

# Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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### Talk Sup Week 9 Review and Preview

November 8, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that our <u>schools will be **closed**</u> for instruction this **Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Veterans' Day.



As noted above, our schools will be closed this Thursday in observance of Veterans' Day. Thus, I would like to begin this issue by extending a Happy Veterans Day to all our community members who are either serving in or who have served with honor and distinction in our military to preserve the freedoms we have today. In fact, words cannot come close to expressing how truly grateful we are to all the courageous women and men who are defending our liberties today and those who have sacrificed so much for us in the past. We are the home of the free because of you, the BRAVE!

Over the weekend, two individuals from the high school, one from the middle school, and one from the Truman School 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, only individuals from the Truman School were determined to be in "close contact" with the infected person there. At this time, all have been notified and directed to quarantine. Please remember that, as part of our district's Safe Return Plan, this Wednesday we will resume voluntary staff/family and student/family COVID-19 testing with Back to School Solutions from 2:30 - 5pm and voluntary vaccinations with the Parlin Pharmacy from 4 -7 pm in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria. Please also note that individuals 65 years of age and older, as well as those 18 years of age and up with complicated middle conditions or those who work in a high transmission risk occupation, including all school district employees, are now eligible for a Pfizer booster shot if they were previously vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine. 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 **5 years of age and older**, as well as **Pfizer booster shots** to applicable people (see above), 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. 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.

### **Educating Today's Learners to Be Tomorrow's Leaders**

#### COVID-19 Testing Schedule Via Back to School Solutions

- Wednesday, November 10, 2021
- Wednesday, November 17, 2021
- Monday, November 21, 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 Pharmacy**

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Last Tuesday the district held its annual Staff Development Day but due to the pandemic, nearly all of our staff participated in each workshop remotely. Nonetheless, our staff participated in many diverse classes, many of which were instructed by district personnel, highlighting our in-

house talent. We thank and commend Ms. Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, Ms. DeSantis, Technology Integration Trainer, the District Professional Development Committee, and Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Aguiles, Director of

Human Resources and Professional Development, for once again doing such an exceptional job of planning, coordinating, and implementing a very special day of learning, collaboration, and collegiality.





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 SWMHS, students in Ms. Boyd's Geometry Class had a great time incorporating their understanding of Diwali and the Asian Indian culture into Geometry.



In athletics, the SWMHS Football Team won its 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive game of the season against Middletown North High School (HS) 18-0, and as a result, will now advance to the second round of NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Playoffs where it will play Middletown South HS in Middletown this Friday evening at 7 pm. Go Bombers! We also congratulate

and commend the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team, which upset North Brunswick HS 4-1 to also advance to the second round of the NJSIAA Tournament

where it unfortunately loss to West Windsor-Plainsboro HS to ends its season. Senior Kevin Appau scored two goals, while juniors Isaac Villar-Mojica and John Kovalchuck also

contributed goals. Finally, we commend SWMHS Boys Cross Country Team runners Sean Wilson, Muhtasim Noor, Benjamin Mensah, Sean Donnamaria, Rohan Vaidya, Gene



Moore, and William Lewis who competed in the NJSIAA sectionals this weekend. In fact, Sean Wilson broke his previous personal record time. 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 <u>here</u>.





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As per the <u>2021-22 School District Calendar</u> and the <u>November Monthly Activities</u> <u>Calendar</u> there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday**, **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please also remember that this week our <u>schools will be closed</u> for instruction this **Thursday**, **November 11<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Veterans' Day, and on **November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Thanksgiving. Likewise, please note that <u>students and staff will be</u> <u>dismissed early</u> on **November 24<sup>th</sup>** so that they can get a head start on the



Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Finally, please remember that the 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period for students in grades 6-12 will end on November 16<sup>th</sup> and that Report Cards for those students will be <u>viewable in Oncourse Connect on</u> November 24<sup>th</sup>.

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