



# Sayreville Public Schools

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### Talk Sup Week 39 Review and Preview

June 14, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please remember that per the 2020-21 School District Calendar, **we will dismiss students, faculty, and instructional staff early this Wednesday through Friday (June 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>).** Likewise, please remember that the **last day of school for students will be June 18<sup>th</sup>**, while the **last day of work for 10 month instructional staff will be June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

This week both the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony**, and the **Class of 2021 Graduation Commencement Ceremony** will take place in **Bomber Stadium** at **6 pm** on **Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** respectively. There will be **no capacity limits, nor mask wearing and/or social distancing** requirements in effect for either, unless inclement weather forces them into the gymnasium. Although, based upon the advanced forecast, it is highly unlikely, in the case that one or both ceremonies takes place in the gymnasium, **two people per student** will be allowed to spectate **in the gym** while all other guests will be permitted to view the simulcast of it in the cafeteria, auditorium, or remotely elsewhere. However, **everyone in the gym, cafeteria, and auditorium** will be **required to wear masks.**

In addition, in accordance with our school security policy and procedures, **air horns** and **bags**, including **pocketbooks**, will be **prohibited** from being brought into the **stadium** or **gym**. The only exception to this will be parents of infants and toddlers who may need a bag to care for their children, and elderly and/or medically fragile guests that may need to have with them vital healthcare items. In such cases, these bags must be **clear** or **see-through**. Lastly, **pocketbooks that can be held in the palm of a hand will be permitted**. Sayreville Police officers and district campus security monitors, who will be equipped with metal detection wands, will be stationed at each gate to screen spectators and enforce these procedures.

As I reported to the community last week, several weeks ago, the Sayreville Public Schools, like every other school district in New Jersey, learned that we will be receiving grant funds from the recently released American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Grant. The purpose of this additional funding is to support school districts in preparing for and responding to the impacts of COVID-19 on educators, students, and families. However, the collaborative development of a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and the continuity of services for all schools (**Safe Return Plan**) is a requirement for all districts, including those, like Sayreville, that have already returned to in-person instruction. While our Safe Return Plan must be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and posted on our website by June 24, 2021, the district is required to seek public comment on it and take those comments into consideration when finalizing our plan.

Thus, if you have not already done so, please take the time to complete a brief survey that we have developed. You can access it by clicking **here** or below. It is designed to gather your feedback in several key areas so that our Safe Return Plan can appropriately respond to the impacts of COVID-19 on the educators, students, and families in Sayreville. **However, before doing so, please make sure you read the report.** You can access it by clicking **here**. Naturally, your responses will be ANONYMOUS. The survey will close this **Wednesday, June 16, 2021**.

There are no new COVID-19 infections to report to the community. 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

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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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 June.

JUNE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14 PreK-12 PHASE 4	15 PreK-12 PHASE 4	16 <b>Early dismissal for students and instructional staff</b> PreK-12 PHASE 4	17 <b>Early dismissal for students and instructional staff</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion PreK-12 PHASE 4	18 <b>Early dismissal for students and instructional staff</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 this **Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**, the Parlin Pharmacy will be once again administering **Pfizer vaccine shots to anyone 12 years of age and older in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Gymnasium** 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 will be doing with in-district COVID-19 testing, **all registered participants must report to the Athletic Main Entrance (main entrance closest to the gymnasium) of the high school**, where they will be screened by our security team before being allowed into the vaccination room.



In addition, please also remember that all our staff, students, and their residing family members are strongly encouraged to participate in the **last day** of free and easy-access COVID-19 **asymptomatic** testing **during the 2020-21 school year** on the date and time noted below. However, please note that **testing will now take place in the Gymnasium at the high school until the end of the school year.** Therefore, **all registered participants must report to the Athletic Main Entrance (main entrance closest to the gymnasium) of the high school**, where they



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will be screened by our security team before being directed to the **Gymnasium**. 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, June 16, 2021 (2:30 – 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family **in SWMHS Gymnasium**)

Finally, please remember that next year the school district will pilot providing subscription busing for students who live within **2.0 miles** from the **middle school** and **2.5 miles** from 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](#).

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 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. In addition, the district will be making a presentation and holding a public hearing on our [Safe Return Plan](#), which is a requirement of the new American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER). Finally, the district will be making presentations on the 2020-21 HIB Ratings and 2020-21 SSDS Data Cycles 1 & 2. 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. If you did not have the



chance to attend or see pictures from the outdoor 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Formal or the Junior and Senior Proms, all three were a grand success. In fact, having attended all three, I can tell you that I did not witness or speak to anyone not having a wonderful time. Therefore, we commend and thank the Board of Education for funding the setup of the venue; Carrie Gold, the event coordinator; our amazing class advisors and faculty/parent chaperones; the middle school PTO; and the building administration at the high school and middle school for everything they did to make all three evenings deservedly memorable for everyone who attended each function, especially our resilient students. Lastly, we commend and thank Ms. Mannino and our Food Services Department for the very delicious food they prepared

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for each event; Mr. Kolmansperger and our Buildings and Grounds Department for providing the necessary infrastructural support; and Mr. Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Mr. Sprague, School Safety and Security Specialist, as well as the Sayreville Police Department, for ensuring the safety of our students and staff throughout each event.



In other happening across this district, the students and staff at the Truman School, Eisenhower School, and Wilson School had a blast during their respective field days. Likewise, our Project Before preschoolers had a great time during their annual carnival.



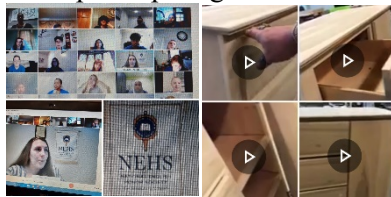
At the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students enjoyed their LEAD culminating events with



a dance party, ices from Rita's, and law enforcement presentations while 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Ms. Bartko's class dissected squid. At the Truman School, students had fun practicing yoga and



while participating in their final virtual assembly called "Tales from a Bicycle Seat," which was a cultural exploration of George Maurer's epic journal across the world. At the Arleth School, students prepared for the Bombers Unified Pep Rally and Soccer Tournament. Finally, at SWMHS, students were inducted into the English National Honor Society for the first time in school history. In addition, students in Mr. Gliddon's Wood Shop Class continued to display their amazing carpentry skills.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We congratulate and commend SWMHS senior Daniel Manson, who received a Type 2 United States Air Force ROTC scholarship and will be attending Rutgers University where he will major in Aerospace Engineering and will be a member of AFROTC Detachment 485 (Ravens' Wing). Likewise, we commend and congratulate SWMHS AFJROTC



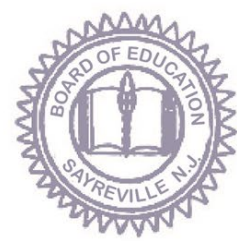
Drill Team Cadets Isabella Fattorusso, Michael Justice, Charles Malave, Eric Avallone (commander), James McQueary, and Kamila Aspiazu for their First Place performance in a recent statewide Drill Team Virtual Competition. Furthermore, we thank and commend Colonel Spare, Master Sergeant Knowlton, and all our incredible SWMHS AFJROTC Cadets for cleaning up Kennedy Park and the Duhernal Water System in Old Bridge, in which the total garbage collected was an astounding 1000+ pounds. As a result of their amazing efforts, the program and district became eligible to receive a \$500 grant. Finally, we commend and recognize the extraordinary efforts of SWMHS senior Brodie Gallagher for his persistence in lobbying state legislators to resurrect a bill, which he and his SUES classmates wrote and submitted to the state legislature seven year ago to make Salt Water Taffy the State Candy of New Jersey. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!





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In athletics, we commend and congratulate all the students and coaches who participated in the 2021 Bombers Unified Soccer Tournament and we thank Ms. Carkeek, and our



amazing faculty, support staff, and administrators that contributed to its overwhelming success. Likewise, we thank the large crowd of parents, student siblings, and staff members that came out to support these extraordinary student athletes. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS Baseball players Matt Abreu and Michael Colonnello for being named to the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) All White Division Baseball Team. Likewise, we congratulate Madison



Szatkowski for being selected to the GMC All White Division Softball Team. Finally, we congratulate and wish good luck to SWMHS Track and Field Team standouts Anthony Voto (Shot Put), Zaimer Wright (Long Jump), and Sean Wilson (1,600 meter) for advancing to the New Jersey Group 4 State Championship. 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](mailto:nicholas.cifelli@sayrevillek12.net). Also, if you would like to **adopt a Class of 2021 Graduating Senior**, click [here](#).

As per the 2020-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), and the June Head of the Class

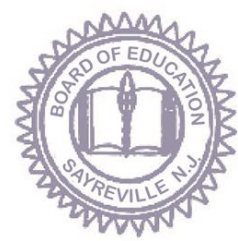


Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), please remember that the final **Board of Education Meeting** of the 2020-21 school year will be held tomorrow (**June 15<sup>th</sup>**). In addition, please note that we will **dismiss students early on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Likewise, please remember that the **last day of school for students will be June 18<sup>th</sup>**, while the **last day of work for 10 month instructional staff will be June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Finally, please note that **end of the Grades K-5 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester** and the **Grades 6-12 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period** will be on **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, and as a result, **Report Cards** for students in grades **K-5** will be issued on **June 21<sup>st</sup>** and on **June 25<sup>th</sup>** for students in grades **6-12**.



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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](http://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](#).

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe