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Talk Sup Week 5 Review and Preview

October 7, 2019

Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*. Please remember that we will be **dismissing our students early this afternoon** so that our staff can participate in professional development. In addition, please do not forget that our **schools will be closed on Wednesday** in observance of Yom Kippur.

Last Tuesday, the Superintendent Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) and Blue Ribbon Committee met to discuss the district's proposed facilities strategic action plan, which includes a potential referendum. During the meeting, both committees provided candid feedback about the district's strategic plan, as well as on my presentation that will be given to all staff and the parents of all our students. In addition, they provided me with feedback about the survey that all members of the Sayreville community will be asked to complete on November 4th with regard to both the strategic action plan and referendum. The only other matter that was discussed during the meeting was the traffic on Washington Road in the morning, which is resulting in some parents of middle school students unsafely allowing their children out of their vehicles on Washington Road, others to cut through the high school to bypass some of the traffic, and yet other vehicles going in the wrong direction in order to get into the middle school parking lot. According to Mr. Jegou, Assistant Principal at the middle school, the traffic is a little more than most years, but should dissipate over time as the parents of some students become more comfortable with their children walking to school.

Last Wednesday evening, I had the privilege of attending the Eisenhower PTO Meeting. During it, I presented to the parents and staff members in attendance the district's aforementioned proposed facilities strategic plan, particularly the options for a potential referendum, which among other improvements, includes the installation of air conditioning. This week I will be presenting to the staff at Eisenhower and the middle school, and to the parents at the Truman Elementary School. In addition to these meetings and those noted below, I will also be making the same presentation during the October 15th BOE Business Meeting.

PTO/Parent Meeting

Eisenhower – 10/2/19 in the AP Room at 6:45 pm
Truman – 10/10/19 in the Media Center or AP Room at 7 pm
SUES – 10/16/19 in the Cafeteria at 6:30 pm
Arleth – 10/21/19 in the Media Center at **6:30 or 7 pm?**
Wilson – 10/22/19 in the AP Room at 6:30 pm.
SMS – 10/29/19 in the Cafeteria at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm.
SWMHS – 10/30/19 in the Auditorium at 6:30 pm.

Faculty Meetings

Eisenhower – 10/7/19 in the Media Center at 8 am.
SMS – 10/8/19 in Blue Room at 3 pm.
SWMHS – 10/14/19 in the Auditorium at 2:30 pm.
SUES – 10/15/19 in the Media Center at 3 pm.
Truman – 10/21/19 in the Media Center or AP Room at 3:45 pm.
Arleth – 10/21/19 in the Media Center or AP Room at 4:15 pm.
Wilson – 10/28/19 in the AP Room at 3:45 pm.



If you did not have a chance to attend Homecoming at Sayreville War Memorial High School last Friday evening, you missed another grand affair thanks to the hard work and meticulous attention to detail put into the preparation and coordination of it by Ms.



Badami, the Director of Athletics, the high school administration, and a committee of amazing teachers. A dramatic



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and hard fought victory over Edison High School by our Bombers Football Team, combined with music from our award winning Marching Band, made for a wonderful evening. In fact, the Marching Band set the mood with their impressive and inspiring performances before and during the game, and there was also plenty of pomp and circumstance at half time with the naming of this year's Homecoming Queen and King. Bomber Nation salutes and thanks everyone who played a role in making Homecoming 2019 such as successful and memorable experience for our staff, students, and their parents.



In other happenings at our schools this past week, our students at SWMHS had a wonderful time showing their school spirit as they celebrated and honored all fall sports student athletes during the annual Homecoming Pep Rally. In addition, the students at the high school showed off their new student identification cards and lanyards that they received early last week. At the middle school, Dianne Grossman, founder of Mallory's Army, visited the students and staff there to teach them about respect and the horrible impact bullying can have on young people by spreading her amazing "Live a Bracelet Kind of Life" message about her daughter Mallory, who tragically took her life two years ago after being bullied by other children. Lastly, at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, the students in the 5th grade participated in the SEEDS (Student Education & Experience for Disability Sensitivity) during their annual "Week of Respect."



This past week our students and staff continued to impress us with their accomplishments. We congratulate the SWMHS Marching Band for winning Second Place during the Brick Memorial High School Marching Band Competition. Likewise, we commend them for their performances last Friday during the Homecoming football game and last Saturday during their annual Night of a Thousand Stars Home Band



Show, which along with the other bands participating, made for yet another wonderful night of music. In addition, we congratulate Katherine Mojzsis, Art Teacher at SWMHS, whose artwork has been included in the Legends and Legacy: Revolutions in Hand Papermaking Exhibition at University of the Arts/The Rosenwald-Wolf



Gallery in Philadelphia. This particular exhibition presents a rich selection of offerings illustrating the notable and vital developments in the field of modern hand papermaking. Ms. Mojzsis's artwork will be on view through the next week. Finally, we commend Pamela Gunther, Media Specialist at Arleth, who was thanked, along with other librarians in the New Jersey Association of School Librarians, on the dedication page of the popular children's book Teeney Weenies by the author of the book, David Lubar.



In athletics, as previously mentioned we congratulate the Bombers Football Team, which earned its first win of the year against Edison HS last Friday evening. They will play again this Friday night in Bomber Stadium against New Brunswick during Senior Night. Speaking of Senior Night, while the Bombers Field Hockey Team fell just short of victory last Thursday, they took the time during the game to thank and honor their 12th grade student athletes during Senior Night. The SWMHS Boys Soccer Team



will hold their Senior Night this Tuesday during the last home game for beloved Head Coach Nicholas Cifelli, who will be retiring later this year. As for the SWMHS Girls Soccer Team, which improved its record to 4-8 with a blowout victory over New Brunswick, they will hold their Senior Night on October 17th. Finally, the runners on the SWMHS Boys Cross Country Team continued to win medals last week as Justin and Brett Moran both took

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home honors at the Shore Coaches Invitational Meet in Holmdel last Saturday. 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 October Head of the Class Calendar, we will **dismiss all our students early today (Monday, October 7th)** and our **schools will be closed** this **Wednesday, October 9th** in observance of Yom Kippur. In addition, please note that **progress reports** for students in **grades 6-12** will be populated in **Oncourse Connect** on **October 10th** and for students in **grades K-5** on **October 18th**. Also, please remember that there will be a **BOE Meeting on October 15th**. During it, we will give our annual State of the Schools Address, and will celebrate our certificated faculty who earned tenure this year, as well as all our staff who demonstrated perfect attendance during the 2018-19 school year. Finally, our students will celebrate **Halloween** with class parties and parades on **October 31st**.

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 week of school!

Dr. Labbe