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Week 29 Talk Sup Review and Preview

March 25, 2019

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 19th, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion of the meeting the BOE honored and celebrated the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Girls and Boys Winter Track Teams, which both won Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division



Championships this winter. Furthermore, it recognized and celebrated the SWMHS Wrestling Team, which also won the GMC White Division Championship. Likewise, it honored Head Wrestling Coach Marcus Ivy for being named the 2019 District 19 Coach of the Year. In addition, Ms. Mala Maharana, Supervisor of Mathematics Instruction, made a presentation to the Board and public on the district's newly developed Career and Technical Education program. To see her presentation, click [here](#). Lastly, Ms. Erin Hill, District Business Administrator, summarized the 2017-18 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report. To see her presentation, click [here](#).



The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved all of them. To see the Agenda click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board approved the aforementioned Comprehensive Annual Financial and Auditor's Management Report for the 2017-18 school year, and the Corrective Action Plan for the 2017-2018 school year for the audit recommendation that the District's DRTRS report be reconciled with the records used for the Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) as submitted by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. In addition, it approved the Proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$95,917,114, including a local tax levy \$63,320,018. Furthermore, the Board of Education approved an agreement for professional services between the Board and CME Associates, in which the Board shall pay CME \$9,500 for services related to Track resurfacing at SWMHS. Lastly the BOE approved the submission of an amended application for funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in order to receive additional funding in the amount of \$56,281 through the School Improvement Award (SIA) to assist the Sayreville Middle School in meeting the progress goals in the Title I Program Plan.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved co-curricular trips and activities. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the School District Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. To see it, click [here](#). It also approved the Teamsters Local 469 Holiday Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Nancy Apito, a Paraprofessional at the Sayreville Middle School, effective April 1, 2019. In addition, it appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2018-19 school year. Finally, the BOE approved the transfer of all Part-Time Campus Security Monitors to Full-Time Campus Security Monitors (10 months) for the 2018-19 school year.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a community member inquired about the amount of state and federal

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aid the school district received for the 2019-20 Budget. In addition, she expressed concern about the amount of administrator positions being funded in the budget. Another community member praised the Board for the inclusion of other religious and cultural holidays in the 2020-21 School District Calendar. Likewise a former graduate of SWMHS thanked the BOE for creating a Health Organization Student Association (HOSA) club at the high school. Finally, another member of the community expressed major concerns about the use of metal detectors to screen students at the middle and high school and asked the Board of Education to reconsider its position on this matter.

During open discussion, Ms. Rubio reviewed what was discussed during the last Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council Meeting. In addition, Mrs. Bloom reviewed what was covered during the latest National School Boards Association Board of Directors Meeting. When doing so, she proudly announced that Mr. Ciak was honored with a plaque for his 25 years of outstanding service as a board of education member.

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, April 9th**. During this meeting the Board will honor and celebrate the SWMHS Competition Cheerleading Team, which won a State Championship this winter. Furthermore, it will recognize and celebrate the SWMHS Top 10 Students of the Class of 2019, as well as senior Daniel Kuria, who is the SWMHS recipient of the 2019 Middlesex County Secondary Principal's Association Outstanding Student Award, and Patrick Lawniczak (Grade 12) and Alice Mako (Grade 11) who were recently selected as SWMHS recipients for the Middlesex County School Boards Association and Middlesex County Association of School Administrators Students of the Year. Lastly, Ms. Nina Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, and our district's media specialists will make a presentation to the Board and public on the latest enhancements to our media centers and the instruction that is being delivered to students from them. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, April 5th. In addition, a complete copy of the **March 19th** 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 **April 9, 2019**.

Thanks to the building and district administration, the new District School Safety and Security Specialist, and the new full-time campus security monitors at SWMHS and the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), along with our amazing high school and middle school students, who were extremely cooperative, the 2nd metal detector screening last Friday morning was a big success. In fact, at each school there were very little, if any, lines and all students who came to school on time were in first period by the start of it. Thus, the district will begin the daily screening of students at each school this morning. If you have a child in the middle or high school, please remind them to **be on time**; place **all items** that may go off in the detectors, such as **cell phones, head phones/ear buds, keys, etc.**, in their **book bags**; and to **unzip all compartments** of their bags prior to entering the screening lines. As I mentioned last week, **tomorrow evening at 7 pm** in the **Media Center** our above mentioned district **School Safety and Security Specialist** will make a Parent University Workshop presentation on all the current and projected district and high school safety and security enhancements.

As you know from the broadcast email that I sent yesterday morning, in April our students in grades 3-11 will be taking the 2019 New Jersey State Learning Assessment (NJSLA) (See [Dr. Labbe' Parent Refusal Letter 2019](#)). While I strongly encourage our parents to not refuse for their child to take the NJSLA, as we have done in the past, I provided the following link for the parent refusal form that will be used this year: [NJSLA Refusal Form 2019 Grades 3 – 8](#) and [NJSLA Refusal Form 2019 High School](#). If you will be refusing to allow your child to take his or her scheduled assessments, please complete it and send it back to the principal of your child's school as soon as possible. Within the next several weeks, our principals and Ms. Sicola, District Supervisor of Guidance and State Standardized Testing

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Coordinator, will provide more information to you regarding your child's school's testing schedule.



On Wednesday afternoon I had the opportunity to attend the send-off dinner for the SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club before they boarded busses and embarked on their journey to the New Jersey FBLA Championship Competition. Despite a bizarre and frightening incident that occurred on Wednesday evening in the hotel lobby, Mr. Howard, Social Studies Teacher at SWMHS and Lead Advisor of FBLA, reported to me that our students had a fun and most memorable experience and performed wonderfully as demonstrated by the incredible results below.



* Repeat Winners

<p><u>First Place (State Champion, National Qualifier)</u> Open Event – Progress Presentation Elijah Ade-Festus, Ian Kelly, Faizjilani Khan, and Tommy Lewis</p> <p><u>First Place (State Champion, National Qualifier)</u> Business Financial Plan Ojas Chitnis</p> <p><u>First Place (State Champion, National Qualifier)</u> Computer Game and Simulation Programming Joshua Maldonado</p> <p><u>First Place (State Champion, National Qualifier)</u> Introduction to Business Communication Neev Mistry</p> <p><u>First Place (State Champion, National Qualifier)</u> Political Science Christian Quilon</p> <p><u>Third Place (National Qualifier)</u> Coding and Programming Amankwah Clinton</p> <p><u>Second Place (National Qualifier)</u> Coding and Programming Akinola Akinokun</p> <p><u>Third Place (National Qualifier)</u> E-Business Vanessa Arteaga*, Sierra Farrell*, and Amisha Patel*</p>	<p><u>Third Place (National Qualifier)</u> Hospitality Management Radia Nazah, Iman Shahid</p> <p><u>Fourth Place (National Qualifier)</u> 3D Animation Jundy Lacuata*, Uday Patel, Sheil Shah</p> <p><u>Fourth Place (National Qualifier)</u> Public Service Announcement Ummekulsum Alishah*, Ann Murickan*, and Krina Patel*</p> <p><u>Fourth Place (National Qualifier)</u> Publication Design Agata Srodon*, Abigail Vasquez*, Luke Vasquez</p> <p><u>Fifth Place (State Place Winner, 1st Alternate for Nationals)</u> Digital Video Production James Adams* and Alice Mako*</p> <p><u>Fifth Place (State Place Winner, 1st Alternate for Nationals)</u> Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure Kamil Szczech</p> <p><u>Fifth Place (State Place Winner, 1st Alternate for Nationals)</u> Parliamentary Procedure Afaq Qamar, Kabir Patel, Farhaan Mohammed, Suryateja Gandhesiri, Gabriel Galvez*</p>
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While I was unable to attend, last Thursday the Wilson Elementary School PTO held its annual "Book Bingo." Parents, staff and students gathered together from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Wilson gymnasium. A variety of books were donated by many of the Wilson families and the students played Bingo throughout the evening. In fact, every student was able to receive a book of their choice. Since the Wilson focus continues to be reading, it was at the forefront of this celebration.



Last Friday, I had the honor and privilege to attend the SWMHS Air Force Junior ROTC Ball in Matawan, New Jersey, which featured a keynote presentation by a Brigadier General. I was extremely impressed by the manner in which the cadets represented themselves during the entire evening, particularly the Co-Cadet Leaders, Emily Wright and Connor McCabe, who demonstrated tremendous leadership, especially during several very touching and symbolic ceremonies. We commend and salute Connor, Emily, and all our cadets, and thank them for representing SWMHS and district in such an impeccable manner. In addition, we commend and congratulate Colonel Jonathan Spare and Master Sergeant Marcus Knowlton, for their leadership in facilitating such a wonderful



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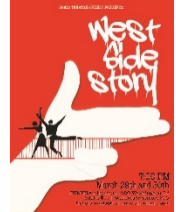


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experience for our students and all who attended. Bomber Nation salutes the Colonel, Master Sergeant, and all our amazing SWMHS AFJROTC Cadets!

As per the **March Head of the Class Calendar** and as mentioned above, please remember that on **March 25th Parent University** will present a workshop in the SWMHS Media Center at 7 pm on all the **school safety and security** measures that are being taken now and that will potentially be taken in the future. Lastly, if you have the time, please consider attending *West Side Story*, this year's SWMHS spring musical. Show times are on **Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th at 7 pm in the SWMHS Auditorium**. Tickets are available at www.showtix4u.com. In addition, as per the **April Head of the Class Calendar**, please note that the **Grades 6-12 3rd Marking Period** will end on **April 10th and Report Cards** will be issued on **April 24th**. In addition, remember that our schools will be closed for Spring Break from April 15th through April 22nd.



Please remember that parents of ALL eligible preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website (click [here](#)) in order to register for our Project Before Preschool or Full-Day Kindergarten programs via Oncourse Connect, our online registration software. Please review the Parent Letters found in this section for more information and detailed instructions. Please note that students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2019. Students entering preschool must be 3 years old on or before September 30, 2019. Following the completion of the online registration you will be contacted by the district to schedule an appointment to register a child. Likewise, as per the broadcast email that I sent yesterday, online registration via InfoSnap ([Click here](#)) for our [Summer Enrichment](#) and [Camp XL](#) programs is open this morning. Click on each to find information on both programs. Each offers a variety of different thematic **activities and trips**.

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](#).

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

MARCH 2019
SATYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSING
District opening with in-service on 3/20/19
(Up to 4 children under 18 will be made no-charge to attend 23 hours of in-service)
In-service: 1st hour of 3/20/19 @ 8:00am

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>4 All - PTO Meeting 7:00pm Th - Spring Clothing sale Book Fair</p>	<p>5 All - Willaboo 3:30pm SUES - Book Fair MS - Candy Money collection during lunch</p>	<p>6 All - Willaboo 3:30pm ES - PTO Meeting 6:45pm Book Fair</p>	<p>7 Pre-K-Kindergarten Sports Basketball @ 4:00pm All - Willaboo 3:30pm SUES - Book Fair MS - Candy Money collection during lunch</p>	<p>8 All - Gertrude Hawk Dinner SUES - Movie Night 6:00pm</p>
<p>11 EARLY DISMISSAL for STUDENTS</p>	<p>12 MS - Candy Money collection during lunch</p>	<p>13 Pre-K - Kindergarten B, 1st Grade Central visit All - Gertrude Hawk fundraiser ends SUES - PTO Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>14 All - Book Step 3:30pm @ SUES PTO Meeting 7:00pm SUES - School Spirit Conv. Day & Teachers Candy sale ends MS - Candy Money collection during lunch & PTO Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>15 All - SUES - Show Date - Home Night All - Meet with for St. Patrick's Day SUES - School spirit MS - school store during lunch</p>
<p>18 MS - School Spirit Week</p>	<p>19 MS - Candy Money collection during lunch & School Spirit Week Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS</p>	<p>20 Pre-K - PTO Meeting 7:00pm @ SUES All - Book Step 6:30pm MS - School Spirit Week</p>	<p>21 All - Spring Showcase SUES - TGI Friday's night MS - Candy Money collection during lunch & School Spirit Week</p>	<p>22 Pre-K - Book Fair & Nightly Read 6:30am @ SUES MS - School Spirit Week</p>
<p>25 Pre-K - Book Fair</p>	<p>26 Pre-K - Book Fair All - PTO Meeting 7:00pm MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch</p>	<p>27 Pre-K - Book Fair SUES - Willaboo 2:45pm MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch</p>	<p>28 Pre-K - Sports Basketball @ MS MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch All - Golden Awards Pre-K - Spring Showcase All - Pep Rally ES - Movie Night 7:00pm MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch</p>	<p>29 MS - 6th and 7th Grade Dance Pre-K - Book Fair All - Golden Awards All - Golden Awards Game 6:30pm All - Wilson Field Outdoors SUES - Character Ed Luncheon MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch MS - Spring Musical 7:00pm 29 Sat - VE - Spring Musical 7:00pm</p>

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