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Talk Sup Week 22 Review and Preview

February 8, 2021



Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. As you know, **today** will participate in **virtual instruction**, as our schools and district will be **closed** for **in-person instruction, Leading Edge childcare, office work, meal deliveries, and after school activities**, including **athletics** taking place **in-district, and permitted events**. In addition, please remember that there will be **no teacher office hours** today so that our faculty can participate in professional development.

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 the Arleth Elementary School, one from the Eisenhower Elementary School, and one from the Wilson Elementary School have tested positive. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, no individuals from any of the schools were determined to be in close contact with the 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 you know, due yesterday's snowstorm, today **all** students will participate in **virtual instruction**, as our schools and district will be **closed**. It is my hope that tomorrow (Tuesday, February 9th) we will be able to 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 9th** and **Friday, February 12th**, students in grades **K-5 Cohort A** will attend school for in-person instruction, while **K-5 Cohort B** does so this **Thursday, February 11th**. 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**. Below please find the calendar through the end of February.

FEBRUARY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8 Schools closed and remote instruction for <u>all</u> students due to hazardous weather. No Office Hours due to Faculty PD	9 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	February 10 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	11 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	12 K-5 COHORT A & C



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<p>15 Schools Closed in Observance of Presidents Day</p>	<p>16 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C</p>	<p>February 17 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students</p>	<p>18 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C</p>	<p>19 K-5 COHORT A & C</p>
<p>22 K-5 COHORT B & C</p>	<p>23 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C</p>	<p>February 24 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students</p>	<p>25 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C</p>	<p>26 K-5 COHORT A & C</p>

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 10, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, February 11, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- 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**)

If you did not have a chance to attend the virtual Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, January 19th, here is what you missed. Stephen Farley from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Maeve Witte 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 thanked all faculty and staff during his opening remarks and Mr. Walsh shared district highlights. The district then resumed publicly reviewing and discussing the 2021-22 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: [Special Services](#), [Transportation](#), and [Technology](#). 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

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Board approved the submission of the amended Coronavirus Aid Relief and Security Act (CARES Act) and Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund ESSER grant application, in which the total revised amount of the grant was increased from \$583,350 to \$636,361. It also approved the district's participation in the Project 10 Million Program grant in which T-Mobile will be providing 350 mobile hotspot devices to the district with 100GB of data per year for five years. These devices will be used to help ensure that all our students have internet connectivity at home.

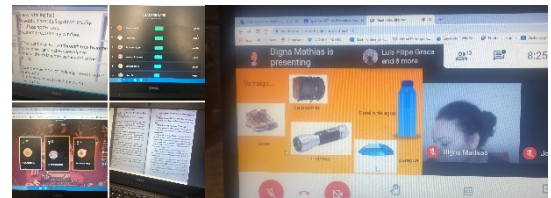
On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved new elective Unified Art, Unified Theatrical Arts, Unified Technology, and Unified Design Lab/STEAM courses at the Sayreville Middle School beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Lastly, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff and approved the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff members for the 2020-21 school year.

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, Mrs. Kenny reviewed what was discussed during the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting. Finally, Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting on **Tuesday, February 16th**. During it, the district will resume discussions on the 2021-22 Budget with the following presentations: Buildings and Grounds, Capital Projects, and Personnel. A complete copy of the **February 2nd** 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 **February 16, 2021**.

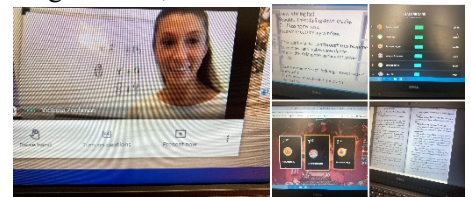


Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students continued to progress in learning and have a ton of fun doing so this past week. In Project Before, students had a blast playing in the



snow, making snow volcanoes, and learning how to take care of their teeth. At the high school, students in Ms.

Mathias's Spanish 2 Class presented multimedia presentations on national parks. At the middle school, students performed some deep thinking while reading powerful text like *Walk Two Moons* and snow inspired poetry, while others demonstrated how to solve mathematic number expressions with variables, and still others learned how various body systems work together. Finally, at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, students took a virtual field trip to the



Super Bowl and made goalposts during a STEM activity.

This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We commend and congratulate students on the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Health Occupations Students of American (HOSA) Chapter who competed in the New Jersey HOSA Southern Regional Conference. Out of the 27 students who competed in the conference, the following placed within the top eight and the top five will be advancing to the New Jersey State Conference:

- Karanveer Panesar-1st place in Dental Science
- Zoha Shah-2nd place in Extemporaneous Writing

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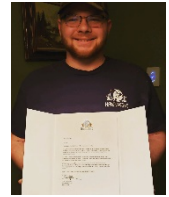


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- Minal Patel- 4th place in Medical Spelling
- Sara Caravan-4th place in Clinical Nursing
- Ansuree Iyer and Spandana Dharanikota-7th place CPR/First Aid

In addition, we congratulate SWMHS senior Vincent Rebak on his acceptance to the prestigious Welding Program at the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

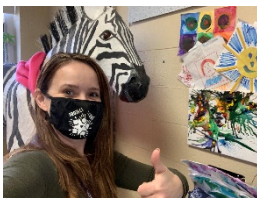


In athletics, we congratulate and commend SWMHS senior basketball player Jordan Wehrle on receiving the National Woman in Sports Award. Speaking of the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team, last week they defeated South Plainfield High School (HS) behind 23 points from Stephanie Van Note to even their record to 2-2 on the season. Likewise, the SWMHS Boys Bowling Team defeated South Plainfield HS last week to improve their record on the season to 3-1. 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. Remember that although New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association indoor athletics COVID-19 regulation prohibit spectators from attending any of their games and matches, you can view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on the Athletics page of our website or by clicking [here](#).

FEBRUARY 2021		SAYREVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
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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 see by clicking [here](#), please remember that there will be a **BOE Business Meeting on February 16th**. Please also remember that there will be **no office hours** today (**February 8th**) 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 **February 15th**

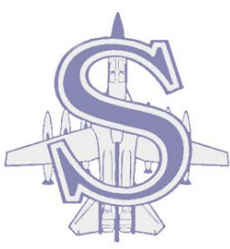
in observance of Presidents Day.



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](#)

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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@savrevillek12.net.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe