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Talk Sup Week 25 Review and Preview

March 2, 2020

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.

Last Tuesday evening the Sayreville Board of Education met during a special meeting in order to conduct a Breach of Contract Hearing on several Durham School Services bus routes. To see the agenda click [here](#). Immediately following the hearing, the BOE decided to terminate the following packaged bus routes: SMS 11 and Arleth Yellow, SUES 13 and Eisenhower 3, SUES 6 and Arleth White, and SMS 21 and Eisenhower 6. Likewise, during the next BOE Meeting tomorrow evening, it will be asked to retroactively award those routes to Jays Bussing effective today (March 2nd).



As I reported to you in a recent email, the district has been and will continue to take all precautionary measures to prevent our students and staff from being infected by the Coronavirus. We will be taking extra measures to disinfect all surfaces and will even be spraying each classroom after school in order to further disinfect them. We have also ordered special wipes so that our students and staff can disinfect technology devices without harming them or the devices. In addition, we will ask our teachers, particularly in the elementary schools, to include handwashing time in student schedules. If necessary, each school will identify and designate a “sick room” in order to separate students who are ill from areas used

by those who are well. Finally, we develop and implement systems for accounting for and reporting students and staff ill with either the flu or the Coronavirus.

However, we are also asking for the cooperation of all school community members by exercising and reminding students to apply the following New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) precautionary measures: **cover mouths when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or toilet paper, or by doing such into a bent elbow; wash hands frequently, especially before and after eating and after using the restroom; keep objects, especially fingers, out of and away from mouths, noses, and eyes; and remove phones and electronic devices from places where people eat.** Lastly, we are asking members of our school community to stay home or keep your children home if you or they are demonstrating flulike symptoms, especially the following: **dry cough, fever and/or chills, shortness of breath, and gastrointestinal distress;** and do not return or send children back to school until the symptoms, particularly fever and/or chills, have abated for **24 hours**. For more information from the NJDOH on the Coronavirus and how we all can prevent it from spreading, click [here](#) and [here](#). For even more information from the Center for Disease Control, click [here](#).



A couple of weeks ago, members of the Sayreville IT Girls Club hosted the “Fall in Love” with coding event. During this very popular computer coding event, attendants aged 7-11 participated in coding hands-on activities and games. Likewise, they learned about “ceasar ciphers” and made secret code keychains and bracelets. They also practiced



both writing and debugging codes during a “Hourofcode's Dragon” quest activity. The event was made possible by Ms. Conry, Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Computer Science Teacher, and the Sayreville IT Girls Code Club. In other happenings in our schools this past week, at SWMHS some students took advantage of the

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seasonally warm weather by helping clean up the grounds of the high school while others participated in National Strawberry Day. Additionally, art conservationist Karen Thomas visited the high school and gave a presentation and hands on workshop to students in the Advanced Art and AP Art History classes. Ms. Thomas has worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and now has her own private practice in NYC.



At the Sayreville Middle School, Ms. Kilbride's mathematics classes participated in daily word search activities while Ms. Smith's math class solved math problems on angles and triangles and even got to play some basketball during a very cool and creative review game. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), students who were selected by their teachers as being those that



most reflect the Character Counts pillar of Responsibility attended a Character Education luncheon with special guests Mrs. Moskal and Tristan.



At the Truman Elementary School, students from the high school visited to read to students and get an early start on Read Across America Week, which will be held this week in all our schools. In Project Before, our students and staff at Acelero and Garden Friends had a blast engaging in the Tools of the Mind Curriculum.



Finally, students at Truman also had fun negotiating its first sensory path hallway. If you are unfamiliar with sensory pathways, they are an exceptional way for students to exercise while also developing their gross motor



coordination and sensory integration. In fact, thanks to the occupational and physical therapists at Arleth, students there have been exercising on one since the beginning of the school year when their pathway was created.



This week our students, their parents, and our staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating SWMHS senior James Adams, who was recently accepted to attend Princeton University next year. Speaking of Ivy League schools, we also congratulate Samantha Shaw, a sophomore at SWMHS, who was accepted to attend the prestigious Harvard University Secondary School ten-week program this summer. Furthermore, we commend and congratulate the members of the SWMHS Winterguard Team who won 2nd Place at their competition over the weekend and were just 0.1 points shy of winning 1st Place. In addition, we extend our congratulations to Nicolas Diaz from Ms. LaScala's SWMHS Ceramic Art class, whose ceramic star kiln plug was selected for the annual Skutt Peep Show. It will be on display at the National Art Educator's Conference in Minneapolis, MN and nationwide as part of the traveling Skutt Peep Show. Lastly, we congratulate the February Kindness Rocks Award Winners at Truman. 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!





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In athletics, we congratulate SWMHS Wrestlers Joseph Porcaro (3rd Place) and Dylan Acevedo (4th Place) for their outstanding performances during the State Regional Wrestling Tournament. Both advanced to the State Wrestling Tournament Finals in Atlantic City next weekend. Amazingly, Joseph will be the third member of his immediate family to wrestle in the finals, as his two older brothers also competed for championships in Atlantic City over the past several years.



Congratulations also go out to Tommy Lewis from the SWMHS Indoor Track Team who will advance to the Meet of Champions in the 800 Meter Race, as well as in the 4x400 M Relay Race with running mates Manny Castellanos, Fez Khan, and Matt Stowe. Furthermore, we congratulate Samantha Kamara from the Girls Indoor Track Team, who will also advance to the Meet of Champions. Lastly, we congratulate Stephanie Van Note from the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team for being selected as the Greater Middlesex Conference Basketball Player of the Week. She and teammates Brook and Geneva Holland were recently named to the GMC White Division All Division Team. Likewise, we also congratulate SWMHS Boys Basketball player Luca Ventricelli on being named to the All-White Division Team. 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 March Head of the Class Calendar, tomorrow (**March 3rd**) there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** in the **SWMHS Cafeteria at 7:30 pm**. It will be the annual **Let the Children Lead** meeting, in which 5th grade students from SUES will represent each BOE member and the administration during the entire public portion of the meeting. To see the meeting agenda, click [here](#). Likewise, there will be a second BOE Meeting of the month on **March 17th**. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early on Monday, March 9th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that **3rd Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in **grades 6-12** will be populated in Oncourse Connect on **March 10th** and **Report Cards** for student in grades **K-5** will be populated in Oncourse Connect on **March 30th**.

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 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

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