

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 18 Review and Preview January 20, 2020

Good morning Sayreville and happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup Review and Preview. Remember that today our schools are closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



As noted above, our schools are closed today in observance and recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Therefore, if you have the chance, please take a moment today to reflect upon and to discuss with your family the amazing accomplishments of Dr. King and the profound impact he has had on our nation and culture, particularly how he taught us how to appreciate the differences in others and to protest peacefully against prejudice and discrimination so as to ensure equality and equity for all citizens of our great country,

particularly people of color.



Last Wednesday, Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) students in the RUBY (Rutgers University Business for Youth) Program visited the Rutgers Business School in Piscataway. During their visit, they worked on a business plan activity and put together the various components of such a plan. The goals of the business plan activity were to give students an understanding of the complexity of the business world; provide students with an opportunity to experience how different parts of a business work together; and to develop the leadership,

teamwork, and other soft skills while working collaboratively toward their targeted business goals. Bomber Nation salutes them!



Last Wednesday I had the privilege to attend the Senior Night SWMHS and East Brunswick High School Swim Match at the Community Learning Center Pool in Sayreville. Although both the Girls and Boys Teams fell short of victory, the evening was still a grand success for the SWMHS high school senior swimmers and their proud and



supportive parents. Thank you to Coaches Andrew Rice and Lauren Gassman for coordinating such a memorable experience for all our swimmers, particularly the seniors. Naturally, we congratulate our swimmers, particularly the seniors, on yet another strong season and thank them for the impeccable manner in which they have represented SWMHS and the greater community.



Last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday students from the Sayreville Middle School performed the musical Seussical the Musical in the SWMHS auditorium. It was the 15th annual musical production led by Joyce Campbell and Patsy Palma, both of whom are teachers of music at the middle school. Through dedicated fundraising, the students that took part in this unbelievable theatrical experience had the privilege of participating in a Broadway-like show with all the



amenities. In fact, rather than recorded music, the music for the production was actually performed by a pit orchestra, which included several SWMHS student musicians. Furthermore, the sets and costumes were vibrant, authentic, and parallel to that of which you would see in a Broadway show. Moreover the acting, singing, and dancing performed by our middle school students was incredibly impressive and quite inspiring. It was clear in the performances of all our

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students that they and the wonderful middle school staff that assisted them, worked tirelessly during the first four months of the school year to prepare this masterpiece. Thus, Bomber Nation salutes and thanks everyone who took part in this magical production. Bravo!



In other happenings in our schools this past week, last Friday, the NJ Historically Black College and University Club did a presentation for students at SWMHS. The presentation included information about the historically black colleges and universities, the application process, SAT and ACT testing, financial aid, college life, and many other important topics. The presenters included SWMHS alum, Madison Metivier, as well as several other New Jersey



college students. The program was coordinated by Atiyah Conry, Computers Teacher at SWMHS, Ms. Sicola, Supervisor of Guidance, and the school counselors in the SWMHS Guidance Department. In addition, SWMHS students in the TIGS program had an incredible time at the Lindsey Meyers Teen Institute (LMTI) Prom. In Project Before, our preschool staff, students, and their parents had a ton of fun participating in Yoga Night. Namaste! At the



Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), students enjoyed an extraordinary mathematics presentation by Brian Richards called "Mathematical Magic, Comedy and Fun." Additionally, at the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), students in Ms. Ramalhosa studied sales tax, markups and discounts. Finally, at the Truman Elementary School, students in Ms. Greene's class exchanged emails and letters with their pen pals from Oklahoma and the Philippines.





This week our students and staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We commend and congratulate the following six SWMHS students who recently earned the NJ Department of Eduation Seal of Biliteracy for demonstrating fluency in a second language: Shanya Cordero, Elan Calcano, Sierra Farrell, Vanessa Arteaga-Gonzalez, Arianna Plaza, and Daniil Tanasiychuk. Furthermore, we congratulate the SWMHS seniors on the Word Wight Team who

placed 15th out of 187 teams across the nation in the United States Word Wright Challenge. Bomber Nation salutes and thanks these and all our students and staff for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, we congratulate the SWMHS Wrestling Team for winning the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Championship for the 3rd consecutive year, which is nothing less than an amazing accomplishment! Moreover, they improved their record on the season to 13-2-1 and are currently on a 9-match win streak. We also congratulate the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team, which improved its record to 7-6 with tight and Woodbridge High Schools (US) last work. The Days Basketball Team



wins over New Brunswick and Woodbridge High Schools (HS) last week. The Boys Basketball Team also earned a



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victory last week over Woodbridge HS. Lastly, we congratulate SWMHS bowler Brian Pawelek, who bowled a 797 series in the GMC Individuals Tournament. 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 <u>here</u>.

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As per the January Head of the Class Calendar, remember that **tomorrow** (January 21st) evening at 7:30 pm there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the **SWMHS Cafeteria**. During the meeting, we will begin publicly reviewing and discussing the 2020-21 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: Individual Schools, Curriculum and Instruction, and Athletics. In addition, we will provide a brief summary of the 2018-19 Comprehensive Annual Fiscal Report and Auditor's Report. Finally, please remember that we will send home **progress reports** for students who are experiencing challenges in **grades K-5** on **January 31**st.

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 <u>free full-day</u> 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 (<u>www.sayrevillek12.net</u>) as "<u>Student</u> <u>Registration</u>". 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: <u>Students New to Sayreville: New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten</u> or <u>Returning Students: Returning Student Enrollment Update, Grades PreK and Kindergarten.</u>

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 day and fantastic week.

Dr. Labbe