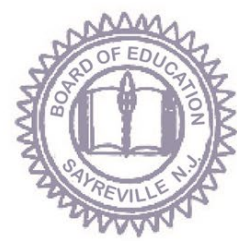




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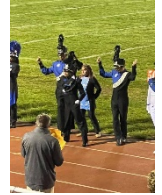
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## Talk Sup Week 4 Review and Preview

October 4, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please note that this week our students in grades 4-12 will participate in the New Jersey Start Strong Assessment. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** so that staff can participate in professional development. Lastly, if you are interested, this Friday is Homecoming in Bomber Stadium. In addition, on Saturday the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Marching Band, which finished 5<sup>th</sup> during another competition last week, will host the annual Night of a Thousand Stars Band Competition in Bomber Stadium. Check out their [promotional trailer](#).



As mentioned above, Sayreville will be administering the Start Strong assessments to students in grades 4 – 12 starting this Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> (see schedule below). Students will take a 45 to 60-minute assessment in English-Language Arts and in Mathematics. Students in grade 6, 9 and 12 will also take a Science assessment. As with regular state testing, students who are permitted extra time or other accommodations as per their 504 assistance plan or individualize education program (IEP) will have access to those accommodations on the Start Strong.

As you may or may not know, because last past spring New Jersey students did not participate in the statewide student achievement testing program, the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), due to the impact of Covid-19, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) notified districts that the administration of the Start Strong assessments in the fall 2021 will satisfy the federal statewide assessment requirement to administer general assessments in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science for the 2020-2021 school year. The Start Strong assessments are intentionally brief, as they are designed to maximize instructional time and quickly provide critical data to teachers and school leaders. The district will also have immediate access to student results, which will allow our teachers the flexibility to address students’ unique needs at the beginning of the school year. These assessments are in addition to our normal, local assessments, which will also give us needed data on student growth and progress from the past year.

Parents/Guardians will be provided with an Individual Student Report (ISR) following the close of the assessment window at the end of October. The ISR will provide parents with a sense of their child's understanding in the tested content areas; a description of the major concepts that were tested; and a starting point for discussions with their child and his/her teacher(s) about areas where she/he may need additional support. If you would like more information, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Sicola, our Director of Counseling Services/District Test Coordinator at [donna.sicola@sayrevillek12.net](mailto:donna.sicola@sayrevillek12.net) or 732.525.5200 ext. 8060.

NJ Start Strong Assessment Schedule					
Samsel Upper Elementary School		Middle School		High School	
October 4th	5th Grade Math	October 8th	6 <sup>th</sup> English / 6th Science	October 5th	English 9, Science 9
October 5th	5th Grade English	October 11th	6 <sup>th</sup> Math	October 6th	English 10, Science 12

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October 6th	4th Grade Math	October 12th	7 <sup>th</sup> English	October 7th	Geometry, Algebra 2
October 7th	4th Grade English	October 13th	7 <sup>th</sup> Math	October 12th	Algebra 1
October 8th- October 20th	Make-ups	October 14th	8 <sup>th</sup> English	October 13th-October 20th	Make-ups
		October 15th	8 <sup>th</sup> Math, Algebra, Geometry		
		October 18th - October 22th	Make-ups		

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/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 **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, October 6, 2021
- Wednesday, October 13, 2021
- Wednesday, October 20, 2021
- Wednesday, October 27, 2021
- Wednesday, November 3, 2021
- Wednesday, November 10, 2021
- Wednesday, November 17, 2021
- Wednesday, November 24, 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

- Wednesday, October 6, 2021
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We hope that you appreciated the informative and very entertaining videos posted by our incredible faculty for Virtual Back to School Night. If you have not had the chance to view your child(ren)'s teacher's video, please try to do so. Speaking of Back to School videos, check out this awesome video produced by the Wilson School PTO by clicking [here](#). Move over Monica, Phoebe, Rachel,



Joey, Chandler and Ross! 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. In our Project Before preschool program, Ms. Foley, the school counselor, visited all preschool locations and shared



with our students how to be a super hero in preschool. At the Eisenhower School, students and staff had a blast participating in Disney Day. Likewise, the students at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) had a ton of fun participating in Neon Day. In addition, the students in Mrs. Makely's and Ms Pisaeno's class at the Truman School



had a great time learning why leaves change colors in the fall. Finally, at the high school, some students participated in the Learning Academy and Activities Fair; while others enjoyed a trip out to Thompson Park, were hard at work on the daily Bombcast television studio production, and put the finishing touches on handcrafted benches that will be placed in the courtyard of the high school.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating our incredibly inspiring 12<sup>th</sup> grade student Matthew Kelly on his graduation from high school. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to see his very moving acceptance speech. We love you Matthew and are so proud of you! We also congratulate and commend SWMHS students Jeremiah K. Simon, Jonathan



Magaw, Roshan Mohanakrishnan, and Marcus Marrero who were recently named September Students of the Month. We also commend and thank the SWMHS Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets, who spent last weekend cleaning up Kennedy Park in preparation for Centennial Day. In total, they collected enough trash to fill 32 garbage bags. Finally, we commend and congratulate SWMHS graduates, Cody Bouchard, Devin Markwood, and Ian Kelly who were awarded the prestigious Eagle Scout Badge yesterday during a ceremony at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus Hall. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!





In athletics, the SWMHS Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams won their second matches of the year last week. They are both now 2-0 on the season. In addition, the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team won its fifth game of the 2021 season with an impressive 5-1 win over Colonia High School (HS). Likewise, the SWMHS Field Hockey Team notched its first win of the season with an equally impressive 4-0 win over Piscataway HS. Please visit the district website and click athletics for all



schedules. 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 [September 2021 Monthly Activities Calendar](#), there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. During it, the district will present the annual State of the Schools Address. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early** on **Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** so that staff can participate in professional development.

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 first week!

Dr. Labbe