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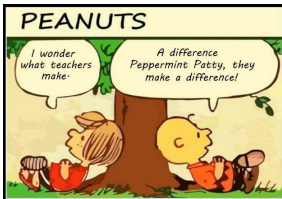
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Talk Sup Week 33 Review and Preview

May 3, 2021

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



As you may or may not know, **National Educator Appreciation Month** takes place during the entire month of May each year.

However, the majority of the festivities center on this week, which is the first full week of May. In fact, this week is commonly known as **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Moreover, the National Education Association (NEA) designates the first Tuesday (May 4th) that falls



during Teacher Appreciation Week as **National Teacher Appreciation Day**. Likewise, this Thursday, May 6th is **National School Nurses Appreciation Day**. Therefore, especially in light of **ALL** the **EXTRAORDINARY** efforts that our amazing teachers, nurses, therapists, child study team members, school counselors, media specialists, and paraprofessionals have made during this pandemic to continue learning, please consider contributing to the many activities that will take place this week and month to demonstrate appreciation for the hard-working, dedicated, and exemplary educators in Sayreville. More importantly, please take the time to express your sincere gratitude to the wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals, and educational support service providers working tirelessly to educate and develop yours and our children. On behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we would like to commend our amazing educators and thank them for **EVERYTHING** they do for **ALL** our students. They truly are **HEROES** and they simply **ROCK!**

Over the weekend we received notification that one individual from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) and one from Project Before at 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, no individuals were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected people. 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, this week, **all in-person learners in preschool through 12th grade**, 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 today, **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.” Below please find the calendar for April, May, and June.

MAY/JUNE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
May 3	4	May 5	6	7
PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4
10	11	12	13	14

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17 Early dismissal for students so that staff can participate in PD PreK-12 PHASE 4	18 PreK-12 PHASE 4	19 PreK-12 PHASE 4	20 PreK-12 PHASE 4	21 PreK-12 PHASE 4
24 PreK-12 PHASE 4	25 PreK-12 PHASE 4	26 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
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 8th Grade Promotion PreK-12 PHASE 4	18 Early dismissal for students and staff 12^h 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](#).

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](#).

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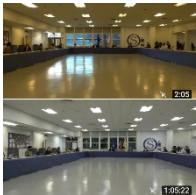
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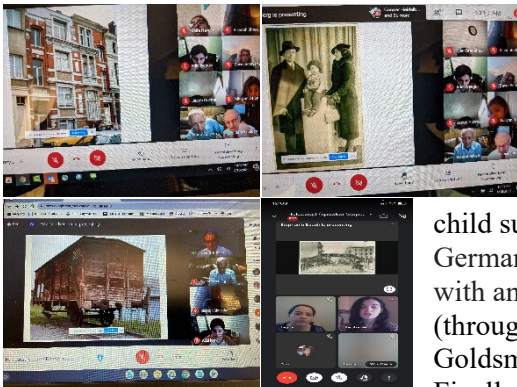
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- Wednesday, May 5, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- **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. **In SWMHS Gymnasium**)
- 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 district will hold the mandatory hearing on the 2021-22 School District Budget. In addition, the Board will recognize and honor the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Competition Cheer Team for their New Jersey Cheer and Dance Coaches

Association Championship. Likewise, it will honor the SWMHS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students who won state championships, as well as the students on the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Odyssey of the Mind Team who also won a state championship. 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](#).



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 SUES, the faculty and their special guests presented their annual Silent Holocaust Library Experience. Although this year's presentation was delivered virtually, it was still very emotional and impactful, as it once again featured first-hand accounting of a hidden

child survivor born in Holland where her family received a letter from the Germans ordering them to appear at a railroad station with one suitcase, along with another first-hand accounting of a hidden child survivor in Belgium (through the help of Catholic institutions), as told by the person himself, Daniel Goldsmith and members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 697 of Bucks County. Finally, it once again featured a second-hand accounting of a concentration

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camp survivor-as told by granddaughter, Stephanie Beach. The program, which was created several years ago by retired Sayreville teacher Adele Goldenberg, was coordinated by Special Education Teacher Gineen Morosco and several staff members from Samsel. Thus, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ms. Morosco and everyone who contributed to this very powerful learning experience for our students. Likewise, we would like to thank Phyllis Newman and Adele Goldenberg for the gracious contribution of pictures used in the Silent Holocaust Library display.

In other happening around the district, the students at the Arleth School recognized bubbles



as they celebrated Autism Awareness Month. In Project Before, our preschool students had a blast learning about



nature while celebrating Earth Day. In fact, they planted seeds and patiently waited for their caterpillars to become butterflies. They also had a ton of fun learning about hospitals, healthcare workers, and important the tasks they perform from eye exams to bandaging to performing lab work.

This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. Along with our amazing educators, we commend and congratulate SWMHS student Marcus Wilson who was recently nominated to receive the



Rebecca S. McDonald Award, which is given by the Transition Coordinators Network to ten New Jersey students who excel in the area of transition to adulthood and self-advocacy. We also congratulate SWMHS senior Benjamin



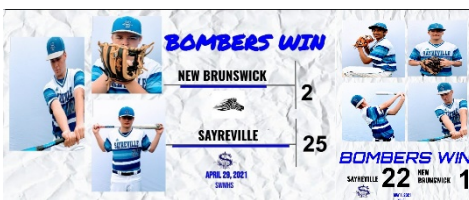
Herrick for signing a letter of intent to attend and continue his golf career at New Jersey City University. In addition, we commend and thank the SWMHS students in the Sayreville Leo's club for assisting with the preparations for this week's Social and Emotional and Mental Health Awareness Fair and to help with the wellness of the students, staff, and visitors, that come to the school for testing. Finally, we once again thank Coach Cifelli and the Sayreville Boys Soccer Team for providing Class of 2021



SWMHS graduating seniors and their parents 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.



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 Baseball Team improved its record on the season to 2-1 with a pair of wins over New Brunswick High School (HS). They were led by outstanding performances by Michael Colonnello,



Anthony D'Onofrio, Brian Zapotichny, Aayush Mehta, Evan Drepaull and Matt Corby. Likewise, the SWMHS Softball Team celebrated Senior Night and notched its first two wins of the season over Carteret and Perth Amboy

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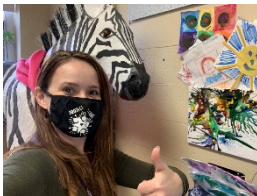


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High Schools. Finally, the SWMHS Girls Golf Team improved its season record to 5-4 with a match win over East Brunswick last week. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship 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 May Head of the Class Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), please remember that there will be **BOE Meetings** on **May 4th** and **18th**. In addition, please remember that our **schools will be closed** and there will be **no virtual instruction** on **May 13th** in observance of Eid al-Fitr and on **May 31st** in observance of Memorial Day. Likewise, **students will be dismissed early** on **May 17th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that **3rd Trimester Progress Reports** for students in grades **K-5** will be issued on **May 6th**, while **4th Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in grades **6-12** will be issued on **May 18th**.



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