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Talk Sup Week 28 Review and Preview

March 28, 2022

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

In **183 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 **September 27, 2022**.

With that said, last Monday evening, I resumed the *Cool the Schools* promotion of the **September 27, 2022 Referendum Vote** during a Wilson School PTO Meeting. To see my presentation, click [here](#). Along with presenting and answering questions on the referendum, I also responded to questions about the pandemic, transportation complex, and potential revisions to the 2021-22 School District Calendar. However, the highlight of the evening was when I had the privilege of presenting certificates of appreciation to students Varshika Jami (1st Place), Ayaan Soomro (2nd Place), and Khushi Patel (3rd Place) for their award-winning illustrations, which will be featured in the 2022 Wilson School Yearbook. I am forever grateful to the Wilson PTO for giving me the time to present the referendum and to answer parent questions about it and any other issue or concern that they may have about the school or the district.



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

- Project Before – April 5th at 3:45 pm
- 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 three individuals from the high school 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.

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.**

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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 **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, March 30, 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.



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COVID-19 Testing Schedule Via Back to School Solutions

- Wednesday, March 30, 2022
- Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- 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, 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 Special “**Let the Children Lead**” Business Meeting in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During it, the BOE and Central Administration will be joined by almost two dozen 5th graders from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) as part of the annual Let the Children Lead program, in which a select group of 5th grade students will actually perform in the capacity of a specific board of education member or administrator. Thus, except for a few occasions, the 5th grade representatives for each, including Ms. Coglianese, Principal of SUES, and Mr. Tola, Assistant Principal of SUES, will vote and comment publicly on behalf of the BOE member or administrator that they will represent. 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](#).



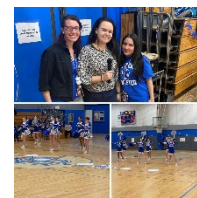
Last Thursday afternoon, I attended the Bombers Unified March Madness Basketball Tournament in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) gymnasium. During it, I was both impressed and inspired to watch our students with pervasive developmental and intellectual



disabilities compete with and against their typically developing peers. Moreover, I was moved to see the sportsmanship, comradery, and friendship between our student athletes, which undoubtedly evolved during the process of practicing and preparing for the tournament together. Additionally, I was overwhelmed with joy to witness the amount of staff members, parents, and students who came out to assist and support these incredible student athletes. In fact, throughout all the games this week, which were played at the Arleth School, middle school and high school respectively, a tremendous number of people, including our Bomber Cheer Team, attended the games to support and cheer on all the student athletes. Thus, we thank and commend Ms. Carkeek and all the Bombers Unified Sports advisors and coaches, as well as other staff and students who made the event so special for the student athletes

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at the high school particularly, the students on the AFJROTC Color Guard, Makayla Hansen, who sang the National Anthem, Mr. Howard who was the public address announcer, and our team of referees, which included Master Sergeant Knowlton, Farman Qadir, Emilio Diaz, Kayla Sokolow, Brandon O'Chat, and Brodee Fontanilla, for making this event so successful and memorable for the students who played in it and their families. The students at Samsel will play their game later this week. Go Bombers Unified!



Last Friday, I attended the Renaissance Breakfast at SWMHS. The breakfast is coordinated by the Renaissance Committee, which is led by Ms. Kelly, Ms. Donnelly, and Ms. LaScala, teachers at SWMHS. The purpose of the breakfast is to celebrate and reward the students who achieved straight As during the 2nd Marking Period this school year. This marking period's breakfast featured a student/staff jazz band performance conducted by Dr. Caruso and starring Mr.

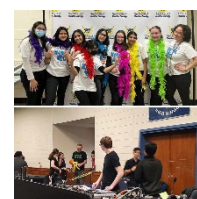
Alvarez. As always, it also included a delicious breakfast menu cooked perfectly by our amazing Food Service Department staff. We salute these incredibly hard working and dedicated students who have made countless sacrifices to achieve at the very highest level. Likewise, we commend and thank Mr. Rubino and the high school vice principals, Ms. Kelly and her team of advisors, Dr. Caruso, Mr. Alvarez and the students who performed in the jazz band, and of course Ms. Mannino and our wonderful cafeteria workers for making the morning so special for all our students in attendance.



Later in the evening on Friday, I attended the SWMHS Theatre Society production of *Mama Mia*, which was directed by Ms. Laura DiStaulo, Theatre Teacher at SWMHS. We commend and thank her and her incredible team of dedicated staff members and volunteers, including but not limited to David Modero (Musical Director), Jensen Modero (Director



of Choreography), Dr. Paul Caruso (Pit Band Musical Conductor), Ms. Cynthia Gallagher (Costume Design), Hope Gutzlaff (Stage Manager), Ms. Megan Terrano (Business Manager), Eroll Buel (Sound), Erin O'Brien (Lighting Design), John Kyle (Lighting Direction), Mike Lefton (Videographer), and Keegan Ortiz (Photographer) for making this production so overwhelmingly successful. As a result of their incredibly hard work, the students that took part in this unbelievable theatrical experience had the privilege of participating in a Broadway-like show with all the amenities. In fact, rather than recorded music, the music for the production was actually performed by a pit band conducted by Dr. Caruso. Furthermore, the sets and costumes were vibrant, authentic, and parallel to that of which you would see in a Broadway show. Moreover, the acting, singing, and dancing performed by our high school students, led by Marissa Rowley, who played Sophia Sheridan, Samantha Shaw, who played Donna Sheridan, Ryan Yuhas, who played Harry Bright, Anthony McLoughlin, who played Bill Austin, and Christopher McDowell, who played Sam Carmichael, was incredibly impressive and quite inspiring. Each well



attended show was a remarkable representation of what can be accomplished when the enthusiasm, hard work, and the dedication of our wonderful staff is matched by that of our amazing students and their very supportive families. It was clear in the performances of all our students that they and the staff and volunteers that assisted them, worked tirelessly over the past several months to prepare this masterpiece. Thus, Bomber Nation salutes and thanks everyone who took part in this magical production. Bravo!



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Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating the aforementioned SWMHS AFJROTC Cadets who competed in and won 3rd Place in the Academic Component and 2nd Place in the Athletic Component during a drill competition last week at Piscataway High School. Earlier in the week, the Cadets also visited Rutgers University for their annual Shadow a



Cadet Day, which was a leadership laboratory put on by the Rutgers University Cadets. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS students Dennis Whitford (Dominican College), Brian Zapoticzny (Rutgers Newark) and Hunter Almeida (Middlesex County College) who last week committed to further their education and play baseball at the collegiate level. 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. At the Truman School, kindergarten



students marched in an Alphabet Parade with their classmates and teachers. In addition, students took part in Jump Rope for Heart, where led by 2nd grader Easton Klein, they raised \$4,227.76 for the charity. At



the Samsel Upper Elementary School, students in Mr. Miller's class enjoyed the mild weather during a spring scavenger hunt looking for all things spring. In addition, students in Ms. O'Keefe's science class learned about energy by making ocean waves,



creating series and parallel circuits, and by answering questions about digital energy in order to escape from an eZpZ Escape Room. Speaking of science activities, in Project Before, students in Ms. Krzastek's class had a ball during a science exploration where they observed worms. Likewise, in Ms. Ms. Novak's and Ms. Testa's middle school science classes, students reviewed for a vocabulary quiz using fortune tellers and by playing in a game show. Furthermore, in Mr. Cicciari's high school Physics class, students had a blast participating in Scuba Day, where they learned about fluid pressure and buoyancy. Finally, in the Art Department at the high school, students took part in the annual Teen Arts Festival at Middlesex County College, where they participated in workshops ranging from photography to juggling.



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In athletics, we commend and congratulate the previously mentioned Bombers Unified Sports basketball players, as well as SWMHS wrestlers Ryan Bouchard, Jariel Severino, CJ McCrea, and Connor Walsh for receiving All White Division Team recognition. 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 a special **Let the Children Lead** BOE Meeting tomorrow **Tuesday, March 29th**. There will also 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. Lastly, please note that the **3rd Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will **end on April 8th** and that **report cards** for these students will be populated in Oncourse on **April 14th**.

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