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Talk Sup Week 38 Review and Preview

June 13, 2022

Good morning Sayreville! We hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Please remember that our schools will be **closed** this **Friday, June 17th** in observance of Juneteenth. In addition, please note that we will **dismiss students early** this **Thursday, June 16th**, along with **all next week on June 20th, 21st, and 22nd** (students in grades 9-12).



In **114 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 facilities, click [here](#). Last Tuesday I concluded 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 two individuals from the high school, two from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), and one from the Arleth School 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](#)

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[STAFF HOME COVID-19 RAPID TEST KIT REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Please also remember that, as part of our district's [Safe Return Plan](#), this **Wednesday, June 15, 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.

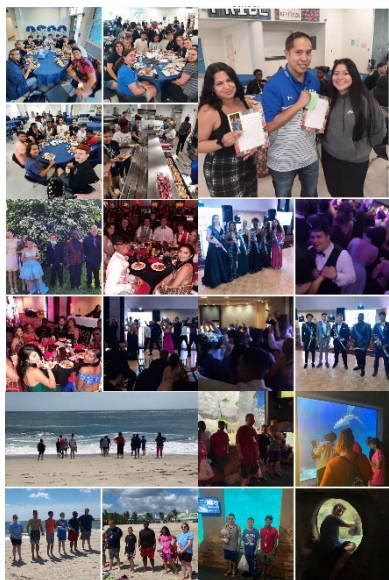
As mentioned above the Parlin Pharmacy will once again administer **Flu and COVID-19 Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccine shots to anyone 5 years of age and older, as well as Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J booster shots, in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria.** Naturally, **any individuals 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, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022 **(1-3 pm)**
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022 **(1-3 pm)**

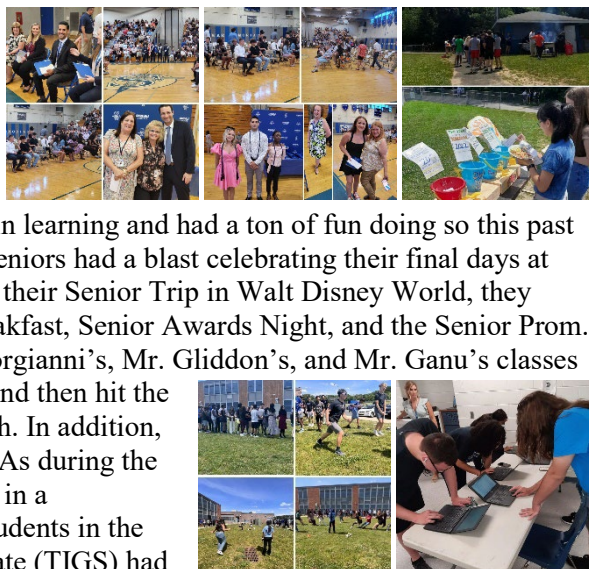
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Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our

students continued to progress in learning and had a ton of fun doing so this past week. At the high school, our seniors had a blast celebrating their final days at SWMHS. Upon returning from their Senior Trip in Walt Disney World, they participated in their Senior Breakfast, Senior Awards Night, and the Senior Prom. Likewise, seniors from Ms. Giorgianni's, Mr. Gliddon's, and Mr. Ganu's classes visited Jenkinson's Aquarium and then hit the beach after for their Senior Bash. In addition, students who achieved straight As during the 4th Marking Period participated in a Renaissance Barbeque while students in the Teen Institute of the Garden State (TIGS) had





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a ball participating in their TIGS Tournament. Students also took the time to vote during Student Council Elections. Furthermore, Engineers from CME Associates visited Mr. Alvarez's and Ms. Van Blaricom's classes to share their experiences in honor of Women in Engineering Day. Lastly, students in the Criminal Justice club were thrilled by a surprise

visit from the State Police when the Sayreville Police Department and NJ State Police partnered to have a State Police helicopter land on the baseball field. Thank you Officer Kenney!



At the Middle School, students in 7th grade participated in a Career Fair where they met 24 presenters representing all areas of the Career Cluster framework. Each presenter provided a short hands-on/interactive presentation for the students. In addition, there



were stations with representatives from Middlesex Community College, Sayreville High School Academies, and a "College Corner" with student representatives from schools such as Rutgers, Stockton, Temple, Montclair and



Middlesex. Some of the career presenters included an FBI agent, the Sayreville's Recycling Coordinator, a professional athlete, a cyber security officer, an engineer, a pediatric nurse, a power director, a pilot, an event planner, a chef, a hair and makeup artist, an information and technology consultant, and a licensed professional counselor. Likewise, students in 6th grade participated in a Career Fair



kick-off assembly where Jamar Blackmon, a motivational speaker, presented his, "Goal Getta" program. His philosophy is that a Goal Getta grinds to greatness every day, in which they aim to be the best version of themselves every day and understands that adversity is a part of the journey to



success, so never give up because success is the only option. In addition, 8th Grade Talented and Gifted (TAG) students spent a fun-filled, challenging day at Camp Bernie working on team building, while other students supported the Special Olympics Summer Games at The College of New Jersey by volunteering during the tennis portion of the games. Lastly, students from both the middle school and high school enjoyed a Water Day end of the year celebration, where they played kickball, enjoyed ice cream, and cooled off with the water hose.



At SUES, 5th grade students participated in a Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) Fair to celebrate all they learned during LEAD classes with Sayreville Police Officer Treator and



Sergeant Moat. In addition, students in the Drama Club performed magnificently during their big show. Lastly, students from the SWMHS Heroes and Cool Kids Club visited the 4th and 5th graders for the final time. At the



Truman School, thanks to Mrs. Barreiro, Art Teacher, students,

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staff, and parents participated in an incredible art show that showcased the talent and creativity of Truman artists. Students also had

a blast participating in their Field Day and clapping out and saying goodbye to the 3rd graders who will be moving up to SUES next year. At the Arleth School, students and staff celebrated the students who received



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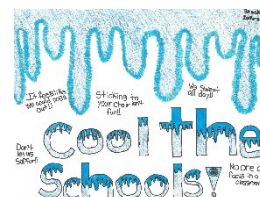


accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating all the members of the SWMHS graduating Class of 2022 who received awards during the aforementioned Senior Awards Night. Similarly, we congratulate SWMHS Valedictorian Joshua Gorniak, who recently accepted an invitation to attend Boston College as a Computer Science Major. In addition to his acceptance, he was invited to participate in a very exclusive Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program, which is an invitation that is only extended to 18 individuals each year out of a class of

close to 3,000 first year students. This program not only comes with full tuition scholarship benefit, it engages its scholars in all-inclusive, prestigious and collaborative learning meant to provide them with unique opportunities when leaving Boston College. Furthermore, we commend and congratulate Sayreville Middle School 8th grader Sofia Muller, who was recently selected as a recipient of the National Outstanding Achievement Award for the National Junior Honor Society.



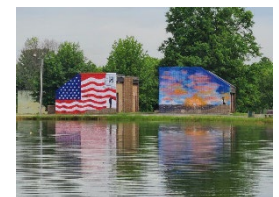
In addition, we congratulate, commend, and thank the following students who won the *Cool the Schools Art Logo*



Contest: Andre Elias from Project Before at Cheesequake, Thomas Vreeland from the Truman School, Brooke Zakrzewski from the Samsel Upper Elementary School, and Daniel Berry from the Sayreville Middle School.

As mentioned previously, during the June 20th BOE Business Meeting, they will be

presented with certificates of appreciation and a \$50 gift card. Similarly, we congratulate, commend, and thank SWMHS 9th grader and art student Sarah Smith, who won the Bomber Beyond 18-21 Year-Old-Old Logo Contest. Furthermore, we commend and thank Project Before at Cheesequake Art Teacher Nina Iglesias, who contributed to the painting of the beautiful Veterans murals down at Kennedy Park.





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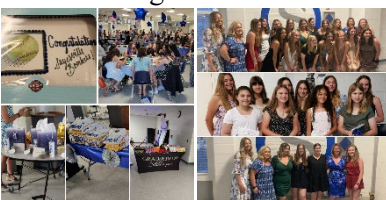
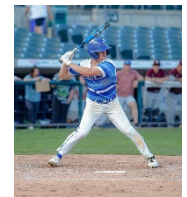
We also commend and congratulate John (JD) Magaw for recently receiving the Lion's Club Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. If you are not familiar with what this is, it is the highest recognition a Leo or Lion can achieve. It means that a minimum of a \$1,000 was given in that person's name for any core causes the Lions support, such as Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Humanitarian Efforts and Vision

and Youth Programs. Likewise, we congratulate Eisenhower School kindergarten student Chase Poltrictzky, who was selected to be Mr. Nurnberger's Assistant Principal of the Day. Additionally, we congratulate SWMHS Media Specialist Ms. Swanson for being named the Teacher of the Month of June by the faculty and administration at the high school. Finally, we commend SWMHS graduate Arthur Harris who was recognized recently by Popeyes for his exemplary performance. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, we commend and congratulate all the students and coaches who participated in the 2022 Bombers Unified Track and Field Meet in the SWMHS Stadium and we thank Ms. Carkeek, and our amazing faculty, support staff, and administrators that contributed to its overwhelming success.

Likewise, we thank the large crowd of parents, student siblings, and staff members that came out to support these extraordinary student athletes. We also commend and congratulate Matthew Corby and Sophia Abassi for being named Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Scholar Athletes of the Year. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS Baseball Team player Michael Colonnello, who was named to the GMC All-White Division Team for the 2nd straight season. Finally, last week the SWMHS Softball Team celebrated another strong and competitive season during their end of season banquet. 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** next **Monday, June 20th**. Please also remember that our schools will be **closed** this **Friday, June 17th** in observance of Juneteenth. In addition, please note that we will **dismiss students early** this **Thursday, June 16th**, along with **all next week on June 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.

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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