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Talk Sup Week 36 Review and Preview

May 24, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please **note that due to the extreme heat being predicted for this Wednesday, May 26th, we will dismiss students, faculty, and instructional staff early.** Furthermore, we are monitoring the weather for Thursday, May 27th, as if the forecasted temperatures for it rise to 90 degrees, we will dismiss students early then too. I apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause but with our students and staff still being required to wear masks indoors by the New Jersey Department of Health, the climate in our buildings, particularly on second floors, will be unsafe.

Over the weekend, we received notification that an individual from the Project Before at Cheesequake 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
24 PreK-12 PHASE 4	25 PreK-12 PHASE 4	26 Early dismissal for students and staff due to extreme heat PreK-12 PHASE 4	27 PreK-12 PHASE 4	28 PreK-12 PHASE 4
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
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PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	Early dismissal for students and staff PreK-12 PHASE 4	Early dismissal for students and staff 8 th Grade Promotion PreK-12 PHASE 4	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](#).

Please remember that on **Wednesday, May 26th**, the Parlin Pharmacy will be administering **Pfizer vaccine shots to anyone 12 years of age and older in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria from 4 -7 pm.** Naturally, **any individuals under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian, who will need to provide signed consent for the vaccination.** Therefore, anyone interested in receiving the vaccine **must register online in advance** by clicking [here](#) or by going to the [Parlin Pharmacy](#) website. Unfortunately, for safety purposes, **no “walk-ins” will be permitted into the school.** In fact, just as we have been doing with in-district COVID-19 testing, **all registered participants must report to Cafeteria Door 22 (next to the dumpsters) at the high school,** where they will be screened by our security team before being allowed into the vaccination room.

Please also 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](#).

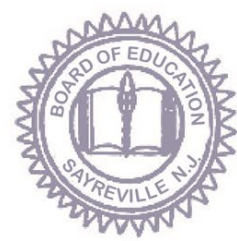
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- **Friday, May 28, 2021 (2:30 – 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the Senior Trip)**
- Wednesday, June 2, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family **In SWMHS Auxiliary Gym B**)
- **Monday, June 7, 2021 (2:30 – 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the 8th Grade Dance and Junior Prom **In SWMHS Auxiliary Gym B**)**
- **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 (2:30 – 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the Junior Prom and Senior Prom **In SWMHS Auxiliary Gym B**)**
- Wednesday, June 9, 2021 (2:30 – **7:30** pm for staff & family/students & family and students who will be attending the Senior Prom. **In SWMHS Auxiliary Gym B**)
- Wednesday, June 16, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family **In SWMHS Auxiliary Gym B**)

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Finally, please remember 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.** The cost per student will be **\$450** for the school year, but **students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch** will ride at **no cost.** 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.** 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](#).



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, May 18th, here is what you missed. During this meeting, the Board of Education (BOE) and Central Administration were 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 actually performed in the capacity of a specific board of education member or administrators. 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, voted and commented publicly on behalf of the BOE member or administrator that they represented. Stephen Farley, from



Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Gianna Pesci from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening comments and Mr. Walsh shared a few district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, Mr. Quinby, English Teacher at SWMHS, gave a brief oral presentation to the



Board and public on the International Society at the high school.

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. 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 BOE approved the 2021-22 self-insured medical, prescription, and dental benefits premium coverage rates. Due to going self-insured, medical premiums will only increase by 2 % next year, while prescription and dental premiums will remain flat with no percentage increases. In addition, the Board of Education approved the acceptance of the Full Year 2020 School Security Grant in the amount of \$347,7850. Lastly, the BOE awarded the bid for electrical and lighting upgrades at multiple schools to Belacon LLC as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$892,500, to be paid for through the funding of the ESIP Program.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved the change in location for the middle school Grade 8 Formal Dance and both the high school Junior and Senior Proms from SWMHS to the Sayreville Middle School. Likewise, among other motions, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the new Director of School Counseling Services job description. To view it, click [here](#).

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education graciously, but with a very heavy heart, accepted the retirements of the following longtime staff members: Denise Brown and

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Virginia Kania, Nurses at SWMHS; Susan Major, Secretary to the Principal at the Sayreville Middle School, and Elayna Moran, Cafeteria worker at SUES. It also appointed new non-certificated staff for the 2020-21 school year and a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Likewise, the BOE approved the employment of the SWMHS and SMS advisors and coaches for the 2021-22 school year summer, fall, and winter seasons with their stipends for the 2021-22 school year. In addition, the BOE approved the employment renewal of the certificated administrators and faculty, as well as non-certificated paraprofessionals for the 2021-22 school year. Furthermore, it approved the retroactive pay for all Teamsters non-certificated staff members in accordance with the recently settled and adopted 2020-24 Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2020-21 school year. Finally, the Board approved the transfer of non-certificated staff members for the 2020-21 school year, and an administrator for the 2021-22 school year.

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Balka reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Walsh for the last Personnel Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 15th**. During it, the Board will honor and recognize the 2020-21 Governor's Educators of the Year, the SEA Support Service Professionals of the Year, and the two New Jersey Elementary Educators of the Year recipients from Sayreville. A complete copy of the **May 18th** 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 **June 15, 2021**.



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



Truman School, students enjoyed a fun Virtual Family Night as they discussed ways on how to "Be the Good." They also had a great time learning about gravity, fractions, and non living and living things, such as dinosaurs and plants. In fact, some planted flowers. In Project Before, students



had a blast participating in Fairy Tale Week, where they engaged in interactive reading. They also had had an awesome time painting and practicing for the Bomber Unified Preschool Soccer Tournament this week before cooling down with the farm animals with some water fun. At the high school, students in Mr. Gliddon's class made an electric powered motorcycle, while those in Ms. Stokes' Food Science class made mini ice cream cups. Likewise, students in Mr. Cicciari's Physics class learned about scuba diving while those in Ms. McCabe's Marine Biology Class learned about crayfish. Finally, students from several classes enjoyed a picnic in Kennedy Park.



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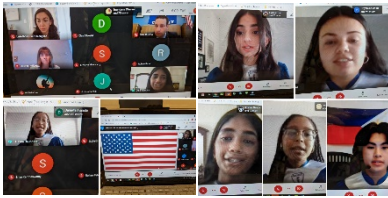
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This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the juniors and seniors from SWMHS who were inducted in the National Honor Society. Likewise, we congratulate the newly inducted members of the SWMHS Business National Honor Society. Lastly, we congratulate SWMHS freshman Jonathan Magaw for being appointed to the 2021-22 New Jersey Lions/Leo Board of Representatives. 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 won 2nd Place in the New Jersey Freestyle Wrestling Championship Tournament last week. We also congratulate senior SWMHS Boys Tennis players Ishan Porwal, Ojas Chitnis, and Abhinav Datla who qualified last week for the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic



Association (NJSIAA) Singles/Doubles Tournament in June. The SWMHS Boys Tennis Team also continued their dominance last week with victories over North Brunswick, John F. Kennedy, and Woodbridge High Schools (HS). They are now 13-2 on the season. Led by Madison Szatkowski, who batted in five runs with four hits, the SWMHS Softball team notched its 6th and 7th wins of the season last week over Perth Amboy and New Brunswick High Schools. Likewise, Ryan Anthony, Michael Colonnello, Diego Rodriguez, and Matt Abreu propelled the SWMHS Baseball Team over Colonia HS for their 6th win of the season. In addition, the following members of the SWMHS Girls and Boys Track and Field Team placed at the Greater Middlesex Conference Track Meet: Zaimer White (1st and 6th), Anthony Voto (1st and 5th), Leah White (2nd and 6th), Jaiden Emmitt (3rd and 4th), Kendra Damoah (5th), and Ryan Donnamaria (6th). Finally, the SWMHS Boys Golf Team won their third match of the season last week over Old Bridge HS. 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](#).



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. Also, if you would like to adopt a Class of 2021 Graduating Senior, click [here](#).



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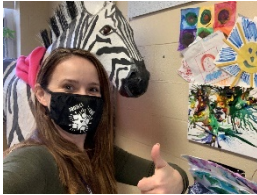
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As mentioned earlier, please remember that **all students, faculty, and instructional staff will be dismissed early** this **Wednesday, May 26th**, and potentially Thursday, May 27th due to the extreme heat being predicted. As per our 2020-21 School 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 also 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.



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