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Talk Sup Week 26 Review and Preview

March 8, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please remember that there will be **no office hours** today so that our staff can participate in professional development.

Over the weekend we received notification that one individual from the Truman School, one from Project Before at Cheesequake, and one from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) 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 each school were determined to have been in “close contact” with the infected people, 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](#).

Today (Monday, March 8th), Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week, **all in-person learners in grades K-5**, along with those in **K-12 Cohort C** (preschool and MD/BD self-contained classrooms), will attend school for in-person instruction following the early dismissal schedule. Since our in-person learners in grades 6-12 will not transition to Phase 3 until next **Monday, March 15th**, this week students in grades **6-12 Cohorts A&B** will continue to participate in in-person instruction on **Tuesday and Thursday** in accordance with Phase 2a of our Restart of School Plan. Naturally, parents will continue to have the option of having their child(ren) participate in full-time remote learning rather than in-person instruction. Conversely, at any time **parents can request from their child’s principal** that their child(ren) transition from full-time remote learning back to in-person instruction. However, in such cases, it may take five calendar days for the change to be processed, as we may need time to make classroom and instructional preparations. Below please find the calendar for March.

MARCH				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 8 PreK-5 PHASE 3 6-12 COHORT C	9 PreK-5 PHASE 3 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C	March 10 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	11 PreK-5 PHASE 3 6-12 COHORT A, B, & C	12 PreK-5 PHASE 3 6-12 COHORT C
March 15 PreK-12 PHASE 3	16 PreK-12 PHASE 3	March 17 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	18 PreK-12 PHASE 3	19 PreK-12 PHASE 3
March 22 PreK-12 PHASE 3	23 PreK-12 PHASE 3	March 24 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	25 PreK-12 PHASE 3	26 PreK-12 PHASE 3

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March 29 PreK-12 PHASE 3	30 PreK-12 PHASE 3	March 31 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	April 1 PreK-12 PHASE 3	2 Schools Closed for Spring Break
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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/>. 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 10, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- 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)

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.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 2nd, here is what you missed. Haley Asseng from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing her Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Report. Since Stephen Farley, the Sayreville War Memorial High School Student Council Representative to the Board could not attend the meeting; Mrs. Kenny read his report on his behalf. After that, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks and Mr. Walsh shared

district highlights.

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved all

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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 proposed **Tentative 2021-2022 School District Budget**. To see all the information presented and/or provided thus far on 2021-22 Budget, click [here](#).

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved a new Grade 7 Math Pull-Out Resource Center Curriculum Guide. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the **2022-2023 School District Calendar**. To review it, click [here](#). Lastly, On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements Lori McLafferty, 2nd Grade Teacher at the Eisenhower Elementary School, and Cecilia Russo, Special Education Teacher from SWMHS, effective July 1, 2021. In addition, the BOE appointed new non-certificated staff 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. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 16th**. A complete copy of the **March 2nd** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of our website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **March 16, 2021**.



Last Friday morning Ms. Sicola, Supervisor of Guidance, and Mr. Rubino, Principal of the SWMHS, introduced in rank order and honored the Top 10 Students from the SWMHS Class of 2021 based upon grade point average. Due to the pandemic, in order to meet indoor capacity requirements, the event was livestreamed via You Tube. To see it, click [here](#). Thus, below please find the name of each remarkable child. As we



noted during their celebratory breakfast last Friday, we recognize that the amazing academic accomplishments of these students could not have happened if it were not for the proficiency, competency, and hard work of their incredibly dedicated and talented teachers and counselors, and the never-ending support and assistance that they have received from their wonderful parents. As we have done in the past, these students will also be recognized and honored during a Board of Education Meeting in the spring and during Senior Awards Night.

1. Neev Mistry – **Valedictorian**
2. Minal Patel – **Salutatorian**
3. Kamil Szczech
4. Isabella Dabrowski
5. Michelle Lee
6. Ann Murickan
7. Yash Patel
8. Jasmit Singh
9. Nicholas Czajkowski
10. Monali Patel





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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. As they

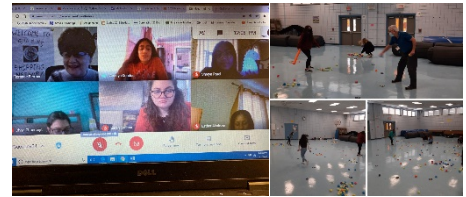
do each year at the beginning of March, all our students, particularly those in preschool through 5th grade,



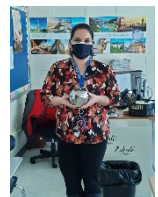
participated in Read Across America. Read Across America is an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association (NEA) that began in 1997. According to the NEA, it is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading. At SMS, under the direction of Mr. Fischer, one of the school counselors, our students in the Adventure-Based Counseling program that he developed, participated in the Swat the Bug Activity with Ms. Sardone, one



the SMS physical education teachers. At SWMHS, students in Ms. Berman's Business class were very engaged and intrigued by her marketing presentation. Finally, at the Arleth Elementary School, our kindergarten students celebrated Dental Health Month with Nurse Morris, who taught them how to take good care of their teeth.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the above mentioned SWMHS Top Ten Students. We also commend and congratulate SWMHS art students Rachel Velazquez and Celine Mirra for recently being named Ceramic Artists for the month of March in Ms. Lascala's class. Likewise, we congratulate Sra. Alves, Spanish



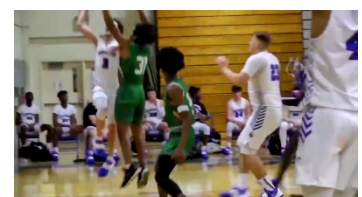
Teacher at SWMHS, for being named the March Teacher of the Month. Finally, we congratulate the teachers in Project Before at Cheesequake and Samsel who won the Read Across America Door Decorating Contest and received Barnes and Noble gift cards for their hard work and creativity. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

In athletics, last week the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team ended their season with a well-deserved first and last



victory of the season over Piscataway Vocational Technical High School (HS). The SWMHS Girls Basketball Team also finished their season last week with a record of 7-7. Likewise, the SWMHS Girls and Boys Bowling Team concluded their seasons with 10-3 and 6-3-1 records respectively. Both the SWMHS Girls and Boys Swim Teams began their season last week. The Girls Swim Team swam past Mother Seton HS but

came up a little short later against St. Thomas Aquinas HS to even their record at 1-1 on the season. The Boys Swim Team began their season with a well swam loss to



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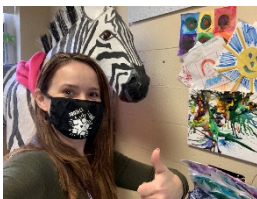


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South Brunswick (HS). Finally, last week the SWMHS and SMS Wrestling Teams began practicing. They will begin match competition next week. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship 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](#), and the March Head of the Class Calendar, which you can also see by clicking [here](#), there will be a **BOE Meeting on March 16th**. In addition, please also remember that there will be **no office hours today (March 8th)** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Furthermore, please remember that the **2nd Trimester Marking Period** for students in **Grades K-5** will end on **March 17th** and **Report Cards** for those students will be issued on **March 25th**. Finally, please note 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**.



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

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