plan](#), 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 booster** shots. **Likewise, they are now also providing vaccinations for children 5 years of age and older. However, in accordance with the CDC and NJDOH it is recommended that parents 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 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 "walk-ins" 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, 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

COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations with the Parlin Pharmacy

- Wednesday, February 2, 2022
- Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- Wednesday, February 16, 2022
- Wednesday, February 23, 2022
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- Wednesday, March 9, 2022
- 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, the district will make presentations on the proposed 2022-23 Athletics, Special Education, and Early Childhood Budgets. In addition, we will present the district's 2021 Start Strong Assessment results. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click [here](#). 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 [here](#).



week in March.

Last Thursday at SWMHS, our school counselors presented their Junior College and Career Planning Program to all students in the Class of 2023. The program covered how to conduct college searches, the college application, writing their college essay, letters of recommendation, financial aid and scholarships, NCAA accounts, and the student's and parent's role in the process. Also included was the registration process and QR code for the College and Career Planning afterschool workshops for juniors which will begin the first

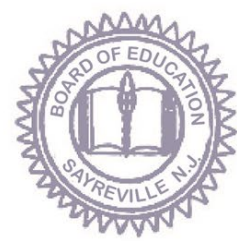
Tonight, Mrs. Sicola and the school counselors invite the parents/guardians of our 11th grade students for their College and Career Planning Program/Question and Answer (Q&A) period from 5-6 pm; the hour before conferences. Parents can view the video ahead of time (<https://youtu.be/Zw85Ngtw8s0>) and then join at 5:20 pm for the Q&A period (<https://sayrevillek12.webex.com/meet/donna.sicola>). Likewise, this **Wednesday, February 2nd**, students in grade eight and their parents/guardians are invited to a virtual Freshman Information Session. The presentation, which will begin at 6:00 pm via WebEx (<https://sayrevillek12.webex.com/meet/donna.sicola>), will include:

- An introduction of high school administrators, district supervisors, and the school counselors
- How to choose electives for next year (2022-2023) in On Course and the scheduling process
- An overview of the high school courses, and their prerequisites, programs, and academies



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- Orientation information: credits, the freshman schedule, graduation course and test requirements, attendance requirements, athletic eligibility, and more!

Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We commend and thank Dawn Kosobucki, Paraprofessional at SWMHS, and the Sayreville Lions Club for loaning two Photo Screeners to the school district so that our nurses could quickly and efficiently screen students for vision. As a result of Ms. Kosobucki's and the Lions Club's generous equipment loan, our nurses were able to quickly screen all the 4th grade students at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) last week. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



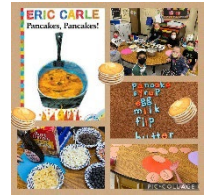
Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students continued to progress in learning and had a ton of fun doing so this past week. At the high school, the Air Force JROTC Cadets had a great time learning about the history of Sayreville when they visited the Sayreville Historical Society. At SUES, our 4th and 5th grade band and chorus members performed magnificently during their Winter Concert. To view



it, click [here](#). In Project Before, our preschool students performed a very cool science experiment to learn how



blubber keeps Polar Bears and other mammals warm. In addition, they had a blast reading with their buddies

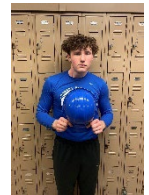


and playing with them and their teachers in their creative play centers, as well as during an in-class snowball fight. Finally, at the Truman School, students in Ms. Makely's and Ms. Pisaeno's class had a delicious time reading *Pancakes, Pancakes!* by Eric Carle.



In athletics, we commend and congratulate SWMHS wrestler Ryan Bouchard, who won the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) 215-pound Championship during this past weekend's GMC Wrestling Tournament. In total, five SWMHS wrestlers placed in their respective weight divisions, and the team finished 5th out of 23 teams. In addition, it improved its season record to 12-6 with match wins over Carteret and Highland Park High Schools (HS) last week. Similarly, the SWMHS Boys and Girls Bowling Teams improved their season records with

GMC Tournament First Round wins last week over John P. Stevens HS and South Plainfield HS respectively. The Girls Team actually advanced to the semifinals with a quarterfinal victory over John F. Kennedy HS. Speaking of John F. Kennedy HS, the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team defeated them last week as well to improve their record on the season to 6-9. 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 [February Activities Calendar](#), there will be **BOE Business Meeting** tomorrow, **Tuesday, February 1st** and **Tuesday, February 15th**. Also, please note that as previously mentioned, we will be **dismissing students early today, January 31st through Friday, February 4th** so that parents and our faculty can participate in **conferences**, as well as next **Monday, February 7th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Please also remember that our schools will be **closed** for instruction on **Monday, February 20th** in observance of Presidents' Day. Finally, please note that the **First Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will **end** on **February 2nd** and that **report cards** for those students will be **populated** in **Oncourse Connect** on **February 9th**.



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