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## Talk Sup Week 16 Review and Preview

December 21, 2020

Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. We would like to wish all our staff, students, and their parents a very happy holidays and wonderful New Year! Please remember that our schools will be closed for in-person instruction and there will be no virtual instruction from December 24, 2020 until January 1, 2021 for the holiday/winter recess. We will reopen on January 4, 2021 with virtual instruction for ALL students.



Last week we received a special holiday gift of snow from Mother Nature. Like many others, the Diaz Family enjoyed this gift by making a snowman. Similarly, at the Truman School, students and teacher enjoyed the early winter wonderland with their pets while Mrs. Whalen's physical education class had SNOW much fun constructing snowmen out of supplies they found around their home and practicing different



exercises and movements while they went searching. Finally, the Ivy family, like many others in Sayreville, waited patiently to catch a magical glimpse of Santa on a fire engine. No matter how you celebrate it, 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!

Along with the cases that I reported to you and the entire community last week, yesterday we received notification that a staff member from the Sayreville Middle School tested positive for COVID-19. We are currently in the process of conducting contact tracing in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines in order to determine if any individuals from the school were in close contact with the infected individual and therefore in need of quarantining for 14 days from the last date of contact with that person. If we determine any, later this morning those people will be formally notified. 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 all students will participate in **virtual instruction** on **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**. When we return from the holiday recess, we will begin in-person instruction for all students during the **week of January 4<sup>th</sup>** in **Phase 2a** before transitioning the next (**week of January 11<sup>th</sup>**) to the current programming that we had last week, 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**. Below please find the calendar through the end of December and beginning of January 2021.

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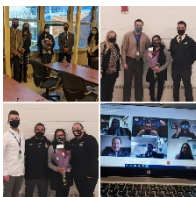


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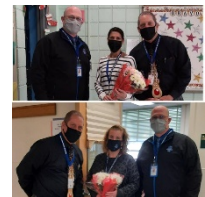
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DECEMBER/JANUARY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>21</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>22</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>December 23</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>24</b> Schools Closed for Holiday Recess	<b>25</b> Schools Closed for Holiday Recess
<b>28</b> Schools Closed for Holiday Recess	<b>29</b> Schools Closed for Holiday Recess	<b>30</b> Testing for Staff and Students Schools Closed for Holiday Recess	<b>31</b> Schools Closed for Holiday Recess	<b>January 1</b> Schools Closed for Holiday Recess
<b>4</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>5</b> 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	<b>January 6</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>7</b> 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	<b>8</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students
<b>11</b> K-5 COHORT B & C	<b>12</b> 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	<b>December 13</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>14</b> 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	<b>15</b> K-5 COHORT A & C
<b>18</b> Schools Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day	<b>19</b> 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	<b>January 20</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>21</b> 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	<b>22</b> K-5 COHORT A & C

Last week the district identified the 2020-21 Governor’s Educator of the Year (GEOTY) and Governor’s Education Services Specialists of the Year (GESP) at each school in the district. Thus, Mr. Kenneth Veres, President of the Sayreville Education Association (SEA), joined building administrators in recognizing and celebrating the below recipients. We congratulate and commend each one, as well as all the incredibly talented educators in our district, who work tirelessly to promote the success of all our students. They Rock!!



SWMHS	GEOTY	Atiyah Conry
	GESP	Maritza Morales
SMS	GEOTY	Mary Cavallaro
	GESP	Rosemarie Griggs
SUES	GEOTY	Josephine Tutela



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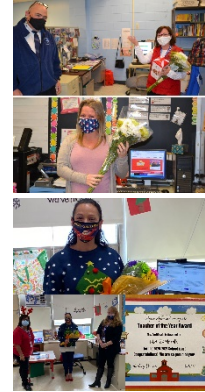


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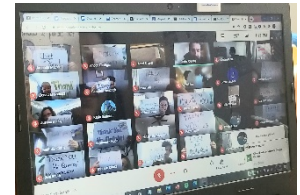
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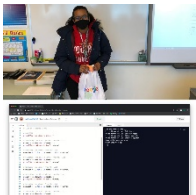
	GESP	Michael Velardi
<b>Arleth</b>	GEOTY	Rebecca Dragone
	GESP	Lou Anne Jensen
<b>Eisenhower</b>	GEOTY	Theresa DelPrete
	GESP	Stephanie Gottdenker
<b>Truman</b>	GEOTY	Kerri-Ann Bresocnik
	GESP	Kim Thornton
<b>Wilson</b>	GEOTY	Nicole Parisen
	GESP	Jaqueline Abrams
<b>Project Before</b>	GEOTY	Lisa Zalnieratis
	GESP	Annmarie Christensen



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. Thus, along with the amazing Governor’s Educators of the Year noted above, we congratulate Julianne Rehai, Special Education Teacher at SWMHS, and Alex Catena, Student Assistance Coordinator at SWMHS, who were selected as the Educators of the Month at the high school for November and



December. Likewise, last week students in Mr. Quinby’s Advanced Placement (AP) English Class and Mr. Ciciari’s AP Physics Class surprised them with expressions of gratitude for all they have done to educate and support them through this very challenging period. To see the video for each, click on the teacher’s name ([Mr. Quinby](#) & [Mr. Ciciari](#)). We also commend and congratulate SWMHS senior James Logan, who received a United States Armed Forces Service Academy Nomination from Congressman Frank Pallone. If you are unfamiliar with what this is, members of United States Congress are authorized by law to nominate candidates for appointment to one of the four



major U.S. service academies. The nomination of constituents to one of the service academies can provide Members of Congress with the opportunity to perform community outreach and other representational duties. Additionally, we congratulate SWMHS seniors Neev Mistry, who was recently accepted to attend Columbia University, and Michelle Lee and Tanisha Kore who were accepted to attend Cornell University. Finally, Congratulations to Leilany Rojas and all the SWMHS Week of Code 2020 prize winners! Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students,

staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed. After Mr. Esposito’s and Mr. Walsh’s opening remarks about the leadership and social media, and other district highlights, Stephen Farley from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Haley Esseng from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), provided their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. During the presentation portion of the meeting, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, presented the 2020 Food Services Fiscal Report and the proposed 2021-22 Food Services Enterprise Account Budget. To see her presentation, 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,

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click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the acceptance of a grant from the Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) in the amount of \$500 for the Sayreville Computer Science Honor Society to support their proposed outreach service during Computer Science Education Week and ongoing society activities. Likewise, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the inclusion of Computer Science Honors Society at Sayreville War Memorial High School with Ms. Atiyah Conry as the faculty advisor. Furthermore, it approved a partnership between Sayreville War Memorial High School and the Technology Student Association (TSA), which is a national, non-profit career and technical student organization of middle school and high school students who are engaged in STEM.

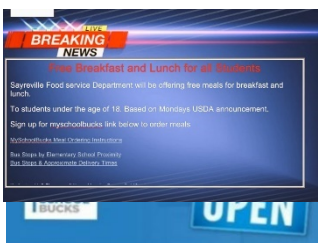
On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the appointment of Lori Ann Dobrzynski by the Borough of Sayreville Mayor and Council to serve as a Trustee for the Sayreville Public Library and the Sayreville Public faculty liaison with the public library for 2021. Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2020-21 school year, and the transfer of non-certificated staff for the 2020-21 school year.

During open BOE discussion, the Board expressed sentiments of gratitude and well wishes for Mrs. Batko, Mrs. Pieloch, Mrs. Rubio, and Mr. Callahan, who will be stepping down from their seat on the Board of Education at the end of this month. When doing so, Mr. Esposito read a letter of gratitude for Mrs. Batko written by Kenneth Veres, President of the Sayreville Education Association. Additionally, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Likewise, Ms. Kenney reviewed what was discussed during the most recent BOE Student Achievement Committee Meeting and Mr. Callahan did the same with regard to the last BOE Personnel Committee Meeting. Finally, Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

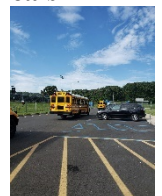
The next meeting, which will be the Reorganization Meeting of the new 2021 Sayreville Board of Education, will be held on **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**. During this meeting the newly elected Sayreville Board of Education Members will be officially sworn in. In addition, a short Business Meeting Agenda with motions for approval will also be presented to the new BOE. Both agendas for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**. A complete copy of the **December 15<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 **January 5, 2021**.



As per our 2020-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), and the December 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** nor **virtual instruction** from **December 24, 2020 through January 1, 2021** for the holiday recess. Furthermore, please note there will be **no office hours** on **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** so that our staff members can prepare for the holiday weekend.



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**



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**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