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Talk Sup Week 13 Review and Preview

December 6, 2021



Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a wonderful holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. We hope our Jewish families had a very happy Hanukkah! Likewise, if you attended the Sayreville Borough Parade of Lights, I trust you had a glorious time. Please remember that **today, Monday, December 6th** our students will be dismissed early so that our staff can participate in professional development.



Over the weekend, five individuals from the Samsel Upper Elementary School, three from the Truman School, two from the middle school, one from the high school, and one from the 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 Truman, Samsel, and the high school were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected people. At this time, all should 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 the pharmacy is also providing **Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson booster** shots. **Likewise, they are now also providing vaccinations for children 5 years of age and older. However, in accordance with the CDC and NJDOH it is recommended that parents consult with their child’s pediatrician prior to getting them vaccinated, especially those under that age of 12.** 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 **Flu and COVID-19 Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccine shots to anyone 5 years of age and older, as well as Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J booster shots, 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 (www.parlinrx.com). 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, December 8, 2021
- Wednesday, December 15, 2021
- Wednesday, December 22, 2021

COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations with the Parlin Pharmacy

- Wednesday, December 8, 2021
- Wednesday, December 15, 2021
- Wednesday, December 22, 2021

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We are thrilled and honored to announce that the country's longest veterans' parade – Wreaths Across America's Annual Escort to Arlington National Cemetery, which kicks off on Saturday, December 11, 2021, will make a planned stop in Sayreville, at SWMHS on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 9:30 am.

Therefore, the Sayreville Public Schools, in conjunction with the Patriotic Flags of Sayreville and Rolling Thunder



National, cordially invite all local **Gold Star Families**, which are the immediate family member(s) of a fallen service member who died while serving in a time of conflict; **Blue Star Families**, which are immediate family member(s) of a service member during a time of conflict; and **veterans** to attend a presentation by our students to honor, salute, and support the Gold Star and Blue Star Families, veterans, and volunteers who will visit SWMHS



briefly on December 15, 2021 as they make their annual journey from Columbia Falls Maine to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia to lay more than 250,000 wreaths on the tombstones of our nations fallen heroes on December 18, 2021 as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. The presentation will begin promptly at **9:45 am** in the **gymnasium** and will conclude **10:45 am** sharp. **Due to limited capacity, all attendees must RSVP in advance by emailing 2021WAA@sayrevillek12.net.** Upon receipt of individual reservations, specific information pertaining to parking and the presentation will be provided.



If you are unfamiliar with the Wreaths Across America's Annual Escort to Arlington National Cemetery, what began 30 years ago as a pilgrimage by Maine wreath maker, Morrill Worcester, in a single truck to deliver 5,000 wreaths to Arlington as a gesture of thanks has become a national mission to remember, honor, and teach. National Wreaths Across America Day ceremonies are happening at more than 2,900 participating locations across the country on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021. These events are free and open to all people. To find



a participating location near you to support and/or volunteer to place wreaths, [click here](#).



The Annual Escort to Arlington National Cemetery travels down the east coast of the United States stopping at schools, memorials, and other locations along the way to spread the mission to REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH. This year, stops with public events will be held in Maine, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington D.C., before arriving at Arlington National Cemetery on



the morning of Saturday, December 18th – National Wreaths Across America Day.



To view the complete schedule, please visit www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/arlington-escort-information. In total, nearly 257,000 sponsored wreaths are needed to reach the goal of placing a wreath on every eligible marker at Arlington National Cemetery. To sponsor a \$15 veteran's wreath for this location, please visit www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/ARLING.



Last Wednesday, I had the honor and privilege to attend the SWMHS and Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Field Hockey Banquet. As I reported last week, the SWMHS Field Hockey Team season was filled with many accomplishments for the program. First and foremost, for the first time in the history of the program, there were five teams in the program (two middle school teams, a freshman team, a junior varsity team and a varsity team). The varsity team recorded a



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total of 25 goals, 16 assists, 9 defensive line saves, 99 saves by goaltenders; and completed the season with a record of 5-10-1. Coach Mary Charmello was also named the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Coach of the Year. Likewise, the middle school team had a tremendous turn out this season with 41 players. Weronica Glazewski was named the most improved player by the coaches. Thanks to Coach Carmello, her assistant coaches, and the very supportive parents of the players in the program, the banquet was a fitting tribute to the student/athletes from each school, and was a memorable experience for all, including me. We once again congratulate these coaches, student athletes and their parents for fantastic seasons and commend them for the impeccable manner in which they represented both schools and our school district.



In other happenings across the district, 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 the Truman School, the students and staff celebrated International Day of Persons with Disabilities by



wearing Truman spirit apparel. They also had a blast browsing at the book fair and welcoming Belle, a service dog and the newest member of the Truman Family. At the high school, students in the Future Educators Academy and Tomorrow's Teachers program took a kinesthetic approach to learning by incorporating manipulatives into their lessons. Finally, at SMS, students in Ms. McCarthy's 8th grade science class made Pasta Rovers in order to learn how innovative

design can affect velocity and speed. Likewise, students in the SMS Community Service Club had a holly jolly time wrapping gifts for this year's donation to the children of court appointed special advocate (CASA).



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating SWMHS students Ava Wallenstein (9th grade), Shakil Ashrafi (10th grade), Ryan Yuhas (11th grade), and Sean Donnmaria (12th grade) for being selected as the December Students of the Month by the

faculty at the high school. In addition, we commend and thank Sayreville Bus Driver Tayler O'Neill, who noticed a toddler wandering around an apartment complex in her pajamas while she was driving to her first high school pick-up last Friday. Ms. O'Neill immediately stopped her bus, alerted our Transportation Department who notified the Sayreville Police, and remained with the child until her parents and the police arrived. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



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In athletics, the winter sports season officially began last week. While all other programs are still diligently preparing for their opening games and matches, the SWMHS Boys and Girls Bowling Teams began the season with a bang, as the boys defeated their first four opponents and are now 4-0 on the season. Similarly, the girls defeated three out of the four opponents that they have faced thus far and are now 3-1 on the season.



While they did not play a game, the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team began their season with their Holiday Festival Charity Night. 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 [December Monthly Activities Calendar](#), there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, December 21st**. Please also remember that **today, Monday, December 6th** our students will be dismissed early so that our staff can participate in professional development. Likewise, students and staff will be dismissed early on **Thursday, December 23rd** so that they can get a head start on the holiday recess, which will begin on **Friday, December 24th**. Thus, our schools will be closed for instruction from **December 24th through December 31st**. Finally, please remember that the **1st Trimester Marking Period** for students in **grades K-5** will end on **December 10th** and that **Report Cards** for those students will be viewable in Oncourse Connect on December 17th.



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

Have a great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe