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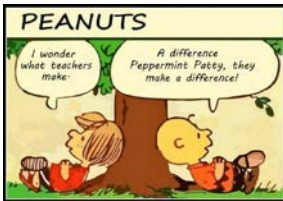
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Talk Sup Week 34 Review and Preview

May 7, 2018

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 which is commonly known as **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Moreover, the National Education Association (NEA) designates the first Tuesday (Tuesday, May 8th) that falls during Teacher Appreciation Week as **National Teacher**

Appreciation Day. Likewise, this Wednesday, May 9th 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. You **ROCK!** Our wonderful community partners from NJ Spine and Wellness will be visiting each of our schools this month to cater an educator appreciation luncheon and to raffle off free one-hour massages. We would like to thank them for their generosity and support. We are very fortunate to partner with organizations in our greater community, like NJ Spine and Wellness, 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.



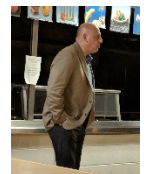
Last Wednesday I had the honor of attending the Eisenhower Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting. During it, Dawn Schwartz, a 3rd Grade Teacher, reported that as part of a school supplies charity drive that she initiated after a recent visit to a nearly devastated school in Puerto Rico, the school collected over 200 notebooks, 150



glue sticks, 100 scissors, 150 boxes of crayons, 30 containers of wipes, and 200 boxes of pencils from the wonderful students and their parents at Eisenhower. Furthermore, she announced that the amazing Eisenhower faculty also donated enough materials to make a goodie bag for each teacher of the school with awards, bookmarks, pencils, pens, highlighters, borders, stickers, etc., along with 10 backpacks for students in need. We commend and thank Ms. Schwartz and the staff, students,



and parents at Eisenhower for their generosity and inspiring sense of caring. After that, Mr. Esposito gave a brief presentation to those in attendance on all the measures that the district has taken since he joined the Board of Education in 2016 to enhance school safety and security. When his presentation was over, I also had opportunity to answer questions about student safety and security,



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including the need for another crossing guard or a stop light on Ernston Road in front of the entrance to the Camelot and Le Mer housing complexes across from the school. In addition, they inquired and expressed concerns about the following other topics: the rapid increase in student enrollment, issues with bussing, PARCC testing, standards-based report cards, and homework.



While I was not able to attend, last Thursday evening Sayreville PROUD presented a workshop to parents on how to facilitate the complicated process of obtaining legal guardianship of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. During the workshop, Hillary Freeman, Esq and Barbara Boyd from Freeman Law Offices, LLC provided an informative and honest presentation on this and other extremely important adult services and state agencies that every parent of a child with a disability should be aware of. To see the handouts from the workshop, click [here](#).



On Saturday afternoon the Computer Programming Club at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) hosted the first “hack the ville” Hackathon. A hackathon is an event, typically lasting several days, in which a large number of people meet to engage in collaborative computer programming. Thus, the students from the Programming Club, who were led by SWMHS Computer Science Teacher Atiya Conry, spent the day with alumni and professionals from the technology industry collaborating in teams on how to use technology to solve a social issue. This year's issue was school safety. The winning team came up with an app that would allow students to report, record, and document unsafe activity in and around schools. The Hackathon was sponsored by SWMHS, local businesses, Google, and Major League Hacking, a hackathon support organization. It was so successful that all who participated are already looking forward to next year. We salute all the students who participated, and thank and commend Ms. Conry for developing and coordinating such a fun and meaningful science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) activity!



Later on Saturday evening, I had the honor of attending the 2018 SWMHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. As always, the evening was rich in tradition, good food, and Bomber spirit, as the Hall of Fame welcomed the following new inductees: Gregory Braun – Class of 1995, Sharon Fisher – Class of 1998, Harry Janes – Class of 1967, Joseph Myers – Class of



1965, Commander Steven Tarr – Class of 1995, Maureen Wlodarczyk – Class of 1969, and Edward Thalmann – Class of 1962, who was the first member ever to be inducted posthumously. On behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education, administration, faculty, staff and students, we commend and thank the 2018 Class of the SWMHS Hall of Famer for serving as such pinnacles of excellence and role models for our entire school community, and for leaving a legacy that either began in or included Sayreville. Bomber Nation salutes you and is proud to be a part of you and your legacy. Furthermore, I would



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like to thank the SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee for selecting these amazing Bombers and for coordinating yet another most memorable induction ceremony for them, their families and guests, and all who attended. Bomber Nation salutes you too!



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Workshop Meeting and 2018-19 School District Budget Hearing held on Tuesday, May 1st, here is what you missed. I began the meeting by asking Mrs. Bloom to assist me in recognizing and celebrating SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Champions Martha Iwinski and Anna Zajkowski, as well as Christopher Howard, their faculty advisor.

After that, the Board of Education held its mandatory public hearing for the 2018-19 School District Budget. During the budget presentation that I made to the board and public, which can be viewed by clicking [here](#), I reported that despite some formidable challenges, which included a significant increase in staff salaries, rising student enrollment, increases in medical health benefits premiums, aging facilities and infrastructure, and an increased need for school security, the District and BOE Finance Committee was able to prepare for the Board a fiscally responsible budget that addresses the needs of the district and the goals approved by the Board of Education earlier in the school year. I concluded by indicating that this year's \$95,020,764 budget, which includes a 2.7% tax levy increase, will result in an \$99.07 annual tax increase for the average Sayreville home assessed at \$144,000. Click [here](#) to see the User Friendly Budget and [here](#) to see all the information and presentations pertaining to the development of 2018-19 Budget.

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. 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 aforementioned 2018-19 School District Budget. It also accepted generous donations from Mrs. Lori Narleski, in the name of her son Brandon, and from the Freehold Soil Conservation District. Additionally, the BOE approved a resolution to withdraw \$34,500 from Capital Reserve and to pay the Spiegle Architectural Group, Inc. \$34,500 for construction documents, bidding services and construction administration for Partial Window Replacement at the Arleth Elementary School. Lastly, the Board of Education approved the regular and special education transportation contracts contained in BID #2018-19-01 for school year 2018-19 and awarded them to the lowest responsible bidders. Conversely, it approved a motion to reject the bids for the single student transportation routes due to excessively high costs, and to rebid them

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved co-curricular activities, including but not limited to the Project Before/Little Stars Graduation to be held on Friday, June 15, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Samsel Upper Elementary School gymnasium; and the Sayreville Credit Completion Summer School Program, which will be held from July 2, 2018 through August 9, 2018. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the Teamsters Local 469 Holiday Schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. In addition, it repealed BOE Policy 9141 Parent Involvement Council Representative to the Board of Education and approved the first reading of

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BOE Policy 1600.1 Superintendent's Advisory Council and 1600.2 Advertising Sponsorship and Commercial Activities.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of George Vanderbeek, Language Arts Teacher at Sayreville War Memorial High School, effective July 1, 2018. In addition, it appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2017-18 school year.

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Likewise, Mrs. Batko discussed major highlights from the recent BOE Health Benefits Committee Meeting and Mr. Ciak reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Governance Committee Meeting. Mr. Ciak also informed the Board that both New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association will soon be developing and asking local boards of education to pass resolutions on a number of different topics, particularly those related to school security and preventing gun violence in schools. Mr. Biesiada asked Mr. Ciak and the Board to reopen the discussion on a future "pay for play" policy for students that participate in middle and high school athletics and co-curricular activities. Mr. Ciak asked the Superintendent to work collaboratively with Ms. Badami, Director of Athletics, to ascertain feedback from districts who are currently implementing such policies to offset athletics and co-curricular costs. After that, Mrs. Bloom asked the Board to approve a verbal motion banning people who will be attending the upcoming high school graduation and middle school promotion ceremonies from bringing into the SWMHS stadium or gymnasium pocket books and/or bags, as well as air horns for reasons pertaining to safety and common courtesy. After a brief discussion, the Board approved



this motion and directed the Superintendent to work together with the building administration at the high school and middle school to implement this change. Finally, Mr. Ciak congratulated the below Board of Education Members who were recognized at the May 2nd Middlesex County School Boards Association Meeting for the indicated accomplishments.

- Mr. Esposito for completing New School BOE Member Training.
- Mrs. Bloom for achieving Master BOE Member status.
- Mr. Biesiada for reaching the ten years of service milestone.

During the public portion of the meeting, a community member expressed concern about the "pay for play" policy that was previously mentioned. In addition, she commended the Board and district on the success of the Sayreville University professional development program. Finally, she informed the Board and public about a special workshop entitled "Hidden in Plain Sight," that will be taking place this month at the South Amboy YMCA.

If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click [here](#). Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, click [here](#).



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The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 15th**. During this meeting, in celebration of Educator Recognition Month, the Board will recognize and honor the 2017-18 Teachers, Education Support Services Professionals, and Education Support Professionals of the year. In addition, the Board will celebrate our incredible visual arts students at SWMHS and their magnificent artwork by turning the cafeteria into a gallery of their work so that it and the public can take the time to view it between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, May 11th. In addition, a complete copy of the **May 1st** 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 15, 2018**.



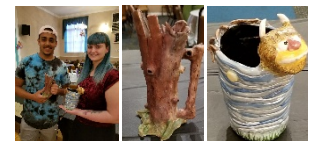
As you know, we are currently taking registrations online via InfoSnap ([Click here](#)) for our **Summer Enrichment** and **Camp XL** programs. Click on each to find more information on both programs. Each offers a variety of different thematic **activities** and **trips**. Also, please note that Camp XL students will be eligible for **after care** in Summer Enrichment **Mondays through Thursday from 12 – 4 pm** and on **Fridays from 8 am – 4 pm**. In addition, **Springboard Education** will



be providing before care services from 7 – 8 am and after care services from 4-6:30 pm. Click [here](#) for more information about Springboard.



This week our students continued to amaze us with their incredible accomplishments in and out of the classroom. This past Friday, the SWMHS seniors proudly displayed the colors of the institutions of higher education that they will be attending next year. We would like to congratulate and commend seniors Kauai Lucas and Rachel Erla, whose artwork won 2nd and 3rd Place in the 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 on April 27th at the Sayreville Senior Center.



In athletics, we would like to congratulate the Boys Golf Team for winning the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Championship. Way to hit em straight boys! In addition, we commend SWMHS Girls Track and Field stars Samantha Kamara, Adijah Simmon, Jasmine Vannote and Stephanie Vannote for



winning the GMC Shot Put and Discus Throw Relay Championships. Likewise, congrats to all the girls on Track and Field Team for winning the entire GMC White Division Relay Championship and for being the GMC Relay Runner-Up. Good luck today to our Bombers Baseball Team, who after several clutch wins last week are in a three way tie for 2nd Place in the GMC White Division and will be playing their final GMC series game against Colonia High School at Waterfront Park in South Amboy this afternoon.

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Athlete's of the Month for April

Tennis- Vasista Linga
Baseball- Kyle Richards
Softball- Kayla Stvan
Track (B) - Armaan Jayanth
Track (G) - Allison Prieto
Golf (B) - Joe Phillips
Golf (G) - Kayla McMahon
Unified (B) - Joe Wankmuler
Unified (G) - Ashley Tresch

Congratulations are also in order for the seniors on the SWMHS Softball Team for a respectful season and their impressive display of leadership. Last, we would like to congratulate the April Athletes of the Month, as well as all our wonderful student athletes and their amazing coaches. We are so proud of you!



As per the May Head of the Class Calendar posted below, please remember that students will be **dismissed from school early on Monday, May 14th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. In addition, please note that there will be a very important **2018-19 Kindergarten Parent Information Workshop** in the Arleth Gymnasium at **7 pm on Thursday, May 31st**.

If you or someone you know would like to advertise with us, 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.

Have a wonderful week.

Dr. Labbe

MAY 2018

SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSING
Delayed opening, early dismissal or cancellations due to inclement weather will be made via:
Cable TV Channel 22, News 12 News Jersey, Facebook, Twitter or at www.sayreville12.net



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
This month at the SUES... St. Jude Math-A-Thon <i>~ all month long ~</i> Kindness Campaign <i>May 1st-14th</i>	Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS	PROUD "Guardianship" Workshop SWMHS Media Center 6:30-8:30pm Eis - PTO Meeting 6:30pm HS - Spring Instrumental Concert 7:00pm	WIL - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - Somerset Patriots Most Improved Student	Tru - Cinco de Mayo Assembly SUES - Box Tops contest #3 ends
Teacher Appreciation Week Arl - PTO Meeting 7:00pm Mother's Day PLANT SALES	Teacher Appreciation Week Eis - Plant Sale Tru - Plant Sale MS - Mother's Day Sale SUES - Plant Sale	Teacher Appreciation Week Project Before/Little Stars - PTO Meeting 6:30pm Eis - Plant Sale Tru - Plant Sale WIL - Plant Sale SUES - Plant Sale MS - Mother's Day Sale NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY	Teacher Appreciation Week Little Stars - Graduation Pictures Arl - Plant Sale Eis - Plant Sale Tru - Plant Sale WIL - Plant Sale & Kindergarten Rocks Show 7:00pm SUES - Plant Sale MS - Mother's Day Sale & PTO Meeting 6:30pm	Teacher Appreciation Week Project Before - Mother's Day Gathering Arl - Plant Sale Eis - Plant Sale WIL - Plant Sale & Schools Spirit favorite holiday attire SUES - Plant Sale MS - 8th Grade T-Shirt Sale Ends & Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
EARLY DISMISSAL for STUDENTS PLC for STAFF	Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS	Eis - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - PTO Meeting 6:00pm	Project Before - Graduation Pictures Eis - FFN Spring Fling 7:00pm Tru - PTO Meeting 7:00pm WIL - Spring Chorus Concert 7:15pm	HS-Senior Prom Project Before - Graduation Pictures Arl - Book It Party & Armed Forces Celebration SUES - Beautification Day
	WIL - Book Fair & PTO Meeting 7:00pm SUES - Texas Roadhouse proceeds night	Arl - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair WIL - Book Fair SUES - School Spirit - Beach Day & Willabees 2:45pm	Arl - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair & Ice Cream Social Magic Show 6:30pm Eis - Arts Festival 6:00pm WIL - Book Fair HS - Powder Puff Football 7:00pm	Arl - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair WIL - Book Fair & Pride Day wear Wilson gear/colors SUES - Field Day (Rain or Shine) MS - 6th Grade Fun Day HS - Poetry Slam 6:00pm
MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	SUES - Student Ambassadors' meeting 3:00pm MS - 7th Grade Fun Day		New Kindergarten Parent Information Night Arleth 7:00pm SUES - Character Ed Luncheon & MD Fun Day	

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