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Talk Sup Week 35 Review and Preview

May 17, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please remember that this afternoon **students will be dismissed early** so that our staff can participate in professional development.

I am pleased to report that next year the **school district will pilot providing subscription busing for students who live within 2.0 miles of the middle school and 2.5 miles of the high school**. As some of you may know, for the past several years, parent volunteers have had a very difficult time finding a vendor to perform subscription busing for these students. Although they were able to get Wehrle Bus Services, which is no longer in business, and Durham School Services, to perform it over the past several years, this current year, no vendors, including Durham, were interested in providing the service. Therefore, rather than not being able to offer a transportation alternative for the parents of these students next year, since the school district budgeted for the purchase of three new buses next year and thus will now have the capacity to provide this service, we have decided to pilot performing subscription busing ourselves next year. In doing so, we did our best to provide the lowest cost possible, which at **\$450 per student for the school year**, is significantly lower than the \$600 that Durham provided it for last year, and the \$500 that Wehrle was charging for it several years before them. In addition, in accordance with New Jersey statute and NJDOE regulations, **we will not be charging students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch**. However, **students who owe money to the district for any reason, including for unpaid meals during the 2019-20 and previous school years, will not be eligible to receive the service until their debts are paid in full**. Finally, while we will do our best to accommodate all applicants, **we will prioritize seats for those students who live the furthest from their respective school**. To apply for a 2021-22 subscription bus seat, click [here](#). To learn more about this pilot program offering, click [here](#), or go to the [Transportation Page](#) of our [website](#).

Over the weekend, we received notification that one individual from the high school has 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, no individuals were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected person. 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](#).

This week, all in-person learners in preschool through 12th grade, will continue to participate in Phase 4 of our [Restart of School Plan](#), which is essentially full school days of in-person instruction for five days per week. Thus, all students will participate in full periods of instruction whether they are doing so remotely or in-person. Below please find the calendar for May and June.

MAY/JUNE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17 Early dismissal for students so	18 PreK-12 PHASE 4	19 PreK-12 PHASE 4	20 PreK-12 PHASE 4	21 PreK-12 PHASE 4

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31 Schools Closed in Observance of Memorial Day PreK-12 PHASE 4	June 1 PreK-12 PHASE 4	2 PreK-12 PHASE 4	3 PreK-12 PHASE 4	4 PreK-12 PHASE 4
7 PreK-12 PHASE 4	8 PreK-12 PHASE 4	9 PreK-12 PHASE 4	10 PreK-12 PHASE 4	11 PreK-12 PHASE 4
14 PreK-12 PHASE 4	15 PreK-12 PHASE 4	16 Early dismissal for students and staff PreK-12 PHASE 4	17 Early dismissal for students and staff 8 th Grade Promotion PreK-12 PHASE 4	18 Early dismissal for students and staff 12 th Grade Graduation Last Day of School for students PreK-12 PHASE 4
21 Last Day of School for 10 month faculty	22	23	24	25

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

As I am sure that you heard, last week the Center for Disease Control (CDC) revised its recommendations on mask wearing for people who have completed the vaccination cycle. While this news is certainly very promising, please understand that we are not permitted to relax our mask wearing policies until we receive direction from Governor Murphy and/or the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). Therefore, for now, **mask wearing will continue to be mandatory for all students, staff, and visitors while on school property unless for special circumstances, such as the participation in aerobic athletic or instrumental/vocal music activities.**

On a similar note, I am thrilled to report to you that we will be partnering with the Parlin Pharmacy in Sayreville to provide a **mobile Pfizer 12-18 year old student vaccination program at the high school during after school hours beginning next week**. I will be sharing more information on this later this week. In the meantime, parents can

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begin registering their children online by clicking [here](#) or by going to the [Parlin Pharmacy](#) website. Also, **beginning this Tuesday anyone 12 years of age and older can walk into the Parlin Pharmacy at any time during store hours to receive a Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson Vaccine.** In fact, those who do will receive a **free appetizer coupon from Bubba's 33 and Texas Roadhouse.**

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, 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)
- **Friday, May 28, 2021 (2:30 – 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the Senior Trip)**
- Wednesday, June 2, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- **Monday, June 7, 2021 (2:30 – 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the 8th Grade Dance and Junior Prom)**
- **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 (2:30 – 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the Junior Prom and Senior Prom)**
- Wednesday, June 9, 2021 (2:30 – **7:30** pm for staff & family/students & family and **students who will be attending the Senior Prom.**)
- Wednesday, June 16, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)

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 Board of Education (BOE) and Central Administration will be joined by almost two dozen 5th graders from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) as part of the annual “Let the Children Lead” program. During this very popular and unique activity, the selected 5th grade students will actually perform in the capacity of a specific board of education member or administrator. Thus, except for a few occasions, the 5th grade representatives for each, including Ms. Coglianese, Principal of SUES, and Mr. Tola, Assistant Principal of SUES, will vote and comment publicly on behalf of the BOE member or administrator that they will represent. During the presentation portion of the meeting, Mr. Quinby, English Teacher at SWMHS, will be making a brief virtual presentation on the International Society at the high school. 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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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 the Sayreville Middle



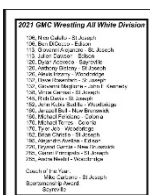
School, I joined the administration in honoring 8th grader Barry Muller, who was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship upon receiving the National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award. Likewise, I joined the middle school administration and Competition Cheer Team as they celebrated in style the squads recent New Jersey Cheer and Dance Coaches Association State Championship with an ice cream truck. At the Truman School, students and staff began their A-Z Countdown by celebrating Animal Day in which they wore animal prints or a shirt with their favorite animal on it, and then participated in a Beautification Day, where they cleaned up the school grounds and planted flowers. Similarly, at SWMHS, the Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets volunteered their time a couple of weeks ago to clean up and beautify Kennedy Park. Lastly, students at the high school continued to practice and prepare for the Bombers Unified Soccer Tournament on June 10th.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating SWMHS art students Ali Waseem and Tetyana Labovka, who were selected to be the May Ceramic Artists of the Month. We also congratulate and commend



Arleth School 3rd grader Engjell Pekmezi, who won the Christ Church of South Amboy Mothers' Day Essay Contest. Likewise, we congratulate and commend all the students in Mrs. Tutela's class at SUES for winning two "Achieve 3000 Read to Succeed" contests. Finally, we thank and commend the members of our Transportation Department for raising the newest member of our Bomber Family. Tweet, tweet! 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 congratulate SWMHS senior wrestler Dylan Acevedo, who was named to the Greater Middlesex County All White Division Team last week. In addition, the SWMHS Boys Tennis Team continued to demonstrate their dominance by defeating South Plainfield and Perth Amboy High Schools, which improved their record this season to 9-2. The SWMHS Baseball Team also improved its record on the season to



5-6 with impressive wins last week over John F. Kennedy and St. Thomas Aquinas High Schools. Likewise, the SWMHS Softball Team defeated North Brunswick last week to improve their record to 5-8. Lastly, led by Sean Wilson, Leah White, and Zaimir Wright, who each won their respective races, the SWMHS Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams performed very impressively during this past weekend's Metuchen Invitational Track Meet. Win or lose, all our amazing student



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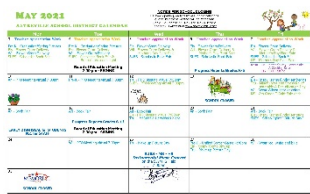
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athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our 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](#).

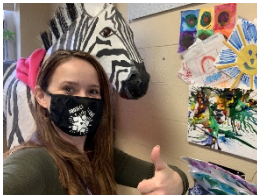


If you are the parent of a 2021 SWMHS senior, please remember that Coach Cifelli and the Sayreville Boys Soccer Team are providing Class of 2021 SWMHS graduating seniors and their parents with the opportunity to purchase, signs, flags, and t-shirts commemorating our soon to be graduates. Students and parents can purchase "Once a Bomber, Always a Bomber" t-shirts (\$12) in blue or gray, graduation yard signs (\$12) and Bomber Country flags (\$15) by emailing Coach Cifelli at nicholas.cifelli@sayrevillek12.net.



As per our 2020-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), and the May Head of the Class Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), please remember that there will be a **BOE Meeting** tomorrow (**May 18th**). In addition, please remember that our **schools will be closed** and there will be **no in-person nor virtual instruction** on **May 31st** in observance of Memorial Day. Likewise, **students will be dismissed early** today (**May 17th**) so that our staff can participate in professional

development.



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](#).

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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