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Talk Sup Week 25 Review and Preview

March 7, 2022

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 today** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Likewise, please remember that **today the wearing of masks** will be **optional** in our **school buildings** and on our **school buses**. With the making of mask wearing optional, we request that all members of our school community respect the decisions of staff, students, and parents with regard to whether they wear masks or not and to not engage in any behavior that may consciously or unconsciously question, ridicule, or persuade individuals to wear or not wear one.

Over the weekend, there were no reports of people testing positive for COVID-19. 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 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/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](#)

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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

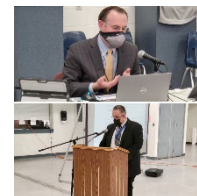
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- Wednesday, March 16, 2022
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- Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022
- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
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COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations with the Parlin Pharmacy

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If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 1st, here is what you missed. Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks and Mrs. Bloom shared a few district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Board honored and celebrated the 2021-22 SWMHS Girls Bowling Team for their Group 2 Central Jersey State Championship. The district also resumed publicly reviewing and discussing the 2022-23 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: [Technology/Security](#) and [Human Resources](#). After each respective presentation, the administration answered questions 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 video of this meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE awarded the bid for mechanical upgrades at multiple schools to Burlew Mechanical, LLC as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$525,000, to be paid for through the funding of the ESIP Program. Likewise, it rejected all bids received on February 22, 2022 for alternate HVAC upgrades at multiple schools in order to substantially revise the bid specifications and to ensure compliance with public-school contract law. In addition, it approved a contract with McCabe Environmental Services for the testing of asbestos air samples due to the renovations and HVAC upgrades at the Selover School in the amount of \$57,685.50, which will be paid for out of Capital Reserve; and at the Truman Elementary School for an amount not to exceed \$29,610, which will also be paid for out of Capital Reserve, due to the window replacement project there.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved the Camp XL Extended School Year and Learning Acceleration at Camp XL Summer Programs at the Samsel Upper Elementary School and Cheesquake School from July 5, 2022 through August 4, 2022; and the Middle School Credit Completion Summer School program from July 5, 2022 to August 11, 2022. Likewise, among other motions, on the



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Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the revised [2022-23 School District Calendar](#) and the new [2023-24 School District Calendar](#). To view each, click on them. It also approved several new and revised BOE [policies](#) and [regulations](#) for a First Reading. Click on each of them too in order to read them. To view any Sayreville Board of Education by-laws, policies, and regulations, click [here](#) to access our new public portal.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Linda Zydzik, 5th Grade Teacher; Dana Giorgianni, Special Education Teacher; and Mary-Jane Kerr, Paraprofessional at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, effective July 1, 2022. It also 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 introduced himself as the 2nd liaison to the Borough Council and provided a brief comment about the upcoming Special Joint BOE/Borough Council Meeting on March 7th. He also inquired if the district will make mask wearing optional on March 7th.

Likewise, during the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, the Superintendent provided an update on the location of the proposed transportation complex. In addition, Mrs. Bloom reviewed what was discussed during the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Pieloch for the last Governance 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 **this evening**. It will be a **Special Joint BOE/Borough Council Meeting** for the purpose of discussing possible locations for the aforementioned transportation complex. After that, the next BOE business meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 15th**. During it the Board will honor and celebrate the 2022 Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Cheer Team for winning the NJCDCA Championship. In addition, it will vote on the 2022-23 Tentative School District Budget. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, March 11th**. A complete copy of the **March 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 **March 15, 2022**.

As mentioned above, tomorrow evening at **7:00 pm**, there will be a **Special Joint Board of Education (BOE) and Borough Council Meeting** in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During it, the BOE and Borough Council will discuss the available property within the Borough that may be appropriate for the construction of a transportation complex. 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 week, many honored guests and myself, had the privilege to be able to participate in Read Across America in our elementary schools. Read Across America is an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association (NEA) that began in 1997. According to the NEA, it is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around March 2nd, the birthday of beloved



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children's author Dr. Seuss, who this year turned 118. This is truly one of the best days of the school year for me, as I have so much fun reading to and getting to know, albeit very briefly, our very impressive and most talented elementary school students. This



year former Sayreville student, Ssanyu Lukoma, central administration, and some amazing Sayreville Middle School Student Council Members highlighted the extraordinary list of volunteers that read to our students. We commend all of our amazing teachers, administrators, and parents who made 2022 Read Across America such a memorable experience for all who participated, especially our most gracious guest readers noted above.



In addition to Read Across America, last Friday morning Ms. Sicola, Supervisor of Guidance, and Mr. Rubino, Principal of the Sayreville War Memorial High School, introduced in rank order and honored the Top 10 Students from the SWMHS Class of 2022 based upon grade point average. Thus, below please find the name of each remarkable child. As we noted during their celebratory breakfast last Friday, we recognize that the amazing academic accomplishments of these

students could not have happened if it were not for the proficiency, competency, and hard work of their incredibly dedicated and talented teachers and counselors, and the never-ending support and assistance that they have received from their wonderful parents. As we have done in the past, these students will also be recognized and honored during a Board of Education Meeting in the Spring and during Senior Awards Night.



1. Joshua Gorniak – **Valedictorian**
2. Anoop Dindigal – **Salutatorian**
3. Rajnee Saini
4. Iman Ali
5. Justine Denby
6. Angel Manson
7. Manan Gosai
8. Reuben Geronimo
9. Megan Corby
10. Penny Vu



While I was not able to attend, after a year hiatus, last Friday evening, our SWMHS Air Force Junior ROTC cadets held their annual Cadet Ball. As has always been the case, all who attended were extremely impressed by the manner in which the cadets represented themselves during the entire evening, particularly the Cadet Leaders who demonstrated tremendous leadership, especially during several very touching and symbolic ceremonies. We commend and salute all our cadets, and thank them for representing SWMHS and the district in such an impeccable manner. In addition, we commend and thank Colonel Jonathan Spare and Master Sergeant Marcus Knowlton, for their leadership in facilitating such a wonderful experience for our students and all who attended. Bomber Nation salutes the Colonel, Master Sergeant, and all our amazing SWMHS AFJROTC Cadets! HUA!!



In other happenings in our schools, at the middle school the Career Club held its first in-person club meeting, in which 38 students attended. The students brainstormed ideas and were very interested and motivated to explore a variety of careers and occupations. The club will meet twice a month moving forward, and a guest speaker will visit with the students during one of those meetings. All these activities are part of our Middle School Career Exploration Grant that was



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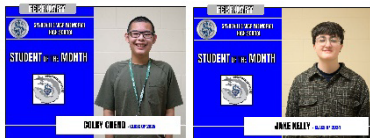
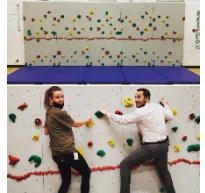


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awarded to the district earlier this school year. In addition, the Unified Basketball Team practiced their basketball skills in preparation for the March Madness Unified Basketball Tournament that will take place on March 24th. At the high school, students in Ms. Alves's Spanish 4 class used Twitter and other social media platforms to communicate with notable Hispanic and Latino artists, writers and filmmakers such as Reginaldo Chapa. If you're not familiar with Mr. Chapa, he is a Mexican producer, editor, screenwriter, and film maker. At the Eisenhower School, Ms. Langan, Mr. Nurnberger, and the rest of the students and staff at the school had a blast climbing on the new rock wall purchased and donated to the school by the Amazing Eisenhower Parent Teacher Organization. At the Truman School, the faculty and administration recognized and celebrated the Better Together February student winners for the extraordinary kindness that they have demonstrated. Finally, in Project Before, our preschool students had a ball playing with eye charts, X-rays, babies and more in their hospital creative play centers.



Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. Along with the previously-mentioned Top 10 students from the high school, we commend and congratulate



SWMHS students Colby Cheng (9th grade), Jake Kelly, (10th grade), Ethan Sanforienzo (11th grade), and Aidan Wilson (12th grade) for being recognized as the February Students of the Month by the faculty at the high school. We also commend and congratulate the below members of the SWMHS Health Occupation Student Association (HOSA) who competed in and won awards during the recent Virtual Southern Regional Conference. They will now move on to the State Leadership Conference later this year.

- Laury Estefont – 4th Place in Clinical Nursing
- Khinsa Shah – 6th Place in Medical Assisting
- Triscia and Trischelle Afihene – 6th Place Emergency Medical Technician
- Maha Ahmad – 7th Place Dental Science
- Esther Njuguna – 8th Place in Clinical Nursing

Likewise, we commend the members of the Sayreville Muslim Student's Association (MSA) who competed in the New Jersey Muslim Inter Scholastic Tournament (MIST), which is an annual event where teams representing schools from across the state compete in various events. This year the event took place at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. In total, the members of the SWMHS SMA placed in the top three in 13 competitions, where in which they won the award for Best Coordinated Team and finished as the 2nd best overall team in the



tournament. Finally, we commend and congratulate the members of the SWMHS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA), who recently competed in the New Jersey DECA State Career Development Conference in which eight students were finalists and seven will move on to the International Career Development Conference. We also congratulate Lasya Bhattiprolu for being elected by her peers to serve as the Central New Jersey DECA Vice President.



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In athletics, we once again congratulate the SWMHS Girls and Boys Indoor (winter) Track and Field Teams, which were each officially crowned Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Champions last week. This is the sixth consecutive year that the Girls Team has won the White Division and the 5th time in a row that the Boys Team has. This year's effort



was highlighted by Anthony Voto who placed 7th in New Jersey in the Shot Put, was the GMC Champion, and broke his previous school record; and Leah White, who won the GMC in the 55 Meter Hurdles and broke the previous school record, and took 5th place in High Jump during the recent New



Jersey Group 4 State Championship. In addition, we commend and congratulate the SMS Competition Cheer Team for winning their second consecutive New Jersey Cheer and Dance Coaches Association (NJCDCA) State Championship. Both the All-Music Team and Game Day Team won First Place. Finally, we congratulate Sayreville Recreation wrestlers Jake Callahan, Lucas Tang, Colin Russell, Grady Walsh, Shane Walsh, Jace



Daly and their entire team for winning 2nd Place at the Mid Jersey A Tournament. 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 March Activities Calendar, there will be a special joint **BOE/Borough Council Meetings** tomorrow, **Tuesday, March 7th**, and a BOE Business Meeting next **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** today, **Monday, March 7th**, so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that 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 [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