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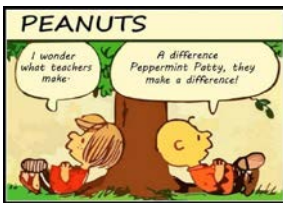
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## Talk Sup Week 34 Review and Preview

May 6, 2019

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



As you may or may not already know, **National Educator Appreciation Month** takes place during the entire month of May each year. However, the majority of the festivities center on this week, which is the first full week of May. In fact, this week is commonly known as **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Moreover, the National Education Association (NEA) designates the first Tuesday (May 7<sup>th</sup>) that falls during Teacher Appreciation Week as **National Teacher Appreciation Day**.

Likewise, this Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is **National School Nurses Appreciation Day**. Therefore, please consider contributing to the many activities that will take place this week and month to demonstrate appreciation for the hard-working, dedicated, and exemplary educators in Sayreville. More importantly, please take the time to express your sincere gratitude to the wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals, and educational support service providers working tirelessly to educate and develop yours and our children. On behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we would like to commend our amazing educators and to thank them for **EVERYTHING** they do for **ALL** our students. They **ROCK!**



Last Tuesday I had the honor and privilege to donate blood during the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Blood Drive. Coordinated by SWMHS Spanish Teacher and SADD advisor Ms. Genevieve Corrales, our students were able to collect an exorbitant amount of well needed blood,



which will inevitably save the lives of countless people.



This past Tuesday Ms. Mojzsis and her SWMHS Honors Art Students and some of our students with special needs worked together to create some incredible paintings during the first of what I hope to be many more Unified Arts Workshops. We thank all our art and special education teachers who coordinated and participated in



this wonderful activity. Later in the week, some of those students traveled to Brooklyn,



New York to explore the Brooklyn Museum and Botanical Gardens. Finally, check out the poppy flowers that Ms. LaScala's Art students recently created out of used wire hangers. The students will be donating them to garden space at the Smithville Mansion. In addition, on the back of each flower the students will write the names of veterans and those currently serving our country in the military.

Last Wednesday evening our central administration accompanied me and several Board of Education members to the Middlesex County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Spring Meeting. During this very

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important meeting, Mr. Kevin Ciak, President of the Sayreville Board of Education, was honored and recognized for 25 years of outstanding service as a board of education member in Sayreville. Likewise, during the meeting Mrs. Lucy Bloom accepted the nomination for President of the MCSBA for the next two years. MCSBA will hold their official vote later this school year. Bomber Nation salutes both Mr. Ciak and Mrs. Bloom for their outstanding service to the Sayreville community and the students and staff in the

Sayreville Public Schools.



While I was not able to attend, last Wednesday, the SWMHS Concert Band with special guest vocalists, brought down the house during its annual Spring Concert. We commend and congratulate all our student musicians and vocalists who performed so wonderfully. Additionally, we commend and thank Dr. Caruso and all of our staff who worked so hard and devoted much of their time to prepare our students for the concert.



As they always do, our SWMHS students who were inducted into the 2019 Hispanic National Honor Society (HHS) last Friday evening, had a wonderful time. If you have never been to this very unique and special occasion, not only do our students partake in a ceremony rich in tradition, they also have a ton of fun after it dancing on stage and in the cafeteria to the uplifting and cultural tunes played by an authentic mariachi band. We congratulate all

the students who were inducted and thank them for a very entertaining evening. Likewise, we commend and thank Mr. Hugo Alcolea, Spanish Teacher and HHS Advisor, along with all the Spanish Teachers who devoted their time to once again make this very special activity so memorable for all who attended, including me.



During the past several weeks, our students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. At the end of April Ms. Kimberley Lawson and Ms. Kimberley Marsh, Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Science Teachers, attended the 2019 National Science Teachers Convention in St. Louis, MO. During it, they connected with many science educators all over the United States and Canada. Likewise, they made connections with educators from NOAA the National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Association and were invited to attend a workshop on Marine Debris. We commend and thank Ms. Lawson and Ms. Marsh for representing our district at this prominent educator convention. In addition, we extend our sincere gratitude to Dupont for providing each teacher with all-expense paid scholarships to attend the convention. We are very fortunate to partner with organizations in our greater community, like Dupont, that value the importance of collaboration, charity, and community; and to that end are willing to donate time, funds, and/or property to benefit our students and staff.



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In addition, we commend and congratulate the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) students in Ms. Stravalacci's 1<sup>st</sup> Period English class, who won the Achieve 3000 Sayreville Spring Reading Contest. The students celebrated their victory with a pizza party courtesy of Achieve 3000. Similarly, the following four students from Ms. McCarthy's SMS Science classes did extremely well in a statewide essay contest sponsored by the NJ Water Environment Association: Ysabelle DelaCruz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Kushi Patel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and runner ups Laysa Bhattiprolu and Sarah Check. Their essays were chosen out of more than 150 that were submitted. Lastly, students and staff members at SMS were recently recognized and honored by the Ronald McDonald House for raising over \$10,000 in donations for the past decade. Led by School Counselor David Fischer, and teachers Jarrett Lampkin, Tara Reisner, Margaret Fallon, and Coleen Mezzina; for the past 13 years the students from SMS have been making and selling holiday wreaths in December and donating all the proceeds from purchases to the Ronald McDonald House. To learn more about this exceptional community service by our students and staff, click [here](#) to read a recently written article in the Suburban.



Likewise, at SWMHS we congratulate the SWMHS seniors who last week proudly displayed the colors of the institutions of higher education that they will be attending next year. One of those students, John Lewis, who is the Class of 2019 Valedictorian, will be attending Cornell University. In addition, we congratulate junior Jillian Loftus, who was recently selected to participate in the BOLD (BioCONNECT Oncology Leadership Development) Initiative at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

this summer. We also commend and congratulate Advanced Art students Brianna Bates, Tisha Madhok, and Alyssa Reif, whose artwork will be on display at the Project for Empty Space Gallery in Newark, NJ as part of the 4th Annual Heroin and Opioid Art Exhibition sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Similarly we congratulate art



students Angela Pistilli (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Sara Turner (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and Gabriel Santiago, along with Wood Shop students Rowann Ahmed (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) and Gab Santos (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), whose artwork and woodwork won awards in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sayreville Shade Tree Commission Art Contest, which celebrated student artwork reflecting what a tree means to them. They were recognized and received their awards at a ceremony last Saturday at the Sayreville Senior Center.



In athletics, our student athletes on the Girls and Boys Track Teams continued to collect medals at this past week's Greater Middlesex Conference Relay Championships. In addition, the SWMHS Baseball Team improved its record to 8-10 with impressive wins last week over St. Joseph's High School and Edison HS.



Likewise, the SWMHS softball team celebrated a big win over Spotswood HS on senior day last Thursday. Furthermore, the SWMHS Girls Golf Team improved its record to 6-4 with a match win over Hightstown HS and the Boys Team recorded its first match win of the year last week over J.P. Stevens HS. Lastly, the

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Boys Tennis Team improved its record to 5-3 with a win over North Brunswick HS last week. Go Bombers!

The next **Board of Education Meeting** will take place tomorrow evening (**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**). During this meeting, we will conduct the **2019-20 School District Budget Public Hearing**. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, click [here](#). As per the May Head of the Class Calendar, the next **Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council Meeting**, which is open to the public, will take place at **7 pm in the Selover School Conference Room on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, **Sayreville Parent University** will present a workshop on "**Hidden Dangers**" at **7 pm in the SWMHS Media Center on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. To see the video from last Monday's presentation on the dangers of vaping and juuling, click [here](#). Please also note that **Marking Period 3 Progress Reports for students in grades 1-5 will be issued on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. Likewise **4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Progress Reports for students in grades 6-12 will be issued on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Lastly, please remember that **all** students will be **dismissed early** on **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** so that our staff can participate in professional development, and that **all** our schools will be **closed** on **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Memorial Day.

Please note that **all money owed to the district Food Services Program must be paid in full by June 1, 2019**. 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**.

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](mailto:deborah.devico@sayrevillek12.net).

Have a wonderful week!  
Dr. Labbe

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