

Sayreville Public Schools

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Talk Sup Week 36 Review and Preview

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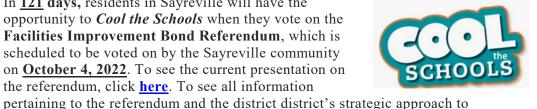
Good morning Sayreville! We hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup.

As per what I noted in my broadcast email to the community last Thursday, this Tuesday, June 7th, all our schools, including the following elementary schools that will be polling locations for the Primary Election: Arleth School, Eisenhower School, Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), Selover School, and the Wilson School, will be open for in-person instruction. While we considered closing those schools, due to the confidence that we have in our plan to protect our students and staff during voting, which was developed collaboratively with the Middlesex County Board of Elections, the Sayreville Borough, and the Sayreville Police Department, each school will remain open.

As I noted in the aforementioned broadcast correspondence, in essence, the plan, which will reinforce our current school security procedures, includes holding voting in a separate room that is closed off from any other portion of the school and only accessible by one exterior door that voters will enter and exit exclusively. Additionally, access to the rest of school from these rooms will be strictly prohibited by anyone other than school district or Board of Elections staff, who will be screened by a campus security monitor before being allowed to penetrate it. Furthermore, these access points will be guarded throughout the entire time our students are present in school by said campus security monitor inside the room and an armed Sayreville Police Office outside of it. Finally, our wonderful police department will also periodically send additional patrol cars to each school to enhance their presence in the school while maintaining their distance from the polling location.



In 121 days, residents in Sayreville will have the opportunity to *Cool the Schools* when they vote on the Facilities Improvement Bond Referendum, which is scheduled to be voted on by the Sayreville community on October 4, 2022. To see the current presentation on the referendum, click here. To see all information



improving its facilities, click here. This week, I will conclude the spring promotion of the "Cool the Schools" October 4, 2022 Referendum Vote during a faculty meeting at the Truman School.

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that that two individuals from SUES, one from the middle school, one from the Truman School, one from the Selover School, and one from the Buildings and Grounds Department have tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, no individuals were determined to be in "close contact" with the infected people. For more information on infections, click here to review our Student and Staff COVID-19 Dashboards.

Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, we encourage staff and students to wear masks while in our school **buildings**. We also continue to request that parents:

- Do not send their child(ren) to school if they are symptomatic.
- Report to the administration and nurses at their child(ren)'s respective school(s) if their child(ren) are symptomatic, have tested positive, or were in close contact with an infected individual outside of school.
- Remind their child(ren) to practice appropriate hand hygiene

Strongly consider participating in the school district's testing and vaccination programs.

Please remember that the Parlin Pharmacy is graciously offering all Sayreville Public Schools staff, students and family members COVID-19 home rapid test kits for no or little out of pocket cost. While most insurances cover home rapid test kits at no cost, unfortunately we have learned that there are certain insurances which may not. However, if your insurance policy does not cover them, the pharmacy is offering our staff, students and family members a special price of \$9.99 per kit. Furthermore, while some policies may not immediately cover the cost of the kit, they may provide full reimbursement upon the submission of a receipt, which will be provided by the pharmacy. Use the links below to order a test kit. All student and family test kits will be available for pick up in the cafeteria at the Sayreville War Memorial High School on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 – 4:30 pm. As previously reported by me, staff test kits will be delivered to the school designated in orders. If you have further questions, please contact the pharmacy via the following email: ParlinRx@Gmail.com. Click on the appropriate link below to order the test kits.

STUDENT/FAMILY HOME COVID-19 RAPID TEST KIT REGISTRATION LINK STAFF HOME COVID-19 RAPID TEST KIT REGISTRATION LINK

Please also remember that, as part of our district's <u>Safe Return Plan</u>, this <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>June 8</u>, 2022 we will resume <u>voluntary</u> staff/family and student/family <u>COVID-19</u> testing with Back to School Solutions from 2:30 – 5 pm and <u>voluntary</u> vaccinations with the Parlin Pharmacy from 4 -7 pm in the <u>Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria</u>. Please also note that the pharmacy is also providing <u>Pfizer</u>, <u>Moderna</u>, and <u>Johnson and Johnson booster</u> shots. <u>Likewise</u>, they are now also providing vaccinations for children <u>5</u> years of age and older. However, in accordance with the CDC and NJDOH it is recommended that parents <u>consult with their child's pediatrician prior to getting them vaccinated</u>, <u>especially those under that age of 12</u>. Below, please find the tentative dates for both of these services throughout the fall. With regard to testing, since <u>we do not test people who are demonstrating symptoms</u>, if you are symptomatic, you should ask your healthcare provider for an appropriate testing location. If you are a staff member or the parent of a student who is interested in learning more information about how you and your residing family members can participate in this vital virus spreading prevention activity, click <u>here</u>. Please note that if you have already participated in testing with us, you only need to conduct a telemedicine appointment. If you have never tested with us in the past, you would need to register using the following link https://backtoworksolutions.com/SayervillePSD.html. Once you have conducted your telemedicine appointment, you will receive a <u>prescription</u> for the PCR test.

As mentioned above the Parlin Pharmacy will once again administer Flu and COVID-19 Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccine shots to anyone 5 years of age and older, as well as Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J booster shots, in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria. Naturally, any individuals under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian, who will need to provide signed consent for the vaccination. Therefore, anyone interested in receiving the vaccine must register online in advance by clicking here or by going to the Parlin Pharmacy website (www.parlinrx.com). Unfortunately, for safety purposes, no "walkins" will be permitted into the school. In fact, with in-district COVID-19 testing, all registered participants must report to Door 22 of the high school cafeteria (adjacent to the dumpsters), where they will be screened by our security team before being allowed into the vaccination room. Below please find the tentative dates and times.

COVID-19 Testing Schedule Via Back to School Solutions

- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022

COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations with the Parlin Pharmacy

- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022



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Yesterday, I attended the Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) Walk with hundreds of other people from Sayreville and elsewhere. POAC is a nonprofit organization that provides services to children and adults with autism, their families, and the professionals who serve them. The vast majority of these services are provided 100% free of charge. In addition, POAC funded the first statewide program for the early detection of and intervention for children with





autism. POAC has partnered with universities and treatment centers to form programs that include researched-based procedures, which have proven to be effective for those with autism. While many organizations exist to find a cause and cure for this developmental disability, POAC has focused its attention and resources on how best to help the children and families who are struggling with autism today. POAC strives to help individuals with autism achieve their highest potential in their homes, schools and communities.

Led by Dana Giorgiannni and the Multiple Disabilities Teachers at SUES, Sayreville Middle School, and SWMHS,



Sayreville partnered with POAC once again for the 5th Annual POAC's Walk for A Difference Walk-a- thon and Activities Fair. Since the walk was cancelled for the last two years because of the pandemic, it was wonderful to hold it once again, as a portion of the proceeds

that were raised will go back to Sayreville from POAC in the form of training, workshops, and activities for all those affected by autism. We commend and thank special education teachers Dana Giorgianni, Amanda Wilkes, Melissa



Ciampa, and Alexa Giorgianni for all they did to make this wonderful charitable event such a grand success and memorable moment for all the community members who participated, including me.



Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students continued to progress in learning and had a ton of fun doing so this past week. At SWMHS, the Air Force Junior ROTC cadets marched in the Memorial Day Parade and then later in the week took a field trip to the Fort Dix-McGuire Air Force Joint Base. Speaking of field trips, the SWMHS



Computer Academy visited the New Jersey City University Cybersecurity Department to explorer career options in cybersecurity. Additionally, students from Ms. Mojzsis's Advanced Art classes attended the New Jersey State Teen





Arts Festival at Middlesex County College. The students participated in workshops ranging from Animation Design to Figure Drawing. Senior Aimee Santana's artwork received special recognition as a New Jersey State representative and was prominently displayed in the art gallery. At the middle school, students in Mr. Hall's



Language Arts Literacy class had a ball working on their Romeo and Juliet Masquerade.



At SUES, students had the opportunity to meet Mr. James Leitner, founder of Mission Clean Water, an organization that helps people around the world get access to clean drinking water. In addition, students in Mrs. Bartko's class had a great time dissecting squid. Lastly, students and staff celebrated





students who exemplified the character pillar of Citizenship. At the Truman School, 3rd grade Talented and Gifted (TAG) students created mini-golf courses to share with their Truman friends,



while students in Mrs. Josiah's class and other Kindergarten classes released their butterflies. Additionally, students and staff attended in the Zouzou acrobatic show and then later displayed their unique and beautiful attire during Multicultural Day. At the Wilson School, Mrs. Connors and Mr. Daloia hosted Wilson's annual Fine Arts Night, where in which the artwork was astounding and the chorus sang their hearts out. Finally, at the Eisenhower School, thanks to Mrs. Langan, students had a blast

participating in their first field day since the onset of the pandemic.



Last week, our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating and commending SWMHS Deyannara Medina Nunex (11th grade) and Nazar Kadykalo (12th grade) who

are Sayreville's 2021-22 Middlesex County School Boards Association (MCSBA)





Unsung Heroes. Likewise, we commend and congratulate 2021 SWMHS graduate Edward Matthaey for being name the Education Services of New Jersey Unsung Hero. In addition, we congratulate and commend Maliya Emory (9th grade), Alexander Lis (10th grade), Isabella Czajkowski (11th grade), and Jaylen Jordan (12th grade), who were selected by the faculty at SWMHS as Students of the Month of May; along with Aubrey Alberta (9th grade), Paraskevas Maroulakis (10th grade), Matthew Kasternakis (11th grade), and Brianna Riggio (12th grade), who were selected by the faculty as Students of the Month of June. Finally, we congratulate and commend the following members of

the Odyssey of the Mind Team who competed recently in the World Finals in Ames, Iowa. Problem Team 3 earned 7th place in the WORLD! Check out the presentations of their problems by clicking on each team (<u>Team 2</u>, <u>Team 3</u>, <u>Team 4</u>).

Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Saaim Khan	Reuben Geronimo	Vanshi Patel
Josh Gorniak	Rhena Johnson	Reya Patel
Vraj Patel	Wade Guerra	Varun Jha
Syed Ashar	Phillip Pazdur	Vanya Jha
Prachi Kumar	Odeh Abbassi	Asmi Kaushal
Penny Yu	Aaryan Parikh	Roshan Mohanakrishnan
Manan Gosai	Quinn Guerra	Sanika Karode-MAST

Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



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In athletics, we commend and congratulate SWMHS student-athletes Mia, Sofia, and Yiman Emory who competed recently in the Move United Tri-State Regional Track and Field Meet with their team, Navigators Adaptive Sports Club. Click here to view a video of the girls and team competing. All three girls set personal records and came in first in their classifications across the board, meaning that even if they weren't the first across the finish line in their heat, their times or

distances were the best when compared to other competitors at their respective levels. They have all earned an

invitation out to Colorado this summer for Move United Junior National Meet. Likewise, we commend and congratulate SWMHS Track athletes Zaimer White and Anthony Voto, who each won Central Jersey Group 4 (CJG4) Individual Championships this past weekend. Zaimer won the CJG4 Championship in the Long Jump, while Anthony did so in the Shot Put and Discus. In addition, Will Lewis tied





for 6th Place in Pole Vault. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic team schedules and view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on the Athletics page of our website or by clicking here.

As per the 2021-22 School District Calendar and the June Activities Calendar, there will be a BOE Business Meeting on Monday, June 20th. Please also remember that our schools will be closed on Friday, June 17th in observance of Juneteenth. In addition, please note that we will dismiss students early on June 16th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd (students in grades 9-12). Likewise, please remember that the last day of school for students in preschool through 8th grade will be June 21st, while the last day for students in grades 9-12, as well as 10-month instructional staff will be June 22nd. Finally, please note that the end of the Grades K-5 3rd Trimester and the Grades 6-8 4th Marking Period will be on June 21st, while the end of the 4th Marking Period for students in grades 9-12 will end on June 22nd. Therefore, Report Cards for students in grades K-5 will be issued on June 28th and on June 29th for students in grades 6-12.

Summer FUN and LEARNING! If you want to engage your elementary and/or middle school child(ren) in learning during the summer that is **affordable**, **enriching** and **fun**, please consider one of our summer learning programs. Back by popular demand, parents can now send their children to Camp XL with busing. After a two-year hiatus, this summer the district will be once again accepting tuition students in preschool through 8th grade to attend Camp XL, our popular integrated extended school year academic camp, which will take place this summer from July 5 until August 4, 2022. It will be located at the Samsel Upper Elementary School and Cheesequake School and will be open four days per week from 8 am to 12 pm. Click here to learn more about Camp XL. In addition, the district will be partnering with New Jersey STEM to provide our students with an exciting weekly series of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) learning opportunities for students aged 5-13. In fact, during the first week, which will be called Sayreville Summer STEAM, Sayreville Public Schools students can attend at a discounted rate of \$50 for the entire week (Students eligible for reduced lunch will pay \$25 and those eligible for free lunch will attend for free). However, each subsequent week, students can participate for a very affordable cost of \$100 per week. The program will run concurrently with Camp XL from July 5 until August 4, 2022, will be located at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, and will be open four days per week from 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Therefore, students attending Camp XL, can attend Summer STEAM and the subsequent weeks of STEAM learning. Click here to learn more about Summer STEAM. Finally, if you are looking for enriching, fun, and very affordable full-day and/or after wrap around (Camp XL and/or STEAM) childcare during the <u>entire</u> summer, Leading Edge, the district's childcare patron will be providing services at the Samsel Upper Elementary School five days per week from 8 am to 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday during July and August. To learn more about Leading Edge Summer programming, click <u>here</u>.

On January 31, 2022, the Sayreville Public Schools officially opened registration for our free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs. Therefore, parents of ALL eligible (must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2022) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register via Oncourse Connect, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage (www.sayrevillek12.net) as "Student Registration". Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the 2022-2023 Project Before and Kindergarten text box: New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten or New Students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year.

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 **buses**, click **here**.

Have a great day and wonderful week.

Dr. Labbe