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Week 11 Talk Sup Review and Preview

November 19, 2018

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



The big news last week was the surprise snowstorm on Thursday afternoon and the hard fought Group 5 Central New Jersey Sectional Championship won last Saturday afternoon by the Sayreville War Memorial High School Bombers Football Team (SWMHS).



While we did have some students who were either picked up from school or arrived at home in the early evening on Thursday, based upon what we learned about the nightmares that many students in other districts in New Jersey experienced, particularly those up north, we were very fortunate. Nonetheless, we commend and are so very proud of our staff for the level of care that they provided our students during Thursday's snowstorm, especially our amazing bus drivers and transportation workers, and those staff members who took the time to comfort and remain with our students while they were waiting to be picked up by their bus or parents. Similarly, we commend and thank our Buildings and Grounds Staff for expeditiously clearing the snow from our parking lots and walkways so as to ensure the safe release of our staff and students. They even received some assistance from Mr. Preston, Principal at the Arleth Elementary School. Click [here](#) to see.

Last Thursday's snow storm was a chilly reminder that winter is here ☺ and that at times during it, the school district might be forced to close, delay opening, and dismiss early due to dangerous weather conditions. As you know, decisions to alter the school day are always very carefully considered and are particularly difficult given the fact that many parents still have to report to their respective jobs. Therefore, while our incredible custodial, grounds, and maintenance staff will be hard at work removing the snow with the Sayreville Borough workers on inclement weather days, we may get too much to safely open schools on time or at all. Hence, **please plan in advance NOW for potential delayed openings or school closings.**



Among other things, your preparations should include:

- Having contingency plans in place for child care if schools are closed for the day, dismissed early, or delay in opening.
- Having a secondary plan in place in case roads between your home and your workplace are closed.
- Ensuring that your contact information, including email addresses and cell phone numbers, as well as that of your delegated emergency contacts, is accurate and current.

We will do everything we can to give parents and staff as much advanced notice as possible about any school schedule changes using our [website \(http://www.sayrevillek12.net\)](http://www.sayrevillek12.net), automated calling system, and district e-mail system. However, we also recommend that you check our [Facebook](#) page, [Twitter](#) account and News 12 New Jersey, Fios 1, and NJ 101.5.

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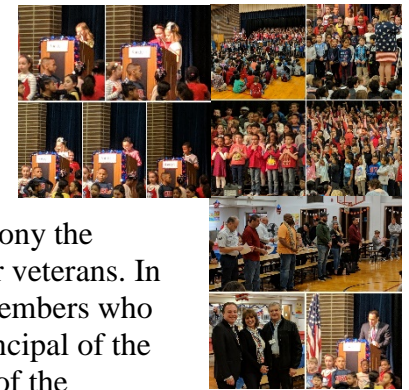
As mentioned previously, this past Saturday the SWMHS Football Team defeated North Brunswick High School 6-0 to win their second Group 5 Central New Jersey Sectional Championship in three years. The Bombers scored the only touchdown of the game when Mark Whitford reached the end zone on a quarterback keeper. Throughout this defensive struggle both teams had their opportunities, but only our Bombers were able to capitalize. We congratulate and commend Coach



Beagan, his coaching staff, and our amazing student athletes on this remarkable accomplishment, and for the manner in which they have represented SWMHS and our school district all season. They will now play **Williamstown High School in the first ever Central/Southern New Jersey Regional Group 5 Championship on Friday, November 23rd at 7 pm in Met Life Stadium. Go Bombers!**



Last week I attended the Veterans Day Celebration at the Eisenhower Elementary School. While I was unable to attend it, the staff and students at the Truman Elementary School also participated in a ceremony to honor our military veterans. Both



schools presented very moving patriotic activities that were attended by dozens



of Sayreville residents who are veterans. During each ceremony the students sang patriotic songs to express their gratitude to our veterans. In addition, the schools recognized the staff and their family members who are veterans. We congratulate and commend Mr. Byrne, Principal of the Truman Elementary School, and Mr. Nurnberger, Principal of the Eisenhower Elementary School, as well as their amazing staffs for coordinating such memorable experiences for all who attended their respective presentations. Naturally we

also commend our students who performed so magnificently during each and we salute all our veterans.



Last Thursday I attended the Bombers Unified Indoor Soccer Tournament at SWMHS. During it, I was both impressed and inspired to watch our students with intellectual disabilities compete with and against their typically developing peers. Moreover, I was moved to see the comradery and friendship between our student athletes, which undoubtedly evolved during the process of practicing and preparing for the tournament together. Finally, I was overwhelmed with joy to witness the amount of staff members, parents, and students who came out to assist and support these incredible student athletes, despite the wintry weather we were experiencing. We thank and commend Mr. Knaster, the Director of Special Services, and all the Bombers Unified Sports advisors and coaches, particularly Mr. Ivy, for the tremendous job they did in coordinating this event.



Last week the Sayreville Education Association (SEA) announced the 2018-19 Education Support

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Professionals (ESPs) of the year. Thus we would like to congratulate the below staff members and commend them for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to their profession, our district, and the wonderful students in Sayreville.

Sayreville War Memorial High School – **Denise Brown**, Nurse
Sayreville Middle School – **Leonard Baiori**, Paraprofessional
Samsel Upper Elementary School – **Cynthia Gallagher**, Secretary
Truman Elementary School – **Doreen Ortizio**, Paraprofessional
Eisenhower Elementary School – **Michael Squillace**, Campus Security Monitor
Arleth Elementary School – **Donna Greco**, Paraprofessional
Wilson Elementary School – **Joy Pollack**, Nurse
Selover School – **Donna Midgley**, Secretary
Transportation – **James Parse**, Bus Driver

Tomorrow (November 20, 2018) evening at **7:30 pm** there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the **SWMHS Cafeteria**. During this meeting we will honor and celebrate the SWMHS Girls Tennis and the Boys Cross Country Teams for winning their respective GMC White Division Championships.

As per the November Head of the Class Calendar, **report cards for students in grades 6-12 will be issued on Wednesday, November 21st**. Likewise, please also note that students and staff will be **released early on the 21st**. Lastly, please remember that **schools will be closed on November 22nd and 23rd** in observance of **Thanksgiving**.



During this very special time of the year, we pause so that we can think about the wonders of life that we have all been blessed with. Moreover, we think about the people in our lives who have profoundly impacted us and are forever grateful for those irreplaceable moments we have shared.



Therefore, please know how incredibly grateful I am to have the privilege to work with and be a part of the lives of our amazing students, their incredibly supportive parents, and our wonderful staff. Hence, **on behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we wish you and your entire family a blessed and very Happy Thanksgiving.**

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, a Happy Thanksgiving, and a relaxing recess!

Dr. Labbe

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