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Week 20 Talk Sup Review and Preview

January 21, 2019

Good afternoon Sayreville and happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*.

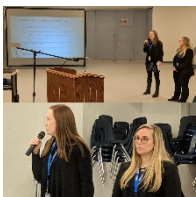


"Let's Men Overlook and Forget the words of Martin Luther King!"
Martin Luther King Jr.
"We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by a wicked and malicious power."

As you know, our schools were closed today in observance and recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Therefore, if you have the chance, please take a moment to reflect upon and to discuss with your family the amazing accomplishments of Dr. King and the profound impact he has had on our nation and culture, particularly how he taught us how to appreciate the differences in others and to protest peacefully to fight against prejudice and discrimination so as to ensure equality and equity for all citizens of our great country, particularly people of color.



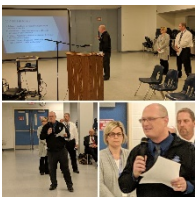
Hopefully you were home today where you were nice and warm. The weather this weekend was a reminder from Mother Nature that the hazardous weather season is upon us. Therefore, please make sure that you closely monitor our school and district mediums for school closing, early dismissal, and delayed opening notifications. Although the district will do everything it can to give parents and staff as much advanced notice as possible about any school schedule changes using our [website](http://www.sayrevillek12.net) (<http://www.sayrevillek12.net>), automated calling system, and district e-mail system, we also recommend that you check our [Facebook](#) page, [Twitter](#) account and News 12 New Jersey, Fios 1, and NJ 101.5.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, January 15th, here is what you missed. We began the presentation portion of the meeting with a brief overview of the budget development process and calendar. After it, the following budget presentations were made: Schools, Curriculum & Instruction,



and Athletics. The purpose of these presentations are to foster collaboration, clarity, and transparency during the budget development process. Unlike previous years when they mainly consisted of a 3-year analysis of what was spent the previous year, what was budgeted the current year, and what was proposed for the next year, this year's presentations consisted of a detailed description of each school/department's goals that were accomplished last year, identified for this year, and those that are targeted for next year with the resources that will be required to achieve them. Click on each presentation to see them: [Elementary School](#), [Middle School](#), [High School](#), [Athletics](#), and [Curriculum and Instruction](#). To see all of the 2019-20 Budget Development presentations, click [here](#).



The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum click [here](#). Among other

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motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board graciously accepted the generous donation of music equipment from the Brandon Tyler Narleski Foundation to the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Music Department. In addition, it approved the application and acceptance of the Share Our Strength and the National No Kid Hungry Campaign Grant in the amount of \$5,300. Lastly, the BOE approved a resolution to dispose of surplus technology supplies, weight room supplies, and textbooks, and to sell them through GovDeals.

Furthermore, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved co-curricular trips and activities. On the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the January 2-15, 2019 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Kerry Haney, Paraprofessional at the Arleth Elementary School effective July, 2019. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2018-19 school year. Finally, the Board approved of additional teachers to work in the Literacy and Math Academies, and to provide Tier 3 intervention services.

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. In addition, Mrs. Bloom announced that the next Middlesex County School Boards Association Meeting on January 22nd will take place in the SWMHS Cafeteria and will feature a presentation on board member advocacy.

If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click [here](#). Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, click [here](#).

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 5th**. It too will feature the following budget presentations: Technology, Special Education, and Transportation. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, February 1st. In addition, a complete copy of the **January 15th** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **February 5, 2019**.



While I was unable to attend, last Monday Parent University held a workshop on Playworks, the structured recess program that was implemented this year in grades K-5. To see the presentation materials, click [here](#). To see the video of the workshop, click [here](#). This past week I also visited some of science classes at SWMHS. Last Friday I visited Ms. Amanda Messana's and Ms. Jacqueline Fox-Grier's Biology class and participated in a Lactic Acid Tennis



Ball Lab. During it, their students were amused by the fact that while they could squeeze a tennis ball up to 120 times in 30 seconds, I could only manage about 45 squeezes. This Wednesday I was also very impressed by our students who so intensely dissected Dog Sharks in Ms. Christina McCabe's Marine Biology class. In fact, during the lab, one group actually found a shark fetus. Finally, on Friday I joined the students in Ms. Angela Di Paolo's Human Anatomy class as they dissected fetal pigs. It was incredible observing our students

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explore the inside of the fetal pig, which according to science, is nearly exactly like that of a human being. I cannot thank Ms. Messana, Ms. Fox-Grier, Ms. McCabe, and Ms. Di Paolo enough for giving me this precious opportunity and I commend them for their superior content proficiency and instructional pedagogy. They Rock! Finally, last Friday I had the privilege to attend the Senior Night SWMHS and Bishop Ahr High School Swim



Match at the Community Learning Center Pool in Sayreville. Although both the Girls and Boys Teams fell short of victory, the evening was still a grand success for the SWMHS high school senior swimmers and their proud and supportive parents. Thank you to Coach Andrew Rice and Lauren Gassman for coordinating such a memorable experience for all our swimmers, particularly the seniors. Naturally, we congratulate our swimmers, particularly the seniors, on yet another strong season and thank them for the impeccable manner in which they have represented SWMHS and the greater community.



This past week our amazing students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their accomplishments. We are so very proud to announce the below students have placed in their Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional competitions and will be competing at the state level in their respective competitions:

- ACCOUNTING I - Elijah Edwards (2nd Place)
- ADVERTISING - Bryana Dawkins (3rd Place)
- HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT - **1ST PLACE REGIONAL CHAMPIONS** - Radia Nazah, Iman Shahid
- INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS COMMUNICATION - Neev Mistry (4th Place)
- INTRODUCTION TO PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE - **1ST PLACE REGIONAL CHAMPION** - Kamil Szczech
- JOB INTERVIEW - Duaa Ali
- NETWORKING CONCEPTS - Yash Patel
- PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE - Suryateja Gandhesiri, Gabriel Galvez, Farhaan Mohammad, Kabir Patel, Afaq Qamar (5th Place)
- POLITICAL SCIENCE - **1ST PLACE REGIONAL CHAMPION** - Christian Quilon

These students, along with their other SWMHS chapter members, will be competing against the best New Jersey FBLA has to offer at the State Leadership Conference on March 20-22nd in Atlantic City. Any winners there will have the chance to compete at the national level in San Antonio, TX right after the school year ends. In addition, several SWMHS musicians participated in the Central Jersey Music Educators Association (CJMEA) Honors Symphonic Band on Saturday evening in the SWMHS Auditorium. Naturally, they played masterfully!



We would also like to commend and congratulate Ms. Barbara Coyle, ASI Teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School and April Magistro, ASI Teacher at the Wilson Elementary School, who were recently chosen by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to be 2018 Exemplary Elementary Teachers. According to the NJDOE, they were selected because of their exceptional teaching and leadership abilities, as well as for having such a positive impact on students, colleagues, and the school community. Likewise, we would like to congratulate and honor Coach Michael Novak, a Physical Education Teacher and Football and Baseball Coach at SWMHS, for being selected by the New Jersey Football Coaches Association as the 2018

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Assistant Football Coach of the Year. Working alongside of professionals like Coach Novak, Ms. Coyle, and Ms. Magistro, as well as all our incredible faculty staff members, remind me of how blessed I am to work in Sayreville. They are nothing less than amazing!



In athletics, both the SWMHS Wrestling Team and Girls Basketball Team continued their winning ways. The Wrestlers improved their record to 18-0 and can clinch the GMC White Division Championship this Wednesday evening at home. Similarly, the Girls Basketball Team improved their record to 9-5 with a big win over the weekend against Old Bridge High School. Go Bombers!!

While the February Head of the Class Calendar will not be sent out until next week, please remember that during the month of February we will dismiss students early on February 11th so that our staff can participate in professional development and schools will be closed on February 18th in Observance of Presidents' Day.

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!

Dr. Labbe

JANUARY 2019

SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSING

Delayed opening, early dismissal or cancellations due to inclement weather will be made via: Cable TV Channel 22, News 12 News Jersey, Facebook, Twitter or at www.savrevillek12.net



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR SCHOOLS CLOSED	2 Eis - PTO Meeting 6:45pm Board of Education Re-org Meeting 6:30 pm - SWMHS	3 HS - AP Night/Frosh Orientation	4
7 Arl - PTO Meeting 7:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL Project Before, SUES & MS PARENT CONFERENCES Project Before 1:35 - 3:35pm SUES - 1:05 - 3:05pm MS - 7:00 - 9:00pm	8 SUES - Bubba's Proceeds Night EARLY DISMISSAL Project Before, SUES & MS PARENT CONFERENCES MS - 1:16 - 3:05pm Project Before & SUES 7:00 - 9:00pm	9 EARLY DISMISSAL K-3 & HS PARENT CONFERENCES K-3 - 1:35 - 3:35pm HS - 6:00 - 8:00pm	10 Tru - Native American Event EARLY DISMISSAL K-3 & HS PARENT CONFERENCES HS - 12:39 - 2:30pm K-3 - 7:00 - 9:00pm	11 Arl - Emma Arleth's Birthday Celebration Wil - Wear your favorite sports team SUES - School Store MS - Musical "Mary Poppins" 7:00pm in the HS Auditorium 12 Sat - MS - Musical 2:00pm & 7:00pm
14 EARLY DISMISSAL for STUDENTS PLC for STAFF	15 Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS	16 SUES - Willabees 2:45pm & PTO Meeting 6:30pm	17 SUES - School Spirit-Jersey Day MS - PTO Meeting 6:30pm	18 MS - School Store - during lunch
21 I Have A Dream Martin Luther King Jr. Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	22 Wil - PTO meeting 7:00pm & after school club sign-ups SUES - TGIF Proceeds Night	23	24 Eis - FRN Book Bingo 7:00pm Wil - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - Art Show 6:00pm & Winter Concert 7:00pm	25 Arl - Family Paint Night 6:30pm Wil - Wear Wilson gear or colors SUES - Walk-A-Thon MS - Handbag Bingo 7:00pm
28 Tru - Theater Week	29 Snow date - SUES Concert and Art Eis - Willabees 3:30pm Tru - Theater Week Wil - Book Fair	30 Tru - Theater Week Wil - Book Fair	31 Tru - Theater Week Wil - Book Fair SUES - Character Ed Luncheon	1 FEBRUARY LOOKING AHEAD... Tru - Theater Week Wil - Book Fair

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