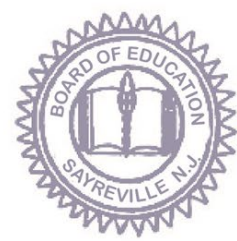




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## Talk Sup Week 20 Review and Preview

January 25, 2021

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

Late yesterday we received notification that an individual participating in an athletic program at the high school and an individual from the Arleth/Eisenhower Elementary Schools have tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, multiple individuals from both schools were determined to have been in “close contact” (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes in 24 hours) with the infected people and thus has been directed to quarantine. By this time, those people should have been 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](#).

It appears that while we are still expecting to get snow on Tuesday, it will be minimal and not enough to affect the opening of our schools for in-person instruction then. Nevertheless, should we receive information to the contrary of this prior to beginning of school on Tuesday morning, we will do everything we can to give parents and staff as much advanced notice as possible about any school 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.

That being said, this week 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 and Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** students in **grades K-5 Cohort B** will attend school for in-person instruction, while **K-5 Cohort A** does so this **Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 29<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 through the end of January and beginning of February.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
1 K-5 COHORT	2 6-12 COHORT	February 3	4 6-12 COHORT	5 K-5 COHORT

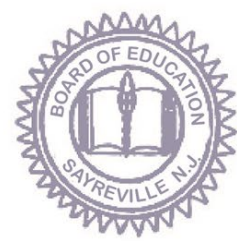
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B & C	<b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT A & C	Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT B & C	A & C
<b>8</b> K-5 COHORT B & C	<b>9</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT A & C	<b>February 10</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>11</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT B & C	<b>12</b> K-5 COHORT A & C

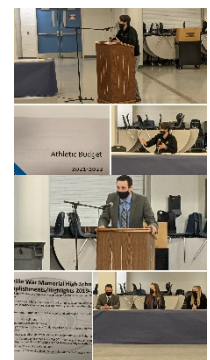
To review information about our Restart of School Plan, including our updated FAQs, click [here](#).

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, 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 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, February 3, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, February 4, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- 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 Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed. After Mr. Walsh shared district highlights, the district resumed publicly reviewing and discussing the 2021-22 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: [Sayreville War Memorial High School \(SWMHS\)](#), [Sayreville Middle School \(SMS\)](#), [Samsel Upper Elementary School \(SUES\)](#) and [all K-3 School, Curriculum and Instruction](#), and [Athletics](#). After each building principal, Ms. Badami, Director of Athletics, and Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, gave their respective presentations, they joined the Board at their table for robust conversations about

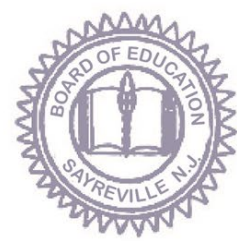


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their respective budget needs and wants. Click on each presentation to view them. To see all the information presented and/or provided thus far on 2021-22 Budget, click [here](#).



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 application submission of the Addressing Student Learning Loss Grant, which is a competitive grant in the amount of approximately \$156,000 under the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act) and *Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund* (ESSER Fund).



On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved a new Introduction to Engineering course, which will be offered at SWMHS beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Likewise, it approved the course title change of SWMHS course Trends in Computer Science-HTML to Front End Web Design. The BOE also approved the participation of 17 SMS students and 13 SWMHS students in the 2021 Middlesex County Arts Middle and High School Programs. Furthermore, it approved the creation of the RHO Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society at SWMHS with Christopher Howard serving as the faculty advisor for the 2020-2021 school year. Finally, the Board approved the creation of an Inclusion, Diversity, Equality and Awareness (IDEA) Council at SWMHS, in which the mission of the council is to educate the school community on the strength of their actions, the importance of their ideas, and the real values in their hearts. The Council will work with students and staff to promote a school culture of equity, inclusion and accountability. The faculty advisors will be Alexandra Catena, Atiyah Conry, and Maria Vogiatzidakis.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff and the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff members for the 2020-21 school year. Additionally, it approved the suspension with pay and acceptance of the resignation and termination of a bus driver and bus aide.

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, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. During it, the district will resume discussions on the 2021-22 Budget with the following presentations: Special Education, Technology, and Transportation. A complete copy of the **January 19<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 **February 2, 2021**.



Last Thursday evening the district held the 2021 Virtual SWMHS Advanced Placement (AP) Night. During the presentation, the SWMHS Administration, Guidance Department, District Supervisors, and our amazing AP teachers provided an overview of our AP program available for students in grades 10-12 in order for these students and their parents to learn more now about the AP courses offered, as well as their course rigor. If you missed the presentation, the Google Classroom link that it was presented on (class code is 2obz6ob) will remain available with the

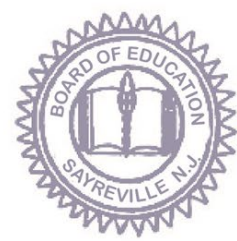
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introductory PowerPoint, subject-specific videos, content related postings, and the AP applications. You can also refer to the information on the [SWMHS Counseling](#) page of our website or simply email Ms. Sicola, Supervisor of Guidance, with any questions at [donna.sicola@sayrevillek12.net](mailto:donna.sicola@sayrevillek12.net). Likewise, last week Ms. Grossman, our Supervisor of World Language and English as a Second Language, held a virtual information session for our high school students interested in earning the New Jersey Department of Education Seal of Biliteracy on their high school diploma. Any students and/or parents who missed the meeting but are still interested, should email Ms. Grossman at [Kimberly.Grossman@Sayrevillek12.net](mailto:Kimberly.Grossman@Sayrevillek12.net).



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 Mr. Gliddon's class created a mock washing machine, while our students in our biology classes, as well as in our wood and auto shop



classes worked hard learning and appeared to have a great time doing so. Likewise, in Project Before, our preschoolers at the Cheesequake School honored the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King by learning about him and celebrating friendship. They also welcomed a new four legged and striped (zebra) friend to their family. Finally, at the Truman School students and staff participated in "No Name-Calling Week."

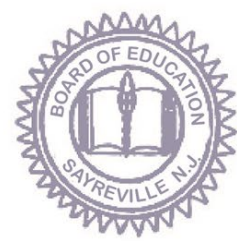
This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the members noted below on the SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club who competed in and earned awards during the New Jersey FBLA Virtual Regional Competition. In fact, out of a total 42 of our students who competed in the Central Region, 20 of them placed and will compete at the NJFBLA State Leadership Conference later in March and April.

Place	Event	Winners
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Management Decision Making	Neha Bhat & Isabella Dabrowski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Network Design	Jasskaran Singh & Pranav Asarpota
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Introduction to Event Planning	Aneri Shah & Diya Kadakia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Spreadsheet Applications	James Johnson
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Introduction to Event Planning	Gargi Gupta, Shriya Meda, & Riva Babaria
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Introduction to Financial Math	Aryan Shah
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Introduction to Business Procedures	Kristy Garcia
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	Sports & Entertainment Marketing	Matt Corby & Ryan Anthony
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Business Communications	Bryana Dawkins
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	Management Decision Making	Genna Smith, Glenn Mensa
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	International Business	Tiayna Saunders, Srilakshmi Kanthaswamy, & Abigail Chandrika



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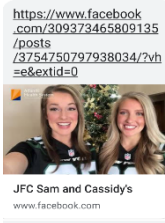
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Likewise, we congratulate and commend SWMHS senior Ojas Chitnis and other members of the FBLA for winning the Lions Club 2019-2020 Kindness Matters Service Award. Furthermore, we congratulate SWMHS 9<sup>th</sup> grader John Magaw on the completion of his Lions University Bachelor's Degree. Finally, we commend and thank Cassidy and Samantha Ridder, exceptional teachers in our district who are also New York Jet Cheerleaders, for dedicating their free time to visit with and improve the spirits of critically ill patients in nearby hospitals with New York Jets football players. Check them out in this [video](#). Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, our SWMHS and SMS Boys and Girls Basketball Teams will begin competition this week. Likewise, so will our SWMHS Boys and Girls Bowling Teams. 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](#). We wish all these student athletes a successful and enjoyable season.

As we mentioned back in December, 2020-21 Parent Teacher Conferences were rescheduled and will take place all next week from February 1, 2021 through February 5, 2021. See the complete schedule below.

Grades	Monday 2/1	Tuesday 2/2	Wednesday 2/3	Thursday 2/4	Friday 2/5
K – 3	6:00 – 8:00	2:05 – 3:35	2:05 – 3:35	2:05 – 3:35	2:05 – 3:35
4 – 5	1:30 – 3:00	6:00 – 8:00	1:30 – 3:00	1:30 – 3:00	1:30 – 3:00
6 – 8	1:30 – 3:00	1:30 – 3:00	1:30 – 3:00	6:00 – 8:00	1:30 – 3:00
9 – 12	1:00 – 2:30	6:00 – 8:00	1:00 – 2:30	1:00 – 2:30	1:00 – 2:30
Pre-K	2:00 – 3:30	2:00 – 3:30	2:00 – 3:30	6:00 – 8:00	2:00 – 3:30

Tomorrow our teachers will begin emailing the parents of their students the links to sign up for their conferences. Each school website will also have all the teacher websites and the conference links posted on them. To learn more information on how to schedule and participate in this year's virtual conferences, click on the following links: [Parent slide deck](#), [Parent Video](#).

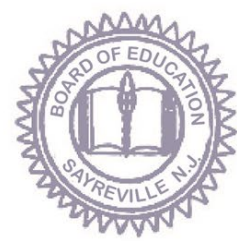


As per our 2021-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), and the January Head of the Class Calendar, which you can see by clicking [here](#), please remember that the **2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period** for students in grades **6-12** will end **January 29<sup>th</sup>**. Likewise, **2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Progress Reports** for students in grades **K-5** will also be issued on **January 29<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, during the month of **February**, please remember that there will be **BOE Meetings** on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **16<sup>th</sup>**. As noted above, please also remember that there will be **no office hours** from **February 1<sup>st</sup>** through **February 5<sup>th</sup>** due to **Parent Teacher Conferences**. Likewise, there will be **no office hours** on **February 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Presidents Day. Finally, please remember that the **2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards** for students in grades **6-12** will be issued on **February 5<sup>th</sup>**.



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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