

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 39 Review and Preview

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



Last Tuesday morning I had the opportunity to attend the Wilson Elementary School 3rd Grade Moving Up Picnic at Burke's Park. During this end of the year activity, the students participated in games with their teachers and enjoyed the park playground. We would

like to thank the wonderful Wilson PTO for sponsoring this event and the incredible teachers at Wilson for making this and every day at Wilson so meaningful and fun for our students. Likewise, while I was unable to attend, last Friday the 5th grade students at Samsel

participated in their annual LEAD Graduation. If you are unfamiliar with LEAD, it is an acronym that stands for Law Enforcement Against Drugs and is the curriculum, which is actually taught by a Sayreville Police



Officer, that replaced DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) several years ago. Since the upper elementary school does not have a formal promotion ceremony, the LEAD Graduation ceremony is viewed by many as their de facto upper elementary school graduation. Finally, on Friday the students at Truman took advantage of the beautiful weather as they participated in their annual Field Day.





Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending the very popular Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Duets competition. If you have never attended nor are familiar with Duets, it is a good natured and very spirited singing competition coordinated and directed by Patsy Palma, a Vocal Music Teacher at SMS. In this competition, middle school students invite a teacher from the middle school to sing with them in a duet. In addition to

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singing, the contestants create stage sets and choreograph dance routines. When the curtain opens, Mr. Palma quickly hands the show over to student hosts. The acts, which are judged by three faculty members, are evaluated based upon singing quality, creativity, and crowd response. While all the students and staff members



that competed were absolutely amazing, we commend and congratulate this year's winners Paloma Hidalgo and Mrs. Ramalhosa for their rousing rendition of the Justin Bieber hit single *Baby Love*. Additionally, we would like to congratulate Mrs. Ramalhosa, who announced during her act that she and her husband are expecting a baby girl. We are so proud of and impressed with all the students and staff members that participated in



making Duets so incredibly successful this year.

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This week our students continued to amaze us with their incredible accomplishments in and out of the classroom. During the Jay H. Dakelman Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Scholar-Athlete Banquet, which was held at the Pines Manor Restaurant in Edison last Monday night, Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) senior student athletes Diana Rodriguez and Michael Phillip were honored for being selected as Sayreville's 2017-18 Scholar-Athletes of

the year. With a 4.1 GPA and enrollment in 16 Honors/AP classes, Diana is also the president of the Sayreville chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society and was a proud captain this year of the SWMHS Field Hockey Team. In the fall, she will be attending Northeastern University in Boston as a biology major, with hopes of eventually becoming a neurologist. Michael earned a 4.519 GPA and finished as the SWMHS Salutatorian for the Class of 2018. He too is a



proud member of the National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society. Athletically, Michael was a member of the varsity soccer team since his sophomore year, where he started every game his junior and senior year. He will be attending Rutgers University with a Presidential Scholarship in the School of Engineering. Finally, we would like to recognize and commend the wonderful students from Ms. Ciampa's and

Ms. David's class at the Sayreville Middle School, who last week had a great day and represented our school district so impeccably during the Special Olympics Event Day at The College of New Jersey.



In athletics, we would like to commend and congratulate SWMHS Girls Track Team star Jasmine Vannote, who in her final high school track meet, took 3rd Place overall in the Shot Put at the New Jersey Meet of Champions this past weekend. She once again broke her own school record with a throw of 43.21/4 feet. Speaking of breaking school records, we would also like to congratulate Ruth Itua, another standout athlete on the Girls Track Team, for placing 7th in the 400 meter race at the Meet of Champions and for setting a

new school record in that race. Finally, we would like to congratulate the 2017-18 SWMHS Cheer Team



Captains Amaris Beckham, Caitlyn Hochron, and Sarah Nemshick, who will be attending four-year universities next fall and cheering for them. Amaris will be studying at East Stroudsburg University, Caitlyn will be going to the University of Connecticut, and Sarah will be attending the University of Scranton. Bomber Nation salutes these and all of our amazing student athletes, and thanks all their incredibly dedicated coachers and wonderful parents for all they did to support them.

Tomorrow evening (Tuesday, June 12th), there will be a Board of Education Meeting Business Meeting in the SWMHS Cafeteria. During this meeting, we will recognize and celebrate the spring GMC White Division Championship Boys Golf and Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams. In addition, Mr. Craft, Vocal Music Teacher at SWMHS, and the SWMHS rock band Traffic on Washington will entertain the Board and Public with a few of their new songs, In addition, Ms. Conry, SWMHS Computer Science Teacher, will show us a video on the recent student "Hack the Ville" Hackathon. Finally, I will make a brief presentation to the Board and public on "Pay for Play."







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As per the June Head of the Class Calendar, this Wednesday (June 13th) evening at 6 pm the Senior Awards Night, which is the evening in which the district recognizes and celebrates all the high school seniors who were awarded scholarships this year for post-secondary education, will take place in the SWMHS Auditorium. In addition, please note that on Tuesday, June 19th there will be a Parent University workshop entitled "Summer Reading: What Parents Need to Know" in the SWMHS Cafeteria at 7 pm. To register for it, click HERE

Furthermore, please mark on your calendar that **students will be released early from school** on **Thursday**, **June 21**st **and Friday**, **June 22**nd. Finally, please remember that the **last day of school** in the 2017-18 school year for **students** will be **Friday**, **June 22**nd.

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Have a wonderful week.

Dr. Labbe