

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 10 Review and Preview

November 1, 2020

Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a pleasant weekend and recess. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup*. This week students in Cohort C (preschool, and MD and BD self-contained classrooms) and grades K-1 Cohorts A&B will continue receiving in-person instruction in Phase 2b. However, please remember that our **schools will be closed** and there will be **no remote instruction** on **Wednesday** in observance of Veterans Day.



As noted above, our schools will be closed this Wednesday in observance of Veterans' Day. Thus, I would like to begin this issue by extending a Happy Veterans Day to all our community members who are either serving in or who have served with honor and distinction in our military to preserve the freedoms we have today. In fact, words cannot come close to expressing how truly grateful we are to all the courageous women and men who are defending our liberties today and those who have sacrificed so much for us in the past. We are the home of the free because of you, the BRAVE!

As you know from the broadcast email that I sent to the community on Friday, this past week we had a reported COVID-19 infection of a staff member at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). Fortunately, since the individual was last in the high school and district on October 22nd, there were no individuals determined to be in "close contact" with the person that would have needed to quarantine. In addition, over the weekend we received notification that an individual from Project Before at Cheesequake also tested positive for the virus. Similar to the case at SWMHS, based upon the guidance we received from the Middlesex County Department of Health (DOH), which was in alignment with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey DOH guidelines, no individuals at Cheesequake were determined to be in close contact with the infected individual. To see the most up to date and accurate information on the number of staff members and students in the district who have reported to be infected and/or have been determined to be in close contact with someone confirmed to be infected, please see the COVID 19 Dashboards on the Safety and Security page of our website. You can access the page by clicking here.

Next week, unless COVID-19 cases surge to a point that would prohibit it, our **grades 2-3** students will join our K-1 students for in-person instruction at their elementary schools in **Phase 2b**. Thus, all kindergarten through 3rd grade students in Cohort B will participate in in-person instruction on Monday, November 16th and Thursday, November 19th while Cohort A does so on Tuesday, November 17th and Friday, November 20th. Similarly, students at **SUES**, **SMS**, and **SWMHS** will also begin in-person instruction next week, but will do so in **Phase 2a** rather than 2b. Thus, 4-12th grade students in Cohort A will attend in-person instruction on Tuesday, November 17th while Cohort B does so on Thursday October 19th. Although the Thanksgiving holiday recess will abbreviate the following week, the **grades 4-12** students will join the rest of the district in **Phase 2b** on Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. To review information about our Restart of School Plan, including our updated FAQs, click here.

Last Tuesday the district held its annual Staff Development Day but due to the pandemic, our staff participated in each workshop remotely. Nonetheless, our staff participated in many diverse classes, many of which were instructed by district personnel, highlighting our in-house talent. Topics ranged from diversity awareness and social and emotional development, to the use of new hybrid learning technologies in the classroom, to best practices in remote instruction. We thank and commend Ms. Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, Ms. DeSantis, Technology Integration Trainer, the District Professional Development Committee, and Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Aguiles, Director of Human Resources and Professional Development, for doing

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such an exceptional job of planning, coordinating, and implementing a very special day of learning, collaboration, and collegiality.



Last Friday evening SWMHS Class of 2021 hosted Homecoming. Although this annual celebration looked far different this year than in the past due to the pandemic, our students who participated, and all in attendance, including me, had a wonderful time. The evening began



with a magnificent performance by the SWMHS Marching Band and Color Guard. Our Air Force Junior ROTC then



presented our nations colors precisely while Hailey Block sang another outstanding rendition of the National Anthem. At halftime, our Bomber Cheer Team performed wonderfully before this year's Homecoming King and Queen were introduced with their respective courts by senior and Student Council President, Stephen Farley. The Bombers Football Team punctuated this memorable evening with a 14-3 hard fought victory over East Brunswick High

School (HS).

In other happenings in our schools this past week, the students at the Arleth Elementary



School showed off their artistic talents during their pumpkin decoration contest. Speaking of art, last Monday at SWMHS Sean McKenna, an accomplished architect and jewelry designer, spoke to the students in Ms. Mojzsis's Jewelry classes about his work. He also gave a live demonstration of how he creates his rings through three-dimension modeling on the computer.





This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating Ms. Mojzsis, Art Teacher at SWMHS, for having a painting that will be displayed on the cover of *This Broken Shore*, a yearly literary magazine featuring poetry and essays by New Jersey based writers. An interview with Mojzsis is also included in the publication, which is now available to order on Amazon. In addition, we



commend and congratulate Sayreville Middle School (SMS) 6th grader Layla Wright, who was recently crowned the



1st Runner-Up in the 2020 East Coast Pre-Teen USA Pageant, for making the news recently in order to promote her upcoming Toy Drive. Check out the newscast video by clicking here. Finally, we would like to commend and thank the Liquid Church for their recent and very generous donation of teacher appreciation care packages for the entire faculty at SWMHS. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, as mentioned previously, last Friday evening the SWMHS Football Team evened its record on the season to 3-3 with a great win over East Brunswick HS. The SWMHS Boys Soccer Team also had a big win last week over Metuchen HS to improve its record to 5-4-1 on the season. Likewise, the Girls Cross Country Team won its final meet of 2020 season over Colonia HS





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and finished the season with a 3-2 record. Last, but certainly not least, in their final match of the season, the SWMHS Field Hockey Team notched its first victory of the season over Old Bridge. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes, continue 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. To see this week's high school and middle school athletics schedule, click here. Go Bombers!



As per our 2020-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking here, and the November Head of the Class Calendar, which you can see by clicking here, please remember that our schools will be closed and there will be no in-person or virtual instruction on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day, and on November 26th and 27th in observance of Thanksgiving. Furthermore, there will be no on November 25th so that our staff members can prepare for the holiday

weekend. Finally, please note that the 1st Marking Period for students in grades 6-12 will end on November 12th and report cards will be issued on November 19th.



As was the case last spring, the district is now permitted to provide <u>FREE</u> meals for <u>ALL</u> parents who wish to order breakfast and/or lunch for their child(ren). Therefore, if you would like to order <u>FREE</u> prepackaged bagged breakfasts and lunches daily, please do so on <u>My School Bucks</u> by clicking <u>here.</u> For more information on how to order through <u>My School Bucks</u>, <u>download the app</u>, and to see the <u>delivery locations</u> as well as the <u>estimated times of delivery</u>, click <u>here</u>. Finally, to <u>apply</u> for

free and/or reduced lunch for your child, click here. Finally, if you have additional questions, please email Nancy Mannino (nancy.mannino@sayrevillek12.net), our director of Food Services.

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**. Lastly, if you or someone you know wants to **lease our facilities**, contact Deborah DeVico at **deborah.devico@savrevillek12.net**.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe