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Talk Sup Week 29 Review and Preview

March 29, 2021

Good morning Sayreville and happy spring! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please remember that our schools will be closed for Spring Break and therefore there will be no in-person nor virtual instruction from **April 2nd through April 9th**.

Over the weekend we received notification that two individuals from the Samsel Upper Elementary School, one from the high school, and one from the Eisenhower School 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 Eisenhower were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected person there, and thus have been officially notified and directed to quarantine. 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 I reported to the community last week, beginning on **Monday, May 3rd**, we will transition to **Phase 4** of our Restart of School Plan, which is essentially full school days of in-person instruction for five days per week. Thus, beginning then, **all students** will participate in full periods of instruction whether they are doing so remotely or in-person. In addition, there will no longer be “office hours.”

Nonetheless, parents will continue to have the option of having their child(ren) participate in full-time remote learning rather than in-person instruction until the end of the 2020-21 school year. Likewise, up until Friday, April 23rd, parents may request from their child’s principal that their child(ren) transition from either full-time remote learning back to in-person instruction or vice versa. Within the next several days, our principals will be communicating with parents about how they will be expected to communicate such requests to change the learning environment of their child(ren) prior to April 23rd. However, after April 23rd, no changes to the learning environment (fulltime remote or in-person) will be accepted. Hence, if parents want to switch their child(ren) from remote learning to in-person learning or vice versa, they will have until April 23rd to do so and will be locked into that or their child(ren)’s current learning environment until the end of the 2020-21 school year. In addition, while we will still allow in-person students to access live-streamed lessons remotely, after April 23rd, unless students have been directed by the administration of their school to quarantine, if they are not present in school for instruction, they will be marked absent.

This week, **all in-person learners in preschool through 12th grade**, will continue to attend school for in-person instruction following the early dismissal schedule in accordance with **Phase 3** of our Restart of School Plan. Below please find the calendar for March, April, and May.

MARCH/APRIL/MAY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 29 PreK-12 PHASE 3	30 PreK-12 PHASE 3	March 31	April 1 PreK-12 PHASE 3	2

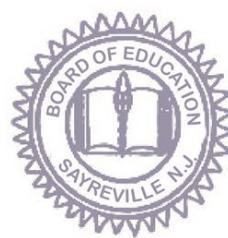
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		Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students		Schools Closed for Spring Break
5 Schools Closed for Spring Break	6 Schools Closed for Spring Break	7 Schools Closed for Spring Break	8 Schools Closed for Spring Break	9 Schools Closed for Spring Break
12 PreK-12 PHASE 3	13 PreK-12 PHASE 3	<u>April 14</u> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<u>April 15</u> PreK-12 PHASE 3	16 PreK-12 PHASE 3
19 PreK-12 PHASE 3	20 PreK-12 PHASE 3	<u>April 21</u> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<u>April 22</u> PreK-12 PHASE 3	23 PreK-12 PHASE 3
26 PreK-12 PHASE 3	27 PreK-12 PHASE 3	<u>April 28</u> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<u>April 29</u> PreK-12 PHASE 3	30 PreK-12 PHASE 3
May 3 PreK-12 PHASE 4	4 PreK-12 PHASE 4	<u>May 5</u> PreK-12 PHASE 4	6 PreK-12 PHASE 4	7 PreK-12 PHASE 4
10 PreK-12 PHASE 4	11 PreK-12 PHASE 4	12 PreK-12 PHASE 4	13 PreK-12 PHASE 4	14 PreK-12 PHASE 4

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/>. Any staff members interested in being vaccinated at Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Hospital through our partnership with RWJ Barnabas should send me their requested information by this Tuesday evening. 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](#).

- Wednesday, March 24, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, March 31, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, April 14, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, April 28, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 5, 2021 (**2:30** – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)

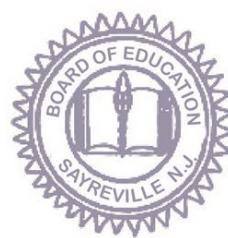
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- Wednesday, May 12, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)

If you are a parent who is struggling to find a balance working from home and parenting, you may want to consider joining a free self-care support group every Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm as part of a special program offered by The Counseling Center called Pandemic Parenting. During sessions, you can share your thoughts, experiences, and fears with others who are feeling the same way in a safe and supportive environment. Click [here](#) for more information. In addition, Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Barnabas is offering free virtual events to assist parents and students in coping with the social and emotional challenges presented by the pandemic. Click [here](#) for more information. Finally, Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care (RUBHC) is providing a Covid Connect Helpline (833) 223-0011. It will provide and expand behavioral health treatment and support to individuals who are experiencing mental health and substance abuse issues related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. A series of screening tools will be used to assess the caller's level of distress and mental health/addiction needs. University Behavioral Health Care will provide a warm handoff to licensed treatment providers throughout the state that offer telehealth services. To ensure successful service linkage, their staff will follow up with all callers. For more information, click [here](#) to watch a 1-minute video. If you have questions, please contact: Susan Brown, Director: browns@ubhc.rutgers.edu; or Irena Guberman, Program Manager: gubermir@ubhc.rutgers.edu.

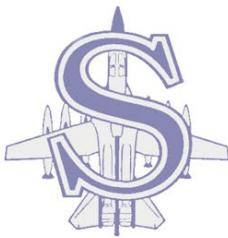


Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students continued to progress in learning and have a ton of fun doing so this past week. At Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS), the Guidance Department presented a Junior College/Career Program for the current 11th grade students and their parents. After the presentation video, the school counselors provided a question-and-answer (Q&A) session. The Q&A period provided very valuable information to help guide parents and students in the college planning process. To see the video, click [here](#). For more information on the event, click [here](#). In addition, students in Mr. Gliddon's class had a ton of fun participating in an Egg Drop Challenge, in which they created egg-protecting devices, hypothesized, and then dropped them. Likewise, check out the fun our

high school administrators had in one of the recent SWMHS Bombcasts by clicking [here](#). Who knew Mr. Salum could skateboard? At the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), students in Sr. Pulido's, Sr. Feliciano's, and Sra. Fernandes's classes had a great time building their foods and household items vocabulary in Spanish. Finally, in Project Before, our amazing preschoolers and their teachers had a blast learning about restaurant workers, rainbows, and the benefits of yoga and meditation.



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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 SWMHS students Noah Marcano and Andrian Kadykalo, who were named 2020-21 Middlesex County School Boards Association and Middlesex County Association of School Administrators “Unsung Heroes” Students of the Year. Likewise, we congratulate and commend SWMHS senior Neev Mistry, who was named a National Merit Finalist and as a result has received a \$2,500 scholarship to attend Columbia University. In addition, we congratulate the following Sayreville Middle School (SMS) students who were selected by the SMS Faculty Council to be inducted into the SMS Junior National Honor Society later this year.



Hana Adjiredja
 Haley Asseng
 Brooke Attix
 Nicholas Bernardi
 Shravani Bichkule
 Hannah Bigata
 Isaac Chan
 Isabella Esposito
 Braden Freyer
 Dishita Gupta

Joseph Henry
 Reuben John
 Manha Khan
 Jasmine Kohli
 Yvette Kwasilumah
 Jonathan Lee
 Angeleah Lepre
 Shaili Modi
 Sofia Muller
 Angelica Oriol

Kate Pepsny
 Areeb Rahman
 Rishi Shah
 Ishal Shahid
 Joshua Thomas
 Brandon Trivino
 Justin Trivino
 Tyler Yan



Furthermore, we commend SWMHS graduate Jehyve Flood on becoming a best selling author with his recently published book, *Godfidence*. Finally, we commend and thank the wonderfully supportive SWMHS Baseball Team Booster Club for painting and refurbishing our Bomber dugouts. 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 commend and congratulate the SWMHS Boys Swim Team, which won its final virtual swim match of the season over North Brunswick High School (HS) last week. Likewise, the Girls Swim Team concluded its season by defeating Piscataway HS to even its record to 2-2. The SWMHS Wrestling Team began match competition last week and while they wrestled tough, they came up just short of victory in each of their three matches. Finally, this week the SWMHS Baseball Team, Softball Team, Lacrosse Teams, and Golf Teams will begin practicing. 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. Although we now allow parents to attend indoor sports events, 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](#), please remember that that our schools will be **closed** for Spring Break and therefore there will be **no in-person** nor **virtual instruction** from **April 2nd through April 9th**. In addition, please note that there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, April 20th**. Finally, please remember that the **3rd Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will end on **April 15th** and **Report Cards** for those students will be **issued** the following week on **April 22nd**.

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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