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Talk Sup Week 30 Review and Preview

April 11, 2021

Good evening Sayreville! I hope you had a happy holidays and a relaxing spring break. Welcome to a special Sunday edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.

Over spring break we received notification that three individuals from the Arleth School, two from the high school, two from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), one from a private preschool, one from the Transportation Department, one from the Food Services Department, and four from the Buildings and Grounds Department 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 Food Services and Buildings and Grounds were determined to be in “close contact” with the infected people and by this time should have been 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, on **Monday, May 3rd**, we 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 then, **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.” Nonetheless, parents will continue to have the option of having their child(ren) participate in **full-time remote learning** rather than in-person instruction until the **end** of the **2020-21 school year**. Likewise, up until **Friday, April 23rd**, parents may request from their child’s **principal** that their child(ren) transition from either full-time remote learning back to in-person instruction or vice versa. Prior to spring break, our principals informed the parents of their students about how they will be expected to communicate requests to change the learning environment of their child(ren) prior to April 23rd. However, **after April 23rd**, **no changes** to the learning environment (**fulltime remote or in-person**) will be accepted. Hence, if parents want to switch their child(ren) from remote learning to in-person learning or vice versa, they will have until **April 23rd** to do so and will be **locked** into that or their child(ren)’s current learning environment until the **end** of the **2020-21 school year**. In addition, while we will still allow **in-person** students to **access** live-streamed lessons remotely, **after April 23rd**, unless students have been **directed** by the **administration** of their school to **quarantine**, if they are **not present in school** for instruction, they will be marked **absent**.

This week, **all in-person learners in preschool through 12th grade**, will continue to attend school for in-person instruction following the early dismissal schedule in accordance with Phase 3 of our Restart of School Plan. Below please find the calendar for April and May.

APRIL/MAY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12 PreK-12 PHASE 3	13 PreK-12 PHASE 3	April 14 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	April 15 PreK-12 PHASE 3	16 PreK-12 PHASE 3

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19 PreK-12 PHASE 3	20 PreK-12 PHASE 3	<u>April 21</u> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	April 22 PreK-12 PHASE 3	23 PreK-12 PHASE 3
26 PreK-12 PHASE 3	27 PreK-12 PHASE 3	<u>April 28</u> Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	April 29 PreK-12 PHASE 3	30 PreK-12 PHASE 3
May 3 PreK-12 PHASE 4	4 PreK-12 PHASE 4	<u>May 5</u> PreK-12 PHASE 4	6 PreK-12 PHASE 4	7 PreK-12 PHASE 4
10 PreK-12 PHASE 4	11 PreK-12 PHASE 4	12 PreK-12 PHASE 4	13 PreK-12 PHASE 4	14 PreK-12 PHASE 4

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, April 14, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, April 28, 2021 (12:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- 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)

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

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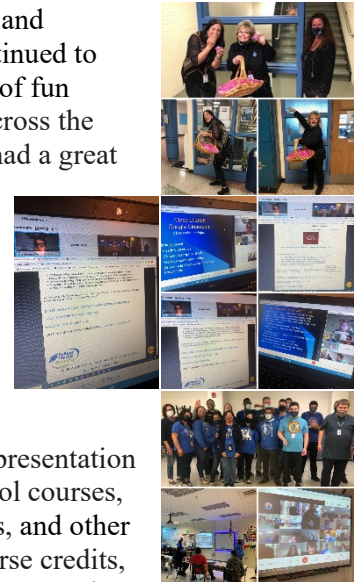
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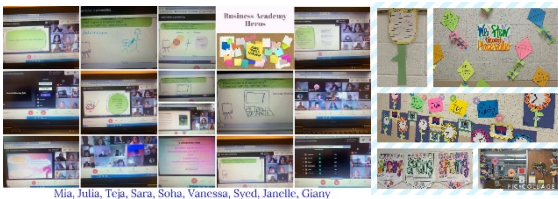
provide a warm handoff to licensed treatment providers throughout the state that offer telehealth services. To ensure successful service linkage, their staff will follow up with all callers. For more information, click [here](#) to watch a 1-minute video. If you have questions, please contact: Susan Brown, Director: browns@ubhc.rutgers.edu; or Irena Guberman, Program Manager: gubermir@ubhc.rutgers.edu.



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. Students across the district, including the high school, had a great time decorating, hiding, and participating in egg hunts. Speaking of Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS), on March 30th, Ms. Sicola, Supervisor of Guidance, Mr. Rubino, Principal, the high school



Vice Principals, and the District Curriculum Supervisors presented the Class of 2025 Parent/Student Program to well over 200 students and their parents. The presentation



included an overview of the high school courses, the prerequisites, programs, academies, and other orientation information including: course credits, the freshman schedule, graduation courses and test requirements, attendance requirements, athletic eligibility, and more. The eighth-grade students were given directions on how to choose electives in Oncourse and what to expect for the upcoming

scheduling process. The meeting presentation link, scheduling directions, list of freshman electives, and the course description book can all be found on the [SWMHS Guidance Department Webpage](#). You can access it by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) to see the Meet the School Counselors video. In addition, students in both the high school and middle school joined forces to *Light It Up Blue* and raise awareness about and acceptance of Autism, while also



playing a Kahoot game together about building community and transition. At SUES, students had a blast learning about future STEM careers, while students at the Truman School jumped for joy while participating in the *Kids Heart Challenge*, also known as *Jump Rope for Heart*. Finally, the students and staff in Project Before took the time to celebrate our incredibly talented and hard-working paraprofessionals on



Paraprofessional Day.

This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the members of the SWMHS Muslim Students Association who competed in the New Jersey Muslim Inter Scholastic Tournament (MIST), which is an annual event where teams representing schools from across the state compete in various events. Although this year the event was held virtually, the SWMHS Team and the below mentioned members performed exceptionally.

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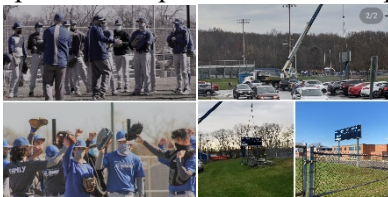
- Top Team Overall
1st Place
- Most Spirited Team
1st Place
- Top Competitors Overall
2nd Place: Muznah Aquil
- Fashion Design
1st Place: Muznah Aquil
2nd Place: Nafia Naveed
Audience Choice Award: Nafia Naveed
- Graphic Design
3rd Place: Mohamed Junaid Ghani
- Photography
Audience Choice Award: Asma Mahjabeen
- Sisters Improv
1st Place: Hadia Dutt, Muznah Aquil, Nafia Naveed, Nazifa Naveed, and Asma Mahjabeen
- Brothers Improv
2nd Place: Arsal Shaikh
- Boys Quran Recitation
2nd Place: Moezz Dutt
- Fortnite Zone Wars
3rd Place: Moezz Dutt and Nabeel Mohammad

We also commend and congratulate SWMHS senior and member of the Business Academy Abigail Chandrika on being awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

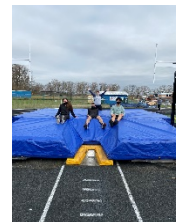


In athletics, although they did not prevail, the SWMHS Wrestling Team wrestled under the lights in Bomber Stadium last week for the first time in school history. In addition, the SWMHS Softball and Baseball Teams held intrasquad scrimmages in final preparation for the opening

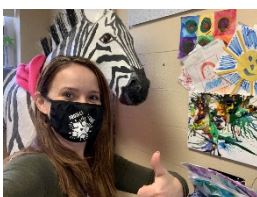
of their respective seasons this week. In fact, to culminate this, new scoreboards were installed on each field. Finally, the members of the SWMHS Girls and Boys Track Team continued to train hard for their next meet. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate 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 April Head of the Class Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), please remember that there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, April 20th**. Please also note that the **3rd Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will **end** on **April 15th** and **Report Cards** for those students will be **issued** the following week on **April 22nd**.



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

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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