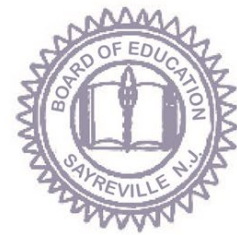




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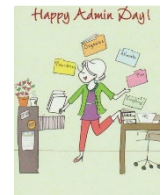
Talk Sup Week 32 Review and Preview

May 2, 2022

Good afternoon Sayreville! I hope you had a happy holidays and relaxing spring recess. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Naturally, our schools are **closed today** in observance of Eid al-Fitr. We wish all our Muslim staff, students, and parents an Eid Mubarak or blessed Eid.



We begin this issue by wishing all our administrative assistants and clerks a belated happy Administrative Assistant Day and Week! Likewise, we commend and thank them for all they do every day to assist in the efficient operation of the school district and/or their school or department. Likewise, we are forever grateful for the positive outcomes that they have either directly or indirectly promoted for all our students and staff. They are nothing less than **AMAZING!**

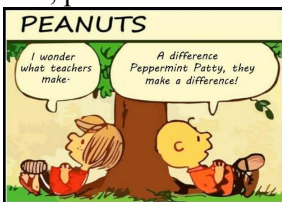


As you may or may not know, **National Educator Appreciation Month** takes place during the entire month of May each year. However, the majority of the festivities center on this week, which is the first full week of May. In fact, this week is commonly known as **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Moreover, the National Education Association (NEA) designates the first Tuesday (May



3rd) that falls during Teacher Appreciation Week as **National Teacher Appreciation Day**. Likewise, next **Wednesday, May 11th is National School Nurses Appreciation Day**. Therefore, especially

in light of **ALL** the **EXTRAORDINARY** efforts that our amazing teachers, nurses, therapists, child study team members, school counselors, media specialists, and paraprofessionals have made during this pandemic to continue learning and recoup learning loss, please consider contributing to the many activities that will take place this week and



month to demonstrate appreciation for the hard-working, dedicated, and exemplary educators in Sayreville. More importantly, please take the time to express your sincere gratitude to the wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals, and educational support service providers working tirelessly to educate and develop yours and our children. On behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we would like to commend our amazing educators and thank them for **EVERYTHING** they do for **ALL** our students. They truly are **HEROES** and they simply **ROCK!**



In **156 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 promoted the "**Cool the Schools**" **October 4, 2022 Referendum** Vote to parents during a Wilson School Faculty Meeting and Samsel Upper Elementary School PTO Meeting. Below please find the entire list of remaining promotional meeting dates this year.

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PTO Meeting Dates and Times

- Truman – May 12th at 7 pm
- SMS – May 10th at 7 pm
- SWMHS – May 9th at 7 pm

Faculty Meeting Dates and Times

- Arleth – May 10th at 3:40 pm
- Truman – June 7th at 3:40 pm
- Eisenhower – May 10th at 8:00 am
- SUES – May 17th at 3:00 pm
- SMS – May 10th at 3:00 pm
- SWMHS – May 9th at 2:40 pm

Over the weekend, there were no reports of people testing positive for COVID-19. For more information on infections, click [here](#) to review our [Student](#) and [Staff](#) COVID-19 Dashboards.

Today staff and parents **no longer have to complete the Oncourse daily health screening surveys**. However, 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.**
- **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 4, 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, 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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If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 15th, here is what you missed. Stephanie Castellitto from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Jayda Ronquillo from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks and Mr. Walsh shared a few district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Superintendent reviewed the 2022-23 School District Budget, which was followed by a public hearing on it. To view the presentation, click [here](#). To see [User Friendly Budget](#) and all the information presented and/or provided on the 2022-23 Budget, click [here](#).

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda, click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum, click [here](#). To view the video of the meeting, click on [Video1](#) or [Video2](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE approved and adopted the 2022-23 School District Budget. Likewise, it approved the submission of the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund - Homeless Children and Youths (ARP-HCY II) grant application in the amount of \$26,813, and the FY23 Perkins Secondary Consolidated Grant application to support career and technical education. It also approved lease agreements between 132 Main Street LLC and the Sayreville Board of Education for the period May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, and July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 for 132 Main Street, Unit 2. In addition, the Board approved a contract with Direct Flooring for the replacement of flooring at the Jesse Selover School in the amount of \$160,718.55. Similarly, it approved contracts with Acacia Financial Group, Inc. for financial advisory services in anticipation of a bond referendum; and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC to provide specialized legal services necessary in connection with the referendum. Furthermore, it approved the purchase of food services equipment in the amount of

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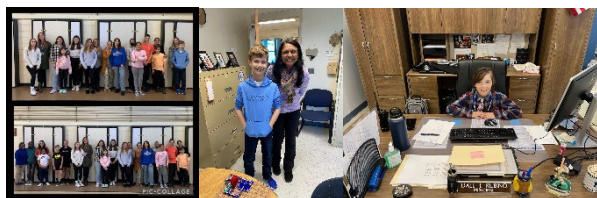
\$146,328.30 from Sam Tell Companies. Finally, it approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sayreville Borough in which the BOE will lease BOE property surrounding the Selover school to the Borough in exchange for Borough property off of Cheesequake Road for the purpose of constructing a transportation complex.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved of Sayreville War Memorial High to have a delayed opening schedule on May 23-26, 2022 for New Jersey State Learning Assessment (NJSLA) testing, in which students in grades 10 and 12 will have a delayed opening starting at 9:40 am, while students in grades 9 and 11, who will arrive at the normal time of 7:30 am, will participate in testing. Likewise, among other motions, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education retroactively approved a revision to the 2021-22 School District Calendar, which changed the May 3rd school holiday in observance of Eid al-Fitr to May 2nd. To see the calendar, click [here](#). Likewise, the BOE approved revised Project Before preschool start and end times for the 2022-23 school year. Lastly, the Board approved a revision to BOE Regulation 2462 Grading for a First Reading. Click [here](#) to review it. Click [here](#) to review all BOE policies and regulations.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Carol DeBiase and Debra Luciano, Cafeteria Workers, effective July 1, 2022; and Olga Santiago, Bus Driver, effective May 1, 2022. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2021-22 school year. Likewise, the Board approved the transfer of non-certificated staff members for the 2021-22 school year. The BOE also appointed certificated staff for Summer IEP Work from June 23, 2022, through August 31, 2022. In addition, it appointed coaches for the Summer Unified Track and Field Season from April 27, 2022, through June 8, 2022, as well as teachers to work in the Rising Stars after school tutoring program, which will run one to three days each week for one hour after school this month. Finally, the Board of Education approved paid advisors for the 2022-23 school year.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, the Superintendent provided an update on the land exchange agreement between the BOE and Borough. In addition, Mr. Fernandez reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Walsh for the last Personnel Committee Meeting, Mrs. Bloom for the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting, and Mrs. Pieloch for the last Governance Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association and Mr. Fernandez did the same with regard to the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club. Finally, Mrs. Pabon commented about the omission of christian holidays on school district calendars and requested that they be identified on them.

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 17th**. During this meeting, the district and BOE will recognize and honor the 2021-22 Governors Educators of the Year recipients, along with the New Jersey Exemplary Educators of the Year and Magic 98.5 Teachers that Make Magic recipients. In addition, a Sayreville student who attends the Middlesex County Academy, will present a donation of \$850 that was raised by the Middlesex County Academy Interact Club so that it can be used to pay for the admission fees for a BOE approved middle school and high school student field trip to Somerset Patriots Park. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, May 13th**. A complete copy of the **April 26th** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next regular business meeting on **May 17, 2022**.



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. Some of our students and staff across the district had a great time learning about their parent's career during Take your Child to Work Day last Thursday.



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In other happenings across the district, at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, staff, students, and parents recognized and honored the 2021-22 Most Improved Students during a Somerset Patriots Baseball Game at



Patriots Park. Likewise, later in the week they recognized and celebrated students for showing the character education trait of fairness. Finally, students participated in a Walkathon. In Project Before, to celebrate Earth Day our preschoolers planted grass seeds to help make the Earth



greener after learning all about what plants need to grow. In fact, Click [here](#) to read an article published on



www.original.newsbreak.com about the incredible Project

Before at Selover School grass seed plant projects. Likewise, at the Truman School, students hit the runway sporting some original recycled fashion to celebrate Earth Day. At the high school, 12th grade students wore shirts,



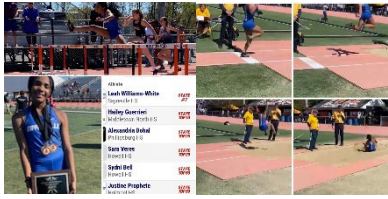
hoodies, and even socks from their future colleges, universities, or branches of the military, as part of College Decision Day. The high school staff joined in the fun and wore their alma mater gear as well. In addition, some students last week visited Nunzio's Pizzeria in order to practice their social and independent living skills. Furthermore, students in the Band class along with select members of the Marching Band performed a composition written by Sayreville native Greg Holmes. He is a retired attorney who has a background in music. After his retirement, he became a professional photographer and also began to compose music which had been a lifelong passion. As an added bonus, Dr. Quincy Hilliard, renowned band composer, attended with Mr. Holmes to assist and comment on the performance of the work. Finally, at the Wilson School, staff, students, and their families had a blast participating in International Night where they took a trip around the world in order to learn about different culture, food, and clothing.



Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating SWMHS senior Rajneet Saini for recently being awarded the 2021-22 Middlesex County Secondary Principals Association Outstanding Student Award. We also commend and congratulate the following new members of the SWMHS Hall of Fame who were inducted last Saturday evening: Christopher Beagan (Class of 1990), Steve Casano (Class of 1985), William D'Amico (Class of 1973), Matthew Lynch (Class of 1985), and Farrah Reilly (Class of 1994). Lastly, we commend SWMHS senior Kyle Mueller for the incredible cutting board that he made in Mr. Gliddon's Woodshop class and gifted to his mother. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



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In athletics, we congratulate SWMHS Track and Field star Leah White who broke the school record for the 100-Meter-High Hurdles Race and won First Place during the Lion Invitational Meet over the weekend. With this performance, she is currently ranked the number one 100-meter high hurdler in the state. Incredibly, Leah also took First Place and broke the school record in the Long Jump. Likewise, we commend the



SWMHS Softball Team, which improved its record to 6-8 on the season with four consecutive wins last week. The SWMHS Boys Lacrosse Team improved its record on the season to 10-3 with victories over Edison and John P. Stevens High Schools (HS) last week.



Likewise, the Girls Lacrosse Team tied John P. Stevens HS last week to improve its record to 4-5-1 on the season. The SWMHS Boys Tennis team recorded its second match win of the season last week when it defeated Old Bridge HS. Finally, the SWMHS Girls Golf Team won its first match of the season over New Brunswick HS and then tied Edison HS last week to improve its record to 1-4-1 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 on Tuesday, May 17th**. As you know our schools are **closed today Monday, May 2nd** in observance of Eid al-Fitr. Likewise, they will be **closed on Monday, May 30th** in observance of Memorial Day. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early on Monday, May 16th** 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 on **Wednesday, May 18th**.

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