

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 34 Review and Preview May 4, 2020

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a nice and relaxing weekend, and that you and your entire family are healthy and safe. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please remember that **all our schools** will be **closed** and under **<u>quarantine</u>** for all students, staff, and parents this week and at least until <u>May 15, 2020</u>. As per my Off Day Update email to the community last Saturday, according to Governor Murphy's comments during his press conference last Friday afternoon, today or tomorrow, he is expected to make a decision on whether schools in New Jersey will be allowed to reopen for **in-person instruction** at any time this school year. Since New York and Pennsylvania have already stated that their schools will not reopen, it is highly likely that Governor Murphy will do the same. If he does so, on the May 5th Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting Agenda Addendum, I will recommend to our BOE to forgive and remove the two additional days of instruction that our students in Sayreville participate in from the 2019-20 calendar, which would thereby end the school year for students on Thursday, June 11th. Nevertheless, <u>**all**</u> our students will continue with **virtual or in-person instruction** today and until our next school holiday, which will be **Memorial Day**.



As I intimated above, tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, we will be holding our second virtual or online Board of Education (BOE) Meeting. During it, we will be conducting the 2020-21 School District Budget Hearing. To see the agenda for the meeting, click <u>here</u>. In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click <u>here</u>. 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

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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 <u>here</u>.



As you may or may not already know, **National Educator Appreciation Month** takes place during the entire month of May each year. However, the majority of the festivities center on this week, which is the first full week of May. In fact, this week is commonly known as **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Moreover, the National Education Association (NEA) designates the first Tuesday (May 5th) that falls during Teacher Appreciation Week as **National**



Teacher Appreciation Day. Likewise, this Wednesday, May 6th is **National School Nurses Appreciation Day** Therefore, especially in light of **ALL** the



EXTRAORDINARY efforts that our amazing teachers, nurses, therapists, child study team members, school counselors, media specialists, and paraprofessionals have made during this pandemic to continue learning, please consider contributing to the many activities that will take



place this week and month to demonstrate appreciation for the hard-working, dedicated, and exemplary educators in Sayreville. More importantly, please take the time to express your sincere gratitude to the wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals, and educational support service providers working tirelessly to educate and develop yours and our children. In fact, click <u>here</u> to check out this wonderful video produced by the Wilson School PTO for the purpose of





Wilson School Sayreville -Teacher Appreciation 2020

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thanking the teachers there. On behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we would like to commend our amazing educators and to thank them for **EVERYTHING** they do for **ALL** our students. They truly are **HEROES** and they simply **ROCK**!

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 **<u>BStrongSayreville Off Day Update</u>**

email, which I sent to the community on Saturday evening. As per it, remember that we are also allowing community members to refill <u>one 12-ounce</u> container of hand sanitizer in the main vestibule of

SWMHS from 8 am – 12 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.



Tribute for First Responders - SMS

This past week our amazing staff and students were hard at work producing more impressive and inspiring videos. Click <u>here</u> to see this incredible music video produced collaboratively by 7th grade Social Studies teachers and students and the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) rock band Traffic on Washington to thank health



care, police, and all essential workers during this crisis. In addition, click <u>here</u> to enjoy this wonderful video produced by Ms. Casazza and her adorable kindergarten students at the Truman School. Speaking of Truman, you have to see their <u>Looking on the Bright Side video</u>. Please also click <u>here</u> to watch the SWMHS HOSA-Future Health Professionals Club Public Service Announcement (PSA) Team's award winning PSA called Stop the Bleed. As was noted in last week's edition, they recently placed 3rd and will be competing in the International Leadership Conference on June 24-27.



This week our students and staff continued to impress us with online learning. Thanks to the efforts of Special Education Teacher Gineen Morosco and several other staff members at the

Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), despite being in quarantine, the students and staff at Samsel participated virtually in the Silent Holocaust Library Experience. Students at SUES also showed off their school spirit during Sock and Community Connections Family Day. At the Truman School, the students got creative with Twitter hashtag messages and continued to demonstrate how proud they were to be Dolphins. The staff and students at Arleth continued to

demonstrate their extraordinary school spirit during another Fun Pajama Day Friday. In addition, the students in Ms.

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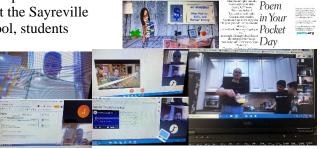
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Wagner's and Ms. Wright's Class brightened everyone's day with their positive messages. At the Sayreville Middle School, students explored



Blackout Poetry and participated in Pocket Poem Day. In addition, Ms. Hoadley and her students reviewed conjunctions, Mr. Grimm and Ms. Kim taught their students about waves through a depiction of a model and gummy bears, and Mr. Babst



hosted Flex Friday French Toast Day where he demonstrated the concept of a ratio and used ratio language to



describe a ratio relationship to make French toast. Finally, in Project Before, our preschoolers were excited to play plan with Ms. Jules and Ms. Lisa, had a MOOvelous time learning about farm animals, painting, writing, cutting, and more with Ms. Jackie, and had tons of fun guest reading and celebrating Ms. Priyanka's birthday.



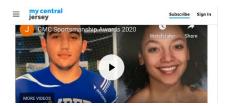
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This week our students, their parents, our staff, and other Sayreville community members continued to impress and inspire us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating SWMHS students Ummekulsum Alishah, Krina Patel, Ann Murickan, and Ojas Chitnas for being nominated to serve as officers in the New Jersey Future



Business Leaders of America (FBLA) state cabinet and wish them luck in their candidacy. Ummekulsum is running for President. We also congratulate and commend SWMHS students Janeva Holland and Calvin Lawrence who are the 2019-20 MCSBA/MCASA Unsung Heroes. See the virtual award banquet video here. We commend and congratulate Janeva Holland again but this time with Dylan Clerigo, also from SWMHS, who each received 2019-20 GMC Sportsmanship Awards. See the GMC virtual awards video presentation here. Likewise, we commend SWMHS senior and superstar

vocalist Michael Magielnicki who performed outstandingly in the recent NJ Quarantined Choir's amazing rendition of "Seasons of Love." See the video here. In addition, we



congratulate and thank Ms. Vasquez, Math Teacher at SWMHS, who was selected to participate in the College Board's 2020 AP[®] Calculus Reading as an online distributed reader. Finally, we commend and thank the Sayreville Police Department, particularly the Auxiliary Police, for their heroic efforts in



raising funds for and delivering meals to the senior citizens and other residents of Sayreville in need of assistance. Bomber Nation salutes and them and all our students, their parents and our staff for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

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

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