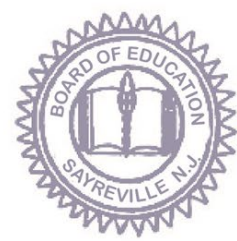




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## Talk Sup Week 21 Review and Preview

February 1, 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** and **Tuesday** **all** students will participate in **virtual instruction**, as our schools and district will be **closed** for **in-person instruction** and **office work**. In addition, please remember that 2020-21 **Parent Teacher Conferences** are scheduled to take place **all week**. See the complete schedule below. Therefore, there will be **no teacher office hours** on **any day this week**.

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

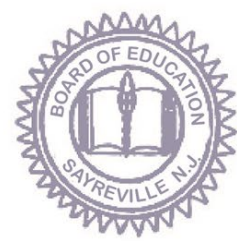
Along with the COVID-19 positive cases that I reported to the community in my broadcast email last Friday, this weekend we received notification that an individual from the high school, along with one individual participating in an athletic program at the high school and two individuals participating in an athletic program at the middle 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 middle school athletic program were determined to be in “close contact” (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes in 24 hours) with the infected people and have thus been directed to quarantine. Likewise, two individuals from the high school athletic program were determined to be in close contact with the infected individual there. 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](#).

As you know, due to the snowstorm, today and tomorrow all students will participate in virtual instruction, as our schools and district will be closed for in-person instruction and office work. It is my hope that on **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will be able to resume in-person instruction in **Phase 2<sub>b</sub>** for students in grades **K-5 and Cohort C (preschool and MD/BD self-contained classrooms)**, and **Phase 2<sub>a</sub>** for students in grades **6-12**. Therefore, on **Thursday, February 4<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 **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Likewise, students in grades **6-12 Cohorts A&B** will participate in in-person instruction on **Thursday**. Naturally, students in **Cohort C** will attend school for in-person instruction on **Thursday**, and **Friday**. Below please find the calendar through the end of February.



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FEBRUARY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>1</b> Schools closed and remote instruction for <u>all</u> students due to hazardous weather. <b>No Office Hours for Conferences</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> Schools closed and remote instruction for <u>all</u> students due to hazardous weather. <b>No Office Hours for Conferences</b></p>	<p><b>February 3</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students. <b>No Office Hours for Conferences</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT B &amp; C <b>No Office Hours for Conferences</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> K-5 COHORT A &amp; C <b>No Office Hours for Conferences</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> K-5 COHORT B &amp; C</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT A &amp; C</p>	<p><b>February 10</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT B &amp; C</p>	<p><b>12</b> K-5 COHORT A &amp; C</p>
<p><b>15</b> Schools Closed in Observance of Presidents Day</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT A &amp; C</p>	<p><b>February 17</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT B &amp; C</p>	<p><b>19</b> K-5 COHORT A &amp; C</p>
<p><b>22</b> K-5 COHORT B &amp; C</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT A &amp; C</p>	<p><b>February 24</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>6-12</b> COHORT <b>A, B, &amp; C</b> K-5 COHORT B &amp; C</p>	<p><b>26</b> K-5 COHORT A &amp; 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 3, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for staff/family)

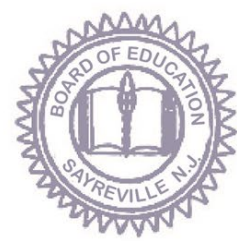
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- Thursday, February 4, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 5:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, February 10, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, February 11, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** 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**)



Last Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](#).



Tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting. Due to the closure of our schools on Tuesday because of the hazardous weather, the meeting will be held **virtually**. During it, the district will resume its series of 2021-22 School District Budget preparation presentations with the proposed 2021-22 Special Education, Technology, and Transportation 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](#).

Since February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, the Sayreville Business Academy and the Sayreville Computer Science Academy will be offering two CTE virtual information sessions for parents and community members on **February 17<sup>th</sup>**, and **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 7-8 pm. During these sessions, information on how these SWMHS career learning academies are linking educational programs to workforce and labor market needs in Middlesex County will be shared. If you are unfamiliar with Career and Technical Education, or CTE, it is education that directly prepares students for high-wage, high-demand careers that covers many different fields, including health care, information technology, and advanced manufacturing. Please fill out the registration form if you are interested in attending these sessions by clicking [here](#) or by scanning the **QR barcode** to the right.

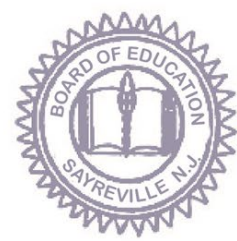






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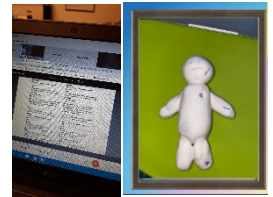
Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students continued to progress in learning and have a ton of fun doing so this past week. In Project Before, our preschoolers learned about the 1940s polio epidemic where teachers read lessons over the



radio to their students. In addition, they explored the frigid Arctic wildlife and waddled like penguins. At the Arleth Elementary School, students and staff participated in the Great Kindness Challenge by wearing kind messages and completing over 145 acts of kindness. At the Truman Elementary School, the students enjoyed another virtual visit from Svetlana, their adopted therapy dog. At the Sayreville Middle School, students in Ms. Ciampa's class had an opportunity to socialize during lunch by playing "pin the hat on the llama." Finally, at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS), 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in Dr. Amankwa's class



engaged in some deep thinking while reading Othello and discussing timeless themes. Likewise, students in Ms. Goldstein's Forensic Science Class went above and beyond in a STEAM project by illustrating 4 wounds on a lifelike Play-Doh "John Doe" outline and by describing the type and location of the wounds.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and thanking Mr. Gliddon, SWMHS Wood Shop Teacher, for repairing and refurbishing old equipment, such as spindle and belt sanders and a band saw and drill press so that his students could make cool projects like a cell phone speaker. In addition we commend SWMHS students and Future Business Leaders of America Club members Kamil Szczech, Iman Shahid, and Stephany Fernandes, for creating and airing a podcast that will

explore financial literacy through a crash-course for young adults that will include topics like student loans, investing, and more. The podcast is broadcasted each Monday at 8 am on the chapter's platform at [www.anchor.fm/swmhsfbla](http://www.anchor.fm/swmhsfbla) and is also available over Breaker, Google Podcasts, Pocket Casts, RadioPublic, and Spotify. On YouTube, the team publishes a companion video, as well as their playlist that includes archived podcast episodes, which can all be viewed at <https://swmhsfbla.org/media/podcast>. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, the SWMHS Girls Bowling Team is off to a great start as they defeated their first three opponents of the season and now boast a perfect 3-0 record. Likewise, the Boys Bowling Team defeated John F Kennedy and St. Thomas Aquinas High Schools last week to improve their record on the season to 2-1. Finally, thanks to 25 points from Stephanie Van Note and a "double double" (10 points and 15 rebounds) from Brooke Holland, last week the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team defeated Colonia HS to improve their record to 1-1 on the season. 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 our student athletes participating in swimming and indoor track and field will begin practicing. Remember that although New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association indoor athletics COVID-19 regulation prohibit spectators from attending any of their games and



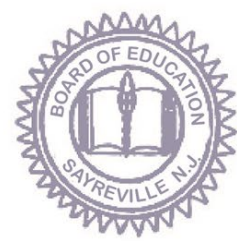
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matches, you can view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on the Athletics page of our website or by clicking [here](#).

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 this month there will be **BOE Business Meetings** on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **16<sup>th</sup>**. 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>**.

DATE	EVENTS
1/29	BOE Meeting
2/1	Parent Teacher Conference
2/2	BOE Meeting
2/3	Parent Teacher Conference
2/4	Parent Teacher Conference
2/5	Parent Teacher Conference
2/8	Professional Development
2/15	Presidents Day (Closed)
2/16	BOE Meeting
2/17	Parent Teacher Conference
2/18	Parent Teacher Conference
2/19	Parent Teacher Conference
2/22	Professional Development
2/23	Parent Teacher Conference
2/24	Parent Teacher Conference
2/25	Parent Teacher Conference
2/26	Parent Teacher Conference
2/27	Parent Teacher Conference
2/28	Parent Teacher Conference
2/29	Parent Teacher Conference

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