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Talk Sup Week 39 Review and Preview

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



Last Thursday, Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) thanked and honored all its students with and without disabilities who participated in their Unified PE/Sports/Art program with a special breakfast. Likewise, last Friday they held a breakfast in the honor of the graduating Class of 2019. During this breakfast, the



students were surprised and thrilled to see Mr. Brown, the former Principal that retired in December, who took the time to make a special visit. Likewise, during it, the students also took the time to sign and exchange pleasantries in the yearbooks that they received the day before. Immediately following the



breakfast, the seniors attended a special and quite emotional assembly sponsored and paid for by the Sayreville Fire Department called "After the Fire." If you are not familiar

with this very powerful presentation, it is based on the award winning documentary produced by Shawn Simons and Alvaro

Llanos, two students from Seton Hall University who were badly burned and rendered comatose for weeks after the highly publicized January 19, 2000 dormitory fire there, which was started by arsonists. During their presentation, Mr. Simons and Mr. Llanos



chronicled the events that occurred on that dreadful day and provided our seniors with extremely important fire safety information and building evacuation tips that they will most certainly need when they go away to college. To see the documentary, click <u>here</u>.



Later in the afternoon on Thursday I had the privilege of attending the Sayreville University New Teacher Institute End of the Year Celebration. Since 2015, through Sayreville University, the Sayreville Public Schools has taken the time to honor and celebrate the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year teachers that have successfully completed the school year and to thank their mentor master teachers. This year, led by our wonderful Supervisor of

Professional Development, Nina Obryk, and Barbara DeSantis, our amazing Technology Integration Facilitator, our new and non-tenured teachers participated in team building activities with their mentors and



building administrators, and enjoyed refreshments. Along with other special guests, Dr. Aguiles, Director of Human Resources, attended the celebration to commend the newest members of our incredible instructional team and to thank their amazing mentors for all they did to support them. We congratulate them and all our teachers for yet another outstanding performance this school year and thank them for their tireless work and

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unwavering dedication to our students and school district. Moreover, we are forever grateful to Ms. Obryk, Ms. DeSantis, and any other professionals who participated in the planning and coordination of this wonderful professional activity.



Later in the evening on Thursday, I attended the Kindergarten Parent Information Workshop at the Arleth Elementary School. During this very informative evening, teachers and other professionals from the Arleth Elmentary School, the district K-3 Elementary School Principals, as well as Amy Stueber, the Elementary Supervisor, and Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided



essential information on programs and services to the parents of all general education and special education students who were in attendance. Additionally, they shared vital information pertaining district policies and procedures, particularly those pertaining to instruction, curriculum, special education and related services, intervention and referral services, transportation, food services, and school security. Finally, they shared



with the parents how they can prepare their children for Kindergarten. To see this, click <u>here</u>. We commend and thank Alyssa Garnett, Kayla Santiago, Judith Berg-Friel, and Kathy Moroch from the Arleth Elementary School, as well as Robert Preston, Timothy Byrne, Carmen Davis, and Scott Nurnberger, Elementary School Principals, and Ms. Stueber and Dr. Shedicak for all all they did to plan and implement this very important parent activity.



In other happenings across the district last week, last Friday the 5th graders at the Samsel Upper Elementary School participated in their LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Graduation. Thank you Officer Morales and the SUES teachers for all they did to assist our

students. Later in the afternoon the 5th graders enjoyed a "LEAD Fair" where they visited with law enforcement, emergency personnel, and firefighters to

law enforcement, emergency personnel, and firefighters to learn about their jobs, vehicles, and special equipment. In Project Before, the preschool students in Little Stars had such a wonderful time at their interactive bubble show. Thank you to the



wonderful Project Before PTO for organizing such a great event. On Monday, in yet another edition of their amazing "Motivation Mondays" the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) welcomed Ms. Ama Karikari Yawson, creator of *Sunne's Gift*, who presented an engaging assembly to the students in grade 8 on bullying prevention, self-esteem, personal



narratives, and empowering one's voice. Lastly, this week our students began celebrating the end of the school year with fun and special activities. Last week the students from Samsel participated in



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their annual field day, as did the students at the Eisenhower, Wilson, Truman, and Arleth Schools this past week. We salute and thank all the wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, support staff, and parents for all the hard work that they put into each of these activities to make them very successful and memorable experiences for our students.



During this past week, our students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. We commend and congratulate the SWMHS Concert Band on taking the highest rating of "SUPERIOR" at the New Egypt High School High Note Band Festival! The music included notable compositions

by Michael Sweeney, Vaclav Nehlybel, and Robert Sheldon. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS senior Gail Mensah who is the 2019 recipient of the Sabert Corporation Scholarship. Lastly we commend SMS teachers Kim Lawson and Laurie Centimole, who served as guest judges at iPlay America's annual Science Fair yesterday.

In athletics, we congratulate Anthony Jackson from the SWMHS Track Team for placing 10th in the state and running a personal record in the 100 meter dash, while also breaking the school record with a time of 10.71. We also commend and congratulate Alex Szpindor and London Martinez, from SWMHS who were recognized last week as Sayreville's Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) scholar athletes of 2018-19. Finally, we congratulate senior SWMHS Baseball player Christian Aich for being selected to play in the GMC Senior All Star Game. Go Bombers!

As per the June Head of the Class Calendar, the next **Board of Education Meeting** will take place tomorrow evening (**Tuesday**, **June 11**th) at 7:30 pm in the SWMHS Cafeteria. During this meeting the Spiezle Architectural Group, which is the architect of record for the Board, will review the results from a recent district-wide facility assessment that it performed. In addition, the next Parent University Workshop, which will be on Monday June 17th in the SWMHS Media Center at 6 pm, will feature a presentation by Ms. Coglianese, Principal of SUES, entitled K-5 Summer Fun...with a Little Learning along the Way! Please also note that the district will dismiss students early on June 19-21st and that the Promotion Ceremony for Sayreville Middle School will take place on Thursday, June 20th at 6 pm in the SWMHS Stadium, while the SWMHS Graduation Commencement Ceremony will take place on Friday, June 21st at 6 pm in the Stadium. Finally, please remember that the last day of school for students will be on Friday, June 21st.

Speaking of the SWMHS Graduation Commencement and SMS Promotion ceremonies, as we did last year, we will simulcast the ceremony in the Cafeteria for any elderly and or medically fragile guests who may be more comfortable in a climate controlled environment. In addition, as per last year, in accordance with our school security procedures, please remember that air horns and bags, including pocketbooks, are prohibited from being brought into the stadium. The only exception to this will be parents of infants and

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toddlers who may need a bag to care for their children and elderly and/or medically fragile guests that may need to have with them vital healthcare items. In such cases, these bags should be **clear** or **see-through**. Lastly, pocketbooks that can be held in the palm of a hand are permitted. Sayreville Police Officers and district campus security monitors, who will be equipped with metal detection wands, will be stationed at each gate to screen spectators and enforce these procedures.

Please note that <u>all money owed to the district Food Services Program must be **paid in full** by **June 1**, <u>2019</u>. To pay off your child's account you child can either bring cash/check to the cafeteria registers in their school or pay online to MySchoolBucks. Remember that in accordance with Sayreville BOE policy, any negative balance at the end of the school year will result in **denying access** to the parent/guardian and **child for electronic grade reporting, scheduling, and other related pupil information systems**. In addition, all SWMHS seniors must pay off charges before receiving their **cap and gown for graduation**.</u>

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</u> <u>programs</u>. Each offers a variety of different thematic **activities** and **trips**.

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>.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe