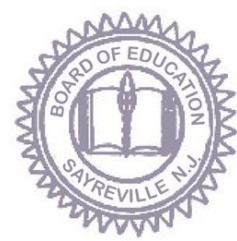




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Talk Sup Week 2 Review and Preview

September 20, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that students will be **dismissed early this Friday, September 24th**.

I would like begin this edition by once again taking the time to sincerely apologize to all our students, parents, and staff who were inconvenienced, stressed, and even traumatized by more of the problems that we had this past week with transportation. I would also like to once again compliment and thank our staff, particularly those in our Transportation Department and at our schools, for working tirelessly last week to ensure that every student got home safely. Likewise, I would like to once again thank our parents for their understanding and patience. Unfortunately, although we are and will continue to do all we can to assist Durham Busing in performing the routes that they are contractually obligated to drive, you can anticipate delays until they are able to hire more drivers.



However, as I am sure you are aware of based upon the national and regional media coverage of this serious education issue, the bus driver shortage is not just a Sayreville problem. Rather, it is a major county, state, and national crisis. For example, Massachusetts has deployed its National Guard to drive school buses. Likewise, during my Middlesex County Superintendents' Roundtable Meeting last Friday, nearly every district shared how debilitating this problem has been for them. In fact, one district will be moving to half-day split sessions because they simply cannot transport all their students to school. Furthermore, Dr. Jordan Schiff, from the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), shared with us that the Department is now allowing school districts to instruct individual students, classes, schools, and districts virtually or remotely for up to 10 days if they can prove that they are unable to transport them. Dr. Schiff also reported to us that the Department in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is expediting criminal history checks in order to get more drivers into busses sooner. Likewise, the Department and MVC will be contacting previous drivers who are currently collecting unemployment, which will be ending at the end of this month, to convince them to return now. In the meantime, we will continue to do what we can to notify parents of delays in advance. We will also try get all our district buses on the road so that we can cover the routes that Durham can't drive. Naturally, if the problems persist beyond September, we will begin fining them and will ultimately pursue legal action to revoke their contracts and seize their performance bid bonds.

Over the weekend one individual from the Truman School and one from the Arleth 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 Truman School were determined to be in "close contact" with the infected people. All have been formally notified and directed to quarantine. With that said, please remember that, as part of our aforementioned [Safe Return Plan](#), please remember that 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**. 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

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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** 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, September 22, 2021
- Wednesday, September 29, 2021
- 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

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Tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During the meeting, the district will be making a presentation on the district [Emergency Virtual Instruction Plan](#), which is a requirement of the NJDOE. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click [here](#). Since the viewing of the live stream will be handled by YouTube, you must be viewing the stream on a browser or application that is live stream compatible. If you are unable to hear audio you may need to try a different browser/application. The live stream will only be available during the real-time duration of the meeting. Directions for public participation during the meeting will be provided on the above-mentioned live stream page of the website. Finally, if on Wednesday you wish to view it or other past-recorded BOE meetings, click [here](#).



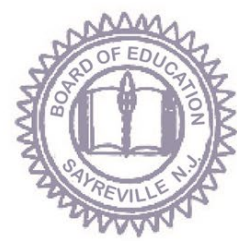
This past Monday, I had the privilege of attending the first Arleth Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting of the 2021-22 school year. During the meeting we discussed the aforementioned problems with busing. We also discussed the pandemic and current NJDOH guidelines that we are following. Likewise, we discussed the essential details of the district’s above mention [Emergency Virtual Instruction Plan](#). Finally, we discussed all the major facility and infrastructure renovations that the district has made, particularly the installation of highly efficient air-conditioning systems, and the facilities improvement bond referendum that the district will be seeking BOE and NJDOE approval for later this year.





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In other happening across the district, at SWMHS students in Mr. Veres Advanced Placement Biology Class had a ton of fun during their first of many labs this year. Likewise, the SWMHS Air Force Junior ROTC continued to impress the Sayreville community over the weekend when presenting our nations colors during the “Brits on the Beach,” car show. Finally, last Friday night students from the Truman school had a blast participating Ms. Szkodny virtual Read Aloud, which was a huge success.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We congratulate and commend the SWMHS Marching Band and Color Guard, which performed magnificently during the Rutgers University Band Day last Saturday. They actually rehearsed and performed with the Rutgers Scarlet Knight Marching Band and seven other high school bands during halftime of the Rutgers University football game against Delaware University. In addition, they attended a Pep Rally with Rutgers Athletic Director Patrick Hobbs and watched the Rutgers football team enter the stadium. 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 Boys Soccer Team won its third victory of the 2021 season with a big win over John F. Kennedy High School (HS). Likewise, SWMHS Football Team notched its first win of the season with an impressive comeback win over North Brunswick HS. The SWMHS Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams also picked up wins during last Saturday’s season opening match against Colonia



HS. Sophomore Crystal Margotta led the girls to victory while Junior Muhtasim Noor led the boys. Finally, last



Thursday the SWMHS Girls Soccer Team battled to a 3-3 tie with North Brunswick on Senior Night. 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](#), this **Tuesday, September 21st**, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the SWMHS Cafeteria. In addition, please remember that students will be dismissed early this Friday, September 24th. Finally, please note that we will hold **Virtual Back to School Night** at each school on **Wednesday, September 29th**.

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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