



# Sayreville Public Schools

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### Talk Sup Week 0 Review and Preview

September 4, 2019



Good afternoon Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable summer. That being said, I would like to begin my first edition this year by once again welcoming all our staff, students and parents back to what we hope will be yet another exciting, successful, and memorable school year for you and your children. As per the emails that I sent out on Sunday, please remember that school will officially begin for all students in grades **1-12 tomorrow (Thursday, September 5, 2019)**. Students in **preschool and kindergarten**

will have their respective **orientations tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon**, but will **start school** the following day on **Friday, September 6, 2019**. However, please also remember that **if your child is entering preschool, Kindergarten, or 6<sup>th</sup> grade, they will NOT be able to start school without up to date immunizations.**

Therefore, if you did not upload your updated immunization certificate when you performed your enrollment update, **you MUST** submit them to your child's school prior to **September 5<sup>th</sup> if your child will be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or September 6<sup>th</sup> if your child will be in preschool or kindergarten**. In addition, please remember that **a schedule of approximate bus stop pick up and drop off times has been posted on the [Transportation page of our website](#).**

To get to that page, click **[here](#)**. If your child(ren) take a **van** rather than a bus, **the driver of the van should have contacted and informed you of the estimated times of pick-up and drop-off.** As always, please be patient with regard to bussing during the first couple of weeks of school, especially tomorrow. Finally, if you have not done so already, make sure that you visit the **[Parent Page](#)** of our website ([www.sayrevillek12.net](http://www.sayrevillek12.net)), as it consists of an abundance of information that you will find very helpful, particularly the **[2019-20 School District Calendar](#)**, **[September Head of the Class Calendar](#)** and the **[2019-20 Our Schools Guide](#)**, which were sent out and posted last week.



Over the summer, I had the privilege and honor to attend several student activities, beginning with the Cadet Leadership Course Graduation at the Fort Dix – McGuire Air Force Base on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>. The graduation, which was punctuated by a triumphant parade of cadets, was the culminating activity of a very rigorous and exhausting week of classwork, physical training, and drilling in the intense heat of summer. Amazingly, while many students from other ROTC programs dropped out due to the intensity of the course, all of our Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) Cadets, which was more than a dozen, proudly graduated. Moreover, they were supervised, trained, and mentored throughout the entire week by among other instructors, Colonel Spare, our AFJROTC senior commissioned instructor and Master Sergeant Knowlton, our non-commissioned instructor. Bomber Nation salutes all our amazing AFJROTC Cadets, Colonel Spare, and Master Sergeant Knowlton for the manner in which they represented SWMHS and our district. In fact, the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration recently honored them at the August 27<sup>th</sup> BOE Business Meeting where they gave a brief presentation about the Cadet Leadership Course. HUA!



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Finally, while I was unable to attend, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, the PTO, parents, and students at Truman welcomed Ms. Amy Stueber, their new Principal, with a delicious summer treat during the Popsicle with the Principal Night. I could not think of a cooler ☺ way to welcome Ms. Stueber into the Truman Family. Truman Rocks!

Throughout the summer, our students and staff continued to impress us with their accomplishments. In fact, in early July SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Ummekulsum Alishah, Krina Patel, and Ann Murickan placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the NATION in their Public Service Announcement event during the National FBLA Competition in San Antonio, Texas. We are so very proud of them and Mr. Howard, the SWMHS Advisor for FBLA. Check out their presentation by clicking [here](#). Likewise, SWMHS Art Teacher Jennifer LaScala was recognized in August as the Spotlight Artist by Art Educators of New Jersey. To see the issue, click [here](#). Way to go Ms. LaScala! Finally, we would like to welcome and thank all our new staff members and their incredible mentors who participated in New Staff Member Induction/Orientation in August. Bomber Nation salutes and welcomes you to our family!



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meetings held on [July 16<sup>th</sup> \(Agenda and Addendum\)](#) and [August 27<sup>th</sup> \(Agenda and Addendum\)](#), please take the opportunity to peruse the agendas and addendums by clicking on each, so that you can see what we were able to accomplish over the summer, as all motions on them were approved by our Board of Education. You will notice with the August 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda that the BOE revised its meeting process, which even included the rearrangement of seating for both the Board and public. The changes were the result of the Board's desire to make meetings more interactive and discussion-based. You can also view the videos of the meetings by clicking on each meeting date noted above.

As per the September Head of the Class Calendar, on **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the **SWMHS Cafeteria**. In addition, during the **week on September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will hold **Back to School Nights** at each school beginning with **Project Before** and the **high school on September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, all **K-3 elementary schools on September 24<sup>th</sup>**, the **upper elementary school on September 25<sup>th</sup>**, and the **middle school on September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Likewise, please note that students will be dismissed early on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Finally, please remember that all our schools will be closed on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

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](mailto:deborah.devico@sayrevillek12.net).

Have a wonderful first week of school!

Dr. Labbe

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