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Talk Sup Week 20 Review and Preview January 27, 2020

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Remember that we will be sending home **progress reports** for students who are experiencing challenges in **grades K-5 on Friday, January 31st**.



While I was unable to attend, last Wednesday evening the district held the 2020 SWMHS Class of 2024 Freshman Orientation and Advanced Placement (AP) Night. During Freshman Orientation, unlike in the past, this year the 8th grade students enjoyed the first ever Freshmen Tip Off Boys Varsity basketball game, while their parents attended a presentation in



the media center. During the presentation, the SWMHS Administration, Guidance Department, and District Supervisors reviewed with the parents who took the time to attend, the SWMHS graduation requirements, scheduling, available courses, and general high school information. Click [here](#) to see the slide show presentation. Likewise, although 9th grade students are not permitted to take advanced placement courses, during AP Night the aforementioned staff provided an overview of our AP program available for students in grades 10-12 in order for these students and their parents to learn more now about the AP courses offered, as well as their course rigor. Click [here](#) to see the AP Night presentation.



In other happenings in our schools this past week, at SWMHS the Foundations of Human Behavior Class attended a field trip to the Modern Museum of Arts in NYC. All of the students were impressed and truly moved by the art in some way or another and were able to come away with lasting impressions that could only come from such a special trip. In



addition, of their



several students at the middle school visited Mr. Caruso's Instrumental Music Class to try out different instruments. Lastly, middle school students who visited the media center last week participated in National Shelfie Day. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), the students enjoyed the Winter Band and Chorus Concert. It was magnificent! Finally, at the Truman Elementary School, the beautiful Svetlana, their therapy dog, made her round of classroom visits to assist students with their reading.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, January 21st, here is what you missed. After Mr. Ciak's opening BOE President remarks about the 2020-21 Budget development process and the 2018-19 Comprehensive Annual Fiscal Report (CAFR) and Auditor Management Report, and Mr. Esposito's opening statements, which included the district highlights, Stephen Farley from SWMHS and Abigail Maher from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS),



provided their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. During the presentation

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portion of the meeting, the district began publicly reviewing and discussing the 2020-21 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: [SWMHS](#), [Sayreville Middle School \(SMS\)](#), [Samsel Upper Elementary School \(SUES\) and all K-3 School, Curriculum and Instruction](#), and [Athletics](#). After each building principal, Ms. Badami, Director of Athletics, and Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of

Curriculum and Instruction, gave their respective presentations, they joined the Board at their table for robust conversations about their respective budget needs and wants. Click on each presentation to view them. To see all the information presented and/or provided thus far on 2020-21 Budget, click [here](#). In addition, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, provided a brief summary of the 2018-19 CAFR and Auditor's Management Report. To see her presentation, click [here](#).



The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved all of them. 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 Board approved the aforementioned 2018-2019 CAFR, which included the annual audit as prepared by Suplee, Clooney & Company. The Board also approved the submission of the educational improvements and associated repairs at each school in the district, including the Jesse Selover School to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) for review and approval as "school facilities projects" with debt service aid state funding which is consistent with the district's 2019 approved long range facilities plan. Further, the BOE authorized the Spiezle Architectural Group to make the submission to the Department of Education on behalf of the district.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved of the participation of 11 SWMHS students and 1 alternate, along with 27 SMS students in the Middlesex County Arts High School and Middle School Programs 2020. It also approved the inclusion of an English Language Arts National Honor Society at SWMHS under the supervision of Theresa Chuntz. On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the reappointment of Lori Ann Dobrzynski, Media Specialist at SMS, by the Borough of Sayreville Mayor and Council to serve as a Trustee for the Sayreville Public Library for a one-year term (2020).

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2019-20 school year and the transfer of a non-certificated staff member for the 2019-20 school year. Additionally, it approved the appointment of teachers from each school to be a 2019-20 Teacher Leader Network Coordinator, in which this year they will lead efforts to reduce chronic student absenteeism.

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. In addition, Mr. Ciak discussed the status on several key education bills that were either recently signed into law or vetoed by Governor Murphy.

The next meeting on **Tuesday, February 4th**. During it, the district will resume discussions on the 2020-21 Budget with the following presentations: Special Education, Technology, and Transportation. A complete copy of the **January 21st** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **February 4, 2020**.

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This week our students, their parents, and our staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We commend the fierce dedication of the incredible Sayreville Band Parents Association, particularly the Executive Board, on their very successful first clothing drive of the year. Despite being soaked to the bone due to the heavy rain and winds that they had to endure while receiving bags of clothing from cars and taking them back into SWMHS, as well as when taking those bags back out of the school to load on a truck, they proudly collected many bags of clothing for the people in our community in need and also helped to make a better band program. If you are not aware, the Band Parents Association works tirelessly behind the scenes to make the marching and concert band programs what they are today. In addition, we once again commend the amazing students in the SWMHS Student Council and their wonderful faculty advisors who were hard at work last week donating toiletries to the Blessing Bag for homeless families in our community. Bomber Nation salutes and thanks these and all our students, their parents and our staff for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, the SWMHS Wrestling Team, which last week clinched the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Championship for the 3rd consecutive year, improved its record on the season to 17-3 with big victories of Old Bridge, Princeton, Perth Amboy, and Delaware Valley High Schools last week. We also congratulate the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team, which improved its record to 10-6 with wins over Edison, John F. Kennedy, and North Brunswick High Schools (HS) last week. They have won seven out of their last nine games. In addition, we once



again congratulate SWMHS sophomore bowler Brian Pawelek, who placed 5th overall in the GMC Individuals Tournament. Likewise, in swimming we commend Damian Lech on his 6th Place finish in 50 meter freestyle and 5th Place finish in the 100M freestyle swims, Henry Lynch on his 7th Place finishes in the 100M fly and 100M breaststroke swims, at the GMC Swimming Championships. Furthermore, we congratulate Henry Lynch for breaking the SWMHS 100M Breaststroke record with a time of 1:05.17, and Kyle Barreiro, Henry Lynch, Daanyal Syed, and Damian Lech for breaking the SWMHS 200M Medley Relay record at the County Championships with a best time of 1:49.09. Lastly, we congratulate our Bomber Competition



Cheer Team for winning the Jackson Liberty Cheer Competition yesterday afternoon. 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. To see this week's high school and middle school athletics schedule, click [here](#). Go Bombers!



As per the January Head of the Class Calendar, remember that we will send home **progress reports** for students who are experiencing challenges in **grades K-5** on **January 31st**.

The parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 to being preschool and 5 to begin kindergarten by September 30, 2020**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register for our **free full-day Project Before Preschool or Kindergarten** programs via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration is clearly identified on our district website homepage (www.sayrevillek12.net) as "**Student**



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Registration". Once on this registration page, parents can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students, including preschool and kindergarten students, and they can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following appropriate links noted in the 2020-2021 Project Before and Kindergarten text box: **Students New to Sayreville: New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten** or **Returning Students: Returning Student Enrollment Update, Grades PreK and Kindergarten.**

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 day and fantastic week.

Dr. Labbe