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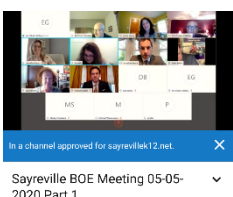
Talk Sup Week 36 Review and Preview May 18, 2020

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a nice and relaxing weekend and took the time to enjoy the gorgeous weather. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.

As per my Off Day Update email to the community yesterday (click [here](#) to see it), last week we developed plans for the middle school 8th grade promotion ceremony on June 10th and the high school graduation ceremony on June 11th. For the middle school promotion ceremony, which will be all virtual, we will ask the students who are going to be promoted to share a picture of them with their family holding their promotion certificate. If students do not provide us with a picture, we will use their yearbook picture or the one we have of them in Oncourse. The photos will be edited into a video with all pre-taped speeches and a couple of teacher tribute videos. Specific details on this will be shared within the next couple of days by the middle school administration.

For the high school, we developed two plans just in case the Governor further relaxes restrictions. However, each plan emphasizes two very important elements in celebrating this milestone: personable and family. Naturally, each is also aligned with current social distancing requirements and includes a virtual element. Moreover, each will allow all our students to receive their diploma in-person from an authority figure in our district in front of their parents and potentially even several other members of their family. In addition, these interactions will be videotaped and/or photographed and will be included in either a livestream or edited taped version. Thus, all our graduation speakers, particularly our Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and the Student Council President, will make either a pre-taped speech or will do so in real time via livestreaming. We hope to finalize and make a decision on a plan sometime this week. Thus, the high school administration will be sharing the details of it with our graduating seniors and their parents very soon. Finally, provided that there are no restrictions prohibiting us from doing so, the district and high school administration are in the process of planning a recognition/awards night dinner for our Class of 2020 students and their parents the evening before Thanksgiving (most children return from college and/or the military then) in order to provide the mass celebration that they all deserve.

Today our buildings and grounds staff will be returning to the district to begin cleaning and sanitizing our buildings. The week after, our administration, secretarial staff, and campus security monitors will return to assist in the process of collecting resources from and distributing personal items back to the parents of our students. In fact, we will be doing so for **12th graders** at the **high school** on **May 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th**. Likewise, we will do the same for **8th graders** at the **middle school** during the week of **June 1st**. We will complete this process during the week of **June 8th** for all remaining students at the high school and middle school, along with all students in the **upper elementary school, K-3 elementary schools, and preschool**. Schedules and specific details for these plans, particularly the social distancing guidelines that will be required, will be distributed within the next several days by each respective school's administration. Please remember that since our students and staff will still be participating in virtual instruction through June 11th, all **educational devices** that were loaned out, will be collected on **June 12th**.



Tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a virtual or online Board of Education (BOE) Meeting. During it, we will present to you a video in order to recognize, honor, and celebrate our 2019-20 Governor's Educators of the Year. Similarly, we will do the same to recognize and honor the accomplishments of our students at SWMHS, particularly the Top 10 Students, Middlesex County School Boards Association Unsung Heroes, and Middlesex County Secondary Association Outstanding Student of the Year. Finally, in a separate video, we will

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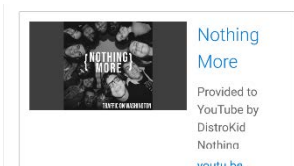
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also recognize and celebrate the students at SWMHS who earned the New Jersey Department of Education Seal of Bi-Literacy. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click [here](#). Since 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](#).

As they have been since the beginning of the pandemic, our amazing group of Operation BStrongSayreville volunteers once again prepared and delivered over 3,000 meals, many devices, countless student work packets, and toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues for anyone who needed such last week. This week, we will once again be delivering breakfast/lunches on just Mondays and Wednesdays. Thus, we will be asking parents to order for two days at a time for Monday and Tuesday, and three days at a time for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. For more information pertaining to the ordering and delivery of meals and supplies this week, see my [BStrongSayreville Off Day Update email](#), which I sent to the community on Saturday evening. As per it, remember that we are also allowing community members to refill **one 12-ounce** container of hand sanitizer in the main vestibule of SWMHS from 8 am – 12 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.



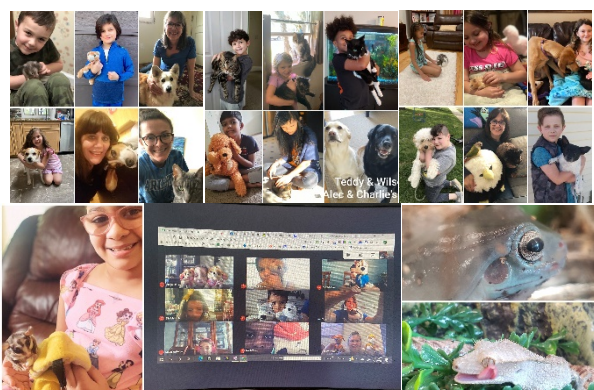
This past week our amazing staff and students were hard at work producing more impressive and inspiring videos. Click [here](#) to check out this incredibly heartwarming and adorable video from the staff at Eisenhower for all their students. Warning: you will get goosebumps. I double dare you not to cry. ☺ See the wonderful video tribute by the middle school students in Ms. Ciampa's



class for all our essential workers by clicking [here](#). Finally, please click [here](#) to see the debut single - **Nothing More** by Traffic on Washington, the student rock band at SWMHS. The song is now available everywhere music is sold or streamed digitally worldwide (Spotify, AppleMusic, Amazon, Pandora etc.).



This week our students and staff continued to impress us with online



learning. At the Eisenhower Elementary School, students participated in a virtual field day

while others competed in a toilet paper roll challenge. At the Arleth Elementary School, students demonstrated their school spirit during “Pet Day,” while at the Samsel Upper Elementary School students did the same during “Family Day.” In Project Before, students in Ms. Melissa’s class learned about Fairy Tales. The Three Little Pigs helped them complete a STEM challenge to create a house the Big Bad Wolf couldn’t blow down and they received a great

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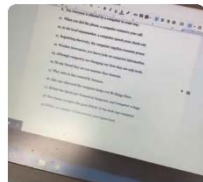
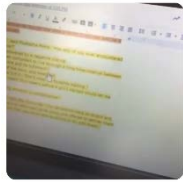
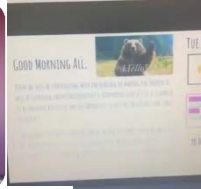
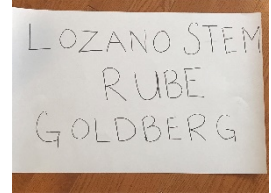
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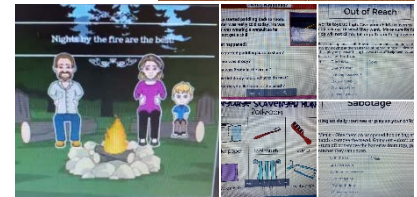
cooking lesson from Goldilocks and the Three Bears. In addition, Ms. Kathleen's students read "The Kissing Hand" and made hands for their friends and teachers in order to express how much they miss them. Lastly, others explored opposites by sorting, drawing, writing,



experimenting and more. At the Wilson School, students and Mr. Wonaszek advanced to 60 burpees a day in their challenge. At the Sayreville Middle School, Brandon Trivino demonstrated his version of the Rube Goldberg domino machine. Check it out [here](#).



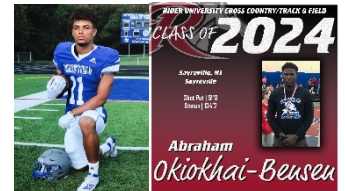
Additionally, Ms. Gentile utilized a live online review, as well as a screen castify to review homework while Ms. Leber sent daily messages to her classes so that they would understand her lessons and so that she could encourage them to ask questions or share concerns. Likewise, Ms.



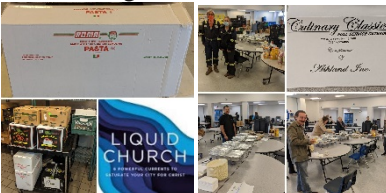
Cafro shared a quick tip on how to cut back on stress. At SWMHS, Ms. Iurillo's class created Flex Friday Reflections poses. Finally, during speech and language therapy, one of our therapists engaged students in a fun language scavenger hunt, while another reinforced the term "inferences" with her students.



This week our students, their parents, our staff, and other Sayreville community members continued to impress and inspire us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating SWMHS senior Yusria Baig, who was recently selected to attend the Google Computer Science Summer Institute. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS Senior Tommy Lewis, who last week committed to attend



Fordham University, where he will continue his impressive running career. Likewise, we congratulate Abraham Benson who will continue his academic and track and field career at Rider University next year. Furthermore, we congratulate Bradley Smith Jr. who will attend and play football next year at Caldwell University. We also commend and thank Susan Thierry, a very caring community member and parent of one of our administrators in the district, who made a generous donation of tasty sandwiches last week for our Operation BStrongSayreville volunteers. Similarly, we thank and commend our very gracious community partners at Ashland for catering a delicious breakfast for our volunteers. Finally, we send our sincere gratitude our to our incredibly



caring fiends in the Liquid Church for their donation of fresh produces, which we will share with our community this week during our deliveries, and non-perishable foods that we will donate to the Middlesex County Food Pantry with that of which was collected by our SWMHS DECA students. Bomber Nation salutes and them and all our students, their parents and our staff for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

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Have a good day and week, and **please stay home**. May God bless you and your family and keep you healthy and safe.

Dr. Labbe