

# Sayreville Public Schools

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#### Talk Sup Week 1 Review and Preview

September 13, 2019

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that our schools will be closed for instruction this, Thursday, September 16th in observance of Yom Kippur. We would like to wish all our Jewish families a Yom Tov or a blessed holy day.



I would like begin this edition by taking the time to sincerely apologize to all our students, parents, and staff who were inconvenienced, stressed, and even traumatized by some of the problems that we had this past week with transportation. I would also like to thank our staff, particularly those in our Transportation Department and at our schools, for working tirelessly last week to ensure that every student got home safely. Likewise, I would like to thank our



parents for their understanding and patience. While the problems we experienced on Wednesday and Thursday were reduced significantly on Friday, we will continue to work steadfastly to decrease delays and increase our efficiency



to a level which meets or exceeds our expectations. However, please note that while we have resolved the staffing shortage that resulted in us having to double up our routes last week, Durham Bussing, our largest remaining vendor, is still not fully staffed. Therefore, although we will do our best to cover some of their routes that they cannot perform, inevitably some routes may still need to be doubled up, which will result in more delays this week. Thus, we ask for your continued understanding and



patience. Despite the issues that we had with transportation, our administrators reported to me that our students had very productive days of school this past week. In addition, many parents and staff provided me with positive feedback regarding the opening of schools, as well as kindergarten and preschool orientations.

Over the weekend two individuals from the high school, two from the middle school, and one from the Eisenhower School, Project Before Lightbridge School, and our Transportation Department tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, individuals from each school were determined to be in "close contact" with the infected people. With that said, please remember that, as part of our aforementioned Safe Return Plan, please remember that this Wednesday, 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. 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 Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccine shots to anyone 12 years of age and older in the Sayreville War Memorial High School

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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. 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, September 15, 2021
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021
- Wednesday, September 29, 2021
- Wednesday, October 6, 2021
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021
- Wednesday, October 20, 2021
- Wednesday, October 27, 2021
- Wednesday, November 3, 2021
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021
- Wednesday, November 17, 2021
- Wednesday, November 24, 2021
- Wednesday, December 1, 2021
- Wednesday, December 8, 2021
- Wednesday, December 15, 2021
- Wednesday, December 22, 2021

### **COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations with the Parlin** Pharmacv

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In athletics, the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team notched its first victory of the 2021 season with a win over St. Joseph High School (HS). Unfortunately, despite playing extremely well the SWMHS Bombers Football Team suffered another tough defeat to Woodbridge HS last Friday evening. However, during the game the SWMHS Marching performed outstandingly. Likewise, led by our Bombers Cheer Team, who were joined by the Junior Bombers Cheer Team, our students



demonstrated great school spirit and pride throughout the game and represented the school and district with exceptional class. The SWMHS Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, and Girls Tennis Teams also opened their

respective 2021 seasons last week, and like the football team, will be working hard this week to earn their first wins



of the season. Please visit the district website and click athletics for all schedules. 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 September 2021 Monthly Activities Calendar, on Tuesday, September 21st, there will be a Board of Education Business Meeting in the SWMHS Cafeteria. In addition, please remember that our schools will be closed for instruction this Thursday, September 16th in observance of Yom Kippur. Likewise, please remember that students will be dismissed early on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Finally, please note that we will hold Virtual Back to School Night at each school on Wednesday, September 29th.

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information and community service announcements for our schools and the greater community at no cost. Likewise, if you would like to advertise on our **busses**, click **here**.

Have a wonderful first week of school!

Dr. Labbe