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Week 31 Talk Sup Review and Preview

April 8, 2019

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*. As you know, <u>due to a very large water main break in front of the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) on Washington Road, **SMS and Sayreville War Memorial High School** will be **closed today**. While we will have school at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) and at our other K-3 elementary schools, please be prepared for **significant delays in busing**, as **Washington Road** will be **closed** between **Ernston** and **Deerfield Roads**.</u>



Last Saturday, *Jostens*, the yearbook publishing company for SWMHS, hosted its annual Student Renaissance Cultural Fair at the high school. Thanks to the planning and preparation performed by Ms. Kelly Donnelly, one of our incredible Math Teachers at SWMHS, all the SWMHS and students from several other school districts in New Jersey, had a wonderful time. Thus, we commend and thank Ms. Donnelly and the



SWMHS National Honor Society students that volunteered their time to make this such a successful and memorable experience for all who attended, including board of education members from Sayreville and other districts in Jew Jersey, who participated in this event along with their own scheduled New Jersey School Boards Association training.



However, that was not the only thing-taking place at the high school yesterday, as clay artwork created by students all over New Jersey was on display in one of our auxiliary gyms as part of the annual Clay in Mind Exhibit. In fact, the ceramic artwork from SWMHS sophomore Nick Diaz and junior Alice Mako was selected to move on to The Clay



Studio, a prestigious ceramic gallery in Philadelphia, PA, and will be on display in a gallery space during the middle of June. We commend and congratulate Nick and Alice, as well as Ms. Jennifer LaScala, one of our wonderful art teachers at SWMHS, for the expertise, guidance and support that she provided to Alice and Nick, along with all her students, as well as for hosting and facilitating this year's exhibit.



This week the students at the SUES engaged in Disability Awareness Week activities during physical education (PE) that promoted understanding, awareness, and acceptance of all types of intellectual and developmental disabilities. In fact, the students there had the opportunity to participate in stations that were designed to simulate what it is like for a person with a physical disability to join their peers in typical age appropriate activities. These activities also gave students the opportunity to brainstorms

ways that they could assist those in need, as well as have an understanding of how their actions can help or hinder others. We would like to thank the SUES staff, particularly PE Teacher Mr. Andrew Najjar and Special Education Teachers Ms. Dana Giorgianni and Ms. Amanda Wilkes, for developing and implementing such a wonderful program.





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As always, our amazing students and staff continue to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. We commend and congratulate SWMHS senior Elizabeth Dobrinzski and sophomore Tanisha Kore, who received awards last Tuesday evening during the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing Award Ceremony at Kean University. Elizabeth received an Honorable Mention Award and Tanisha received the Rising Star Award. However, both young women were recognized for their aspirations to make an impact on the world through the use of technology. We also commend and thank Ms. Atiya Conry, one of our amazing Computer Science Teachers at SWMHS, who dedicates herself to teaching technology and

encourages the steady growth in the number of students (especially young women) going into computer sciences.



Likewise, we salute SMS 8th grader Aryan Shah, who competed last Friday at the 2019 National Geographic NJ State Geography Bee at Rowan University. Aryan competed against 200 qualifiers from New Jersey. He was actually able to make it to the 2nd Round with only 22 other students before unfortunately being eliminated in a tiebreaker, in which he answered 7 out of 8 questions correctly. He represented Sayreville and the middle school with grit, determination, sportsmanship and knowledge. We also

commend and thank Mr. Thomas Mullins, a Social Studies Teacher at SMS, who has been coordinating the Geography Bee and supporting students in it for many years.



In addition, on Saturday two of the SWMHS Odyssey of the Mind Teams competed in the New Jersey State Finals. We are proud to report that the Problem 1 Team "Omer to the Rescue," which consists of the following students: Richard Brown, Jay Pipaliya, Christopher Gallagher, Liam Walsh, Joshua Gorniak, Vraj Patel, and Vihaan Easwar, came in 2nd Place and thus earned an invitation to World Finals at Michigan State University from May 21st through May 26th. In addition, the Problem 5 Team tied for 3rd place. We also commend and

thank Ms. Christina McCabe, who is their advisor and a Science Teacher at SWMHS, for all her support and guidance. Lastly, we congratulate SWMHS senior Mark Juenemann, who was recently selected as a winner of the James E. Casey National Merit Scholarship, which was sponsored this year by the United Parcel Service (UPS) Foundation.



In athletics, the SWMHS Baseball and Girls and Boys Track Teams are off to impressive starts. Thanks to a thrilling come from behind 13-12 victory over St. Joseph's High School (HS) and a superbly pitched three hit victory by pitcher Ryan Ament against Trenton Catholic HS, the Bombers are 2-2. Likewise, the Girls and Boys Track Teams performed magnificently at last Saturday's Metuchen Relays. In Fact, many of our young women and men earned medals and top placements, including the Boys 4 x 400 and

Discus Relay Teams, which both won First Place, and the Boys Shot Put, Javelin, and 4 x 100 Relay Teams, which also medaled. Finally, we congratulate and commend Dylan Rodriguez, who broke the 35 year record for the 5 K Run with an amazing time of 16:02, and Ruth Itua, who continued her winning ways with two medals.





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We salute these and all our amazing students and thank them for the impeccable manner in which they have represented their school and our district. Furthermore, we commend and thank the incredibly dedicated staff members and wonderfully supportive parents who played a role in assisting them in achieving their remarkable accomplishments.

As you may or may not know, the borough has asked several community members to perform a New York City commuting survey study. Therefore, if you are a New York City commuter, please take five minutes of your time to fill out this <u>survey</u> with information that will help borough residents learn more about commuter needs and wants. Please also feel free to share information about the survey with people outside of Sayreville who commute into New York City via bus, train, or car.

Tomorrow evening (**Tuesday, April 9**th) there will be a BOE meeting on. During this meeting, the Board will honor and celebrate the SWMHS and Sayreville Middle School Competition Cheerleading Teams, 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.

As per the April Head of the Class Calendar, please note that the Grades 6-12 3rd Marking Period will end this week 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. Lastly, if you have the time, please consider attending the *Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert* on April 27th from 3:30 pm until...? It will be held in the Sayreville Knights of Columbus Hall. If you are not aware of this amazing charitable event, it was founded in the memory one of our Campus Security Monitor's (Mr. Morgan) beloved daughter Jaclyn, who passed away last year after a valiant battle with cancer. Together, Mr. Morgan, his wife, and their son, who is also a Campus Security Monitor in the district, have been raising funds for the past 6 years to benefit families who are caring for a loved one fighting this horrible disease. Proceeds from this year's benefit will assist two Sayreville families, including that of Carl Palestrini, another Campus Security Monitor at the high school. To make a donation or to purchase tickets in advance, email them at jamminforjaclyn@gmail.com or call 732-525-9536.

Please remember that online registration via InfoSnap (<u>Click here</u>) for our <u>Summer</u>
<u>Enrichment</u> and <u>Camp XL</u> programs is open this morning. <u>Click on each to find information on both programs</u>. Each offers a variety of different thematic <u>activities</u> and <u>trips</u>.

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Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe



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