



# Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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## Talk Sup Week 37 Review and Preview

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Good evening Sayreville and happy Memorial Day! I hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.

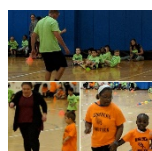


As we do each year at this time, we pause as a community and nation to salute and thank all the brave men and women in our nation's history who have sacrificed and dedicated their lives to protecting liberties that make this country the greatest in the world. Furthermore, we also take the time to send our thoughts and prayers to the families of those courageous and selfless service women and men who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our country. Therefore, we pay homage to and commend all the brave men and women who are and have served our great nation. May God bless them and the United States of America!

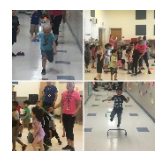
Speaking of dedication and sacrifice, this week will mark the end of Educator Appreciation Month. However, the appreciation that we have for our incredible staff should never be confined to one month of the year. Thus, as you have done all month, please do not ever hesitate to demonstrate your gratitude to them, as we salute all our wonderfully talented and hardworking educators for EVERYTHING they do for ALL our students. The performances that they demonstrate consistently each day of the school year make me proud to work in a district with professionals, like them, who are committed and dedicated to promoting the most positive outcomes for all members of our community.



Last Tuesday evening Detective Jeffrey Sprague and Daniel Elmyer from Sayreville Police Department presented a workshop to several parents on how the police department is and has been collaborating with the district to protect our students and staff from violence. Their presentation was extremely informative and provided key insight on the programs, procedures, and drills that the district, police department, and fire department have collaboratively implemented during the past several years and also provided a taste of what is still yet to come. Finally, they took the time to candidly answer all question posed by those in attendance. As always, we cannot thank Detectives Sprague and Elmyer, as well as the entire Sayreville Police Department, enough for all that they have done and continue to do to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff. To see the video of the presentation, click [here](#). Likewise, we commend and thank Nina Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, for coordinating the tremendous Sayreville Parent University workshops that have been presented this year. The last one of the school year will be on Summer Reading and Math Work and will take place sometime in mid-June.



Last Tuesday afternoon I had the privilege to attend the Project Before Preschool Unified Track Meet in the Samsel Upper Elementary School Gymnasium. If you are not familiar with unified sports, they are athletic events in which children with intellectual disabilities are teamed up with their typically developing peers in





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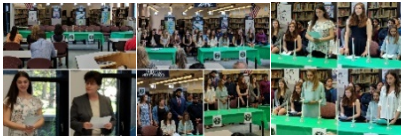
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competition. Sayreville has been participating in New Jersey Special Olympics Unified Sports since 2015. In fact, during the spring students from the Arleth Elementary School, Samsel Upper Elementary School, Sayreville Middle School (SMS), and Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) participated in unified basketball. Furthermore, in June they will participate in their own unified track meet on the SWMHS track. The meet last Tuesday, which was attended by about a hundred parents, was an



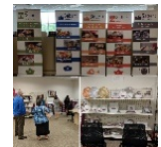
amazing display of early childhood athletics, sportsmanship, and inclusion by all the children that participated. Thus, we commend and congratulate Audrey Burns, Supervisor of Project Before, for coordinating this amazing event, as well as all the preschool children who participated and their wonderful teachers who supported them, especially Michael Ballo, the preschool Physical Education Teacher, who facilitated the meet. You Rock!



This past Thursday I had the privilege of attending the SWMHS Business National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony. As is the case each year, the high school recognized and inducted the amazing juniors and seniors who have demonstrated excellence inside and outside of the classroom this year in business education. Likewise, I also attended the Mu Alpha Theta (Math) NHS Induction Ceremony. While I was unable to attend, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, SWMHS Spanish students were inducted into the Hispanic NHS. As always, each ceremony was rich with tradition and spirit, as the inductees also took the time to thank their wonderful teachers at SWMHS who were pivotal in their success. We would like to thank Mr. Brown, Principal at SWMHS, Florence Berman, Business NHS Advisor, Jennifer Vasquez, Math NHS Advisor, and Hugo Alcolea, Hispanic NHS Advisor, for coordinating such memorable experiences for the students who were inducted and their parents.



This week our students continued to amaze us with their incredible accomplishments in and out of the classroom. Congratulations to Kathleen Beben who was awarded the annual Sabert Scholarship given to a SWMHS senior. While many students applied for the grant, Kathleen impressed Jamie Librot, Sabert Director of Talent Management, and the other members of the Sabert Scholarship selection committee with her amazing essay, which compared the cosmological String Theory with caring for a loved one with Autism. Since Kathleen, who is also the 2018 SWMHS Valedictorian, will be studying bio chemistry at Duke University in North Carolina for the next four years, she will receive \$5,000 from Sabert for each year. Sabert, which has been a remarkably generous community partner since they settled in Sayreville, has been giving out scholarships to our students for over 15 years.





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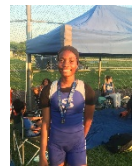
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In addition, the school district was recently informed by Caryn Berman from the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), which is a non-profit organization promoting international education and exchange that was founded in 1947 and is based in Portland, Maine, that three SWMHS students have been granted substantial scholarships from CIEE in order for them to travel to some amazing places this summer, where they will study abroad. Jennifer Lotenberg, Grade 11, will be traveling to Dublin, Ireland for a three-week program on Global Entrepreneurship. Additionally, Jovan Alcantaro, Grade 9, will travel to Botswana in order to participate in three-weeks of a wildlife conservation program. Lastly, Hussain Zaidi, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, will travel to Guanajuato, Mexico in order to participate in a program entitled, "Creating Change through Solidarity."



In athletics, this past weekend our SWMHS Girls Track Team continued their dominance in the Central Jersey Group 4 Track and Field Championships. Jasmine Vannote was crowned the Girls Central Jersey Group 4 Shot Put Champion with a school record throw of 42.3. Likewise, Junior Adijah Simmon won the Girls Central Jersey Group 4 Discus Championship with a throw of 115. Both of these outstanding student athletes will advance with Ruth Itua, who will be competing at next week's New Jersey Group 4 Championships in the 100, 200, and the 400 meter races. In addition, Christian Aich, the junior standout pitcher for the Bombers Baseball Team, was selected to play in both the 2018 GMC Underclassmen All-Star Showcase and the GMC vs. Essex Underclassmen All-Star Games.



Finally, we congratulate 9<sup>th</sup> grader Dylan Acevedo, Tyler Whitford, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, and Andrew Bouchard, 6<sup>th</sup> grader, from the Sayreville Junior Bombers Wrestling Team, who had very strong performances and represented Sayreville wrestling extremely well during this past weekend's Virginia Duels Wrestling Meet at Virginia Beach.



As per the May Head of the Class Calendar, please remember that that there will be a very important **2018-19 Kindergarten Parent Information Workshop in the Arleth Gymnasium at 7 pm this Thursday (May 31<sup>st</sup>)**. In addition, if you are seeking an evening of great music, entertainment, and family fun, do not miss the annual **Sayreville Middle School Duets Competition**, which will be held in the **SWMHS Auditorium at 7 pm on Friday, June 8<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 [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. Likewise, if you would like to advertise on our **busses**, click [here](#).

Have a wonderful week.

Dr. Labbe