



Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 33 Review and Preview

May 9, 2022

Good morning Sayreville! We hope that all our mothers had a very happy and relaxing Mother's Day. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that next **Monday, May 16th** we will **dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development.



In **149 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](#). This week, I will resume promoting the “*Cool the Schools*” **October 4, 2022 Referendum** Vote with parents during PTO meetings at the middle school, high school and at Truman. Likewise, I will be doing the same for staff during faculty meetings at the middle school, high school, Arleth, and Eisenhower. Below please find the entire list of remaining promotional meeting dates this year.

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, it was reported to us that that four individuals from the high school, two from the Arleth School, one from the Wilson School, and one from the Samsel Upper Elementary School have tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, individuals from the high school and Samsel were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected people there. 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 11, 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 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

- 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

This **Wednesday evening at 6 pm** Sayreville Parent University will present, **How to Talk to Your Kids and Survive**, which is the fifth of a series of highly informative webinars about educating children. This one-hour



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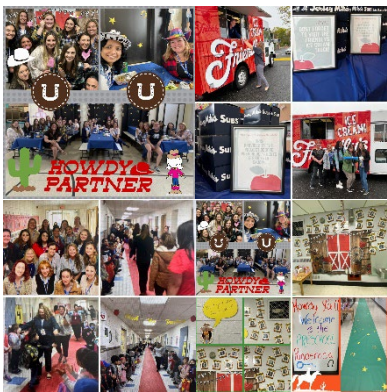


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webinar, which will be presented by **Effective School Solutions**, will focus on how to effectively talk to kids of the iGen or GenZ generation, who grew up with smartphones and tablets in their hands. Let's face it, raising a child is probably the most gratifying job any of us will ever have -- and one of the toughest. In large part, that's because times have changed. We live in an increasingly complex world that challenges us every day with a wide range of disturbing issues that are difficult for children to understand and for adults to explain. Our kids are part of the iGen or GenZ generation. The generation born with smartphones and tablets. Thus, during this workshop, you will learn how to talk to your kids and survive. [Here](#) is the link to register for it. Only participants who register in advance of the webinar will receive a link to access it.

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](#).



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 incredible teachers, paraprofessionals, and support services professionals were thanked and celebrated for their hard work and steadfast dedication to our students during Teacher Appreciation Week. In Project Before, our staff welcomed parents of new and existing students and community organizations during their annual Open House



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and Resource Fair. Additionally, our preschool students had a ball drawing ladders, which they pretended to use to save cats in a tree during their Pet/Veterinarian creative play centers. They also celebrated Cinco de Mayo by making cheese quesadillas.



In the middle school, 8th grade students were treated to a special live webcast visit by best-selling author Angie Thomas, who talked to them about her books, her writing process, and being part of the change. Likewise, students in Ms. Fazzini's Unified Design STEM Club completed the following very cool projects: Balancing Apples and "It's Not a Box."



At the high school, students were not sheepish whatsoever about dissecting sheep hearts in Ms. DiPaolo's Human Anatomy class, nor were students in Ms. Boyd's Statistics class who flew paper airplanes to determine whether there was any correlation between the flying distance and the time it took to build them. In



addition, students in Ms. Mojszis's Jewelry and Metal Working class worked meticulously soldering, twisting, cutting, and buffing new pieces. Lastly, SWMHS Theatre Society students Ryan Yuhas and



Marissa Rowley attended Broadway's Student Summit with Emmy, Grammy, two-time Tony Award winning actor Hugh Jackman and two-time Tony Award winning actress Sutton Foster. They both went to the Friday evening performance of *The Music Man* on Broadway and met the child actor Ben Pajak, whose



mother actually attended SWMHS. The following morning, they attended workshops that covered managing anxiety, Broadway dancing, audition prep, acting, and music.



At the Samsel Upper Elementary School, students in STEAM classes read *Trombone Shorty* and created instruments from recycled materials. Additionally, students in Ms. Morosco's 5th grade class read to preschool students and completed post reading activities with them. Finally, at the Eisenhower School, a special guest visited to express "May the 4th be with you" to students and staff.



Last week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating SWMHS senior Megan Corby, who was selected for the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association Student Leadership Scholarship Award. In addition, we commend and congratulate Yana Balagopal (9th grade), Jai Desai (10th grade), Drew Schabillon (11th grade), and Matthew Corby (12th grade), who were selected by the faculty at SWMHS as Students of the Month of April.



Furthermore, we congratulate and commend Lyric Plantin, a 3rd grader at the Arleth School, who won the Mother's Day Writing Contest, sponsored by the Christ Church of South Amboy. Finally, we congratulate 2018 SWMHS graduate Hailey Block, who was selected by Rutgers University to be inducted into the Matthew Leydt Society.



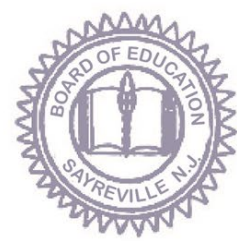
Established in 2015, the Society is named for the university's first graduate in 1774, from what was then Queen's College. It honors those undergraduates whose academic achievements at Rutgers exemplify the highest standards of the university. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!





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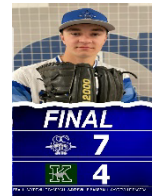
In athletics, we congratulate SWMHS Track and Field star Leah White, who was named the Most Valuable Athlete during the recent Lion Invitational Track and Field Meet. Likewise, we congratulate Anthony Voto, who won 1st Place in the in Shot Put, 4th in Javelin, and 4th in the Discus at the Lion Invitational. In addition, we congratulate Ryan



Donnamaria on his 3rd Place finish in High Jump. Lastly, we congratulate the duo of Will Lewis and Sean



Donnamaria, who won the Silver Medal in the Pole Vault at Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Relays. Last week, the SWMHS Boys Lacrosse Team improved its record to 11-4 on the season by defeating St. Thomas Aquinas High School (HS). Similarly, the Girls Lacrosse Team defeated St. Thomas Aquinas HS twice last week to improve its record in the GMC to 4-3-1. The SWMHS Baseball Team defeated John F. Kennedy HS last week to capture its third win of the season. Finally, both the Girls and Boys Golf Teams



registered match wins last week over Old Bridge HS. 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**. 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** 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