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Talk Sup Week 34 Review and Preview

May 16, 2022

Good morning Sayreville! We hope you had a nice and relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that **today** we will **dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development.



In **142** 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](#). Last week, I resumed the promotion of the "*Cool the Schools*" **October 4, 2022 Referendum** Vote with parents during PTO meetings at the middle school, high school and the Truman School. Likewise, I did the same for staff during faculty meetings the middle school, high school, Arleth School, and Eisenhower School. Below please find the list of remaining promotional meeting dates this year.



Faculty Meeting Dates and Times

- SUES – May 17th at 3:00 pm
- Truman – June 7th at 3:40 pm

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that that four individuals from the Samsel Upper Elementary School, two from the high school, one from the Arleth School, and one from the Buildings and Grounds Department have 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 people. For more information on infections, click [here](#) to review our [Student](#) and [Staff](#) COVID-19 Dashboards.

Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, we **encourage staff and students to wear masks while in our school buildings**. We also 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 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, May 18, 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, 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, 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 Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During it, the district will recognize and honor the 2021-22 Governors Educators of the Year recipients, along with the New Jersey Exemplary Secondary Educators of the Year and Magic 98.5 Teachers that Make Magic recipients. In addition, Andrew Chen, a Sayreville student who attends the Middlesex County Academy, will present a donation of \$850 that was raised by he and the Middlesex County Academy Interact Club so that it can be used to pay for the admission fees for an upcoming BOE approved middle



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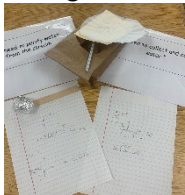
school and high school field trip to Somerset Patriots Park. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click [here](#). Since the viewing of the live stream will be handled by YouTube, you must be viewing the stream on a browser or application 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](#).



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. In all of our schools, our amazing nurses were thanked and celebrated for their hard work and steadfast dedication to our students during Nurse Appreciation Day last Wednesday, May 11th. In other happenings across the district, at



the high school, students in Ms. Goldstein's Forensics Science class performed an autopsy on Playdoh John Doe,



noting differences between types of injuries. Similarly, students in Mr. Ferlisi's and Mr. Mish's science classes participated in a biomagnification activity replicating how a toxic substance can work its way up a food chain. Students were either grasshoppers, shrews, or hawks, playing out the activity by eating game chips to only then be eaten by predators. At the middle school, 7th grade students in Ms. Mondano's Language Arts classes were presented with everyday materials and had to work



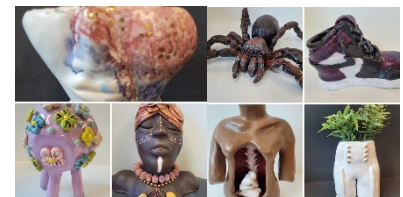
together to solve challenging problems, in which they used critical thinking skills to design



prototypes. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School, staff and students celebrated collecting over a million pop tab in order to raise funding for the Ronald McDonald House. Finally, in Project Before, our preschool students learned what constellations are during space week. In fact, after watching a short video, they used pipe cleaners, star beads, marshmallows, and toothpicks to create their own pictures in the sky.



Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and thanking our wonderful community partner Ashland for once again generously donating \$5,000 to the school district for the purchase of chemistry lab equipment at the



high school. In addition, we commend the below SWMHS Ceramic Arts students, who entered their ceramic work in the Clay in Mind competition last Saturday.

- Ethan Sanfiorenzo
- Gwen Farrar
- Nour Salhab
- Nadiyah Blance
- Stacey Caceres
- Laysha Caceres
- Francis Osa-Kissiedu
- Enrique Rodriguez
- Denisse Mosquera
- Gizelle Vasquez

Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



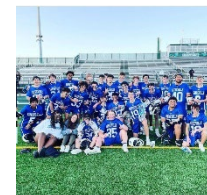
In athletics, we commend the SWMHS Girls Flag Football Team and coaches Laurie Beagan and Katie Hoof, as well as Ms. Badami, Athletic Director, Christopher Howard, public address announcer, and Jarret Lampkin, DJ, for making their inaugural game such a grand success. We also congratulate and commend SWMHS Girls Lacrosse players Ryann Schlaline, Abigail Mayer, Ashley Ament, and



Mackenzie Hastings, who were named to the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division First Team. Ryann Schlaline was also recognized as an overall GMC First Team player. Likewise, we commend SWMHS Boys Lacrosse players Dylan Mackie and James Wasko, who were recognized as two of the best



freshman varsity lacrosse players in New Jersey. In addition, we commend SWMHS Softball players Cadence Barton and Jessica Wasko, who each recorded their 100th career strike out last week in a win against Perth Amboy High School (HS) and loss against John P. Stevens HS last week. The SWMHS Baseball Team



defeated Piscataway HS last week behind the magnificent relief pitching of Aayush Mehta to earn their 4th win of the season. Lastly, riding a three-match win streak, including home and away matches against Colonia HS, the SWMHS Boys Tennis Team improved its record to 5-12 on the season. 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](#).



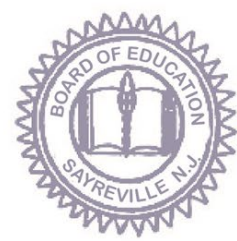
As per the [2021-22 School District Calendar](#) and the [May Activities Calendar](#), there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** tomorrow, **Tuesday, May 17th**. Please remember that our schools will be **closed** on **Monday, May 30th** in observance of Memorial Day. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early today** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that **4th Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in grades **6-12** will be issued this **Wednesday, May 18th**.

Summer FUN and LEARNING! If you want to engage your **elementary** and/or **middle school** child(ren) in learning during the summer that is **affordable, enriching** and **fun**, please consider one of our summer learning programs. Back by popular demand, parents can now send their children to **Camp XL** with **busing**. After a two-year hiatus, this summer the district will be once again accepting tuition students in **preschool through 8th grade** to attend **Camp XL**, our popular integrated extended school year academic camp, which will take place this summer from **July 5 until August 4, 2022**. It will be located at the **Samsel Upper Elementary School** and **Cheesequake School** and will be open **four days per week** from **8 am to 12 pm**. Click [here](#) to learn more about Camp XL. In addition, the district will be partnering with **New Jersey STEM** to provide our students with an exciting weekly series of **science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM)** learning opportunities for students aged **5-13**. In fact, during the first week, which will be called **Sayreville Summer STEAM**, **Sayreville Public Schools** students can attend at a **discounted rate of \$50 for the entire week** (Students eligible for **reduced lunch** will pay **\$25** and those eligible for **free lunch** will attend for **free**). However, each subsequent week, students can participate for a very affordable cost of **\$100 per week**. The program will run **concurrently** with Camp XL from **July 5 until August 4, 2022**, will be located at the **Samsel Upper Elementary School**, and will be open **four days per week** from **12:00 pm to 4:30 pm**. Therefore, students attending Camp XL, can attend Summer STEAM and the subsequent weeks of STEAM learning. Click [here](#) to learn more about **Summer STEAM**. Finally, if you are looking for enriching, fun, and very affordable full-day and/or after wrap around (Camp XL and/or STEAM) childcare during the **entire summer**, **Leading Edge**, the district's childcare patron will be providing services at the **Samsel Upper Elementary School** five days per week from **8 am to 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday during July and August**. To learn more about Leading Edge Summer programming, click [here](#).



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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 (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