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Talk Sup Week 7 Review and Preview

October 25, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup.

Over the weekend, two individuals from the high school, one from the Eisenhower 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 people 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 – 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 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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Educating Today's Learners to Be Tomorrow's Leaders

We are thrilled to share with you that, through a collaboration with AT&T Believes and DECAATT, Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) students in the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and financial literacy classes will be connected with employee mentors. With AT&T's support, this collaboration will provide mentoring experiences beyond the classroom with the goal of ensuring that students are college and career ready and prepared for life after high school graduation. The mentoring opportunities will be facilitated by oxyGEN, an AT&T employee initiated non-profit organization created for the purpose of enhancing understanding, increasing retention, engaging, encouraging, and developing leadership skills of AT&T's employees through cross-generational programs, activities, and resources. The mentors will support the growth and development of SWMHS students through multi-generational initiatives and experiential learning.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, September 21st, here is what you missed. Stephanie Castellitto from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Jayda Ronquillo from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks and Mr. Walsh shared a few district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, Mrs. Bloom joined me in recognizing, commending, and thanking former BOE member Kevin Ciak for the 26 years that he dedicated to the school district as a member of the Sayreville Board of Education. After that, Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, and I shared pertinent information pertaining to the current state of the schools in Sayreville, which included presentations on the 2020-21 District Goals that were accomplished, the proposed District Goals for 2021-22, all 2020-21 student assessment results, and the proposed 2022-23 School District Budget Development Calendar. To see the entire 2021 State of the Schools Address slide show presentation, click [here](#).

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda, click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum, click [here](#). To view the video of this meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE amended the award for the bid for Renovations and HVAC Upgrades at Selover School to Unitemp, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount \$1,940,000 for the base bid, \$356,000 for alternate bid AB-01, and \$166,500 for alternate bid AB-02 for a total bid amount of \$2,462,500; and to withdraw \$166,500 from Capital Reserve for the purpose of renovating the bathrooms at the Selover School. Likewise, the Board of Education awarded the bid for Window Replacements at Truman Elementary School to Garozzo-Scimeca as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$446,000 for the base bid and \$12,000 for alternate bid AB-1 for a total bid amount of \$458,000. The Board also accepted funding from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under the Emergency Connectivity Fund program (ECF) in an amount not to exceed \$655,933.15. In addition, it approved a revision to the substitute teacher rates for the time period of October 20, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Furthermore, the BOE approved a contract with Macro Net for a 48-month lease of Konica Minolta copiers under ESCNJ-AEPA Contract 21-C. Finally, the Board approved a trip for twelve students and five teachers from SMS, and twelve students and five teachers from SWMHS to participate in a *Day of Dialogue* at the ESCNJ Conference Center, Piscataway

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved a Baggo (Corn Hole) Club at Sayreville War Memorial High School for the 2021-2022 school year, with Bryant Annett and Nick Taylor as faculty advisors. Likewise, among other motions, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the revised Sayreville Board of Education [By-Laws](#), [Policies](#), and [Regulations](#) Manuals for a First Reading. Click on each to review them. It also approved the 2021-22 District Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Program Indoor Air Quality Plan. To review it, click [here](#). In addition, the BOE approved the aforementioned [2021-22 School District Goals](#) and the [2022-23 Budget Development Calendar](#). To see each, click on them. Lastly, the Board approved a revision to the [Technology Integration Teacher](#) job description, along with a new [Health and Medical Information Systems Data Management Specialist](#) job description. To view them, click on each.



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Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Florence Berman, Business Teacher at SWMHS, effective January 1, 2022. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2021-22 school year. Likewise, it appointed personnel for the 2021 Fall Unified Sports Program. Furthermore, it appointed staff for the elementary and middle school Math and Literacy Academies and Tier 3 Tutoring. Lastly, the Board approved the transfer of non-certificated staff members for the 2021-22 school year.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Balka reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Kenny and Mr. Walsh for the last Student Achievement and Personnel Committee Meetings. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association. Finally, Mr. Fernandez provided an update on happenings with the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club.



This past Monday, I had the privilege of attending the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting. During the meeting we discussed the aforementioned State of the School Address. We also discussed the pandemic and the current NJDOH guidelines that we are following. In fact, it was asked that we provide the below matrix for parents to use as guidance when their children are quarantined because they were determined to be in close contact with an infected person. Please note that Middlesex County is currently a “High Risk” region.

Minimum NJDOH Close Contact Quarantine Timeframes by COVID-19 Regional Transmission Risk Level (CALI Score) ²			
Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
10 days without testing OR 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days	10 days without testing OR 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days	14 days	14 days
20 days if unable to isolate from infected individual	20 days if unable to isolate from infected individual	24 days if unable to isolate from infected individual	24 days if unable to isolate from infected individual

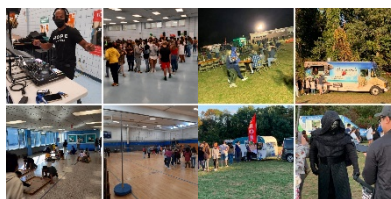
Likewise, we discussed the ongoing bus delays and the proposed remedy to them, which is for the district to eventually take over the understaffed Durham Bus Services routes. Finally, we discussed the major facility and infrastructure renovations that the district has made, particularly the installation 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.



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 Project Before, our preschoolers and their parents had a great time participating in the virtual Pumpkin Decoration Contest. At SUES, students and staff demonstrated their school spirit by participating in



wearing pink to bring awareness to Breast Cancer. At the Eisenhower School, students and staff had a blast



participating in the PTO Trunk or Treat. Similarly, at SMS students and staff had a great time participating in the Fall Social, as well as the PTO

Food Truck Festival. In addition to that, students in Mr.

Longo's 8th grade Science Class participated in a very cool lab in which they created different pitched ramps and calculated the speed and acceleration on them at different intervals. Likewise, students in computer classes at SMS used push button lights to answer questions and learned about the power of passwords when combating cyber bullying.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We congratulate SWMHS senior Amaya Holon who was selected to be an Ambassador for The College of New Jersey Center for Future Educators Program. Likewise, we congratulate SWMHS



sophomore Jonathan (JD) Magaw who was elected as Council Chair for the USA and Canada Leo Leadership Forum Advisory Council. He is the youngest Leo to hold this position ever. In addition, we commend and thank SWMHS students Carolina Argoti, Jasmine Patrick, Kaylee Elizarov, and Lina Elkholy for the assistance they provided to the Sayreville Borough Human Relations Commission during the



recent Centennial Day Celebration. Furthermore, we commend, congratulate, and thank SWMHS senior Blake Bouchard for the construction and donation of two Lacrosse Rebounders (movable walls that are used to practice throwing and catching by yourself) for the SWMHS Lacrosse Program as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Finally, we

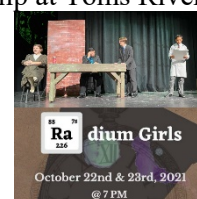


congratulate SWMHS senior Dennis Whitford on his recent commitment to continue his education and baseball playing career at Dominican College. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

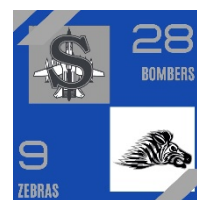


In performing arts, we congratulate and commend the SWMHS Marching Band for placing 7th at the Tournament of Bands Regional Championship at Toms River North High School (HS) this past weekend. Likewise, we congratulate senior musician Hailey Block, who received one of six \$500 scholarships given out during the awards ceremony.

Next weekend Hailey and the Band will compete in the State Championships at Cherokee HS in Marlton. We also congratulate and commend Ms. DiStaulo, Ms. Terrano, and all the students and staff that made the SWMHS Theatre production of Radium Girls such a grand success over the weekend.



In athletics, we begin by congratulating the SWMHS Field Hockey Team for winning its 5th game of the season and fifth out of its last six games. Moreover, we congratulate Haylie Petras for being named Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Offensive Player of the



Year, Sophia Abbassi for being selected to the GMC All-Conference First Team, and Coach Mary Charmello for being named the 2021 GMC Field Hockey Coach of the Year. Likewise, we congratulate the SWMHS Football Team for earning yet another very impressive win of the season over New Brunswick HS to improve its record to 5-2. We also congratulate the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team for beating Point Pleasant Boro HS last week for its 8th win



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of the season and for evening its record to 8-8. In addition, we congratulate Chrystal Margotta, Molly Logan, Sarah Smith, and Sean Wilson from the SWMHS Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams for medaling in the GMC Championship Meet. Finally, we congratulate the SMS Boys Cross Country Team for winning the GMC Middle School Championship and runners Damien Oliver and Haven Ibarra for placing 1st and 2nd respectively. 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](#) there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** tomorrow **Tuesday, November 16th**. Please also remember that during November 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, 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