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Week 28 Talk Sup Review and Preview

March 18, 2019

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



Last Monday our district piloted our new metal detector screening procedures at both the high school and middle school. As you may be aware of from social media or the newspaper, the screenings resulted in about a 45 minute delay for students at the high school and about 5-10 minute delay for students at the middle school. However, the data we collected during the trial was incredibly helpful to us in augmenting our procedures so that we can hopefully screen all 1,800 students at SWMHS and 1,400 students at the middle school in time for

them to not miss any of 1st period. To read an article written in My Central Jersey.Com about our implementation of metal detectors and the rationale for it, click <u>here</u>. Nevertheless, if the Board of Education approves our recommendation to make our current part time Campus Security Monitors (CSM) full time during this Tuesday's BOE Meeting, we will test the procedure one last time later this week before implementing the process on a daily basis beginning on Monday, March 25th. If you are interested, during the next Parent University Workshop, which will take place on **March 25th at 7 pm in the SWMHS Media Center**, we will feature a presentation by Jeffrey Sprague, the new District School Safety and Security Specialist, on all the current and projected district and high school safety and security enhancements.

This week the New Jersey Department of Education released the 2017-18 Sayreville Public School District and each school's New Jersey Performance Report. To see them, click <u>here</u>. Since each report is in excess of 30 pages, please take your time when reading them. In addition, NJ.Com printed an article consisting of the scores and percentile rankings of all schools in New Jersey. To see the article, click <u>here</u>. As you will see, since for the most part the ratings are based upon student growth, the only Sayreville schools rated were Samsel, the middle school, and high school. Sayreville Middle School (SMS) was rated with a score of 26.75 and a ranking of 14.57%, while the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) and SWMHS were rated higher at 49.58 (48.58%) and 48.23 (46.13%) respectively. Although SWMHS and SUES scored comparatively with many peer schools in Middlesex County, we naturally have much work to do. You can compare our ratings with other schools in other districts in Middlesex County and throughout the state by typing the name of the district in the search box located above the data section at the bottom of the article.



Last Thursday, I attended the Renaissance Breakfast at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). The breakfast is coordinated by the Renaissance Committee, which is led by Ms. Kelly, Mr. Rice, Ms. LaScala, and Ms. Venturelli, teachers at SWMHS. The purpose of the breakfast is to celebrate and reward the students who

achieved straight As during Marking Periods 1 and 2 this year. Thanks to our Food Service Department, unlike previous years, this breakfast consisted of French toast, bacon, eggs, and pork roll, egg and cheese





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sandwiches (nothing says New Jersey more than a pork roll, egg, and cheese with a splash of ketchup ⁽²⁾). 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.



This past Friday I also had a blast attending the annual SWMHS Robotics World Cup Soccer Championship. As always, it was a thrilling tournament consisting of teams of all students in Mr. Alvarez's Robotics classes. I was incredibly impressed with the robots that were constructed by these very talented students and by the precision in which they controlled them remotely during the soccer competition. Check them out in this video. We



commend these students for their remarkable work. Moreover we commend and thank Mr. Alvarez and all our incredible faculty for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to promoting the most positive outcomes for all our students.



This past week our amazing students continued to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. Congratulations to senior Daniel Kuria, who is the SWMHS recipient of the 2019 Middlesex County Secondary Principal's Association Outstanding Student Award. Daniel and his family will be honored at a banquet with all other Middlesex County high school recipients on April 9th. Similarly, I would like to commend and congratulate 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. They too will be honored at a dinner on their behalf on March 26th. We are so proud of you Daniel, Patrick, and Alice!



In addition, this week Andrew LaMonica, a student in Ms. Mojzsis' SWMHS Jewelry and Metalworking Class, was recently granted a National Gold Medal Award from the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. If you are not familiar with this nonprofit organization, it presents all Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Since nearly 340,000 works of art and writing were submitted to it for a 2019 award, receiving a National Gold Medal, places Andrew within the



top 1% of all submissions! We would also like to commend and congratulate our wonderful SWMHS Winterguard, which placed 2nd at their competition this past Saturday. They also received 1st Place in the Equipment and Movement Categories.



Lastly, we congratulate the SWMHS Health Occupation Student of America (HOSA) – Future Health Professionals Team of Zoha Shah, Stephany Fernandes and Khinsa Shah who earned 6th Place in the New Jersey HOSA Competition with their outstanding Public Service Announcement. If you are not familiar with HOSA, it is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE)



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Division of ACTE. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. The SWMHS Team is led by Ms. McCabe, a Science Teacher at SWMHS. You Rock Zola, Stephany, Khinsa, and Ms. McCabe! Bomber Nation salutes these and all our incredibly talented students and thanks them for the impeccable manner in which they represent their school and our school district.

Tomorrow (**Tuesday, March 19th**) there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting at 7:30 pm in the SWMHS Cafeteria**. To see the agenda, click <u>here</u>. During this meeting the Board will vote on the Preliminary 2019-20 School district Budget. In addition, during the presentation portion of the meeting the BOE will honor and celebrate the SWMHS Girls and Boys Winter Track Teams, which both won GMC White Division Championships this winter. Furthermore, it will recognize and celebrate the SWMHS Wrestling Team, which won both the GMC White Division and New Jersey District 19 Championships. Likewise, it will honor Head Wrestling Coach Marcus Ivy for being named the 2019 District 19 Coach of the Year. Lastly, Ms. Maharana, Supervisor of Mathematics Instruction, will make a presentation to the Board and public on the district's newly developed Career and Technical Education program.

As per the March Head of the Class Calendar and as mentioned above, please remember that there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** tomorrow, **March 19th**. In addition, 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 <u>www.showtix4u.com</u>.

Please remember that parents of ALL eligible preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website (click <u>here</u>) in order to register for our Project Before Preschool or Full-Day Kindergarten programs via Oncourse Connect, our online registration software. <u>Please review the Parent Letters found in this section for more information and detailed instructions.</u> Please note that <u>students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before</u> September 30, 2019. <u>Students entering preschool must be 3 years old on or before</u> 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.

Remember to **stay connected** to our district by monitoring the <u>home page of our website</u>, our <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u>, out <u>Twitter feed</u>, and our <u>Instagram account</u>.

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u>. Lastly, if you or someone you know wants to **lease our facilities**, contact Deborah DeVico at <u>deborah.devico@savrevillek12.net</u>.



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Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

MARCH 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 <u>www.sayrevillek12.net</u>		"You're hever te std. for suchs for vill. to pick up a boak and read to a child." Or. Sens
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Happy Dr.S	Birthday leuss March 1st Read Across America	"The more you read the more that you know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go."		1 All Elementary Schools Read Across America Activities Eis - Shamrock Grams SUES - Yankee Candle sale begins
4 Arl - PTO Meeting 7:00pm Tru - Spring Clothing sale SUES - Book Fair	5 Eis - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - Book Fair MS - Candy Money collection during lunch "Let the Children Lead" Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS	6 Arl - Willabees 3:40pm Eis - PTO Meeting 6:45pm SUES - Book Fair	 Pre-K Unified Sports Basketball © SUES 3:30pm Will - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - Book Fair MS - Candy Money collection during lunch 	8 Arl - Gertrude Hawk Delivery SUES - Movie Night 6:00pm 9 Sat - HS - SAT Testing
11 EARLY DISMISSAL for STUDENTS	12 MS - Candy Money collection during lunch	13 Tru - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Dental Visit Wil - Gertrude Hawk fundraiser ends SUES - PTO Meeting 6:30pm	14 Pre-K - Book Bingo 5:30pm @ SUES Tru - PTO Meeting 7:00pm SUES - School Spirit-Cornfy Day & Yankee Candle sale ends MS - Candy Money collection during lunch & PTO Meeting 6:30pm	15 * SUES - Snow Date - Movie Night Arl - Walk-A-Thon Wil - Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day SUES - School Store MS - School Store during lunch
18 MS - School Spirit Week	19 MS - Candy Money collection during lunch & School Spirit Week Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS	20 Pre-K - PTO Meeting 7:00pm @ SUES Wil - Book Bingo 6:30pm MS - School Spirit Week	21 Arl - Spring Pictures SUES - TGIF proceeds night MS - Candy Money collection during lunch & School Spirit Week	22 Pre-K - Book Fair & Spring Fling Dance 6:30pm @ SUES MS - School Spirit Week
25 Pre-K - Book Fair	26 Pre-K - Book Fair Wil - PTO Meeting 7:00pm MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch	27 Pre-K - Book Fair SUES - Willabees 2:45pm MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch	28 Unified Sports Basketball @ HS HS - 2:30pm, SUES & MS - 3:30pm, Arl - 4:15pm Pre-K - Book Fair Arl - Pep Rally Eis - FFN - Game Night 7:00pm MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch	29 MS - 6th and 7th Grade Dance Pre-K - Book Fair Arl - Golden Awards & FFN - Majority Rules Game 6:30pm Wil - Wilson Pride Day/wear Wilson gear or colors & Lularoe fundraiser SUES - Character Ed Luncheon MS - 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale during lunch HS - Spring Musical 7:00pm 30 Sat - HS - Spring Musical 7:00pm