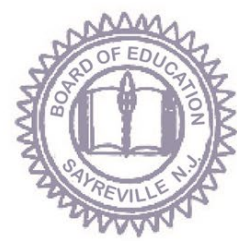




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Talk Sup Week 21 Review and Preview

February 7, 2022

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that **today** we will **dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development.

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that one individual from the high school has tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, no individuals were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected person. For more information on infections, click [here](#) to review our [Student](#) and [Staff](#) COVID-19 Dashboards.

With the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, we continue to request 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, February 9, 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/SayrevillePSD.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.

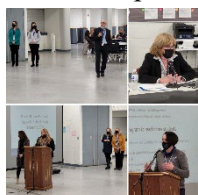
COVID-19 Testing Schedule Via Back to School Solutions

- Wednesday, February 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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If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, February 1st, here is what you missed. Stephanie Castellitto from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Jayda Ronquillo from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks and



Mr. Walsh shared a few district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the district resumed publicly reviewing and discussing the 2022-23 School District Budget with the following proposed budget presentations: [2022-23 Athletics](#), [Special Education](#), and [Early Childhood](#). After each respective presentation, the administration answered questions asked by the Board about them, particularly their budget needs and wants. Click on each presentation to view them. To see all the information presented and/or provided thus far on the 2022-23 Budget, click [here](#). In addition, Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the district's 2021 Start Strong Assessment results. To see that presentation, click [here](#).

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda, click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum, click [here](#). To view the video of this meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the purchase of six 2023 IC 54 passenger buses with diesel engines at a cost of \$105,801.40 each for a total of \$634,808.40 and one 2022 Endera 29 passenger bus at a cost of \$71,873.63 from Truck King International. In addition, after going into closed session, the Board emerged to approve a resolution to rescind the December 21, 2021 motion approving the appointment of the Spiegle Architectural Group, Inc to perform professional services related to the construction of a transportation complex at the Selover School and replacing it with the same firm to perform professional services related to the construction of a transportation complex at a yet to be named location in Sayreville.

Among other motions, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the adoption of over a dozen Board of Education policies and regulations that were inadvertently not approved back on November



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18th with the revised policy and regulation manuals. On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Karen Morris, Building and Grounds Administrative Secretary, effective April 1, 2022. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2021-22 school year. In addition, the Board approved the transfer of non-certificated staff members for the 2021-22 school year.

During the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting, residents from the Morgan section of Sayreville expressed their opposition to the possible construction of a transportation complex on the Selover School property in Morgan and requested that the Board rescind the previously mentioned December 21, 2021 motion approving the appointment of the Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc to perform professional services related to the construction of a transportation complex there. Likewise, a community member recognized Mr. Fernandez for meeting recently with Sayreville Borough Council Member Donna Roberts and members of the public to discuss the transportation complex. In addition, a parent expressed opposition to the requirements for masks to be worn in schools. Likewise, a community member expressed his disappointment with the education that his son received from the district, while another requested that this summer the high school provide in-person credit completion, rather than virtual, which it has done for the past decade. Other people commented about the Start Strong Assessment results and cautioned the Board in its interpretation of the data, particular the disaggregated sub group data. Finally, another community member expressed concern about the social and emotional distress that some students are experiencing during the pandemic.

Likewise, during the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, the Superintendent and Board answered questions posed by the members of the public during the above public comment portions of the meeting. In addition, Mrs. Pieloch reviewed what was discussed during the last Governance Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Bloom for the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association and Mr. Fernandez provided an update on happenings with the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 15th**. During this meeting the district will make presentations on the proposed 2022-23 Buildings & Grounds, Capital Projects, and Transportation Presentations Budgets. In addition, we will present the district's 2021 Start Strong Assessment results. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, February 11th**. A complete copy of the **February 1st** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **February 15, 2022**.

As you may or may not know, this week is **Career Academy Week at SWMHS**. Therefore, tomorrow, **Tuesday, February 7th**, we strongly encourage high school and 8th grade students and/or parents who are interested in a college career path that includes business, visual or performing arts, Education, STEM (engineering or biomedical), or computer science, to consider attending one or more of our career academy information sessions. Supervisors and teachers will be sharing course sequences, opportunities, and experiences that students will have, as well as how to apply. Below please find the links for each session. Click on the academy name to review its brochure.

- **Visual and Performing Arts:**
<https://sayrevillek12.webex.com/sayrevillek12/j.php?MTID=m52fb23ac23eeea5148f4cc0314ba3043>
- **Future Educators Academy:**
<https://sayrevillek12.webex.com/meet/kimberly.grossman>
- **Computer Science Academy:**
See QR code on brochure

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- **Business Academy:**
<https://meet.google.com/yjb-nqeq-ujc>
- **Stem Academy:**
<https://sayrevillek12.webex.com/meet/carolynn.oconnor>



Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating SWMHS students Sophia Lin (9th grade), Joseph Figueiredo (10th grade), Sophia Costa (11th grade), and Julia Bacelar Nobrega (12th grade) for being selected as the January Students of the Month by the faculty at the high school. We also commend and congratulate SWMHS student Abby Mayer, who represented the high and school and district at the 36th annual National Girls & Women in Sports Day last Wednesday where the New York Jets and National Football League announced the expansion of a high school girls flag football league to a total of more than 40 teams across New Jersey and on Long Island. Read an article about it by clicking [here](#) and check out the promotional video by clicking [here](#). The SWMHS Flag Football Team will be coached by Laurie Beagan and Katie Hoff. The season will begin within the next several weeks. More information on how students can participate will be forthcoming. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

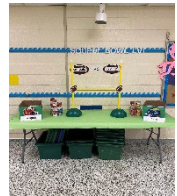


Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students continued to progress in learning and had a ton of fun doing so this past week. In Project Before, our preschool students celebrated the Chinese New Year yesterday by making lanterns, dragons, and tigers. Gung Hay Fat Choy! Likewise, they celebrated Ground Hog's day by making winter predictions, coloring hats, creating shadows, and watching the big reveal on livestream. In addition, students celebrated Dental Week by listening to a read aloud of the book *Where the Sugar Bugs Live*, and learned how to keep their teeth clean by brushing and flossing. Our English language learning preschoolers also learned

new vocabulary and conversations about how to treat people who are sick. At Truman, Mr. Barreiro,



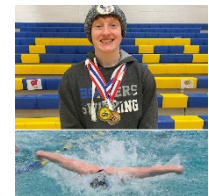
Art Teacher, taught students a beautiful winter lesson in which students learned that just as every snowflake is special and unique, so is every person. At Eisenhower, students and staff prepared for the big football game next Sunday by collecting food for the "SOUPer" Bowl. Finally, at the high school, the Leo Club and the Air Force Junior ROTC participated in the Rotary Club 5 K Charity Run. Click [here](#) to check them



out in this video.



In athletics, we begin by congratulating the SWMHS Girls Bowling Team for winning the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Central Jersey Group 2 State Championship last week. Furthermore, we commend and congratulate SWMHS swimmer Henry Lynch, who won the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Championship in the 100 Butterfly (52.54) race and 3rd in the 100 Breaststroke (1:01.67). He also set two new school records with those swims. His performance literally propelled the Boys Swim Team to a 7th

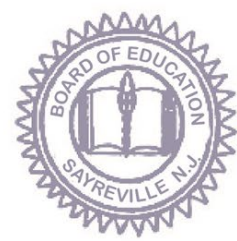


Place finish in the tournament. The SWMHS Wrestling Team defeated North Brunswick High School (HS) last week to improve its record on the season to 13-6. Likewise, the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team defeated Carteret HS and John F. Kennedy HS last week to improve its record to 6-11. Over three games last week, Brooke Holland scored 69



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points and gobbled up 34 rebounds. Likewise, Faith Smith and Chisom Ejikeme chipped in 10 and 8 points respectively. The SWMHS Boys Basketball Team also improved its record to 8-10 on the season with an impressive win over Carteret HS last week. Including a tough loss to Edison, over the span of two games last week, Max Negron and Peter Luster scored a combined 60 points. Finally, yesterday afternoon the SWMHS Football and Cheer Team celebrated their very successful 2021 season with their annual banquet. If you recall, after an 0-2 start, the Football Team strung together an impressive eight game win streak, which unfortunately ended in the NJSIAA sectional semi-finals. However, they won the BCC 5D Division with a division record of 5-0 and an overall record of 8-2. We commend



the players, cheerleaders, and coaches on another great season and thank the incredibly supportive Touchdown Club for celebrating the season with such a memorable banquet for our student athletes and coaches. 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 a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, February 15th**. Also, please note that as previously mentioned, we will be **dismissing students early today, 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 **2nd Marking Period Report Cards** for students in **grades 6-12** 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