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Talk Sup Week 30 Review and Preview

April 11, 2022

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup.

As you probably know, **Thursday, April 28, 2022**, is designated as "**Bring Your Child to Work Day**." This activity is in conjunction with the national observance of "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" and is designed to help children ages **8-18** explore the workforce. Therefore, we anticipate that some of our students will be accompanying their parents/guardians to work on this day. Likewise, we anticipate that staff members will be taking their children to work for the same reasons. As we have done in the past, the parents of our students aged 8-18 that wish for their child(ren) to participate in this event at their place of employment and for them to receive credit for attending school, will be required to have their employer complete a form indicating their child(ren)'s participation and return it to their child(ren)'s school by **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**. Click [here](#) to download the form. Similarly, staff members who wish to take their child(ren) aged 8-18 to school will also need to complete a form and submit it to their immediate supervisor and/or building principal by April 26th. Click [here](#) for that form. Our hope is that our students and the children of our staff members will benefit from the experience of "Bring Your Child to Work Day" and have the ability to enjoy spending time with a parent/guardian in their workplace.

This past week the New Jersey Department of Education released the 2020-2021 New Jersey School Performance Reports. They are available on the "District Page" of our website and the NJ School Performance Reports webpage at <https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/selectreport/2020-2021/23/4660> for review. In addition, this week each individual school's report will be posted on their respective websites. If you are not aware of it, the School Performance Reports reflect the NJDOE's commitment to providing parents, students, and school communities with a large variety of information about each school and district. They can be used as a tool to help evaluate whether all students have equitable access to high quality education. While some data that was missing in 2019-2020 will be available again for 2020-2021 (e.g. attendance data), other data continues to remain unavailable or look different from prior years. The NJDOE also recognizes that the existing data cannot begin to measure the hard work and perseverance of the students, families, educators, and community members during these two very challenging school years.

Notes are included throughout the School Performance Reports to explain where data is missing or impacted by COVID-19 and an updated [Impact of COVID-19 on Data Availability resource](#) is available to summarize this information. The 2020-2021 reports include changes that respond to stakeholder feedback, updated federal and state requirements, and the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, they include:

- **New career and college readiness data** including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and dual enrollment participation by student group and work-based learning participation;
- **Expanded staff data** including staff counts and information about teachers by subject area, as requested by stakeholders;
- **New apprenticeship data** that shows how many students register in apprenticeship programs after high school graduation; and
- **Links to additional data** such as Start Strong assessment results and opportunity to learn data, which includes information about learning environments and device data during the 2020-2021 school year.

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Due to some inflammatory postings on social media last week, multiple parents have inquired about the new New Jersey State Learning (NJSL) Health and Physical Education Standards, which are required to be implemented this September, 2022. Thus, as we have been reporting publicly since the New Jersey Department of Education released these new standards, when the revisions to our district K-12 Health and Physical Education Curriculum have been completed and approved by the Board in either June or July, we will share the new curriculum with the community and provide parents with detailed instructions as to how to request from their child(ren)'s principal that their child(ren) be given an alternative assignment so that he or she does not have to participate in lessons and/or activities that conflict with their religious and/or family virtues, values, and beliefs. Furthermore, we can assure you that despite what the standards may state, the district and board of education will not subject our students to any content that we determine to be profane or inappropriate in accordance with their age and/or grade-level.



In **176 days**, residents in Sayreville will have the opportunity to *Cool the Schools* when they vote on the **Facilities Improvement Bond Referendum**, which is scheduled to be voted on by the Sayreville community on **October 4, 2022**. To see the current presentation on the referendum, click [here](#). To see all information pertaining to the referendum and the district's strategic approach to improving its facilities, click [here](#). With that said, this Tuesday and Wednesday evening, I will resume the “Cool the Schools” promotion of the **October 4, 2022 Referendum Vote** during Project Before and Eisenhower School PTO Meetings respectively. Below please find the entire list of remaining promotional meeting dates this year.

PTO Meeting Dates and Times

- **Project Before – April 12th at 7 pm**
- Truman – May 12th at 7 pm
- **Eisenhower – April 13th at 7 pm**
- SUES – April 27th at 7 pm
- SMS – May 10th at 7 pm

Faculty Meeting Dates and Times

- Arleth – May 10th at 3:40 pm
- Truman – June 7th at 3:40 pm
- Eisenhower – May 10th at 8:00 am
- Wilson – April 26th at 3:40 pm
- SUES – May 17th at 3:00 pm
- SMS – May 10th at 3:00 pm
- SWMHS – May 9th at 2:40 pm

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that one individual from the Arleth School tested and one from the Food Services Department has tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, individuals from Food Services 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.

Today staff and parents **no longer have to complete the Oncourse daily health screening surveys**. However, 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.**
- **Remind their child(ren) to practice appropriate hand hygiene**
- **Strongly consider participating in the school district's testing and vaccination programs.**

Please remember that the Parlin Pharmacy is graciously offering all **Sayreville Public Schools staff, students and family members COVID-19 home rapid test kits** for no or little out of pocket cost. While most insurances cover home rapid test kits at no cost, unfortunately we have learned that there are certain insurances which may not. However, if your insurance policy does not cover them, the pharmacy is offering our staff, students and family members a special price of **\$9.99 per kit**. Furthermore, while some policies may not immediately cover the cost of the kit, they may provide full reimbursement upon the submission of a receipt, which will be provided by the pharmacy. Use the links below to order a test kit. All **student and family** test kits will be available for pick up in the



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cafeteria at the Sayreville War Memorial High School on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 – 4:30 pm. As previously reported by me, **staff** test kits **will be delivered to the school designated in orders**. If you have further questions, please contact the pharmacy via the following email: ParlinRx@gmail.com. Click on the appropriate link below to order the test kits.

[STUDENT/FAMILY HOME COVID-19 RAPID TEST KIT REGISTRATION LINK](#)

[STAFF HOME COVID-19 RAPID TEST KIT REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Please also remember that, as part of our district's [Safe Return Plan](#), this **Wednesday, April 13, 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, April 13, 2022
- **Wednesday, April 20, 2022 (12:30-2:30pm)**
- 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, 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



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 Sayreville Middle School (SMS), thanks to Ms. Gentile, English Language Arts Teacher, and Mr. Gluchowski, Principal, the third class of 7th and 8th graders in school history were inducted into the 2022 Junior National Honor Society. In



addition, students visited the East Brunswick Vocational Technical High School to explore and immerse themselves into careers.



In Project Before, students and staff took the time to recognize and thank the amazing paraprofessionals that work so effectively with our students during Paraprofessional Day. Students also had a blast participating in Family Virtual Night where among other fun things, they read *Worm Weather* and "Dirt." A dental hygienist from Kids Dent also visited students to teach them about the

importance of brushing their teeth. At the high school, the SWMHS Theatre Society recognized and celebrated all the students and staff members who contributed to this school year's fall drama and spring musical during their Theatre Society Banquet.



The National Art Honor Society and the Unified Club also continued to team up for a painting activity, in which led by National Art Honor Society president Doris Lee, they painted a night sky with a cityscape. In addition, cadets from the Air Force Junior ROTC assisted the Madison Park Volunteer Fire Company with their annual Easter Bunny Breakfast fundraiser. Furthermore, students in Ms.



Durning's chemistry class created molecules out of balloons, while in Mr. Cicciari's Physics class, students learned about fluid pressure by playing "Bernoulli Ball." At Truman, kindergarten students in Ms. Makely's and Ms. Pisaeno's class enjoyed one of the rainy days last week by participating in flashlight reading. Finally, at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, students in Ms. O'Keefe's class were recognized and honored for winning the March Mathness competition.



Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the below members of the SWMHS Sayreville Odyssey of the Mind teams that competed in and earned a top three placement in the New Jersey State Tournament last Saturday. Each



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team will now compete in the World Finals in Iowa on May 25th. Team 3 also won the Ranatra Fusca Award, which is the highest creativity award that Odyssey of the Mind gives out.

Problem 2-2nd Place

Prachi Kumar
Saaam Khan
Joshua Gorniak
Vraj Patel
Manan Gosai
Syed Ashar
Penny Yu

Problem 3-3rd Place

Wade Guerra
Quinn Guerra
Rhena Johnson
Reuben Geronimo
Odeh Abbassi
Aaryan Parikh
Phillip Pazdur

Problem 4- 3rd Place

Vanshi Patel
Vanya Jha
Varun Jha
Roshan Mohanakrishnan
Asmi Kaushal
Sanika Karode
Reya Patel



We also congratulate and commend the aforementioned 7th and 8th grade students from the SMS who were inducted into the Junior National Honor Society last Wednesday. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS senior Matthew Corbi for being crowned Mr. Sayreville during last Friday's Mr.



Sayreville Pageant, which is an annual fundraiser for the SWMHS Boys and Girls Soccer Teams. Finally, we congratulate SWMHS teachers Ms. Zank, who was named the March Teacher of the Month, and Mr. Bloom, who was selected to be the April Teacher of the Month by the faculty at the high school. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, the SWMHS Boys Lacrosse Team improved its record to 5-0 on the season with victories over Edison, J. Paul Stevens, and Ewing High Schools last week. Likewise, the Girls Lacrosse Team improved its record to 2-2 on the season with wins over Hoboken and Edison High Schools last week. Ryann Schlaline and Abby Mayer led all scorers, while Gianna Gittlitz continued to demonstrate stout defense in goal. The SWMHS Track and Field Team



also won their first dual match of the season by defeating New Brunswick last week. Anthony Voto won the Shot Put and Discus, Sean Wilson won the 1600 Meter Race, Muhtasim Noor won the 3200 Meter Race, Amir Elkholy won the 800 Meter Race, and Sean Donnamaria won the Pole Vault. Finally, last week both baseball and softball teams at SMS opened their seasons with victories. 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 [April Activities Calendar](#), there will be a BOE Business Meeting on **April 26th**. Please remember that our **schools will be closed from Friday, April 15th through Friday, April 22nd** for spring recess. In addition, please note that the **3rd Marking Period Report Cards** for students in

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grades 6-12 will be populated in Oncourse on **April 14th**. Lastly, please remember that our **schools will be closed on Monday, May 2nd** in observance of Eid al fitr.

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