

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 36 Review and Preview

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Good morning Sayreville and happy Memorial Day! We hope you had a relaxing holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. Naturally, our schools are <u>closed</u> today in observance of Memorial Day. We are closely monitoring the weather for tomorrow, which is forecasting brutally hot temperatures above 90 degrees. Therefore, we will decide later today as to whether to <u>dismiss students early</u> due to this.

As we do each year at this time, we pause as a community and nation to salute and thank all the brave men and



women in our nation's history who have sacrificed and dedicated their lives to protecting the liberties that make this country the greatest in the world. Furthermore, we also take the time to send our thoughts and prayers to the families of those courageous and selfless service women and men who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our country. Therefore, we pay great homage to and commend all the brave men and women who are and have served our great

nation. May God bless them and the United States of America!



In <u>128</u> 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 <u>October 4, 2022</u>. To see the current presentation on



the referendum, click <u>here</u>. To see all information pertaining to the referendum and the district district's strategic approach to improving its facilities, click <u>here</u>. Next

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. In addition, this Friday, the submissions for the "Cool the Schools" Logo Art Contest will be collected at each school so that our Blue-Ribbon Committee can judge them on June 6th and select winners. Each winner from preschool, grades K-3, grades 4-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12 will receive a \$50 gift card. Check out these Project Before preschoolers creating their "Cool the Schools" posters.



Over the weekend, it was reported to us that that four individuals from the middle school, two from the high school, two from the Arleth School, one from the Project Before at Cheesequake School, and one from the Eisenhower 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 <u>encourage</u> staff and students to <u>wear masks</u> while in our <u>school</u> <u>buildings</u>. 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 1</u>, <u>2022</u> 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. <u>However</u>, 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</u> 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 <u>here</u>. <u>Please note</u> 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 "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 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, June 1, 2022
- Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022



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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 Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets went on a topsecret mission to fuel a C-130 Hercules in



mid-air on a KC-135 Stratotanker. Upon the completion of their mission, they celebrated during their annual



AFJROTC Awards Night. Likewise, this week students were inducted into the SWMHS Hispanic (Spanish), English, Business, Computer Science, Social Studies, Science, and Mu Alpha Theta (Math) National Honor Societies. In addition,



students in Ms. Benavides' class had a magnifico time making piñatas that highlight Hispanic holidays. Down in the Science wing, students experimented with types of tropism in Ms. VanBlaricom's Biology class, while students in

Ms. Goldstein's Forensic Science class experimented with blood spatter patterns while studying specific forensic cases,



and students in Ms. DiPaulo's Anatomy class dissected kidneys. Lastly, students in Ms. Conry's and Mr. Watson's Computer science classes, learned from SWMHS alumni who visited them to share their







talents in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



At the middle school, the faculty and administration welcomed 5th grade students and their parents during 6th Grade Orientation Night. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School, staff, students, and their parents had a

blast participating in Painting with Parents





Like a Unicorn Foundation, and then later in the week took part in Iconic Duo



Day.



Last week, our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating and commending SWMHS senior Baseball player

Matthew Corby for being named to the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) All-Academic Team. We also congratulate SWMHS sophomore Jonathan (JD) Magaw, who was recently elected Leo (Lions) Club Multiple District 16 President. In addition, we congratulate and commend Sayreville

Middle School (SMS) students Anna Barreiro and Tyler MacLean, who won First Place in the Sayreville Shade Tree Commission Poetry Contest. Likewise, we commend and congratulate Evan Wesa and Temi Taiwo for winning 2nd and 3rd Place respectively, as well as the following students who earned Honorable Mention Recognition: Eylaf Ishag, Nicholas Sammartino, Michal Dolinski, Anvita Duggal, Anthony Alberto, Emily Campagna, and Raina Jain. Finally, we once again commend and thank the wonderful Attix Family for another incredibly generous \$1,000 donation to SMS. 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 congratulate and commend SWMHS Track and Field stars Leah White and Anthony Voto who both won two GMC Championships last week. Leah took the GMC crown in the Long Jump and 100-Meter-High Hurdles, while Anthony did the same in the Shot Put and Discus. Likewise, Sean Donnamaria took 3rd Place in the Pole Vault and Sean Wilson ran 4:24.46 mile to place 5th in the

1,600 Meter Race. In addition, Ryan Anthony pitched a complete game victory to lead the SWMHS Baseball Team to a 3-1 win over Edison High School in their season finale. Lastly, in an excellent



game played by both sides, the SWMHS Seniors defeated the Juniors in the annual Powder Puff Flag Football game 48-22. 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



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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