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Talk Sup Week 23 Review and Preview

February 21, 2022

Good afternoon Sayreville and happy Presidents' Day! I hope you are having a relaxing holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Naturally, our schools were **closed** for instruction today, **February 21st** in observance of Presidents' Day.

Over the weekend we received no reports of individuals testing positive for COVID-19. 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 23, 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.

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COVID-19 Testing Schedule Via Back to School Solutions

- 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 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 (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

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15th, 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

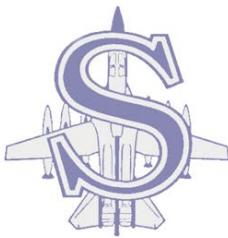


Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks and Mr. Walsh shared a few district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the district resumed publicly reviewing and discussing the 2022-23 School District Budget with the following proposed budget presentations: [**Buildings & Grounds**](#) and [**Transportation**](#) Budgets. 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](#).

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 videos of this meeting, click on [**Video One**](#) and [**Video Two**](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE approved of several capital improvement projects to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, for review and approval as "school facilities projects" with debt service aid state funding, which is consistent with its approved 2019 Long Range Facilities Plan; and for the Spiezle Architectural Group Inc, to make the submission on behalf of the district. In addition, it approved a three-year contract with Cablevision Lightpath, Inc. to provide internet services.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Judith Berg-Friel, School Nurse at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, and Karen Swierczek, Teacher at the Eisenhower Elementary School, effective July 1, 2022. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2021-22 school year. Likewise, 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, a community member inquired as to whether the district had side view cameras installed on buses in order to record video footage of vehicles going through bus stop signs to pass them when they are loading and unloading children. Another member of the community asked if the district planned to replace or upgrade the playground at the Selover School, and whether the upgrading of electrical grids in



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schools across the district would allow for air conditioning in each classroom of every school. Another community member expressed concerns about building a transportation complex off of Journey Mill Road because it was previously used as a landfill. Likewise, the same member expressed concerns about it being constructed off of Cheesquake Road due to potential traffic problems. Other members of the community expressed their opposition to the district not offering a private preschool in Sayreville a contract renewal and inquired about the specific reasons why. Similarly, another member asked if the opening of the Selover School as a preschool next year would eliminate the need for all private preschools in Sayreville for Project Before. Finally, other community members expressed their feedback on mask wearing for the district to take into consideration when making a decision on whether to continue it beyond March 7th. One such member of the community also inquired about why the district was waiting until March 4th and not making that decision now.

Likewise, during the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, the Superintendent provided an update on the location of the proposed transportation complex. In addition, Mr. Fernandez reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Walsh for the last Personnel 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. Finally, Mrs. Bloom inquired about when the railings at the high school will be painted and what the district was planning to do to address the concerns that she previously mentioned about the Bomber Stadium press box.

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 1st**. During this meeting, the district will make presentations on the proposed 2022-23 Technology and Human Resources Budgets. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, February 25th**. A complete copy of the **February 15th** 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 **March 1, 2022**.



Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating Christine Lawlor, Academic Skills Improvement (ASI) Teacher from the Eisenhower School who was recently selected by radio station Magic 98.3 as a 2022 Teacher Who Makes Magic. She was announced on the air last Friday on the [Magic 98.3 Morning Show](#) and on [FOX Sports Radio New Jersey](#). Her nomination was also posted on each website. You can read them by clicking on each. We also commend and congratulate the below students from SWMHS who earned the Seal of Biliteracy, which will be proudly stamped on their diploma when they graduate, for being fluent in more than one language, as evidenced by their results on the Stamp4S Exam. In total, of the 43 seniors and juniors who took the test, 33 passed, which is extraordinary and a tribute to them, their teachers, and their parents.

Student Name	Biliterate	World Language
Edgar Domingues	Y	French
Joshua Gorniak	Y	Polish
Oro Ade-Festus	Y	Spanish
Nayeli Magana	Y	Spanish
Angel Quindes	Y	Spanish
Stacey Caceres	Y	Spanish

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. Across the district, students from every school had a heart-filled time celebrating Valentine's Day with their teachers and classmates, along with a calculated experience celebrating the 100th Day of School. At the Arleth School, students in 1st grade created individual time capsules. They were created on February 2, 2022. They will open them when they are seniors in high school on March 3, 2033. Included in each capsule is a list of all their favorite things, a message from their teachers and parents/guardians, their class and individual pictures, their hand print, and a face mask. While all the students were very excited to make their time capsules, they are even more excited about the



Likewise, Hero Zero paid a visit to the Wilson School to do the same. In Project Before, our preschoolers had a DINO-mite time shadow tracing and participating in color mixing experiments. At the middle school, students in Ms. Marsh's Science Class tested magnetism by making motors using batteries, copper wire, and magnets in order to learn if certain types of cereal had iron in it by being responsive to the magnet. Finally, at the high school, students in Mr. Gliddon's Wood Shop class made a very cool wooden ping pong table and pallets, while down the hallway, students in the other Mr. Gliddon's class tested their inventions during an egg drop activity.



thought of opening them 11 years from now when they are graduating from high school. In addition, students and staff at both Arleth and the Truman School, went out of their way to recognize random acts of kindness by students during Random Act of Kindness Week.



In athletics, we congratulate SWMHS Track and Field runner Sean Wilson for advancing in both the 800 and 1,600-meter races at the New Jersey Sectionals Track Meet. In addition, the SWMHS Basketball Team defeated Metuchen High School (HS) last week in the Preliminary Round of the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Tournament to improve their record to 10-12 on the season. Jaden Hargrove led Sayreville with



17 points. Max Negron added 14 points, while Peter Luster chipped in 13 and Kyler Crespo finished with 12. Likewise, the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team defeated Linden HS to improve their season record to 8-14. 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](#), there will be **BOE Business Meetings** on **Tuesday, March 1st, Tuesday, March 15th**, and a special **Let the Children Lead BOE Meeting** on **Tuesday, March 29th**. Please also remember that our **students** will be **dismissed early** on **Monday, March 7th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that **3rd Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in **grades 6-12** will be issued on **March 4th**, the **2nd Trimester Marking Period** for students in **grades K-5** will end on **March 18th**, and **Report Cards** for those students will be populated in Oncourse Connect on **March 25th**.





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On January 31, 2022, the Sayreville Public Schools officially opened 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.**](#)

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