

## Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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## Talk Sup Week 1 Review and Preview

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Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a happy Labor Day and a relaxing holiday weekend. If you are new to the Sayreville Public Schools, in an effort to communicate district news and information to you on a more frequent and consistent basis, several years ago I began the practice of sending the school community a weekly written broadcast message entitled *Talk Sup(erintendent) Week Review and Preview*. During these weekly messages, I will review the major school district news from the previous week and provide you with a preview of the week to come.



I would like to begin this year's first edition by once again welcoming all our staff, students and their parents back to what will be a quite challenging first few months of school, but one that we also have faith will eventually be another exciting, successful, and memorable school year. As you know, the beginning of school last Thursday and Friday was



far unlike any in history, as all our students began the school year with synchronous remote learning. Although a



good portion of our students and staff experienced some technical difficulties, which was to be expected but nevertheless still frustrating, the majority of our staff, students, and their parents expressed to us that both days were successful and productive thanks to our incredibly dedicated faculty and support staff, particularly the members of our Technology Department, led by Mr. Glock-Molloy, our Assistant Superintendent of Information, Technology and



Operations, and Mr. Waranowicz, our Director of Technology. Thus, when you consider the incredibly daunting task that they undertook to prepare an entire district for fulltime remote learning in a few months, they are to be



commended for their tireless around the clock work all summer and particularly last week. In fact, compared to last spring when we loaned out less than 300 devices to families, this August they processed requests and distributed nearly 3,000, and about half of those requests were submitted only a couple of days before the start of the school year. Furthermore, although we do realize that there are still many wrinkles that need to be ironed out on both the technology and instructional

sides, I am very confident based upon what I witnessed on Thursday and Friday, that within no time our synchronous remote learning model will be functioning at the highest level possible. In the meantime, we thank you in advance for your cooperation, understanding, and most importantly, your patience.

If you are the parent of a students who is still in need of **Wi-fi** or a **technology device** for your child(ren), and for some reason you have not yet put in a request for such, please click <u>here</u> to complete a brief survey. However, since it is so late and we have been receiving many last minute requests, please understand that <u>you may not receive the technology until **Friday**, **September 11**<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you are a parent who is food insecure or if you would just like to purchase school meals, we are currently preparing and delivering prepackaged bagged breakfasts and lunches for all</u>



our students who want such, especially those who are eligible for free and/or reduced lunch. 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 receive free and/or reduced lunch for your child, click here.



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Lastly, please make sure that you visit the <u>Parent Page</u> of our website (<u>www.sayrevillek12.net</u>). It consists of an abundance of information that you will find very helpful, particularly the <u>2020-21</u> <u>School District Calendar</u>, the <u>2020-21 Marking Period</u>, <u>Back to School Night</u>, and <u>Parent-Teacher Conference Calendars</u>, and the <u>2020-21 Our Schools Guide</u>, as well as a special <u>September 2020 Parent University flyer</u>, which lists several upcoming parent-based workshops on Google Classroom, Google Meet, Oncourse Classroom, WebEx, and Achieve 3000. To register for

any of them, click here.



In athletics, our student athletes at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) are anxiously awaiting the beginning of the fall sports season but are currently participating in Phase 3 of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Return to Play guidelines, which is all virtual. Football and field hockey players will officially begin their fall seasons this Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, while all other high school fall sports teams will begin on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding the middle fall sports season will be forthcoming later this month. To read a

great 2020 preview article on our Sayreville Bomber Football Team, click here.

In addition, as per the September Head of the Class Calendar, which you can view by clicking here, on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Board of Education Business Meeting in the SWMHS Cafeteria. It will also be live-streamed from our website. Also, during the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>, we will hold virtual Back to School Nights for each school. More information on this will be forthcoming. Likewise, please note that students will be dismissed early on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, so that our staff can participate in professional development. Therefore, there will be no office hours on this day. Finally, please remember that there will be no remote learning on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Yom Kippur.

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@savrevillek12.net**.

Have a wonderful second week of school!

Dr. Labbe