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Talk Sup Week 15 Review and Preview

December 16, 2019

Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. We would like wish all our staff, students, and their parents a very happy holidays and wonderful New Year! Please remember that our schools will be closed from December 23, 2019 until January 1, 2020 for the holiday/winter recess, and will reopen on January 2, 2020.



As we all know, the holiday season is a time for giving. However, it is also a time to recognize and demonstrate our appreciation for the wonderful gifts that have been bestowed upon us. That said, I am forever grateful to be able to serve such a wonderful school district and community. In fact, I am humbled to have the opportunity to work with the most polished, hard-working, and dedicated administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff members. Furthermore, I feel blessed to be able to bear the fruit of our

labor and witness the growth and remarkable development of our amazing students. They truly are the gift that keeps on giving. Hence, on behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we wish you and your entire family a blessed and very happy holidays. Enjoy those gifts and have a happy New Year!



Last Tuesday morning, I was thrilled to visit the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) so that I could join Ms. Coglianesse, Principal, Mr. Tola, Assistant Principal, and the wonderful 5th grade faculty to speak with the 5th graders there about the "Let the Children Lead" Board of Education Meeting, which will be held on March 3, 2020. If you are not familiar with this very special and most popular meeting, during it the 5th grade students who participate actually apply to perform in the capacity of a specific board of education member or administrator. Thus, except for a few occasions, the 5th grade representatives for each, including Ms. Coglianesse and Mr. Tola, will actually vote and comment publicly on behalf of the BOE member or administrator that they represent. Applications are due on **Tuesday, December 17th**.



Last Thursday, I was honored to attend the Renaissance Breakfast at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). The breakfast is coordinated by the SWMHS Renaissance Committee, which is led by Ms. Kelly, one of our amazing math teachers. The purpose of the breakfast is to celebrate and reward the students who achieved straight 'A's during the 1st Marking Period of this school year. Thanks to our Food Service Department and the wonderful cafeteria workers at SWMHS, the breakfast consisted of French toast, bacon, eggs; and pork roll, egg and cheese sandwiches (nothing says New Jersey more than a pork roll, egg, and cheese with a splash of ketchup 😊). Among other faculty and staff members who took the time to attend, the students were joined by Mr. Ciak, President of the Board of Education, Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, the entire SWMHS building administration, Ms. Sicola and the SWMHS school counselors, and district Supervisors of Instruction. We salute these incredibly hard working and dedicated students who have made countless sacrifices to achieve at the very highest level and who day in and day out serve as impeccable role models for all the students at SWMHS.





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The Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) cadets at SWMHS have had a magical two weeks. While I could only dream of attending, two weeks ago, several of the AFJROTC cadets literally ventured into the “great blue yonder” with Colonel Spare and MSgt. Knowlton on a field trip to McGuire Air Force Base where they actually had the once in a life time opportunity to witness first-hand the refueling of a C-17 during mid-air flying while on a KC-10 Tanker. Not only did they slip the surly bonds of Earth on that KC-10 Tanker, later in the day, Senior Cadet David Epke won a pushup challenge with cadets from Southern Regional High School, in which he pumped out an impressive 79 pushups. This past weekend, Colonel Spare, MSgt. Knowlton, and our cadets completed an incredible trip to Washington DC, where they toured the Pentagon, met Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett, laid wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, watched the changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and visited the Air Force Memorial. We salute Colonel Spare, MSgt. Knowlton, and all our remarkable SWMHS AFJROTC Cadets! HUA!!



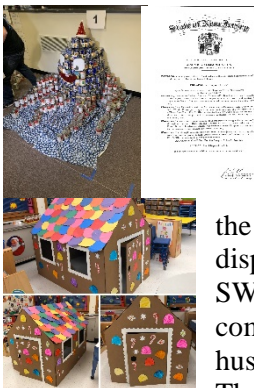
In our schools this past week, the 2nd grade students at the Truman Elementary School learned about holidays celebrated around the world by creating beautiful ornaments that represented their cultural backgrounds.



The SUES Chorus gave a marvelous holiday performance, as did both the Chorus and Band at the Sayreville Middle School. Speaking of the middle school, it was visited last week by acclaimed author Jacqueline Woodson who challenged students with a unique equation that she coined: “Reading = Hope x Change.” In fact, she told students



“We find hope in what we read, and that reading and hope changes us.” In addition to that, other middle school students enjoyed the play *Peter Pan* at the Papermill Playhouse in Millburn. Finally, preschool students at the Selover School had tons of fun learning while playing their “Grocery Theme.” In fact, their favorite was the Shop Rite delivery truck.



This past week our students and staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We congratulate and commend Mr. Howard and the phenomenal SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America, who among other FBLA members from other schools in Middlesex County were recognized last Saturday by Assemblyman Robert J. Karabinchak for their efforts to not only donate food on for the “Together We CAN” food drive in the Edison Council Chambers but make all the food donated into sculptures, which are now on display in the Edison Town Hall. In addition, the very talented students in Mr. Mahoney’s SWMHS Wood Shop class were at it again as they made a magnificent holiday tree. Likewise, we commend Ms. McGrade and her preschool students at Samsel who, with the help of Ms. Holon’s husband, built, designed, and decorated adorable and very impressive life-size gingerbread houses. They Rock!



In athletics, we congratulate the SWMHS Boys and Girls Bowling Teams for defeating Middlesex High School last week. The Girls are now 6-1, while the Boys are 4-3-1 on the season. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes

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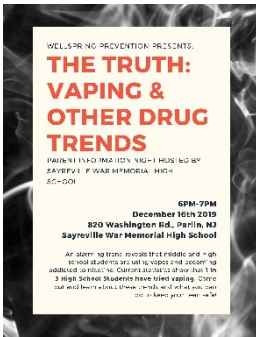
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continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. To see this week's high school and middle school athletics schedule, click [here](#). Go Bombers!



If you have the time, please consider attending **The Truth: Vaping and Other Trends Parent Workshop tomorrow (December 16th) evening in the SWMHS Auditorium at 6 pm**. As per the December Head of the Class Calendar, please note that there will be a **BOE Business Meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, December 17th) evening at 7:30 pm in the SWMHS Cafeteria**. During it, we will present the 2019-20 Food Service Fiscal Report and the BOE architect of record will present a proposed facilities improvement referendum project. In addition, please keep in mind that **report cards for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be populated in Oncourse Connect on December 19th**, as will **progress reports for students in grades 6-12 on December 20th**. Finally, please remember that **our schools will be closed on December 23rd through January 1st for the winter/holiday recess**.

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, fantastic week, and a most joyous and memorable holidays! See you next year!

Dr. Labbe