



# Sayreville Public Schools

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### Talk Sup Week 24 Review and Preview

February 22, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.

There are no new COVID-19 positive cases to report to you since my broadcast email last Thursday. For the most up to date information on the number of individuals who have tested positive or who have been determined to be in close contact with a person who has tested positive, please see the Student and Staff COVID-19 Dashboards, which are located on the School Safety and Security of our website and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

As I shared with you last Friday evening, beginning on **Monday, March 1, 2021**, we will expand in-person instruction in accordance with our [Restart of School Plan](#) by transitioning our students in grades **K-5 to Phase 3** and then students in grades **6-12** later in the month on **Monday, March 15, 2021**. Thus, on **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, **all preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** will be **eligible** to attend school for in-person instruction following the same early dismissal schedule as in Phase 2a&b on **Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays**. Naturally, students in grades **6-12 Cohort C** will also continue to attend school for in-person instruction on those days, just as they did in Phase 2a&b. However, on **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, **all students in grades 6-12** will join the rest of our students in the district in **Phase 3**. Finally, as per our Restart of School Plan, until the **end of this school year**, parents will still have the option of having their child(ren) participate in **full-time remote learning** rather than in-person instruction. Conversely, at any time, parents can request from their child's **principal** that their child(ren) **transition** from full-time remote learning back to **in-person instruction**. However, in such cases, please note that it may take **five calendar days** for the change to be processed, as we may need time to make classroom and instructional preparations.

Nevertheless, today we will resume in-person instruction in Phase 2b for students in grades K-5 and Cohort C (preschool and MD/BD self-contained classrooms), and Phase 2a for students in grades 6-12. Therefore, today, Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> students in K-5 Cohort B will attend school for in-person instruction, while students in grades K-5 Cohort A do so tomorrow, Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Likewise, students in grades 6-12 Cohorts A&B will participate in in-person instruction on Tuesday and Thursday. Naturally, students in Cohort C (preschool and MD/BD self-contained classrooms) will attend school for in-person instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Below please find the calendar for the rest of February and March.

FEBRUARY/MARCH				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
22 K-5 COHORT B & C	23 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	<u>February 24</u> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	25 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	26 K-5 COHORT A & C



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<b>March 1</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT C</b>	<b>2</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT</b> <b>A, B, &amp; C</b>	<b>March 3</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>4</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT</b> <b>A, B, &amp; C</b>	<b>5</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT C</b>
<b>March 8</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT C</b>	<b>9</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT</b> <b>A, B, &amp; C</b>	<b>March 10</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>11</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT</b> <b>A, B, &amp; C</b>	<b>12</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT C</b>
<b>March 15</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>16</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>March 17</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>18</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>19</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>
<b>March 22</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>23</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>March 24</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>25</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>26</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>
<b>March 29</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>30</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>March 31</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>April 1</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Schools Closed for</b> <b>Spring Break</b>

To review information about our Restart of School Plan, including our updated FAQs, click [here](#).

If you have not already received or registered for a COVID-19 vaccine, I encourage you to preregister by clicking on the following link <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>. In addition, please remember that all our staff, students, and their residing family members are strongly encouraged to participate in our free and easy-access COVID-19 **asymptomatic** testing on the dates and times noted below. 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 interested in learning more information about how you and your residing family members can participate in this vital virus spreading prevention activity, click [here](#). Likewise, if you are the parent of a student who is interested in the same for you, your child(ren), and all your residing family members, click [here](#). Below please find the upcoming testing dates for January. Please note that anyone who wishes to participate in testing **must** bring a **paper** copy of his or her **prescription** with them.

- Wednesday, February 24, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, February 25, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, March 2, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, March 3, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)

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- Thursday, February 11, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, March 18, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, March 24, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, March 25, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, March 31, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, April 1, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)

If you are a parent who is struggling to find a balance working from home and parenting, you may want to consider joining a free self-care support group every Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm as part of a special program offered by The Counseling Center called **Pandemic Parenting**. During sessions, you can share your thoughts, experiences, and fears with others who are feeling the same way in a safe and supportive environment. Click [here](#) for more information. In addition, Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Barnabas is offering free virtual events to assist parents and students in coping with the social and emotional challenges presented by the pandemic. Click [here](#) for more information.

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed. Stephen Farley from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Haley



Sayreville BOE Meeting  
02-16-2021 Part 2

Asseng from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. After that, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks and Mr. Walsh shared district highlights. Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, began the presentation portion of the meeting by presenting the highlights from the district 2019-20 [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#) and [Auditor's Management Report](#). Click on each to see them. The district then resumed

publicly reviewing and discussing the 2021-22 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: [Buildings and Grounds, Capital Projects](#), and [Personnel](#). Click on each presentation to view them. To see all the information presented and/or provided thus far on 2021-22 Budget, click [here](#).

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved all of them. 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 Board approved the aforementioned 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which included the annual Auditor's Management Report as prepared by Suplee, Clooney & Company. It also approved a change order for the Direct Install Program to revise the total project costs to \$548,029.23. The project costs include an incentive of \$235,594.34 from the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy with the remaining project costs of \$312,434.89 to be paid through the funding of the district energy savings improvement project (ESIP) program. Likewise, the BOE approved a contract with McCabe Environmental Services LLC for environmental inspections related to the proposed ESIP project for an amount up to \$71,995 to be paid through the funding of the ESIP program. Lastly, the Board of Education awarded the district's power purchase agreement for Solar Photovoltaic Systems to EZenergy NJ LLC and Greenskies Clean Energy.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, with a heavy heart the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Linda Smith, School Counselor at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES); along with the resignations of Doreen Herrick, Assistant Director of Nutrition and Food Service, and Lawrence Gates, Evening Buildings, Grounds and Security Supervisor. In addition, the BOE appointed new certificated and non-

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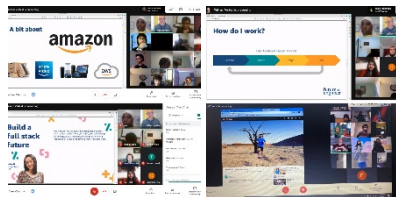
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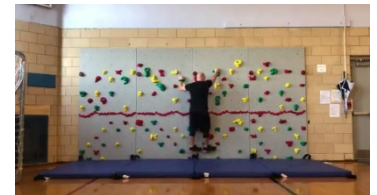
certificated staff and approved the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff members for the 2020-21 school year. Lastly, it hired Tier 3 and Flex Support Personnel for the 2020-21 school year to address the needs of struggling and disaffected learners.

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Balka reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Likewise, Walsh did the same with regard to the last BOE Personnel Committee Meeting. Finally, Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting on **Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. During it, the district will more than likely ask the Board of Education to approve the 2021-22 Tentative School District Budget. A complete copy of the **February 16<sup>th</sup>** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **March 2, 2021**.



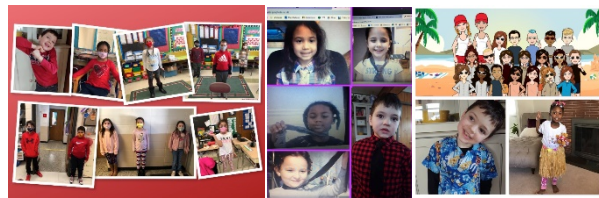
Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students continued to progress in learning and have a ton of fun doing so this past week. At SWMHS, students in the Advanced Placement Computer Science class were visited by guest speaker, William Verbist, a



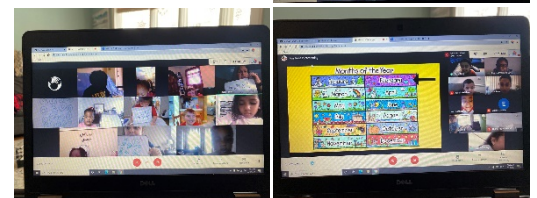
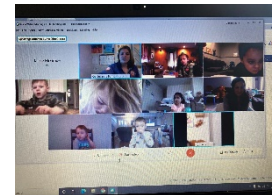
native New Jerseyan from Amazon,

for a class chat about Amazon and his role in the company as a UX Designer. If you are unfamiliar with this computer science discipline, User Experience Design (UXD or UED) is a design process with the sole objective of designing a system that offers a great experience to its users. Thus, UXD embraces the theories of a number of disciplines such as user

interface design, usability, accessibility, information architecture, and Human Computer Interaction. We thank Ms. Conry and Mr. Watson for organizing this incredible experience for our students. At the Wilson School, Mr. Wonaszek and the students in his physical education classes had a blast traversing the new rock wall that was installed last week thanks to funding by the wonderful PTO there. At the Truman School, students and staff were “tied together with kindness” as they rode the “kindness wave” during Random Act of Kindness Week. Finally, in Project Before, students and staff had a ton of fun during “virtual snow days.”



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In athletics, we commend and congratulate SWMHS senior basketball player Stephanie Van Note who scored her milestone 1,000 point of her amazing high school career last week. Furthermore, due to her outstanding performance last week, and that of senior teammates Jordan Wehrle and Brooke Holland, the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team improved its record to 6-3 on the season with big wins over Edison and New Brunswick High Schools (HS). Likewise, the incredible SWMHS Girls Bowling Team improved its record to 7-1 on the season with an impressive win over Piscataway HS. The SWMHS Boys Bowling Team also soundly defeated Piscataway HS last week to improve its record on the season to 6-2. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and

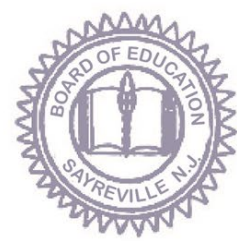
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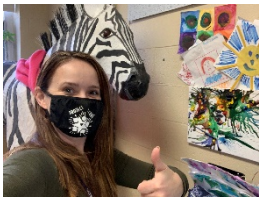


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sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. Although we now allow parents to attend indoor sports events, please remember that you can still 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 our 2021-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), during the month of **March**, please note that there will be **BOE Meetings** on **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **16<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, please also remember that there will be **no office hours** on **March 8<sup>th</sup>** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Furthermore, please remember that the **3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Progress** for students in grades **6-12** will be issued on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the **2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Marking Period** for students in **Grades K-5** will end on **March 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Report Cards** for those students will be issued on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Finally, please note that our schools will be **closed** for Spring Break and therefore there will be **no in-person** nor **virtual instruction** from **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** through **April 9<sup>th</sup>**.



On January 29, 2021, the district officially opened registration for our **free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs**. Therefore, parents of **ALL** eligible (**must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2021**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage ([www.sayrevillek12.net](http://www.sayrevillek12.net)) as "**Student Registration**". Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the **2021-2022 Project Before and Kindergarten** text box: [New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten](#) or [Returning Student Enrollment Update for students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten during the 2021-2022 school year](#).

As was the case last spring, the district is now permitted to provide **FREE** meals for **ALL** parents who wish to order breakfast and/or lunch for their child(ren). Therefore, if you would like to order **FREE** prepackaged bagged breakfasts and lunches daily, please do so on **My School Bucks** by clicking [here](#). For more information on how to order through **My School Bucks**, [download the app](#), and to see the [delivery locations](#) as well as the [estimated times of delivery](#), click [here](#). Finally, to **apply 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](mailto: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@sayrevillek12.net](mailto:deborah.devico@sayrevillek12.net).

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe