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Talk Sup Week 11 Review and Preview

November 20, 2017

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

Last Thursday I attended the Veterans Day Celebration at the Truman



Elementary School. It was a very moving patriotic activity that was attended by more than a dozen Sayreville residents who are veterans of the military. During it, the students sang several different patriotic songs to express their gratitude to our veterans, which was highlighted by a



rousing rendition of *God Bless America*. Click [here](#) to see the video. In addition, the school recognized the



Truman staff family members who are veterans during a touching and emotional slide show presentation. Click [here](#) to see it. We congratulate and commend Mr. Byrne, Principal of the Truman Elementary School, as well as his amazing staff, led by Ms. Greene, Ms. Haney, and Ms. Swenticky, for coordinating such a memorable experience for all who attended.

Later in the day on Thursday, I attended the Bombers Unified Indoor Soccer Tournament at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). Click [here](#) to



see some of the great action. 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. In fact, during halftime of the SWMHS game, the SWMHS Step Team performed wonderfully. Click [here](#) to see it. We cannot thank and commend Mr. Knaster, the Director of Special Services, and all the Bombers Unified Sports advisors and coaches, particularly Marcus Ivy, for the tremendous job that they did in coordinating this event.



This Tuesday (November 21st) there will be a BOE Business Meeting. To see the agenda, click [here](#). During the presentation portion of the meeting, Colonel Jonathan Spare, the Senior Instructor of the SWMHS Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC), will provide a brief overview of our AFJROTC and Aerospace Program. The Board will also celebrate and recognize the SWMHS Girls Tennis and Girls Soccer Teams, both of which were Greater Middlesex Conference White Division Champions this fall. Lastly, the BOE will recognize the SWMHS students who produced artwork for the district's 2017 November In-Service Day.

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As noted in the November calendar, reports cards will be issued to all students in grades 6-12. As we have done for the past couple of years, they will be emailed home and posted in the Power School Parent Portal. Parents are asked to kindly remember that they will need to enter their child's student identification number in order to open the report card, which will be attached to the secure email sent home.

Please also remember that **this Wednesday (November 22nd) there will be an early dismissal for both students and staff.** Finally, kindly note that our **schools will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday November 24th** in observance of **Thanksgiving**.

During this very special time of the year, we always 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 parents, and our wonderful staff. Hence, on behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we wish you and your entire family and blessed and very happy Thanksgiving.

Have a wonderful week, a happy Thanksgiving, and a relaxing recess!

Dr. Labbe