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Week 24 Talk Sup Review and Preview

February 18, 2019

Good morning Sayreville and Happy President's Day! I hope you had a relaxing holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*. Please remember that **all schools** in the district will be **closed today** in observance of Presidents' Day.



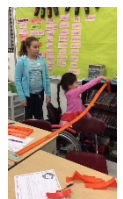
Last week the students in Ms. LaScala's Ceramic Arts Class at Sayreville War Memorial High School impressed us with their impressive throwing skills on the clay wheel, particularly considering that they've only used the wheel a few times thus far this semester. Hence, Ms. LaScala and her students are very excited about what they will be creating as the course continues. In addition, last Friday the SWMHS IT Girls Club hosted a "Fall in Love with Code: Parent's



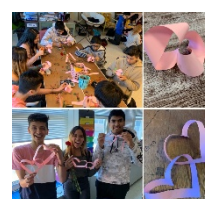
Night Out" event. Fifteen young people from the ages of 7-11 participated in the event. During it the club members led the participants through a 'robot' coding activity and the completion of *code.org's* dance party coding activity. They enjoyed snacks, pizza and goodie bags sponsored by *Girls Who Code*. Lastly, on Friday afternoon Meghan Aucone, a proud graduate of SWMHS and currently the Head Baker at Whole Foods, visited our students to bake with them and share her secrets to making delicious goodies.



In other happenings throughout the district, at the Samsel Upper Elementary (SUES) and Truman Elementary Schools our students explored the laws of science. Students at Truman enjoyed a wonderful science program presented by *Grandfalloons* entitled "Our Earth What a Gas." The children learned all about what our Earth needs to stay healthy and what we can do to protect it. At SUES, students in Ms. Mazur's and Ms. Tibbitt's class investigated potential and kinetic energy. Additionally at SUES, students in Ms. Brandon's class participated in a special Valentine/International



Day party, in which the purpose was to celebrate this special holiday in a manner that accurately reflected and represented each child's culture. Similarly, students in Ms. Nappe's SWMHS math class, celebrated Valentine's Day by exploring a torus and its cross section, the Möbius strip. If you were not aware, which I definitely was not ☺, when two Möbius strips are connected perpendicularly and cut in half, they make a heart.



This past week our amazing students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their accomplishments. Congratulations to the SWMHS Concert Band for winning First Place with a rating of "Superior" at the Elizabeth High School Band Festival. Bravo to our wonderfully talented student musicians! We also commend and congratulate the following SWMHS art students who currently have artwork on display at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick:





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Sophy Castro-Digital Arts
Hope Clemens-Advanced Art
Ella Kuchta-Intro to Art
Tisha Madhok-Advanced Art
Angela Pistilli-Advanced Art
Mackenzie Smith-Intro to Art
Raigan Stokes-Carter-Digital Art



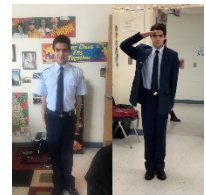
They are part of a group exhibition sponsored by the Art Educators of New Jersey. Sophy Castro's submission was chosen for the official flyer (her artwork is located in the upper left). In addition, we are so very proud to announce that the following eight seniors qualified for the New Jersey Department of Education Seal of Bi Literacy for the Class of 2019, which will be proudly placed on their high school diplomas. Four of them earned the endorsement in Polish while the other four earned it in Spanish.

Abigail Levine (Spanish)
Ethan Calcano (Spanish)
Darwin Landi (Spanish)
Nicole Correa (Spanish)
Alex Szpindor (Polish)
Gabriela Pawluczuk (Polish)
Julia Domaszot (Polish)
Monika Richezajd (Polish)

Additionally, the following two juniors from the Class of 2020 qualified for the Seal in Spanish: Elan Calcano (Spanish) and Sierra Farrell (Spanish). In total, 10 of the 19 students who took the exam on February 8th, qualified for the Seal. Out of the 12 seniors that took the exam, eight qualified. Likewise, of the seven juniors that took it, two qualified. Lastly, two of the four seniors not meeting requirements passed three of the four sections, while three of the five juniors not meeting the requirements, passed three of the four sections.



Finally, on February 8th, many of our SWMHS Air Force Junior ROTC cadets visited Pennsbury High School in Pennsylvania to participate in a physical training competition. Led by Colonel Spare and Master Sergeant Knowlton, our cadets impressed the instructors and cadets from Pennsbury by demonstrating superb physical fitness and outstanding teamwork, particularly for a new unit. In fact, check them out in this



[video](#). In addition, our cadets welcomed a new member to their ranks. Congratulations Noah Marcano! Bomber Nation salutes you! HUA!



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In athletics, this week we once again congratulate and commend the SWMHS and Sayreville Middle School Competition Cheer Teams, which on Saturday both won the 2019 New Jersey Cheerleading and Dance Coaches Association (NJCDCA) Championships. We would also like to once again congratulate the SWMHS Wrestling Team, which for the first time in school history was ranked one of the Top 50 Wrestling Programs in New Jersey. In addition, over the weekend an incredible nine wrestlers placed in the New Jersey District Wrestling Tournament and will now advance to NJ Regional Tournament. What is even more remarkable about this is that last year, only four wrestlers were able to advance to Regionals. Go Bombers!

Tomorrow evening (**Tuesday, February 19th**) there will be a BOE Budget Workshop/Business Meeting in the SWMHS Cafeteria at 7:30 pm. To see the agenda, click [here](#). During it, the Board will honor and celebrate the SWMHS DECA and FBLA Club members who recently placed in the Regional Championships and will be competing soon in the State Championships, as well as the Girls and Boys Bowling Teams. The Girls Team won the GMC White Division Championship, while the Boys Team recently won the Central Jersey Group 3 Championship. In addition, we will make the following 2019-20 Budget Presentations: Buildings and Grounds, Capital Projects, and Personnel.

As per the February Head of the Class Calendar, please remember that there will be a **Parent University Workshop on Monday, February 25th at 7 pm in the SWMHS Media Center.** It will feature a presentation on **district resources for students.**

Remember to **stay connected** to our district by monitoring the [home page of our website](#), our [Facebook page](#), our [Twitter feed](#), and our [Instagram account](#).

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Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe