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Talk Sup Week 15 Review and Preview

December 20, 2021



Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a wonderful holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. We would like to wish all our staff, students, and their parents a very happy holidays and wonderful New Year! Please remember that our 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, please note that our schools will be closed for instruction from **December 24th through December 31st**.

As we all know, the holiday season is a time for giving. However, it is also a time to recognize and demonstrate our appreciation for the wonderful gifts that have been bestowed upon us. That said, I am forever grateful to be able to serve such a wonderful school district and community. In fact, I am humbled to have the opportunity to work with the most polished, hard-working, and dedicated administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff members. Furthermore, I feel blessed to be able to bear the fruit of our labor and witness the growth and remarkable development of our amazing students. They truly are the gift that keeps on giving. Hence, on behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we wish you and your entire family a blessed and very happy holidays. Enjoy those gifts and have a happy New Year!



Over the weekend, it was reported to us that four individuals from the high school, three from the middle school, two from the Project Before at Samsel School, one from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), and one from our Transportation Department have 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 high school, middle school and SUES were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected people. At this time, all should have been notified and directed to quarantine. For more information on infections, click [here](#) to review our [Student](#) and [Staff](#) COVID-19 Dashboards.

Speaking of quarantining, as you probably have heard, last Thursday the New Jersey Department of Health changed its guidelines for quarantining individuals in schools who were determined to be in “close contact” with an individual infected with COVID-19. Therefore, **effective today**, anyone who is determined to be a close contact will have to quarantine for **10 days** from school, but if they take a **PCR** (not a rapid) test **no sooner than five days** after their last date of contact with the infected individual and receive a negative PCR (not a rapid) test result, they can return after **7 days**. See the chart below.

New Close Contact Quarantine Guidelines
10 days without testing
OR
7 days with negative PCR test results collected at 5-7 days
20 days if the individual cannot isolate from the infected person

Although the Center for Disease Control also endorsed “Test to Stay” programs for schools, the New Jersey Department of Education has not released any guidance on it as of yet. If you are not familiar with Test to Stay, it is a program that combines contact tracing and serial testing (testing that is repeated at least twice during a seven-day period post-exposure) to allow asymptomatic school-associated close contacts who are not fully vaccinated and do not test positive for SARS-CoV-2 to continue in-person learning. Nonetheless, With the recent and very large spike in COVID-19 cases, **we implore all the parents of our students to not send your child(ren) to school if they or anyone in your household is symptomatic.**

Please also 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 22, 2021
- Wednesday, January 5, 2022
- Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- Wednesday, January 19, 2022
- Wednesday, January 26, 2022
- Wednesday, February 2, 2022
- Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- Wednesday, February 16, 2022
- Wednesday, February 23, 2022
- Wednesday, March 2, 2022
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022
- Wednesday, March 16, 2022
- Wednesday, March 23, 2022
- Wednesday, March 30, 2022
- Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022
- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022



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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 it, students and staff from the middle school and high school who attended the Day of Dialogue in South River back in November will share their experience. In addition, we will present the 2022-23 Food Services Budget Presentation. 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](#).

Speaking of BOE meetings, during the August 24th Business Meeting, the Sayreville BOE approved the below **virtual 2021-22 Parent-Teacher Conference dates and times**. As you can see, they will require the **early dismissal** of our students for **five consecutive days from January 31, 2022 through February 4, 2022**.

2022 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, January 31, 2022	**Afternoon	Project Before	1:40 – 3:35pm
		K-3 Elementary Schools	1:45 – 3:35pm
		Samsel and Middle School	1:10 – 3:05pm
	*Evening	High School	6:00 – 8:00pm
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Afternoon	Project Before	1:40 – 3:35pm
		Samsel and Middle School	1:10 – 3:05pm
		High School	12:40 – 2:30pm
	*Evening	K – 3 Elementary Schools	6:00 – 8:00pm
Wednesday, February 2, 2022	**Afternoon	Project Before	1:40 – 3:35pm
		K-3 Elementary Schools	1:45 – 3:35pm
		Middle School	1:10 – 3:05pm
		High School	12:40 – 2:30pm

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	*Evening	Samsel Upper Elementary	6:00 – 8:00pm
Thursday, February 3, 2022	**Afternoon	K-3 Elementary Schools	1:45 - 3:35pm
		Samsel Upper Elementary	1:10 – 3:05pm
		High School	12:40 – 2:30pm
	*Evening	Project Before and Middle School	6:00 – 8:00pm
Friday, February 4, 2022	**Afternoon	Project Before	1:40 – 3:35pm
		K-3 Elementary Schools	1:45 – 3:35pm
		Samsel and Middle School	1:10 – 3:05pm
		High School	12:40 – 2:30pm

** Early Dismissal Students ONLY * Early Dismissal Students and Teachers
In the event of a delayed opening, the early dismissal and/or conferences are cancelled.



Last Monday, I had the honor and privilege to attend the SWMHS and Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Boys Soccer Banquet. As reported previously, the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team completed the 2021 season with a final record of 9-10. They finished 7-7 in GMC White Division play and qualified for the NJSIAA tournament for the 18th time in the last 21 years. The team also held a Melanoma Awareness night in which a donation was made to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. In fact, over the past 20 years, the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team has donated over \$32,000 to local charities. Likewise, the middle school team completed their first season featuring 2 teams and almost 40 athletes. The Gray Team and Blue Team practiced and worked together to improve throughout the season, but played 2 unique sets of schedules. However, the teams attended each other's games where they demonstrated tremendous support for one another. Thanks to Coach Cifelli, his 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.



As you know, last Wednesday morning the Wreaths Across America Caravan visited Sayreville and SWMHS. If you attended or watched the livestream, I hope that you had as memorable of a time as I did. If you did not witness it, click [here](#) to view the video. However, please note that due to the late arrival of the caravan, it does not actually begin until minute 13:35. To read a nice article about the event, click [here](#). This amazing day began with our 3rd, 5th, and 8th grades students, faculty, and staff lining up on Ernston Road to welcome our honored guests. Once they arrived, which as aforementioned, was about 45 minutes late, Mr. Rubino, Colonel Spare, and their wonderful group of faculty and students presented a very emotional and touching patriotic tribute to our distinguished guests. The presentation was featured by some amazing performances by the SWMHS Concert Band led by Dr. Caruso and Color Guard led by Ms. DiPaolo, the SWMHS Choir led by Mr. Craft, and our amazing AFJROTC Cadets, led by Colonel Spare and Master Sergeant Knowlton. It also featured exceptional speeches by SWMHS Student Council President Matthew Corby and Vice President Megan Corby. Finally, it featured poignant and sobering theatrical readings by students Ryan Yuhas, Hailey Block, and Anthony Nardulli. We commend and thank everyone who contributed to the success of this event, particularly those noted above, and Mr. Cerniglia, Ms. Padilla and our Transportation Department staff; Mr. Kolmansperger, Ms. Rzeznik and our Buildings and Grounds Department staff, Mr. Sprague and our Campus Security





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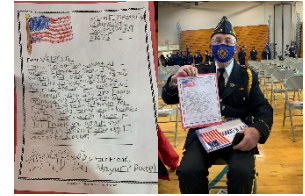


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Department staff; Mr. Glock Molloy, Mr. Waranowicz, Christopher Rice, and our Technology Department staff; Ms. Mannino, Ms. Chandler, and our Food Services Department staff, and all our building administration, faculty, and staff who participated in the parade welcome and wrote over 1,000 touching veteran appreciation cards, which were presented to all our guests. Lastly, we thank both the Sayreville Police and Fire Departments for their assistance and immeasurable contribution to the event.



Later in the day on Wednesday, I attended the SWMHS Holiday Concert. As always, our student musicians and choir performed magically. Led by Dr. Paul Caruso, the Band played brilliantly and impressed all in attendance with several holiday and patriotic pieces. After that, the SWMHS Choir and Advanced Choir, led by Mr. James Craft who will be retiring at the end of this month, harmonically impressed the audience with several contemporary and classic holiday and patriotic songs. We thank Dr. Caruso, Mr. Craft, and our amazing high school Band and Choir, as well as all district music teachers and students for entertaining us with beautiful tunes and melodies during this holiday season, and most importantly, for filling our souls with the holiday spirit. Bravo to ALL!



Last Friday, I was honored to attend the Renaissance Breakfast at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). The breakfast is coordinated by the SWMHS Renaissance Committee, which is led by Ms. Kelly, one of our amazing math teachers. The purpose of the breakfast is to celebrate and reward the students who achieved straight 'A's during the 1st Marking Period of this school year. Thanks to our Food Service Department and the wonderful cafeteria workers at SWMHS, the breakfast consisted of French toast, bacon, eggs; and pork roll, egg and cheese sandwiches (nothing says New Jersey more than a pork roll, egg, and cheese with a splash of ketchup ☺). We salute these incredibly hard working and dedicated students who have made countless sacrifices to achieve at the very highest level and who day in and day out serve as impeccable role models for all the students at SWMHS.



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 SWMHS, students in Mr. Ganu's class prepared the food for the previously mentioned Renaissance Breakfast. At SUES, students in



Ms. Brandon's and Mrs. Terrano's classes got ready for the holidays by taking part in the 15 Days of Kindness. Each day during "Morning Meeting" students performed a new task, like making Kindness Snowflakes, to spread kindness throughout the school. In addition, students presented the cafeteria staff at SUES with a beautiful holiday thank you poster. In Project Before, our

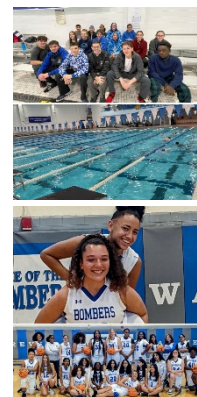
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preschool students celebrated Polar Express Day with the help of an incredible hand painted Santa by our extraordinary Art Teacher, Mr. Jensen. Likewise, Conductor April (Magistro) came aboard to punch the students' tickets before enjoying the movie and snacks provided by the fabulous Project Before PTO with them. Lastly, the cafeteria workers at the Project Before at Cheesequake School were very busy making a holiday mailbox, fireplace, and tree made out of cardboard boxes for the students and staff to enjoy.



In athletics, the SWMHS Girls and Boys Bowling Teams improved their records on the season to 9-1-1 and 9-2 respectively with impressive wins over Middlesex and Old Bridge High Schools (HS) last week. Freshmen Chris McDowell bowled his first 600 series. That's a lot of Turkeys! Although the SWMHS Girls and Boys Swim Teams came up just short of victory last week against South Brunswick HS, they practiced for a purpose last Saturday and raised money for a great charitable cause. 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** tomorrow, **Tuesday, December 21st**. Please also remember that our students and staff will be dismissed early on this **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**.



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, wonderful week and happy holidays! See you on January 3, 2022.

Dr. Labbe