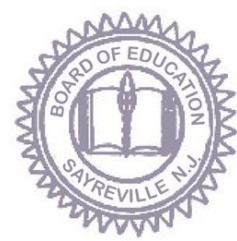




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## Talk Sup Week 25 Review and Preview

March 1, 2021

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

Along with the case that I reported to the community last Friday, over the weekend we received notification that four individuals from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) and one from the middle 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 the SUES were determined to have been in “close contact” (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes in 24 hours) with the infected person, 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](#).

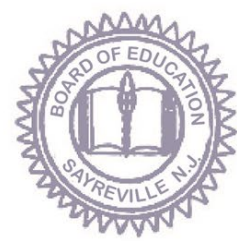
As you know, today we will expand in-person instruction in accordance with our [Restart of School Plan](#) by transitioning our students in grades **K-5** to **Phase 3**. Therefore, **today (Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>)**, **Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday** of this week, **all in-person learners in grades 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 **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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. Please remember that 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
<b>March 1</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT C</b>	<b>2</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT</b> <b>A, B, &amp; C</b>	<b>March 3</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>4</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT</b> <b>A, B, &amp; C</b>	<b>5</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT C</b>
<b>March 8</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT C</b>	<b>9</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT</b> <b>A, B, &amp; C</b>	<b>March 10</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>11</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT</b> <b>A, B, &amp; C</b>	<b>12</b> <b>PreK-5 PHASE 3</b> <b>6-12 COHORT C</b>



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<b>March 15</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>16</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>March 17</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>18</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>19</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>
<b>March 22</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>23</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>March 24</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>25</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>26</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>
<b>March 29</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>30</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>March 31</b> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	<b>April 1</b> <b>PreK-12 PHASE 3</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Schools Closed for Spring Break</b>

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

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](#).

However, please also remember that due the rapidly decreasing number of people participating in our testing program, **beginning next week testing will only be offered once a week on Wednesdays from 12:30 – 5:30 pm for both staff and students, along with their residing family members**. Below please find the **revised** upcoming testing dates for March.

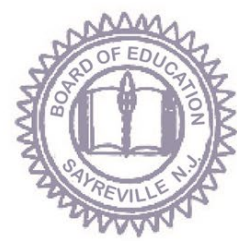
- Wednesday, March 2, 2021 (12:30 – **5:30 pm** for **staff & family/students & family**)
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021 (12:30 – **5:30 pm** for **staff & family/students & family**)
- Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (12:30 – **5:30 pm** for **staff & family/students & family**)
- Wednesday, March 24, 2021 (12:30 – **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.



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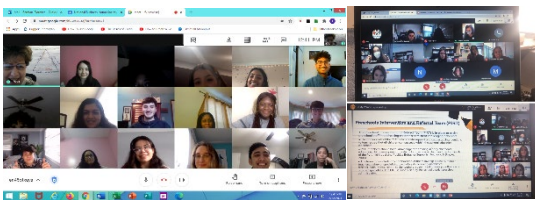
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Tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During the meeting, the district will ask the Board of Education to approve the 2021-22 Tentative School District Budget. 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](#).

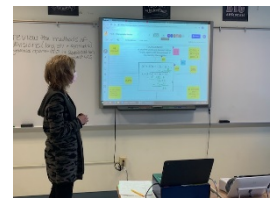


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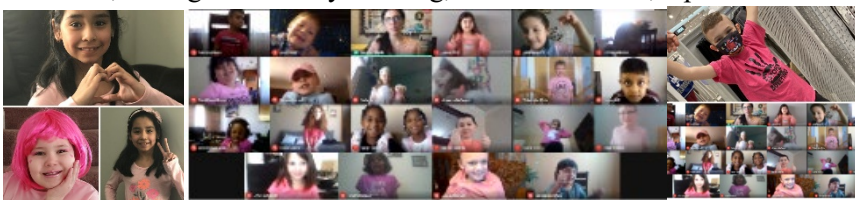
If you were not aware, next year the Sayreville Middle School will offer a **Unified Elective Program** for any interested students in grades 6-8. Those interested will be eligible to participate in the following Unified Electives Courses with students in our special education program: **Unified Theatrical Arts, Technology, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM), and Art**. Interested students and their parents are invited to attend a **virtual or online parent information session** this **Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm** to learn more about each unified elective course. The following is the link to join it: <https://meet.google.com/ita-cbgr-xuf>. Click [here](#) for more information.



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, 23 students were inducted into the Computer Honor Society (CSHS). The CSHS recognizes



students that have demonstrated excellence and achievement in computer science. To see the presentation, click [here](#). Likewise, during its monthly meeting, Melissa Couden, a professor from Berkeley College spoke to students in the



SWMHS Business Honors Society about current business jobs that are in high demand. In addition, Ms. Berman, a SWMHS Business Teacher, spoke about Forensic Accounting and shared her experiences in actual cases that she

investigated. Ms. Prignoli and her math students also got into the action by participating in a four square polynomial division activity on a virtual Jamboard. I am not quite sure what that is, but it sounded like fun! ☺ At the Arleth School, students demonstrated their kindness and school spirit by standing up to bullying during Pink Shirt Day. In



Project Before, students had a blast learning about the five senses. In fact, students made headbands and called one another on string telephones to learn about hearing, sorted shapes to test their sense of sight, wrote their names in shaving cream to explore their sense of touch, and snacked on some delicious popcorn to examine



their sense of taste. Finally, at SUES, students in Ms. Soares' class took a break to listen to an awesome guitar jam by classmate Matthew Brown. Check it out by clicking [here](#). Move over Bon Jovi!



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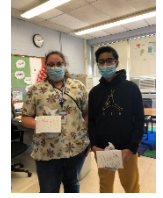


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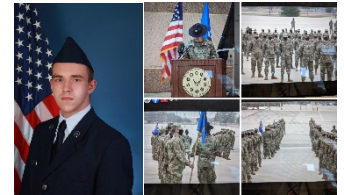
This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and thanking SWMHS senior Cody Bouchard for his outstanding work and demonstration of community through his construction of a huge Scrabble Board that he built for his Eagle Scout project and which he will donate to the district's 18-21 year old program. Likewise, we commend and thank SWMHS National Honor Society



Member Dev Shah for taking the time to thank and delivery a special gift to Nurse Kukuvka from Project Before, as



part of their campaign to honor and salute essential healthcare workers. In addition, we congratulate Mr. Isabella, a Physical Education Teacher from SWMHS, who was named the Teacher of the Month of February at SWMHS. Finally, we commend and congratulate SWMHS Class of 2020 graduate Colin Denby, who graduated from his United States Air Force Basic Training program last week. HUA! 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 Girls Bowling Team, which improved its overall record on the season to 10-1 with impressive wins over Woodbridge, Piscataway, and South Plainfield High Schools. Furthermore, we congratulate all the seniors on both the Boys and Girls Bowling Team.



Likewise, although they came up just short of victory, we also congratulate the senior players on the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team, who battled against Woodbridge High School during their Senior Night on Saturday. 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](#), during the month of **March**, please note that there will be **BOE Meetings** tomorrow (**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**) and on **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, please also remember that there will be **no office hours** on **March 8<sup>th</sup>** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Furthermore, please remember that the **3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Progress** for students in grades **6-12** will be issued on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the **2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Marking Period** for students in **Grades K-5** will end on

MARCH 2021		MARCH 2021	
DATE	EVENTS	DATE	EVENTS
2/28	BOE Meeting	3/1	BOE Meeting
3/1	BOE Meeting	3/2	BOE Meeting
3/2	BOE Meeting	3/3	BOE Meeting
3/3	BOE Meeting	3/4	BOE Meeting
3/4	BOE Meeting	3/5	BOE Meeting
3/5	BOE Meeting	3/6	BOE Meeting
3/6	BOE Meeting	3/7	BOE Meeting
3/7	BOE Meeting	3/8	BOE Meeting
3/8	BOE Meeting	3/9	BOE Meeting
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3/10	BOE Meeting	3/11	BOE Meeting
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3/29	BOE Meeting	3/30	BOE Meeting
3/30	BOE Meeting	3/31	BOE Meeting

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Report Cards** for those students will be issued on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** through **April 9<sup>th</sup>**.



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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](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.](#)**

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