



Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 35 Review and Preview

May 23, 2022

Good morning Sayreville! We hope you had a relaxing weekend and enjoyed the summer-like weather. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that **next Monday, May 30, 2022**, our schools will be **closed** in observance of Memorial Day.



In **135** 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 pertaining to the referendum and the district's strategic approach to improving its facilities, click [here](#). Last week, we resumed the promotion of the **"Cool the Schools" October 4, 2022 Referendum** Vote with staff during faculty meetings at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES). Below please find the list of remaining promotional meeting dates this year.



Faculty Meeting Dates and Times

Truman – June 7th at 3:40 pm

Over the weekend, it was reported to us that four individuals from the middle school and one from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) 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 [**Safe Return Plan**](#), this **Wednesday, May 25, 2022** we will resume **voluntary** staff/family and student/family **COVID-19 testing** with Back to School Solutions from **2:30 – 5 pm** and **voluntary vaccinations** with the Parlin Pharmacy from **4 -7 pm** in the **Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria**. Please also note that the pharmacy is also providing **Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson booster** shots. **Likewise, they are now also providing vaccinations for children 5 years of age and older.** **However, in accordance with the CDC and NJDOH it is recommended that parents consult with their child's pediatrician prior to getting them vaccinated, especially those under that age of 12.** Below, please find the tentative dates for both of these services throughout the fall. With regard to testing, since **we do not test people who are demonstrating symptoms**, 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 [here](#). **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 **prescription** 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 “walk-ins” 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, May 25, 2022
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022
- 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, May 25, 2022
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022
- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, May 17th, here is what you missed. Stephanie Castellitto from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Joseph Curbelo from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports.



Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks and Mr. Walsh shared a few district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the district recognized and honored the 2021-22 Governors Educators of the Year recipients, along with the New Jersey Exemplary Secondary Educators of the Year and Magic 98.5 Teachers that Make Magic recipients. In addition, Andrew Chen, a Sayreville student who attends



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the Middlesex County Academy, presented a donation of \$850 that was raised by he and the Middlesex County Academy Interact Club so that it can be used to pay for the admission fees for an upcoming BOE approved middle school and high school field trip to Somerset Patriots Park.



The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda, click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum, click [here](#). To see all attachments, click [here](#). To view the video of the meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions,

on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE graciously accepted the very generous donations of \$850 from the Monmouth County Academy Interact Club, to be used by the Sayreville War Memorial High School and Sayreville Middle School Multiple Disabilities program for admission fees to the Somerset Patriots and an ice cream truck for a field day; and from Ashland, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be used for the Chemistry Laboratory at Sayreville War Memorial High School. It also approved the rates for self-insured medical coverage, with and without the vision coverage rider,



provided by Horizon for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023; self-insured prescription coverage provided by CVS/Caremark for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023; dental coverage provided by Delta Dental for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023; and dental coverage provided by Healthplex Dental for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. In addition, the Board approved the purchase

of new central office furniture including tables, chairs, and filing cabinets from Tanner North Jersey, Inc. in the amount of \$24,267.74 utilizing pricing from the Ed-Data Bid for Office Furniture. Similarly, it approved the purchase of restaurant equipment from MAP Restaurant Supplies utilizing IDEA funds for the Compassion Café in the Bomber Beyond 18-21-year-old program in the amount of \$19,532.26. Lastly, it approved transportation contracts contained in BID#2022-23-01 for school year 2022-23 and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; the rejection of the unaccepted bids received in response to Bid #2022-23-01 for Student Transportation Services due to high cost; and to advertise for rebid the student transportation routes rejected or not bid on.



On the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education retroactively approved a revision to BOE Regulation 2462 Grading for a Second Reading and adoption. Click [here](#) to review it. Click [here](#) to review all BOE policies and regulations. It also approved the following revised and new job descriptions: Supervisor of Technology Services, Digital Media Coordinator (Stipend), District Technical Director (Stipend), and Webmaster (Stipend). Click [here](#) to read each.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Christina Johnson, Cafeteria Worker, effective July 1, 2022; and Karen Gulick, Secretary, effective August 1, 2022. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. Likewise, the Board approved the transfer of certificated staff for the 2022-23 school year and non-certificated staff members for the 2021-22 school year. The BOE also approved the employment renewal of certificated staff and paraprofessionals for the 2022-23 School Year. In addition, it approved the employment of coaches and their stipends for the 2022-23 school year summer, fall, and winter athletic seasons.

Educating Today's Learners to Be Tomorrow's Leaders

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Fernandez reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Walsh for the last Personnel Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association and Mr. Fernandez did the same with regard to the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club.

The next meeting will take place on **Monday, June 20th**. During this meeting, the district and BOE will recognize and honor the 2021-22 SWMHS Top 10 Students, MCASA/MCSBA Unsung Heroes, Middlesex County Secondary Principals Association Outstanding Student, New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association Student Leadership Student, the SWMHS Students of the Month, as well as the students who won the Cool the Schools Art Logo Contest. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, June 17th**. A complete copy of the **May 17th** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next regular business meeting on **June 20, 2022**.



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 the high school, our students had a great time participating in the first ever Mental Health and Wellness Fair. We

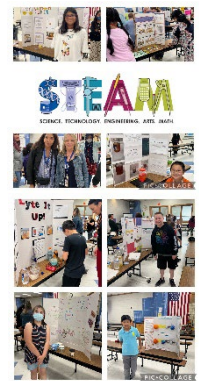


commend Mr. Salum, Vice Principal, the Social and Emotional Committee, and all who contributed to this wonderful program. In addition, the students in the National Honor Society hosted their annual charity Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to the very generous donation of \$850 by Middlesex County



Academy Interact Club, high school and middle school visited Somerset Patriots Park to catch a game. The students in Mr. Fischer's and Ms. Gassman's Honors Chemistry classes visited Ashland, LLC to apply their skills to solve real world problems presented to them by the engineers at Ashland. They also toured the plant and had lunch with the engineering team and plant manager. The Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets hosted a

30 Step Drill Competition and then several others attended a Detachment Commission Ceremony in which Second Lieutenant Macknowski, a SWMHS graduate, was sworn into duty. Lastly, students danced the night away at the Grand Marquis during the Junior Prom. Likewise, students at the middle school did the same in the high school cafeteria, which was transformed into an enchanted forest, during the 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dinner Dance.



At SUES, students and staff had a blast participating in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) Showcase, in which they shared the independent projects that they created and explained what they learned after participating in an eight week after school club. They also celebrated Red, White, and Blue Day. Likewise, in Project Before, our preschool students kicked off Insect Week by observing caterpillars that will soon become butterflies, and actually recorded their findings in their





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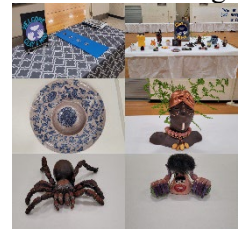


staff celebrated Career Day and demonstrated their appreciation for the Sayreville Police Department, in which they thanked Sayreville finest for protecting and keeping residents safe.

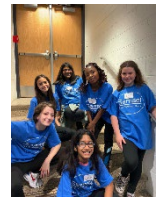
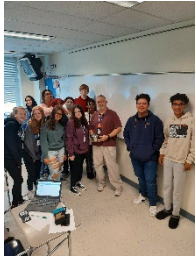
observation journals. Our preschoolers also had a ball exercising and practicing for the upcoming Preschool Unified Track and Field Meet. At the Truman School, students and



Last week, our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating and commending SWMHS Boys Tennis player Anoop Dindigal, who was named the 2021-22 Sayreville recipient of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Scholar Athlete Award. We also commend and congratulate SWMHS Ceramic Arts students Ethan Sanfiorenzo, Nadiyah Blance, Enrique Rodriguez, and Denisse Mosquera, whose ceramic artwork was selected to



move onto the gallery space at The Noyes Art Garage in Atlantic City. Their work will be on display, open to the public, from May 25th through June 18th. They will also be invited to attend the closing reception on Saturday, June 18th at The Noyes Art Garage, where awards will be handed out and they will be recognized for their ceramic achievement. In addition, we commend and congratulate members of the SUES 5th Grade Chorus who represented SUES and Sayreville in the Central New Jersey Honors Chorus Festival. Furthermore, we congratulate and commend Robert Jerome, Math Teacher at SWMHS, who was selected to be the May Teacher of the Month at the high school. Finally, as mentioned previously, we commend and thank Andrew Chen and the Middlesex County Academy Interact Club for their generous donation of \$850, which was used to pay the admission fees for an upcoming BOE approved middle school and high school field trip to Somerset Patriots Park. Likewise, we commend and thank the Attix Family for the very generous donation of \$1,000 to be used for the SWMHS Theater Society program. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, riding a three-game win streak, the SWMHS Baseball Team improved its record on the season to 7-14 with impressive wins over Piscataway Technical and South Amboy High Schools, in which, combined, they outscored them 26-0. Although they did not win, last week the SWMHS Flag Football Team scored their first passing touchdown last and played well. 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](#).

Educating Today's Learners to Be Tomorrow's Leaders

As per the [2021-22 School District Calendar](#) and the [May Activities Calendar](#), there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** tomorrow, **Tuesday, May 17th**. Please remember that our schools will be **closed** next **Monday, May 30th** in observance of Memorial Day.

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 **entire 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 [here](#).

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 **Returning Student Enrollment Update for 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