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Talk Sup Week 32 Review and Preview

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Good afternoon Sayreville! I hope you had a happy holidays and relaxing spring break. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Tomorrow our schools will reopen after a long and much needed spring recess.



In the evening on Wednesday April 10th, I had the privilege of attending the Sayreville War Memorial High School National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony. As is the case each year, the high school recognized and inducted the amazing juniors and seniors who have demonstrated excellence inside and outside of the classroom this year. As always, the ceremony was rich with tradition and spirit, as the inductees took the time to thank the wonderful teachers at SWMHS who were pivotal in their success. We commend and thank



Ms. Lizbeth Victorero, NHS Advisor, and all the staff members who assisted her in coordinating such a memorable experience for our 2019 NHS students and their parents.



On Thursday, April 11th, I was honored to have the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Mr. Sayreville Fundraiser. As you may or may not know, each year the SWMHS Girls and Boys Soccer Teams, led by head coaches Nicholas Cifelli and Jillian McGarry, coordinate this light-hearted and fun-filled pageant. Just like previous years, more than three dozen senior boys participated in country and western themed choreographed dance numbers, skits, and a trivia contest. After paring the contestants down to nine finalists, Ethan Gutzlaff was crowned Mr. Sayreville. We commend and congratulate Ethan and all the students who either competed or participated in Mr. Sayreville 2019. Moreover, we commend and thank Mr. Cifelli, Ms. McGarry, and all the staff members, particularly those who participated in the country western line dance, who assisted them in coordinating what was a wonderfully entertaining evening for all.



While I did not have the opportunity to attend, on April 10th, the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) hosted the annual ASI Family Literacy Night, which featured an appearance by award winning author David Adler, who has written over 200 children's books, most notably *Cam Jansen*. In total nearly 130 students and 110 parents participated in this celebration of literacy that was designed by the amazing ASI teachers in the district to promote reading. Moreover, the parents and students who attended this wonderful activity learned how reading can be a formative family experience while also an enriching literary adventure. We extend our sincere appreciation to all our wonderful ASI teachers who took part in making this activity so special.





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On Saturday, April 13th, I joined Dr. Aguires, Director of Human Resources, and several members of our administrative team as they met with and interviewed over 100 candidates for potential 2019-2020 certificated and non-certificated staff vacancies during our first ever job fair. Of those candidates, 72 were interested in certificated positions, in which more than half were certified to teach grades K-5, and the others were interested in non-certificated positions. Click [here](#) to view our new Human Resources video produced by Nicholas Taylor, SWMHS Video Productions Teacher. You Rock Dr. Aguires, Mr. Taylor, and all the administrators who participated in the first of many annual job fairs.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, April 9th, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Board honored and celebrated the SWMHS and Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Competition Cheerleading Teams, which both won State Championships this winter. Furthermore,



it recognized and celebrated 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. Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, and several media specialists made a special video presentation to the Board and public in celebration of School Library Month. See the [video](#) and [handout](#) that they shared.



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 purchase of Axis Network Cameras and installation services from Presidio for a total cost of \$251,882. Likewise, it approved the purchase of a student identification card system and related materials from CDW-G for a total cost of \$41,890. Furthermore, the Board approved the purchase and installation of Hellas epiQ Tracks X1000, which is the new track for Sayreville War Memorial High School for a total cost of \$590,669. In addition, it approved generous donations of three giant sized checkerboard mats to be used at recess from the Wilson School PTO; admission fees for students and staff to attend Autism Day at Six Flags Great Adventure on May 8, 2019 from the Sayreville Police Benevolence Association; and funding to sponsor two staff members from the district to attend the 2019 National Conference on Science in St. Louis, Missouri from DuPont Electronics & Imaging as part of their commitment to improving science education. Lastly, the BOE approved a contract with the New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning to provide curricula and course materials for the new 2019-2020 Advanced Placement Computer Science program at SWMHS.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved resolutions recognizing and commending the aforementioned 2018-19 SWMHS Top 10 Students, the SWMHS MCASA/MCSBA Students of the Year, and the SWMHS MCSPA Student of the Year. Additionally, the Board approved co-curricular activities. On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the revised Information Systems & Data Management Specialist job description. To see it, click [here](#).

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Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Mary Dulski, a 2nd Grade Teacher at the Truman Elementary School, effective June 30, 2019, Anne Marie Melanaski, Paraprofessional at the Arleth Elementary School, effective November 1, 2019, and Ellen Rice, Cafeteria Worker at SWMHS, effective June 1, 2019. In addition, it approved the appointment of new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years, including but not limited to the appointment of Mr. Dale Rubino as Principal of SWMHS, effective July 1, 2019. Lastly, the BOE approved many advisors and their respective stipends for the 2019-20 school year, and appointed staff members to work in the Sayreville Special Olympics Unified Sports Program for the upcoming Summer Track and Field season.

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure and School Safety and Security Committee Meetings. Likewise, Mrs. Rubio discussed the major highlights from the recent BOE Student Achievement Committee Meeting. Mr. Ciak informed the Board about the recent meeting that he, Mr. Esposito, and Dr. Labbe attended with representatives from North American Properties, the organization coordinating the Riverton commercial and residential property in lieu of taxes (PILOT) construction project, which is scheduled to be developed on the site of the former National Lead Paint chemical plant. Finally, Mrs. Bloom reviewed the highlights from her recent New Jersey School Boards Association Board of Directors Meeting.

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, May 7th**. During this meeting, we will also conduct the 2019-20 School District Budget Public Hearing. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, May 3rd. In addition, a complete copy of the **April 9th** 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 **May 7, 2019**.

During the past two weeks, our students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. We congratulate Ms. DiStaulo, our SWMHS Theatre Arts Teacher, and Director of *Almost, Maine*, the fall of 2018 drama, as well as the entire hardworking cast and crew, for being nominated to receive the following awards from the Montclair State University's (MSU) Theatre Society: Outstanding Achievement in Stage Crew, Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Comedy for Colin Denby, and Outstanding Achievement by an Acting Ensemble of a Comedy for the full cast. Ms. DiStaulo will attend and represent SWMHS at the MSU Theatre Night Awards Ceremony on Monday, May 20th. We are so proud of Ms. DiStaulo, Colin, and the entire cast and crew of *Almost, Maine*, as there were over 70 high schools that were in contention this year for awards. In addition, we



congratulate SWMHS senior Mikhail Fernandes, whose watercolor painting was selected for inclusion in the spring NJPAC student art exhibition. The reception is being held on Sunday, May 19th at 11 am. Similarly, we are also proud to announce that Mikhail's teacher Ms. Katherine Mozsis will also have work on display at the Clemente Soto Véllez Cultural & Educational Center in NYC from May 2nd -12th. We commend these students and staff members and cannot thank them enough for the manner in which they have represented our district!



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In athletics, prior to spring break the SWMHS Football Team received their state championship rings. I could not tell which was sparking more, our players and coaches or their rings.☺ In addition, over the weekend both the SWMHS Baseball and Softball Team played in games and raised funds as part of the Autism Awareness Challenge, in which Sayreville once again received an award for being the top fundraiser. Thank you to all the players and families who helped contribute to this great cause! To punctuate the week for our Bombers Baseball Team, senior Ethan Calcano was named the Greater Middlesex Conference Baseball Player of the Week. Last, but certainly not least, we commend and congratulate the SWMHS Boys and Girls Track Teams, who today both won the GMC White Division Championship. This is the 3rd consecutive White Division Championship for the Boys Team and the 4th for the Girls Team. Go Bombers!



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As per the **April Head of the Class Calendar**, please note that the **Grades 6-12 3rd Marking Period Report Cards** will be issued on **April 24th**. In addition, 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**.

Please remember that 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@sayrevillek12.net.

Have a wonderful week!