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Talk Sup Week 9 Review and Preview

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

Since the beginning of the school year, many staff members and parents have expressed positive feedback about the new staff we have hired and the procedures we have developed in order to strengthen school security and ensure the safety of our students and staff in every building. While we appreciate this, we would be remiss if we did not highlight the key role the Sayreville Police Department has played, as they have worked very collaboratively with us to make each decision and to develop our procedures. In fact, during nearly every security drill run monthly at all our schools, the Sayreville Police are there to observe and provide critical feedback.

Moreover, just recently the Sayreville Police Department notified me of a new school security and public relations initiative that they will begin this week. In essence a patrolman assigned to each respective school area will enter that school once or more a day to ensure the security of the building, to learn the layout of each school, and to develop relationships with the staff and students. Naturally, the school district enthusiastically agreed to this and thanked the Sayreville Police for their continued support and assistance in creating the safest school environments possible for our staff and students. The patrolman visits will begin today.

Last Thursday evening I visited the Sayreville PROUD Resource Fair. I was inspired to see the parents and professionals who took the time to learn more about the incredible resources that are available for people, particularly children, with disabilities. Likewise, I was very impressed with the dozen or so vendors that were present and the services that they offer our students and community members. Click [here](#) to see information on those services. Thank you to the staff and parents that lead PROUD, especially Rhonda Davis and Jennifer Barreiro, for coordinating such as beneficial activity.

On Saturday evening I attended the Sayreville War Memorial High School Theatre production of *The Good Doctor*. As you may know, it was the first and final play produced and directed by the legendary and our beloved and long-time theatre coordinator Dr. Michael Piccuiro. Essentially *The Good Doctor* is a composite of Neil Simon and Anton Chekhov, as it consists of a dozen short plays written by Neil Simon, which were based on short stories and other works of Russian writer Anton Chekhov.

In one hilarious sketch, a feisty old woman, played by Ariana Solis, storms into a bank and berates and agitates the manager, played by Patrick Smith, for his gout and lack of money. In another very funny act, a nun, played Jodi Cesare, who was suffering from a severe toothache, visits a dentist, played by Stephanie Morris, who we later learned was not a dentist, to have her tooth extracted. All the cast and crew, particularly Anthony Cruz and Dominic Afriyie, who seemed to star in many of the plays, were exceptional. In fact, I am so proud of all the incredibly talented students and staff members, particularly Dr.

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Piccurro, and James and Claire Craft, who contributed to the overwhelming success of the play. Naturally, we cannot possibly thank Dr. Piccurro enough for the many amazing and indelible memories he has given us and for all the lives he has profoundly impacted during his 41 very successful years in Sayreville. BRAVO!

This Friday evening at 7 pm the SWMHS Football Team will play at home against Colonia in the first round of the state playoffs. Go Bombers! Also, please remember that this next week our **schools will be closed tomorrow (Tuesday, November 7th)** so that our community members can vote and so that our staff can engage in a full day of professional development and training. Please fulfill your civic duty and remember to **vote**. In addition, our **schools will be closed on Thursday, November 9th and Friday November 10th** so that our teachers and non-instructional certificated staff can participate in the New Jersey Education Association Convention. We hope that all our staff members that attend the convention have an enriching and enjoyable experience. Below please find more school and district-wide activities that will take place this week and for the remainder of November.

Have a wonderful week!
Dr. Labbe