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#### Talk Sup Week 28 Review and Preview

March 19, 2018

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

#### **SWMHS Top 10 Students**

- 1. Kathleen Beben
- 2. Michael George Philip
- 3. Ashley Gordon
- 4. Hamidul Islam
- 5. Harshil Trivedi
- 6. Jonathan-Ian Adriano Balin
- 7. Supriya Iyer
- 8. Dylan Lam
- 9. Naomi Aziz
- 10. Ankur Vijayvargiya

Several weeks ago Mr. Brown, Principal of Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS), and Ms. Sicola, District Supervisor of Guidance, announced the SWMHS Top Ten Students. Essentially, these remarkably hard-working and talented students are the top ten ranked students at the high school based upon their cumulative grade point average. Bomber Nation salutes these amazing students!

Similarly, this Wednesday evening I joined Mr. Brown, Mr. Ciak, Board of Education (BOE) President, and Mrs. Bloom, Mrs. Rubio, and Mr. Esposito, BOE Members in celebrating SWMHS.

Esposito, BOE Members, in celebrating SWMHS Junior Conner McCabe and Senior Amen Khan, who were honored with over 60

other students from Middlesex County at the annual Middlesex County School Boards Association (MCASBA) and Middlesex County Association of School Administrators (MCASA) Student Recognition



Dinner. Each year, these two groups recognize a junior and senior from each high school in Middlesex County. Honorees, like Connor and Amen, are the "unsung heroes/heroines" or students who make outstanding contributions to their schools and communities but might be overlooked under traditional student recognition guidelines. Moreover, they are often students who may have overcome difficult

academic or personal challenges, modeled good citizenship, or exhibited a spirit and quiet strength that has inspired others. In fact, several honorees this year achieved outstanding academic success despite disabilities, language barriers, or other significant personal or family challenges. We are so proud of you Connor and Amen!



Last Thursday I had the honor to attend SWMHS Swim Team Banquet. As always, it served as a nice ending to a highly competitive season in which both the Boys and Girls Teams had one of the highest point scoring seasons in recent history. The Girls Team ended the season with a record of 3-5 and finished 10th overall in the GMC out of 18 teams. Likewise, the Boys Team ended the season with a record of 2-6 and had a great showing too

in the Greater Middlesex Championships. We commend and thank Coach Rice and Coach Gassman, as well as the Swim Team parents, for taking the time to meticulous plan the banquet, which featured team portrait cakes, and for all the assistance, support, and encouragement that they provided to





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the student athletes in the swimming program this season. Finally, we congratulate these student athletes and their parents for fantastic seasons and commend them for the impeccable manner in which they represented the high school and our school district.



In addition, while the rest of Sayreville was digging out from the Nor'easter two weeks ago, on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, about 50 SWMHS students competed against their peers and the best in the state in over 29 unique business related events and exams at the New Jersey Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference in Atlantic City. They created amazing projects, performed wonderful

presentations, and represented Sayreville in an impeccable. In fact, the below students earned honors and will actually represent Sayreville and New Jersey at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, MD this upcoming June:

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<b>State Champions</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3rd Place	4th Place			
Martha Iwinski	Abagail	Vanessa Arteage	Shane O'Neill			
Anna Zajkowski	Vasquez	Alice Mako	Robert Steiner			
	Agata Srodon	Sierra Farrell	John Gaugler			
	James Adams	Krina Patel	Nihar Patel			
	Robert Adams	Ann Murickan	Christian Quilon			
	Gerard Brown	Ummekulsum	Jay Pipaliya			
	Hamidul Islam	Alishah	Daniil			
			Tanasiychuk			
			Oskar Smieszek			

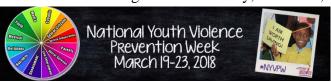
Tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm there will be a Board of Education Business Meeting. However, this meeting is widely considered the most special and fun meeting of the school year, as it will be the annual **Let the Children Lead** meeting, in which 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Samsel Upper Elementary School represent each BOE member and the administration during the entire public portion of the meeting. Additionally, during the meeting the Board will vote on the 2018-19 **Preliminary** School District Budget. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting click <a href="here">here</a>.



This week the schools in the district and across the country will be participating in activities associated with the daily themes in this year's National Youth Violence Prevention Week (NYVPW). Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), an initiative of the *Sandy Hook Promise*, is a founding partner of National Youth Violence Prevention Week (NYVPW). The purpose of NYVPW is to raise awareness and educate youth and

communities on effective strategies to prevent youth violence before it happens. The campaign is a weeklong event with each day of the week corresponding to one of the following themes: Monday, March 19,

Know the Signs; Tuesday, March 20, Promote Respect and Tolerance; Wednesday, March 21, Be an Upstander; Thursday, March 22, Resolve





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*Conflicts Peacefully*; and Friday, March 23, *Unite in Action*. For more information on SAVE or NYVPW, click **here**.



As I have been communicating for the past several weeks, the Board of Education recently approved Policy 3542.2 – School Meal Program Arrears to address the exorbitant amount of money that is owed to the district for outstanding food purchase balances. To see the policy, click here. Several weeks ago the district began implementing the policy so that it can work with

parents to reconcile all outstanding balances as soon as possible. Therefore, if you currently have an outstanding food purchase balance, please do all you can to assist us in paying it off. Likewise, if you think you may be eligible for the free and/or reduced lunch program, please let the office staff in your child's school know or complete the online registration by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.



As was noted last week, this Thursday (March 21st) St. Peters Hospital will present a special workshop entitled Community Perspective on the Opioid Epidemic: What You Need to Know. In essence, the presentation will provide participants with information pertaining to laws and law enforcement, drug trends, red flags, and other warning signs. Moreover, the parent of a victim of this heart wrenching addiction will share her personal story. The workshop will take place in the Sister Marie de Pazzi Center in St. Peters

Hospital at 6:30 pm. In addition, remember that at 7 pm on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, Sayreville Parent University will present a workshop on the benefits and dangers of social media in the SWMHS Cafeteria. While we recognize that social networks are a part of daily life for us and our children, as they are a great way to keep in touch with friends and loved ones, share photos and videos, learn new information and ideas, and so much more, sometimes these networks, particularly Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook, can be misused and become dangerous tools in the hands of our children. Thus, please attend this very important workshop to learn more about their impact.

Please also remember that parents of ALL eligible preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website (click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>) in order to register for our Project Before Preschool or Full-Day Kindergarten programs via our online registration software. <a href="https://example.com/Please review the Parent Letters found in this section for more information and detailed instructions.">https://example.com/Please review the Parent Letters found in this section for more information and detailed instructions.</a> Kindly note that <a href="https://example.com/students/students/entering\_kindergarten\_must\_be\_5">https://example.com/students/students/entering\_kindergarten\_must\_be\_5</a> years old <a href="https://example.com/students/students/entering\_kindergarten\_must\_be\_5">https://example.com/students/entering\_kindergarten\_must\_be\_5</a> years old <a href="https://example.com/students/entering\_kindergarten\_must\_be\_5">https://example.com/students/entering\_kindergarten\_must\_be\_5</a> years old <a href="https://example.com/students/entering\_kindergarten\_must\_be\_5">https://example.com/students/entering\_kindergarten\_must\_be\_5



As per the March Head of the Class Calendar, **Shrek**, the SWMHS Theatre's spring production will take place at **7 pm** this Friday (**March 23**<sup>rd</sup>) and Saturday (**March 24**<sup>th</sup>). Unfortunately, there will not be a Breakfast Sing-Along with Shrek, as previously reported. Likewise, as noted above, there will only be an evening performance on Saturday. Kindly also mark on your calendar that our **Unified Sports** student athletes will engage in their

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own form of *March Madness*, as they compete in our annual **Bombers Unified Basketball Tournament at SWMHS** on **Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 5:30 pm**. Please also note that **report cards** will be issued to all students in **grades 3-5** on Thursday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>**. Finally, remember that our schools will be **closed** for the spring recess from **March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

# **MARCH 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 <a href="https://www.sayrevillek12.net">www.sayrevillek12.net</a>



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Happy Or.S	Birthday euss March 2nd Read Across America	"The more you <b>read</b> the more <b>thing</b> 5 you know. The more that you <b>earn</b> the more <b>place 5</b> you'll go."	1 Project Before - "My Many Colored Days" Eis - Spring Pictures Tru - Read Me Day Wil - Cat in the Hat Day SUES - Box Tops Contest #3 begins	2 All Elementary Schools Read Across America Activities Eis - Tricky Tray 6:45pm Tru - Favorite Thing Friday SUES - Crazy Hat Contest & Character Ed Movie Night 6:15pm
5 Arl - PTO Meeting 7pm Wil - Spring Food Drive begins SUES - Book Fair MS - Scholastic Book Fair	6 Progress Reports Grades 6-12 SUES - Book Fair & Quaker Steak and Lube Proceeds Night MS - Scholastic Book Fair Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS	7 Arl - Willabees 3:35pm SUES - Book Fair MS - Scholastic Book Fair	8 SUES - Book Fair MS - Scholastic Book Fair & PTO Meeting 6:30pm	9 WII - School Spirit - Comfy Day MS - Scholastic Book Fair  10 Sat - HS - SAT Testing  10 Sat - HS - SAT Testing
12 Arl - Wellness Week  EARLY DISMISAL for STUDENTS PLC for STAFF	13 Arl - Wellness Week Eis - Book Fair	14 Arl - Wellness Week Eis - Book Fair SUES - PTO Meeting 6:30pm	15 Arl - Wellness Week Eis - Book Fair & Family Fun Night 6:45pm Tru - PTO Meeting 7:00pm Wil - Willabees 3:30pm & 2nd Grade Honors Police Program SUES - Family Bingo Night 6:30pm & Yankee Candle fundraiser ends	16 Project Before - St. Patrick's Day-Green Day Arl - Wellness Week & Walk-A-Thon Eis - Book Fair Wil - School Spirit—Wear Green & Spring Food Drive ends SUES - School Store MS - School Store
19 MS - School Spirit week	"Let the Children Lead" Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS	21 Eis - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - School Spirit Day vs Rivalry Day MS - School Spirit week & 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale	22 * SUES - Snow Date - Family Bingo Arl - Spring Pictures Tru - Bingo for Books 7:00pm Wil - Book Bingo 6:30pm MS - School Spirit week & 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale	23 ** SUES - Snow Date - Movie Night Arl - Pizza/Movie Night 6:00pm Wil - Wilson Pride Day-Wear school gear /colors MS - School Spirit week & 6th & 7th Grade Dance 6:00pm HS - Spring Musical 7:00pm 24 Sat - HS - Breakfast Sing-A-Long with Shrek and Friends 9:30am to 11:30am & Spring Musical 7:00pm
Report Cards Issued Grades K-5	27 Wil - PTO Meeting 7:00pm SUES - Lynx Sub proceeds night	28 Arl - Golden Awards SUES - Willabees 2:45pm & Lynx Sub proceeds night	29 Project Before - Spring Egg Hunt SUÉS - Character Ed Luncheon & Lynx Sub proceeds night MS - Talent Show	SCHOOL CLOSED SPRING BREAK