



Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 8 Review and Preview

November 1, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that this week our schools will be closed for instruction tomorrow, **November 2nd**, so that our staff can participate in full day in-services, and this **Thursday, November 4th**, and **Friday, November 5th** in observance of Diwali and so that our staff can attend the New Jersey Education Association Conference.

Over the weekend, one individual from the middle school, one from Eisenhower School and one from the Project Before at Selover 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, individuals from the Eisenhower and Project Before at Selover Schools were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected person at each. 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 – 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 **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/SayrevillePSD.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**, 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 [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, November 3, 2021
- 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

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their culinary skills while celebrating Halloween, as did those in Ms. Duhigg's class at the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) while making Halloween cookies.

Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students continued to progress in learning and have a ton of fun doing so this past week. Our students and staff at all our schools celebrated Halloween in grand fashion. In fact, the students at Truman took part in their first ever Pumpkin Patch. Likewise, thanks to the PTO, the students and staff at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) had a spooktacular time at their Halloween Carnival, as did those at the Arleth School during their Halloween Family Fun Night.

Finally, the students at SWMHS had a blast practicing



In other happenings across the district, the students in all our elementary

schools participated in Red Ribbon Week activities, such as Tie Dye, Pajama, and Super Hero Day, to combat childhood substance abuse. In Project Before, Ms. Foley, School Counselor, visited all classes to discuss how preschoolers are the same and different. "The egg looks different on the outside, but like the egg, we are all the same on the inside." Our preschoolers also wore



camouflage to combat unhealthy choices and practiced for their big Unified Soccer Game this month. At SMS, students in Ms. Testa's, Ms. Mondano's and Ms. O'Connor's English Language Arts Classes participated in a virtual author visit with Lindsay Currie, author of *What Lives in the Woods*. During it, students enjoyed a dramatic read aloud of excerpts from the book and ask questions about the writing process and a career as an author. At SWMHS, students in Ms. Stokes' science classes separated homogeneous and heterogeneous mixtures, starting with a





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chromatography experiment to separate the homogeneous mixtures in marker ink. Finally, at Eisenhower, Ms. Gottdenker and her English language learning students celebrated cultures around the world.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending SMS Student Assistance Coordinator and Counselor Doreen Consulmagno who was a major contributor to the video *Campaign to End Stigma*, which was an initiative by the Middlesex County Division of Addiction and Mental Health Planning. To see it, click [here](#). Likewise, we commend and thank our beloved Nurse Kania and



Nurse Brown from SWMHS, who were honored with a “clap out” by the staff at the high school as they finished their final work day after a combined 46 years of impeccable service to the high school, school district, and greater Sayreville community. In addition, we congratulate and commend SWMHS students Jawida Sampson, Felix LaSalle,



Leighana Watson, and Samantha Shaw for being selected as the October Students of the Month. Finally, we commend Kevin Witchem-Sanchez from Mr. Gliddon’s Wood Shop Class for making an amazing dog bed that any four-legged friend would be grateful to slumber in. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable



manner. They Rock!



In performing arts, we congratulate and commend the SWMHS Marching Band and Color Guard for placing 7th at the Tournament of Bands State Championship at Cherokee High School (HS) in Marlton this past weekend. They finished the season an amazing 11th out of 33 bands in Group 2A. We are so very proud of them!



In athletics, we commend and congratulate the SWMHS Football Team, which crushed crosstown rival Old Bridge HS last Friday night by the score of 32-7, for improving its record to 7-2 and for advancing to the NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Playoffs. The game will be played at Bomber Stadium this Friday evening at 7 pm. Go Bombers! We also congratulate and commend the SMS Girls Soccer Team, which finished their season last Wednesday with 7 wins, 1 loss, and 3 tied games. Ava Mason was the team’s leading scorer, followed by Isabelle DeOliveira and Emma Halmo. Their defense was led by Samantha Mierzwiak, Karina Cardoso, Vanessa Abban, Sabriny Costa, and

goaltender Hillary Saeteros-Flores. 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](#).



Educating Today’s Learners to Be Tomorrow’s Leaders

As per the [2021-22 School District Calendar](#) and the [November Monthly Activities Calendar](#) there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, November 16th**. Please also remember that this week our schools will be closed for instruction on **November 2nd** so that our staff can participate in full day in-services, on **November 4th and 5th** in observance of Diwali and so that our staff can attend the New Jersey Education Association Conference. In addition, they will also be closed for instruction on **November 11th** in observance of Veterans' Day, and on **November 25th and 26th** in observance of Thanksgiving. Likewise, please note that students and staff will be dismissed early on **November 24th** so that they can get a head start on the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Finally, please remember that the **1st Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will **end** on **November 16th** and that **Report Cards** for those students will be viewable in Oncourse Connect on November 24th.



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 **busses**, click [here](#).

Have a great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe