

## Sayreville Public Schools

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## Talk Sup Week 21 Review and Preview

February 3, 2020

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend and enjoyed the Super Bowl. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup Review and Preview. This week officially marks the second half of the school year.



Last Friday I had the honor to attend the 2019 Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Marching Band and Color Guard Banquet. During the banquet, Dr. Caruso, Ms. DiPaolo, Ms. Campbell, and Ms. Cruz took the time to celebrate yet another magnificent season, recognize their amazing student musicians and performers, and honor their extremely dedicated assistants and incredibly supportive parents. In addition, Dr. Caruso publicly thanked the Sayreville Band Parent Association, particularly Co-Presidents Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Block, and all the members of the Executive Board for everything they have done and continue to do to make the program the success

it is today. Furthermore, he and all who attended paid a special tribute to Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Cruz, who will be leaving the organization at the conclusion of this year, for their commitment and dedication to the band program over the past seven years. We commend and thank Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Cruz, Mrs. Block and all our Band Parent Association members for taking the time to meticulously plan the banquet, and for all the assistance, support, and encouragement that they provided to our student musicians and performers this fall season. Finally, we congratulate these student musicians and performers for another highly successful season and commend them for the manner in which they represented the high school and our school district.





Similarly, while I was not able to attend, the SWMHS Girls Soccer Team also held their banquet to celebrate the 2019 season, in which, while their record may not have shown it, competed very fiercely throughout the season. In addition, several players on the team achieved Middlesex County and state recognition. In fact, some will actually be signing letters of intent to attend and play soccer in college this Wednesday morning. We commend and thank Coach McGarry, her assistant coaches, and all the parents who assisted them in planning the banquet. Likewise, we thank them

for all the assistance, support, and encouragement that they provided to our student athletes this fall season. Finally, we congratulate these student athletes for another strong season and commend them for the manner in which they represented the high school and our school district.



In other happenings in our schools last week, our preschool students and staff in Project Before made and sent personalized Valentine's Day cards to the brave women and men in our armed services as part of the "Valentines for the Troops Drive." In addition, they practiced their reading expression during "Buddy Reading." At the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), some 4<sup>th</sup> grade students were visited by three very special parents who work in the electrical



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field to teach them about electricity and electrical safety. They also talked about the math and science knowledge needed to work in this vocational field. SUES and Bomber Nation commends and thanks Mr. Sammartino, Mr. Berecsky, and Mr. Bronne for taking precious time from their jobs and family to share their wealth of knowledge with our students and staff. At the Truman Elementary School the 2nd and 3rd grade students worked hard throughout the week preparing for their play, "The Golden Goose," which they performed masterfully last Friday. Additionally, other students in Mr.



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Russ's 3rd grade classroom at Truman designed and built spaceships that we firmly believe could actually land on Mars. Finally, at SWMHS, several students visited Nunzio's Kitchen to enjoy a meal and explore the culinary vocation.



This week our students, their parents, and our staff continued to impress us with their amazing



accomplishments. We commend and congratulate Mrs. Kim Thornton, Teacher at the Truman School, who was selected as a member of the 2020 Class of Teachers that Make Magic. Her name and story was announced on radio station Magic 98.3 last week. In addition, our commendations and congrats go out to SWMHS art students Tisha



Madhok (Honorable Mention), Ian Kelly (Silver Key Award), Jair Velez (Gold Key Award)

who won awards through the Annual Scholastic Art Competition. Jair's work has been advanced to the national level of adjudication in NYC. We also congratulate and thank the students from SUES who were recently recognized as



students who most resemble the character education pillar of "FAIR" during a luncheon in which Ms. Taylor, PE Teacher at SUES, was the guest speaker. Likewise, we commend and thank the students from SUES and the Eisenhower Elementary School who donated food and participated in the Soup-er Bowl food charity drive for those in need 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, we commend and congratulate the SWMHS Girls and Boys Indoor Track Teams on their Greater Middlesex County White Division Championships. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive championship for the Boys Team and the 5<sup>th</sup> straight title for the Girls. Furthermore, Ruth Itua won the 400 Meter Race, and Abraham Benson won the Shot Put. In addition, Samantha Kamara won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Shot Put, Leah White took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 55 M Hurdles,





which Miranda Porta also finished in 5<sup>th</sup> Place in, and Tommy Lewis took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 800 M Race. Likewise, we congratulate Middle School wrestler Andrew Bouchard on becoming a Tri-County Champion. This is the first time in 7 years that a Sayreville wrestler has been crowned a Tri-County Champion. Speaking of Wrestling, the SWMHS Wrestling team won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the GMC Wrestling



Tournament last weekend. Seniors Dylan Acevedo, Joey Porcaro, and Vincent Rebak

all took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place individual honors. In fact, Vincent actually recorded 4 pins within a 6.08 minute time period! In addition, we Congratulate the SWMHS Boys Bowling Team for upsetting 5th seeded John P Stevens High School (HS) in the first round of the GMC Team Tournament last week. Finally, both the

Plainfield HS while the Boys Team was victorious over highly ranked Colonia HS and Metuchen HS. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the

SWMHS Boys and Girls Basketball Teams won big games last week. The Girls Team defeated South





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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 February Head of the Class Calendar, there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** tomorrow (**Tuesday**, **February 4**<sup>th</sup>) in the **SWMHS Cafeteria at 7:30 pm**. During it, the district will resume discussions on the 2020-21 Budget with the following presentations: Special Education, Technology, and Transportation. In addition, it will feature a presentation by an Honors Chemistry Class Teacher at SWMHS and several of her students on the current instructional collaboration that they have been participating in with the Ashland Corporation. To see the agenda for this meeting, click <a href="here">here</a>. Likewise, there will be a second BOE Meeting of the month on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early on February 10**<sup>th</sup> so that our staff can participate in professional development and our **schools will be closed on February 17**<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Presidents' Day. Finally, please note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period for students in grades 6-12 will end on February 4<sup>th</sup> and Report Cards will be populated in Oncourse Connect for those students on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

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 (www.sayrevillek12.net) as "<u>Student 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 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@savrevillek12.net**.

Have a wonderful day and fantastic week.

Dr. Labbe