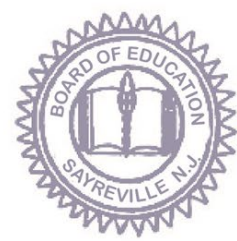




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Talk Sup Week 22 Review and Preview

February 14, 2022

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that our schools will be **closed** for instruction next **Monday, February 21st** in observance of Presidents' Day.

As I am sure that you are all aware of, last Monday Governor Murphy announced that on **March 7, 2022**, Executive Order 251, which requires that all students, staff, and visitors to schools wear masks in school buildings, will **sunset**, and that the decision for requiring mask wearing will be left to individual school districts. Thus, for the next three weeks, I will closely monitor health conditions, as they pertain to the transmission of COVID-19, and will make that decision by **March 4th**.

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that one individual from the high school, one from the Arleth School, and one from the Eisenhower School have tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, individuals from Arleth and Eisenhower were determined to be in "close contact" with the infected people. At this time, all have been notified and directed to quarantine. 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 16, 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.

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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, February 16, 2022
- 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

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- 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
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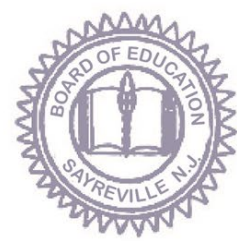
Tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During it, the district will make presentations on the proposed 2022-23 Buildings & Grounds, Capital Projects, and Transportation Budgets. To see the 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](#).

This **Wednesday evening at 6 pm** Sayreville Parent University will present, **Destigmatizing Mental Health**, which is the second of a series of highly informative webinars about educating children. This one-hour webinar, which will be presented by **Effective School Solutions**, our district’s Tier 3 social and emotional development service provider, will focus on how parents and caregivers can develop a better understanding of what mental health wellness means in a child, particularly the signs and symptoms that can make a child appear fragile, aggressive and/or withdrawn, as well as specific techniques for helping that child be more successful. [Here](#) is the link to register for it. Only participants who register in advance of the webinar will receive a link to access it.



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Last Tuesday morning, I had the privilege of visiting with our 5th grade students at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) in order to explain to them what the Let the Children Lead program is. If you are unfamiliar with this very popular and unique Sayreville activity, selected



5th grade students will actually perform in the capacity of a specific board of education member or administrators, including me, during a special board of education meeting. 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 on motions and resolutions and comment publicly on behalf of the BOE member or administrator that they

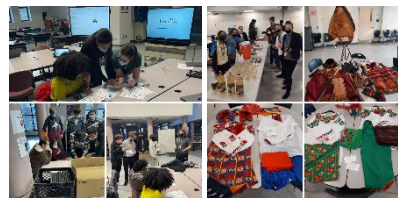


will represent during the meeting. This year's special Let the Children Lead

Board of Education Meeting will take place at **7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 31st**. In addition, last week at SUES, students in Ms. Brandon's and Mrs. Terrano's Science Class had a blast dissecting owl pellets, while all students and staff had a great time demonstrating their school spirit during



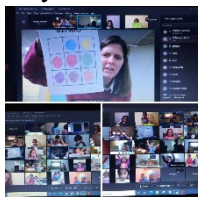
Football Jersey Day. Lastly, two very worthy students had a cool time shadowing Ms. Coglianese and Mr. Tola as Principal and Vice Principal of the Day.



In other happenings across the district, 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 high school, students in Ms. Fallon's World History Class made some



very creative art history projects. Check them out by clicking [here](#). In addition, students at the high school and across



the district had a blast participating in Family Code Night. Lastly, students from the SWMHS International Society and staff at the high school participated in Ukraine Day. At the middle school, the concert band performed magnificently during their Winter Concert and the students in the Unified Club made beautiful Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens in Sayreville. In Project Before,



students and staff had a great time during the first ever Virtual Family Night, which featured a BINGO game called By Ms. McNamara.

Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending SWMHS Fashion Art students [Briana Riggio](#), [Gabriel Santos](#), [Annette Torres](#), and [Ycelsa Tavarres](#) for the amazing fashion design show videos that they produced. Click on each name to view them. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS senior Madison Szatkowski, who recently committed to attend and play softball at Middlesex County



College next year. Finally, we commend SWMHS Robotics student Nick Santamaria for the independent study project that he created in which he made a piece for a robot that is integral to their function, but is no longer available for purchase from a vendor. Furthermore, he created yet another piece that he researched and made using a 3D printer. As a result of his amazingly innovative inventions, students at SWMHS will be able to continue to use the robots that would be considered

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obsolete without the parts created by Nick. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, we begin by congratulating SWMHS senior bowler Brian Pawelek for advancing to the state individual bowling championships this Friday (February 18th) afternoon. Good luck Brian! We also congratulate SWMHS senior Girls Basketball Team player Brooke Holland, who scored her 1,000-career varsity point during last Friday afternoon's game against Shore High School (HS). Although the team lost this game, earlier in the week, led by Brooke's 26 points, they defeated New Brunswick HS to earn their seventh victory of the season.

Likewise, the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team earned their ninth victory of the season led by "Blue (collar) Hard Hat" performances by Kyler Crespo and Santino Whitaker. Speaking of blue-collar performances, the SWMHS Wrestling Team earned its 15th match win of the season over 15-2 Manville HS last week with a thrilling pin by Chris Schmidt in the last 20 seconds of the final match. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS Track and Field Team shot putter Anthony Voto for winning the Central Jersey Sectional Championship with a throw of 54' 1", which tied the school record. We also congratulate Leah White, who took 2nd Place in the 55-Meter-High Hurdles, and 3rd Place in the high Jump. Lastly, we congratulate Kayla



Damoah for placing 4th in the Shot Put. 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 [February Activities Calendar](#), there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, February 15th**. Also, please remember that our schools will be **closed** for instruction next **Monday, February 21st** in observance of Presidents' Day.

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