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Talk Sup Week 23 Review and Preview

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Good morning Sayreville and happy President's Day! I hope you had a relaxing holiday weekend and Valentine's Day. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. As you know, our schools are closed today in observance of President's Day.



As has been the very fascinating pattern this winter, we have to contend with potentially hazardous weather later today through Thursday. According to the latest weather forecasts, rain and sleet will begin falling this evening and will extend through tomorrow morning, which may result in a treacherous morning commute. Therefore, while the latest forecasts are predicting that the sleet will change to rain by early tomorrow morning, since we cannot delay the opening of schools for in-

person instruction because we are already operating on an early dismissal schedule in accordance with our Restart of School Plan, if it does not and conditions are too icy, we may be forced to close schools for in person instruction. In addition, after a brief respite, another storm will arrive to our area on Wednesday that may also affect the opening of schools for in-person instruction on Thursday and potentially Friday. As always, we will do everything we can to give parents and staff as much advanced notice as possible about any school closures or schedule changes using our [website](http://www.sayrevillek12.net) (<http://www.sayrevillek12.net>), automated calling system, and district e-mail system. However, we also recommend that you check our [Facebook](#) page, [Twitter](#) account, and [Instagram account](#), as well as News 12 New Jersey, and NJ 101.5.

Along with the COVID-19 positive cases that I reported to you and the community in my broadcast email last Friday, this weekend we received notification that one individual from District Transportation Services, one from the Project Before at Cheesequake School, and one from the Truman School have tested positive. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, multiple individuals from the Truman School were determined to have been in "close contact" (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes in 24 hours) with the infected person there. By this time, the district should have formally notified and directed them to quarantine. Conversely, no individuals from the Cheesequake School or the district were determined to be in close contact with the other infected people. 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 mentioned above, due to the potential snowstorm tomorrow evening though tomorrow (Tuesday, February 16th) morning, all students may have to participate in virtual instruction on Tuesday if we are forced to close our schools or delay their opening for office work. If hopefully not, tomorrow (**Tuesday, February 16th**) 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, on **Tuesday, February 16th** and **Friday, February 19th**, students in grades **K-5 Cohort A** will attend school for in-person instruction, while **K-5 Cohort B** does so this **Thursday, February 18th**. 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 **Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday**.

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As you may have already learned and read, the Center for Disease Control recently released updated guidance on the reopening of schools. If you did not have a chance read it, you can do so by clicking [here](#). In addition, the *New York Times* resonated the validity of the CDC guidance in a recent article, which you can also read by clicking [here](#). Therefore, based upon the aforementioned guidance, as well as the descending positivity rate that has been trending since mid-January, later this week the district will be making and sharing its decision on when we will expand our current in-person learning schedule to Phase 3 for all students. Therefore, you will notice in the calendar below that we have not extended the schedule beyond the end of this month.

FEBRUARY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 Schools Closed in Observance of Presidents Day	16 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	February 17 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	18 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	19 K-5 COHORT A & C
22 K-5 COHORT B & C	23 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	February 24 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

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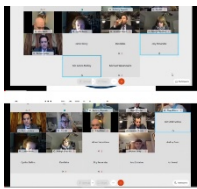
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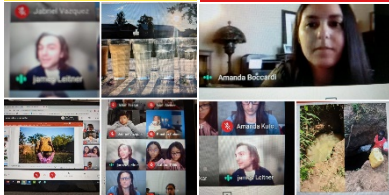
- Thursday, February 11, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, March 18, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday,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



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 the meeting, the district will resume its series of 2021-22 School District Budget preparation presentations with the proposed 2021-22 Buildings, Grounds, & Capital Projects, and Personnel Budget Presentations. 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](#).



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. All of our students at each school celebrated the 100th day of school, particularly those at the Truman School and in Project Before. In addition to that, at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, students were visited by



guest speaker James Leitner, the founder of Mission Clean Water, who shared with them his experiences with improving the accessibility and quality of clean water around the world. We thank Ms. Boccardi for arranging such a powerful learning experience for her students. Similarly, in Project Before, Mr. Ray joined our preschool students in Project Before and rocked out with them during a virtual concert. At the Sayreville Middle School, students in Mr. Provenza's and Ms. Hoadley's class learned about tectonic plates and made very cool projects to demonstrate just how much they learned. Finally, students in Project Before and all our schools shared their expressions of fondness with one another in celebration of Valentine's Day. In fact, our



incredible National Art Honor Society (NAHS) students at SWMHS created over 100 personalized Valentine's Day cards for nursing home residents at The Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center in South Amboy. They Rock!

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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 the 20 SWMHS graduating seniors noted below who earned the New Jersey Department of Education Seal of Biliteracy for demonstrating proficiency in a language in addition to English and thus will have the seal prominently placed on their diploma. Unlike last year's graduating class, in which only six students achieved this prestigious honor, this year's students earned the endorsement in one or more of the following four languages: Spanish, Polish, Korean, and Japanese. In fact, as you will see below, Neev Mistry will receive a trilingual endorsement due to his language proficiency in English, Japanese, and Spanish.

First Name	Last Name	Language 1 (Other Than English)
Neev	Mistry	Japanese, Spanish
Nicholas	Czajkowski	Polish
Katarzyna	Jedruchniewicz	Polish
Julia	Jodelka	Polish
Julia	Kitrys	Polish
Kacper	Sienko	Polish
Abhinav	Datla	Spanish
Stephany	Fernandes	Spanish
James	Johnson	Spanish
Brianna	Kovach	Spanish
Joely	Mayorga	Spanish
Naliah	Mercado	Spanish
Aneri	Upadhyay	Spanish
Jai	Yadav	Spanish
Joanna	Lekawska	Polish
Maria	Abril Quinteros	Spanish
Ojas	Chitnis	Spanish
Dayna	Park	Korean
Minal	Patel	Spanish
Yuilianna	Paulino	Spanish

In addition, we congratulate SWMHS Senior Dylan Acevedo-Switzer who recently committed to attend and compete in collegiate wrestling at Hofstra University. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, behind the incredible play of senior Stephanie Van Note, who continues to pile up points and rebounds, the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team improved its record to 4-3 on the season with big wins over Woodbridge and John F Kennedy High Schools (HS) last week. Likewise, the SWMHS Girls Bowling Team improved its record to 6-1 on the season with wins over Colonia, Woodbridge and John F Kennedy High Schools. Furthermore, the SWMHS

Boys Bowling Team defeated John F Kennedy High School last week to improve their record on



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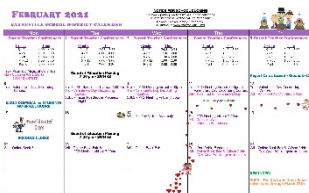
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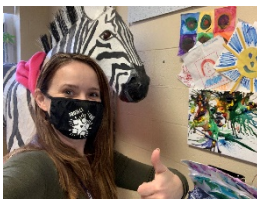
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the season to 4-2. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. This week Governor Murphy announced that school districts can now allow parents to attend indoor sports events. Therefore, sometime this week, we will be providing more details on what we will permit in Sayreville. However, 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](#), and the February Head of the Class Calendar, which you can also see by clicking [here](#), please remember that there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** tomorrow (**February 16th**). Please also remember that that our schools will be **closed** and there will be **no in-person** nor **virtual instruction** today (**February 15th**) in observance of Presidents Day.



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) 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), 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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