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#### Talk Sup Week 41 Review and Preview

#### June 25, 2018

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a happy end of the school year on Friday, and a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. This will be the last one until **September 3, 2018**. To see all of this year's editions, click <u>here</u>.



As we put the finishing touches on yet another highly successful school year and begin the long process of preparing for 2018-19, we would like to take the time to express to our staff and parents our sincere gratitude for EVERYTHING you did to either directly or indirectly promote the most positive outcomes for the children in Sayreville. Please understand that the Sayreville Board of Education, Administration, and I deeply appreciate and fiercely admire all that you do for our students. We know all too well, how hard you work and how much you sacrifice every

day for our children. In fact, not a day goes by in which I do not count my blessings and feel forever grateful to have the privilege of serving this district and working alongside of you to make a difference in the precious lives of our students.

That said, the end of a school year is also a time for us to say goodbye. For those members of our staff who will be pressing on through the summer, we thank you in advance for extending learning and for helping us prepare for 2018-19. For those of you that will be leaving and returning in September, we wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break, and anxiously await your safe return back to us. Finally, for those

who will be leaving us for one reason or another, please know the indelible impact you have made on all of us, and how grateful we are to you for the service you have provided to our district and most importantly, our students. Please remember that goodbyes are not forever, nor are they the end. They simply mean, we'll miss you until we see you again.





Last Thursday evening, I had the honor to address the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) 8<sup>th</sup> graders during their promotion ceremony and the graduating seniors during the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Graduation Commencement Ceremony. Both were planned and implemented perfectly, as they were rich in just the right

planned and implemented perfectly, as they were rich in just the right amount of pomp, circumstance, and tradition, which we hope resulted in an everlasting memory for all who



attended, especially our graduates and their parents. To see the middle school promotion ceremony, click <u>here</u>. However, please be mindful that due to the technical difficulties that we experienced, the quality of the video is not good as we hoped. To see the high school graduation ceremony, click <u>here</u>. Unlike the middle school promotion, the quality





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We would like to thank Mr. Brown, Ms. Jakubik, their administrative teams, and their promotion and graduation committees for all they did to plan, organize and implement both ceremonies flawlessly. We would also like to thank Mr. Kolmansperger, Director of Facilities and Operations, and our wonderful buildings and grounds staff for the construction of our stage, which was graciously donated

to us by the Sayreville Borough, and for the entire facility set up. Likewise, we would like to thank Mr. Glock-

Molloy, Assistant Superintendent of Information, Technology and Operations, the Sayreville Police Department and all the Sayreville Police Officers, campus security monitors, technology engineers and technicians, and other staff members who assisted with security on both evenings. Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Waranowicz, Director of Technology, and Mr. Hochron, District Technician, for the production of each video simulcast.





Next, we would like to salute our extraordinary teachers, administrators, and support staff for doing yet another outstanding job of effectuating learning and ensuring the most positive outcomes for all our students this year, particularly our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders and seniors. Along those lines, we would also like to compliment the wonderfully supportive parents of our graduates and thank them for entrusting their faith in us and for collaborating with us for the past

several years to promote the success of the children we share. Finally, and most importantly, we would like to congratulate the incredible 8<sup>th</sup>

graders and graduating seniors who worked tirelessly to get to this day and while we know that they will not need it, we wish them the very best of luck as they transition to the next exciting chapter in their education and lives.

Last Tuesday evening the district convened its first ever Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) Meeting. If you are not familiar with SPAC, recently the Sayreville Board of Education revised its Parent Involvement Council Policy and actually changed the title of it to the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council. The purpose for this important change was to create more streamlined and direct input from parent leadership groups to the Superintendent, as the Sayreville Board of Education asserts that input, counsel, and advice from parents is integral to the effective functioning of the educational programs of this district. Therefore, the SPAC will serve as a forum for parent representatives from each school and student cocurricular activity booster club to share input, concerns, and suggestions on behalf of their school or cocurricular activity. The Council will also play an integral role in assisting the district in developing various activities and functions designed to educate and inform parents on an array of different education related topics.

For this first meeting, the council elected next year's parent President, which will be Eileen Pabon, and Vice President, Allison Napolitano. After that, the council agreed upon a set of ground rules to make decision and to ensure effective communication by each member. The council then scheduled their next meeting date, which will be September 12<sup>th</sup> and agreed that we will meet once a month during the school year, with the exception of November, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. In addition, while most council meetings will be closed to the public, during the months of October and April, we decided that we will hold public meetings for all interested parents to attend. We concluded the meeting by discussing the following topics: fundraising, before

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and after care services, Bomber blasts, and Talk Sup.



Last Tuesday we also hosted the last Parent University workshop for the year. This workshop, which was presented by Supervisors of Instruction, Amy Stueber and Kimberly Grossman, was entitled Summer Reading: Avoiding the Summer Slide. In essence, it emphasized the importance of

reading over the summer for all our students and detailed the summer reading program in Sayreville, which we are so proud to inform you is and has been a collaboration between the school district and the Sayreville Public Library. To see the presentation slide show, click here. We would like to thank Ms. Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, and the

many wonderful staff members who assisted her this year in coordinating and implementing the wonderful parent workshops offered this year during our inaugural year of Parent University. You ROCK!

On June 19<sup>th</sup> the Sayreville Middle School hosted its first Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) Day. During this amazing activity, more than 25 students and 2 adults volunteered their time to develop STEAM-based activities or experiments to share with the middle school students. Of the student presenters, 23 were from the middle school and four were 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Mrs. Schwartz's class at Eisenhower School, who were fresh off a science fair competition in Freehold on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The adults who participated were a Rutgers faculty member and our very own Ms. DeSantis, our incredible Technology Integration Facilitator. Thank you Ms. DeSantis, along with the following amazing staff members who were student advisors and helped facilitate the event: Mr. Babst, Mrs. Bomberger, Mrs. Cella, Mrs. Centimole and Ms. Davis, Principal of the Wilson School.

Speaking of the Wilson School, last Friday the students and staff there, along with the Sayreville Police Department, celebrated the retirement of beloved Crossing Guard Al Pinho, who has served as an awesome crossing guard there for 15 years. Mr. Al, as he was affectionately called by all, faithfully manned the crossing post in front of Wilson School and always had the safety and well-being of the students, their families, and the Wilson staff in mind. During the appreciation ceremony for Mr. Al the students sang and presented him with cards thanking him for all his hard work during all kinds of weather throughout the years. Thus, the Sayreville Police Department, along with Wilson School, and entire school district, would like to thank and congratulate Mr. Al for 15 years of dedicated service to the students and staff of Wilson School. Congratulations Mr. Al and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!



This week our students continued to amaze us with their incredible accomplishments in and out of the classroom. The Truman School raised \$601 for a Seeing Eye sponsored puppy named Clancy. Awesome job Truman School students, staff, and parents! Likewise, we commend and congratulate SUES 4<sup>th</sup>





Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste coloring contest! In addition, we commend Mr. Zorner, Music Teacher at Arleth, and his amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Chorus, who performed one last time for the Arleth School late last week. To see it, click <u>here</u>. Finally, in athletics, we





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congratulate the amazing Jasmine Van Note on being named to the 2018 <u>http://NJ.Com</u> All-State Girls Track and Field team. A great way to end an amazing high school career! Way to go Jasmine and all our incredible students and athletes!

Tomorrow evening (**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**), there will be a **Board of Education Meeting Business Meeting** in the SWMHS Cafeteria. To see the agenda, click <u>here</u>. During this meeting, Mr. Glock-Molloy, will present to the Board and public the district's 2016-17 Harassment Intimidation Bullying (HIB) Grade Report recently provided to us by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). Since it has already been posted on our website, click <u>here</u> to see it.

Please remember that the **Camp XL**, **Summer Enrichment**, and **Middle School Credit Completion** programs will begin on **Monday**, **July 2<sup>nd</sup>**. In addition, please note that on **July 16<sup>th</sup>** we will require that the parents of **ALL** students who will be entering **1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** during the **2018-19** school year to perform the annual **student enrollment information update**. As in the past, parents will be required to update their enrollment information in Oncourse, our new student information system, by the end of the day on **Sunday**, **August 19<sup>th</sup>** or they will not be permitted to receive their child(ren)'s schedule or bus information when it is released in the parent portal and emailed on **Thursday**, **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Finally, please remember that **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Orientation** for students with last names beginning with the letter **A-K** will be on **August 27<sup>th</sup>**, while orientation for students with last names beginning with the letter **M-Z** will be on **August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u>. Lastly, if you or someone you know wants to **lease our facilities**, contact Deborah DeVico at <u>deborah.devico@savrevillek12.net</u>.

Have a safe, relaxing, and most enjoyable summer. We will see you in September. ©

Dr. Labbe