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Talk Sup Week 10 Review and Preview

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

I would like to begin by extending a belated Happy Veterans' Day to all our community members who are serving in or who have served with honor and distinction in our military to preserve the freedoms we have today. In fact, words cannot come close to expressing how truly grateful we are to all the courageous women and men who are defending our liberties today and those who have sacrificed so much for us in the past. We are the home of the free because of you, the BRAVE!

This week is also School Psychology Awareness Week. School psychologists are members of child study teams. They work collaboratively with school social workers and learning disability teacher consultants, as well as teachers, administrators, and parents to evaluate the psychological processes of students to determine if they are eligible for special education and related services; and to collaboratively develop, implement, and steward individualized education programs for students with disabilities. They also provide individual and group counseling and perform crisis intervention screening services. We commend and thank our incredibly talented and dedicated school psychologists in Sayreville.

As some of you may or may not know, two new community members will be joining the Sayreville Board of Education (BOE) on January 6, 2018. Hence, we congratulate and welcome Mrs. Karen Rubio and Mr. Christopher Callahan on their election to our BOE. Furthermore, we are looking forward to their guidance, support, and leadership. We would also like to congratulate and welcome back Mrs. Phyllis Batko on her reelection to the Board. Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Beth DePinto and Mr. Michael Macagnone, who will be leaving the Board, for their many years of exemplary service and sacrifice. Bomber Nation thanks you Mike and Beth for EVERYTHING you have done for ALL our students!

Last Tuesday the district held its annual Staff Development Day at Sayreville War Memorial High School. During it, our staff participated in more than sixty diverse classes, many of which were instructed by district personnel, including one board of education member, highlighting our in-house talent. Topics ranged from educational law, to the use of new technologies in the classroom, to best practices in engagement and content specific instruction. Staff could be seen breaking out of virtual escape rooms, creating Mandala design masterpieces, and touring the world with Google Earth! Additionally, dollar donations from our generous district employees were collected in order to help the families in our community fighting cancer through the *Jammin' for Jaclyn* charity. Similarly, our wonderful staff contributed to the *CASA Giving Tree*, which is a school district program that will help to brighten the holidays for many needy children in Sayreville. We cannot thank enough and commend Ms. Obryk, Ms. DeSantis, and the entire district Professional Development Committee for doing such an exceptional job of planning, coordinating, and implementing a very special day of learning, collegiality, and charity.

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Last Friday the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Football Team defeated Colonia High School in the first round of the state playoffs 31-0. They will play at North Hunterdon High School next Friday evening in the 2nd round. Go Bombers! In addition, last week SWMHS Cross Country standout runners Dylan Rodriguez and Kayla Rosario were named New Jersey Mike's Greater Middlesex County Conference Athletes of the Week. Bomber Nation salutes you Dylan and Kayla!

This Thursday, Sayreville Unified Sports student athletes from the high school, middle school, Samsel Upper Elementary School, and Arleth Elementary School will compete in the 2nd Annual Bomber Unified Indoor Soccer Tournament at SWMHS. If you are unfamiliar with Unified Sports, they are a New Jersey Special Olympics program which joins people with and without intellectual disabilities together as teammates, each one a meaningful and equal part of the team. Moreover, it provides Sayreville students with and without disabilities with a truly inclusive athletic experience that promotes fun, friendship, and opportunities for all students and their families to be part of their school community. Teams are made up of peers of similar age and ability who play together in developmental, recreational, or competitive settings. It is inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. The high school team will play at 2:30 pm, the middle school and Samsel teams will play at 3:30 pm, and Arleth will play at 4:30 pm. Go Bombers Unified!

Lastly, later in the evening on Thursday, November 16th, the district will present an English Language Learner Night in the Samsel Upper Elementary School Cafeteria at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Please remember that **next Wednesday, November 22nd, there will be an early dismissal for both students and staff.** In addition, on that Wednesday, **report cards will be issued for all students in grades 6-12.** Finally, kindly note that our **schools will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday November 24th** in observance of **Thanksgiving.** Below please find more school and district-wide activities that will take place this week and for the remainder of November.

Have a wonderful week!
Dr. Labbe