

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 24 Review and Preview

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Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that our **students** will be **dismissed early <u>next</u> Monday, March 7th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Likewise, please note that <u>next</u> Monday, <u>March 7, 2022</u>, the **wearing of masks** will be **optional** in our **school buildings** and on our **school buses**.

Over the weekend, three individuals from the middle school and two from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, individuals from each school were determined to be in "close contact" with the infected people. At this time all have been notified. For more information on infections, click here to review our Student and Staff COVID-19 Dashboards.

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, March 2, 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 "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, 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, 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

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 honor and celebrate the 2021-22 SWMHS Girls Bowling Team for their Group 2 Central Jersey State Championship. It will also present the proposed 2022-23 Technology and Human Resources Budgets. 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.

Last Tuesday evening, Ms. Francis, Elementary School Supervisor of Instruction, and Ms. Maharana, Mathematics Supervisor of Instruction, facilitated presentations on the district's <u>Talented and Gifted</u> and <u>Middle School</u> <u>Advanced Honors Math</u> programs. Click on each to view the presentations. Should you have any questions pertaining to each, email <u>Allison.Francis@sayrevillek12.net</u> or <u>Mala.Maharana@sayrevillek12.net</u>.









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. Students and staff from each school across the district

had a ball commemorating "Twos Day," also known as

"Palindrome Day" last Tuesday, February 22nd (2-22-22). At the middle school, students in Ms. Nicole Delpopolo's 7th grade English Language Arts class studied famous



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poets of color and read poems that expressed themes related to honoring the history of African Americans, including Amanda Gorman who is the youngest poet laureate in our nation's history. The students created visual representations for the poets that they



researched. In addition, students in Ms. Longo's Science class examined crickets and then ate them! Yuck!! ②. At the high school, students in Mr. Gliddon's class continued working in teams to design and build a device to catch an egg from a free fall. Additionally, Rod Colon, Volunteer Management Director of Hispanics Inspiring Students'





Performance and Achievement (HISPA), as well as motivational speaker, culture and transformation consultant, corporate trainer, and radio host, visited the high school to speak with and inspire our students. At SUES, students in Ms. Aguiles' class participated in a very cool balloon car STEM activity. Also, students in physical education (PE) classes participated in the SUES Winter Olympics, where they learned to ski and speed skate. They improved their fitness levels through cross country skiing

and developed their ice hockey skills. However, their favorite activities were bob sledding, curling and sled hockey.



Likewise, students in PE classes at the Wilson School participated in the Wilson School Fastest Class Challenge, in which classes competed to see which could run the most laps in 5 minutes. Finally, at the Arleth School, the administration, staff, and students recognized and honored the Golden Award and Principal Ticket student winners for the traits of Kindness, Fairness, and Cooperation that they demonstrated this month.





In athletics, we begin by congratulating the SWMHS Girls and Boys Indoor (winter) Track and Field Teams, which were each crowned Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Champions at the GMC Relays Meet last Sunday. The Shot-Put duo of Kayla



Damoah and Mila Plantin placed 2nd and won the Silver Medal. Likewise, we congratulate Anthony Voto for placing 4th in the Shot-Put and Leah White for winning 5th Place in high jump at New Jersey Group 4 State Championships on Saturday. In addition, we congratulate the SWMHS Competition Cheer Team for winning 2nd Place at the New



Jersey Cheer and Dance Coaches Association (NJCDCA) State Championship. We also congratulate SWMHS wrestler CJ McCrea for winning 5th Place in the Central Jersey Regional Wrestling Championship. Furthermore, we congratulate SWMHS Girls Basketball player Brooke Holland for being named to the GMC White Division First-Team for the third consecutive year. Finally, we congratulate the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team for winning their 11th game

of the season last week over Matawan High School. Alvin Arroyo won the Blue (collar) Hard Hat for his performance, while Santino Whitaker led the scoring with 15 points. Peter Luster also had 14 points, and Max Negron and Kyler Crespo finished with 10 and 8 points respectively. 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

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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 a BOE Business Meetings tomorrow, Tuesday, March 1st, as well as on Tuesday, March 15th. There will also be 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.

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 New 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