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Talk Sup Week 17 Review and Preview

January 3, 2021

Good evening Sayreville. I hope you had a blessed and joyous holidays, a happy New Year, and a most relaxing and enjoyable holiday recess. Welcome to a special Sunday edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.

Unfortunately, but as was expected due to the predicted post-holiday surge in cases, we received notification that well over a dozen individuals across the district tested positive for COVID-19 over the holiday recess. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, there was only one case in which another person from the district was determined to be in close contact with an infected individual and therefore in need of quarantining for 14 days from the last date of contact with that person. Naturally, that individual was officially notified days ago. 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](#).

This week we will begin in-person instruction for **all** students in **Phase 2a** before transitioning next week (January 11th) to the programming that we had back during the week of December 14th, which was 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, this week **all** students will participate in **virtual instruction** on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**, while students in **Grades K-12 Cohort A and C** will participate in **in-person instruction** on **Tuesday** and students in **Grades K-12 Cohort B and C** will do so on **Thursday**. Below please find the instruction calendar for January.

JANUARY 2021				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	5 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	January 6 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	7 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	8 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students
11 K-5 COHORT B & C No Office Hours due to Staff PD	12 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	January 13 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	14 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	15 K-5 COHORT A & C
18 Schools Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day	19 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	January 20 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	21 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	22 K-5 COHORT A & C

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25 K-5 COHORT B & C	26 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	January 27 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	28 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	29 K-5 COHORT A & C
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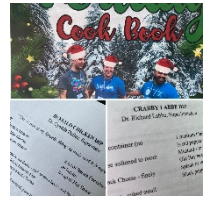
As you know, last Wednesday we began including students and their residing family members in our free and easy access COVID-19 testing program. If you are a staff member and you are interested in learning more information about how you and your residing family members can participate in this vital virus 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 testing schedule for January.

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, January 7, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 6:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, January 14, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 6:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, January 20, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, January 21, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 6:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, January 27, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, January 28, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 6:30 pm** for **students/family**)



Prior to the holiday recess, the students in the Sayreville War Memorial High School National Art Honor Society created holiday greeting cards for healthcare workers and patients at the Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center in South Amboy. In addition, Ms. DiStaulo, SWMHS Theatre Teacher, and the students in the SWMHS Theater Society proudly produced and performed in a radio dramatization of *A Christmas Carol*.

Likewise, Mr. Craft, SWMHS Vocal Music Teacher, and the students in the SWMHS Choir performed a Virtual Holiday Choral Concert. To see it, click [here](#). Finally, students in Ms. Giorgianni's, Mr. Ganu's, and Mr. Gliddon's classes created and published a Holiday Cookbook.



In other happenings around the district, at the Wilson Elementary School, the PTO produced a wonderful holiday video for the students and staff there. To see it, click [here](#). Similarly, click [here](#) to see the holiday teacher appreciation video created by students in the SWMHS Health Occupations Students of America Club. Interestingly, prior to the holidays,



there was an elf sighting in the Wilson School Gym. [Check it out](#). At the Truman Elementary School, students demonstrated their school spirit during Reindeer and Winter Wonderland spirit days. Lastly, in Project Before our preschoolers worked hard and had a ton of fun writing about snow activities, playing games, and participating in Winter Olympic Games.





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This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating Lauren Bellina, Special Education Teacher at the Eisenhower Elementary School, and Colleen West, ASI Teacher at the Wilson School, who were both named 2020 New Jersey Exemplary Educators. If you are not familiar with this, each year the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) sponsors the Exemplary Educator Recognition program to identify educators who are valued by their school and community and have exhibited strong knowledge and skills, an inspiring presence, and a clear vision for quality teaching and learning. This year, there are only 93 educators from across the state that are being bestowed this honor. We also congratulate and commend James Johnson, SWMHS student and football player, who was selected as Sayreville's representative for the Bill Denny Chapter Award. Similarly, we congratulate Mena Patel and Brianna Ziobron from the SWMHS Field Hockey Team for being named 1st Team All County and 3rd Team All State players. Furthermore, we congratulate SWMHS senior Tisha Madhok who was recently accepted into the following collegiate art programs: NJIT, Rutgers-Newark, and the College for Creative Studies in Detroit (CCS). In fact, CCS has offered her a \$100,000 merit scholarship! Lastly, we commend Sayreville Middle School Students Gia Modi, Cadence Concar, and Rishi Shah for winning the SMS Class Council Virtual Background Contest. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



As per Governor Murphy's recent announcement, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Winter Sports Season schedule will not be delayed. Thus, our SWMHS and SMS student athletes who will participate in basketball and bowling will begin practicing on January 11th and will officially begin competing against other schools on January 26th. Likewise, those participating in swimming and indoor track and field will begin practicing on February 1st and competing on February 16th. Finally, our student athletes who will participate in wrestling and gymnastics will begin practicing on March 1st and competing on March 16th. While we wish for all these student athletes to have successful and enjoyable seasons, we also commend and thank all our student athletes who competed during the fall season and represented our school district so impressively. Below please find a performance summary for each team.

SWMHS

Boys Cross Country



The boy's cross-country team concluded their season with an undefeated record of 5-0. The team was led by freshman Sean Wilson who posted a huge personal record (PR) of 17:14, revealing himself to be one of the top freshman athletes in the state. Following Sean's lead was sophomore Muhtasim Noor, senior Vincent Torres, senior Isaiah Hill, senior Patrick Conlon, senior Adrian Blanchard, and senior James Holzapfel, who all rounded out the Varsity team and helped it emerge as the top team in the Gold Division.

Girls Cross Country



In what was an uncertain and unprecedented year, the Girl's Cross Country team rallied from some early season disappointments to finish strong, with a 3-2 record. After losing a number of upperclassmen to graduation, the Bombers entered the season with just one senior (Captain Carol Hornbeck) and two juniors on the roster. After a dominating opening win, it lost two of those upperclassmen to injury for the next several weeks of the season, and had to rely on young runners - many of whom were competing in cross country for the first time - to carry

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the Varsity squad. Freshman Crystal Margotta emerged as a rising star in the Gold Division, as she was the best runner on the squad in every competition this year, and took first place overall in all but one dual meet this season. The other underclassmen performed admirably, and improved week by week, but without two of its most experienced runners, suffered two close losses. The Bombers are poised for a great season next year, and should be in the hunt for their first divisional title in Cross Country since 2009.

Cheer

The Varsity Cheer Team had a successful 2020 fall season. The thirty-four athletes on the squad cheered on the football team at every Friday night home game, rain or shine, and they did an outstanding job with their Hello cheer and halftime performance at every game. They participated in senior night, homecoming, and the seven seniors had their final "lap around the field" at the last home game. Even though they had a smaller squad and shortened season, the cheerleaders were focused and committed at every practice and showed visible growth with their skills throughout the season.



Field Hockey

The Varsity Field Hockey Team handled the 2020 season with strength and resilience. They played every game with heart and thus were "IN" every game. The girls were dedicated and committed to finishing a season, no matter what bumps came along the way. They successfully completed a full season and were proud of every game and effort they put forth. The program has grown so much over the past few years, and their level of play and commitment has made this program into a strong competitor. We congratulate the girls on a great season despite all the obstacles in their way. They learned that they could overcome anything together.



Football



The Varsity Football Team finished the season with a 4-4 record in 2020. After losing three of their first four games by a combined 15 points, the Bombers flipped the script and won three out of four games to finish the season. They demonstrated true intestinal fortitude, overcoming adversity while facing every challenger head on. The graduating seniors will be missed as they made sure to set a strong foundation for their young teammates to build on.

Boys Soccer

The 2020 high school soccer season was very rewarding to the Sayreville Bombers Boys Varsity Team. Each player worked hard on and off the field following all guidelines and protocols throughout the season. The team was very competitive finishing with a 7-5-1 record, a drastic improvement over last season (7-12). The team consisted of 22 players, 14 of which were first time varsity players. Offensively, the Bombers had eight different players recording goals and/or assists, making it difficult for opposing teams to shut them down. Defensively, the team posted six shutouts while surrendering just 19 goals the entire season. The boys had great team chemistry and enjoyed playing and practicing with each other. The team will graduate 13 seniors who undoubtedly will move on to become upstanding members of society and will be missed next season.



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Girls Soccer

This was an unprecedented season for the Bombers Girls Soccer Team. Despite the nuances that the girls faced, they exhibited wonderful character both on and off the field. As a team, they stepped-up and gave 100% effort supporting each other, celebrating their victories, and learning from their losses. Their hard work didn't go unnoticed, as they defeated New Brunswick after losing to them earlier in the season, which enabled them to advance in the NJSIAA Tournament. The senior captains, players, and managers served as wonderful role models while demonstrating great commitment to the program.



Girls Tennis

The Varsity Girls' Tennis Team completed their season with a (5-4) record and made many great memories on the court along the way. Led by its seniors, the team worked tirelessly to get better each day. The girls gave the sport everything they had and made their coaches and parents so proud.



SMS

Boys and Girls Cross Country

The middle school Boys and Girl's Cross Country Team finished their season with a record of 6-1, with the only loss being to a tough South Plainfield Middle School (MS) team. The runners worked hard all season and finished with a win against Spotswood MS with almost all runners finishing the race with a season best time.



Field Hockey

The Field Hockey Team season started with great momentum. As the season progressed, the Bombers utilized their positive chemistry to beat South Plainfield. Although the season was short this year, the team was able to display confidence in ball movement, and adapt to different formations and various defensive tactics. They ended the season with a big win over East Brunswick and finished 3-1-1. This team consisted of eleven 8th graders that have been playing together since the 6th grade.



Boys Soccer

The Boys Soccer Team finished their 2020 season with a final record of 4-5. The boys overcame several key injuries throughout a unique and difficult season to claim some big victories. They also fought hard and never gave up in the tough games that did not go their way. With a smaller team than usual, each game was a collective effort from all players.



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Girls Soccer

The Girls Soccer Team finished a wonderful season with a record of 6-1. This incredible group of players put in such hard work to make the season such a success.

This Tuesday evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Reorganization and Business Meeting in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During it, the newly elected Sayreville Board of Education Members will be officially sworn in. In addition, a short Business Meeting Agenda with motions for approval will also be presented to the new BOE. To see the Reorganization Meeting Agenda, click [here](#). To see the Business Meeting Agenda, 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.

As per our 2021-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), and the January Head of the Class Calendar, which you can see by clicking [here](#), please remember that there will be **BOE Meetings** on **January 5th** and **19th**. Please also remember that there will be **no office hours** on **January 11th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Furthermore, please note that our schools will be **closed** and there will be **no in-person** nor **virtual instruction** on **January 19th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Finally, please remember that the **2nd Marking Period** for students in grades **6-12** will end **January 29th**. Likewise, **2nd Trimester Progress Reports** for students in grades **K-5** will also be issued on **January 29th**.



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), 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.

Have a wonderful week!
Dr. Labbe

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