

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 6 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*.

This week I had the pleasure of observing several classes at the Wilson Elementary School as they engaged in a special activity called the "Morning Meeting." Morning Meeting is a staple activity in the Responsive Classroom character education program. Responsive Classroom, which was piloted last year at the Arelth and Wilson Elementary Schools, and has now been implemented in all of our K-3 elementary schools, is a research proven effective character education program that leverages the strong relationship between academic success and social-emotional learning. Moreover, it actually empowers educators to create safe, respectful, and engaging learning communities where all students have a sense of belonging and feel special. Next year the district plans to implement it at the Samsel Upper Elementary School. To learn more about Responsive Classroom, click here. Similarly, the district also plans to implement an evidenced-based recess program called Playworks, which compliments the Responsive Classroom. In fact, we will begin training staff on the Playworks program in January. For more information on Playworks, click here.

Last week, with the help of Sayreville's finest, our schools celebrated Fire Prevention Week. In fact, Firetrucks could be spotted at each elementary school as the brave women and men from the Sayreville Fire Department visited our preschool through 3rd grade students to teach them how to prevent fires, as well as how to remain safe if they were ever in one. We cannot thank our amazing firefighters and emergency medical technicians enough for educating us, and more importantly, for keeping us all safe.

Yesterday evening, led by Ms. Corrales, a Spanish Teacher at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS), the members of the SWMHS Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) held their annual tribute to and fundraiser for Brandon Narleski, a SWMHS graduate who died tragically in an automobile accident on Route 9 in the fall of 2014. A percentage of the proceeds from this event will fund a scholarship for a graduating senior this spring, as well supplies for the SWMHS music department.

This past week was very exciting for several of our athletic programs at SWMHS. Our Girls Tennis Team finished their regular season undefeated and won the Greater Middlesex County (GMC) White Division Championship. Similarly, the Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams finished outstanding seasons. The Girls Cross Country Team was undefeated and claimed the GMC White Division Championship, while the Boys Team loss only one meet. Both teams will be running to win the GMC Tournament Championship on October 21st.

The Girls Soccer Team also clinched the GMC White Division Championship and are thus poised for a deep run in the GMC Tournament, which actually begins this Friday afternoon at 2 pm in the SWMHS Stadium. Likewise, the Boys Soccer Team finished the season with a respectable 10-4 record and will also



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be entering the GMC Tournament, which will begin for them this Thursday afternoon in the SWMHS Stadium. Please come out to support our Bombers Cross Country and Soccer Teams!

This week the students at SWMHS will celebrate Bomber Spirit Week. It begins today with *Comfy Flannel Monday* and is followed by *Tye Dye Wacky Tuesday*, *Pink for Breast Cancer Wednesday*, *Hawaiian Shirt Thursday*, and *Blue Grey Bomber Friday*. Naturally, the week will conclude with a pep rally in the afternoon on Friday, followed by the big Homecoming football game against South Brunswick at 7 pm in the SWMHS Stadium. Please remember to expect higher than normal traffic delays on Washington Road just prior to the beginning of the Homecoming football game on October 20th, as well as during student arrival and dismissal times due to functions taking place at the Dwarkadhish Temple on Washington Road throughout the day. We encourage staff and parents to arrive early to the Homecoming game and to avoid Washington Road to the best of your ability from 6:00 AM-9:00 AM, 11:30 AM-1:30PM, and 5:00 PM-9:00 PM on October 20th.

This Tuesday evening there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the SWMHS Cafeteria at 7:30 pm. During the presentation portion of this meeting, the BOE and administration will celebrate the members of the district who achieved perfect attendance during the 2016-17 school year. In addition, they will present the annual State of the Schools Address. As part of this, they will review the Vision 2030 Education Needs Assessment results and will present the district goals developed during the Summit. They will also honor and recognize each person that participated in the Vision 2030 Education Summit with a signed BOE resolution of appreciation. Similarly, they will present a BOE resolution of appreciation to SWMHS student Caitlyn Hochron in recognition of her role in coordinating the relief efforts for the citizens of Houston, Texas with Bridges for Peace. Finally, this Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm there will be a Grades 3-5 Standards-Based Report Card Information Meeting in the Samsel Upper Elementary School Cafeteria.

Have a wonderful Spirit Week and Go Bombers!

Dr. Labbe