

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 26 Review and Preview

March 14, 2022

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

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that one individual from the middle 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 <u>here</u> to review our <u>Student</u> and <u>Staff</u> COVID-19 Dashboards.

We continue to request that parents:

- Do <u>not</u> 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 <u>Safe Return Plan</u>, this Wednesday, March 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 <u>booster</u> shots. Likewise, they are now also providing vaccinations for children <u>5</u> years of age and older. However, in accordance with the CDC and NJDOH it is recommended that parents <u>consult with their</u> <u>child's pediatrician prior to getting them vaccinated, especially those under that age of 12</u>. 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 <u>here</u> or by going to the Parlin Pharmacy website (<u>www.parlinrx.com</u>). Unfortunately, for safety purposes, no "walkins" will be permitted into the school. In fact, with in-district COVID-19 testing, all registered participants must

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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 COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations with the Parlin

Solutions

- 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

<u>COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations with the Parlin</u> <u>Pharmacy</u>

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- 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
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If you did not have a chance to attend the historic Special Joint Board of Education (BOE) and Borough Council Meeting held on Monday, March 7th, here is what you missed. The BOE and Borough met for the first time we know of to discuss a possible location for the new school district transportation complex. After much discussion and public comment, which included a multitude of questions asked and concerns expressed by residents, both the BOE and Borough Council tentatively agreed to construct the transportation complex on a 5-7-acre plot of land off of Chesequake Road that will potentially include a department of public works complex in the future. To see the video of the meeting, click here.

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 2022 SMS Cheer Team for winning the NJCDCA Championship. In addition, we will present the 2020-21 Annual Comprehensive Fiscal Report (ACFR) and Audit Mangers Report. Finally, the BOE will vote on the Tentative 2022-23 School District Budget. To see the agenda for the meeting, click <u>here</u>. In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click <u>here</u>. 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 <u>here</u>.

This Wednesday evening at 6 pm Sayreville Parent University will present, How to Talk to Your Kids about Healthy/Unhealthy Dating Relationships, which is the third of a series of highly informative webinars about educating children. This one-hour webinar, which will be presented by A Partnership for Change, will focus on teaching parents/guardians what defines a healthy/unhealthy relationship, the types of abuse, warning signs that your child may be in an abusive relationship, and how to talk to them about it. <u>Here</u> is the link to register for it. <u>Only participants who register in advance of the webinar will receive a link to access it.</u>

Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by once again commending and congratulating the below members of SWMHS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA), who competed in and placed within the top 10 teams during the recent New Jersey DECA State Career Development Conference in which eight students were finalists, in which six teams will be moving on to the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia later in the school year. **Top 3 in their Category and Advancing to the International Career Development Conference Competition**



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Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan: Lasya Bhattiprolu Phillip Pazdur

Community Service Project: Janelle Quarm Aayush Mehta

Project Management Community Giving Project: Doris Lee Ysabelle Mhae

Top 10 in their category Integrated Marketing Campaign Product: Jaden Addo Motunrayo Akinrefon

Human Resources Management Series: Kristy Garcia **Chapters Activities Project**: Pakhi Pagare Diya Shah

Principles of Marketing: Riva Barbaria Shriya Meda

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism: Trischelle Afihene Triscia Afihene

Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research: Asha Amin Mahi Patel

Entrepreneurship- Start-Up Business Plan: Masharib Imran Aayush Mehta Aaryan Parikh

Likewise, we commend and congratulate the below members of the SWMHS Odyssey of the Mind Team that competed in and placed within the top 3 teams at the Gateway Regional Tournament. The teams who placed 1st and 2nd will now move on to the State Tournament, which will take place at Princeton High School on April 9th.

Problem 2 Team- 1st Place

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

Problem 3 Team-2nd Place and Ranatra Fusca Award (Highest creativity award that Odyssey of the Mind

gives out.) Wade Guerra Quinn Guerra Rhena Johnson Reuben Geronimo Odeh Abbassi Aaryan Parikh Phillip Pazdur

Problem 4 Team-2nd Place

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

Problem 5 Team-3rd Place:

Muteeba Rivzi Muhtasim Noor Doris Lee Ysabelle Dela Cruz Lily Heidelberg Anya Kanodia

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In addition, we congratulate Ms. Zank, English Language Arts Teacher at SWMHS for being selected as the March Teacher of the Month by the faculty and administration at the high school. Finally, we commend and thank Joan Ueland, a former school district employee who worked in our Transportation Department, for her very generous and thoughtful donation of culinary accessories for the SWMHS Consumer Sciences class.



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, AP English Language and Composition students met remotely from Minneapolis with award winning author Jonathan Slaght to discuss his work, particularly *Owls of the Eastern Ice*, which won the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary



Science Writing Award last year. It is a gripping tale that looks at the author's conservation work in the remote regions of Eastern Russia. In addition, students in Ms. Gassman's Honors Chemistry class performed a lab simulating air bag inflation in vehicles, in which students determined how much of each reactant was



required to fill an "air bag" without over-inflating (exploding) it. Likewise, students in Ms. Goldstein's Chemistry class performed a lab to determine molecular configurations before creating gumdrop models of each. Finally, in Mr. Alvarez's Robotics class, students competed in the Disaster Recovery Robot Challenge. The winning robot, Robot Rescue 9000, was constructed

and operated by the team of Ethin Dobranic, and Dylan Mackie, Mathew Jones, Ryan Bouchard, Jayson Goldfarb, and Pramith Nunna. Click <u>here</u> to check out this video of Robot Rescue 9000's championship run.





At the middle school, students in Ms. DelPopolo's and Ms. Kilpatrick's English Language Arts classes competed in a challenge to see which class could read and comprehend the most books in

February, called the Reading Race Challenge. As part of the challenge, they also wrote critical reviews of each novel that they read so other students could see what their peers thought of different novels. At the Truman School, students participated in a custom-recorded assembly featuring National Champion, X-Games Medalist, and Guinness World Record Holder, Matt Wilhelm. While demonstrating some amazing bike tricks, Matt also shared his story of beating the odds on the way to becoming a national champion. The students and staff were empowered by his



messages of resilience, growth mindset, and to always be kind. Click <u>here</u> to watch the assembly. Finally, at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, 5th grade technology students had a blast creating their very own Green Screen movies using WeVideo.

In athletics, we commend and congratulate SWMHS Football Team player Santana Fonseca for being named to the



New Jersey Super 100 All-State Football Team. Last week our middle school and high school spring athletic teams began practicing. 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 <u>2021-22 School District Calendar</u>, and the <u>March Activities Calendar</u>, there will be a BOE Business Meeting tomorrow, **Tuesday**, **March 15th**. There will also be a special **Let the Children Lead** BOE Meeting on **Tuesday**, **March 29th**. Please also remember 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**.



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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 (<u>www.sayrevillek12.net</u>) as "<u>Student Registration</u>". 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: <u>New Student Registration</u> **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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

Have a great day and wonderful week.

Dr. Labbe