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Talk Sup Week 39 Review and Preview

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Good morning and happy Juneteenth and belated Father's Day! We hope you had a relaxing holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup. This will be the last one of the 2021-22 school year. In fact, you will not receive another from me until **September 11th**. Please remember that we will **dismiss students early today, June 20th and each day this week on June 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 tomorrow, Tuesday, June 21st**, while the **last day for students in grades 9-12, as well as 10-month instructional staff will be this Wednesday, June 22nd**.



We hope that all our families took the time to celebrate and discuss with their children the importance of the Juneteenth holiday for our country, and especially African Americans. As you probably know, the holiday commemorates the day in which the abolishment of slavery was made into law in Texas and the final slaves were freed in Galveston on June 19, 1865, which was two years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation and nearly six months after the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which abolished slavery, was ratified. Although President Biden declared this a federal holiday last June, Texas has recognized it as a state holiday since 1980. However, people across the country have been celebrating this very special day of freedom long before that in Galveston and other communities, such as Buffalo, New York. While the federal holiday this year is June 20th, since New Jersey passed legislation in September 2020 recognizing the holiday on the 3rd Friday of June each year, we recently revised our 2021-22 School District Calendar so that our schools would be closed on June 17th.



As we put the finishing touches on yet another unprecedentedly challenging but productive school year and begin the long process of preparing for the 2022-23 school year, we would like to take the time to express to our staff and parents our sincere gratitude for EVERYTHING you did to either directly or indirectly promote the most positive outcomes for the children in Sayreville. Please understand that the Sayreville Board of Education, Administration, and I deeply appreciate and fiercely admire all that you do for our students. We know all too well how hard you work and how much you sacrifice every day for our children. In fact, not a day goes by in which I do not count my blessings and feel forever grateful to have the privilege of serving this district and working alongside of you to make a difference in the precious lives of our students.

That said, the end of a school year is also a time for us to say goodbye. For those members of our staff who will be pressing on through the summer, we thank you in advance for extending learning and for helping us prepare for 2022-23. For those of you that will be leaving and returning in September, we wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break, and anxiously await your safe return back to us. Finally, for those who will be leaving us for one reason or another, please know the indelible impact you have made on all of us, and how grateful we are to you for the service you have provided to our district and most importantly, our students. Please remember that goodbyes are not forever, nor are they the end. They simply mean, we'll miss you until we see you again.



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This week both the **8th Grade Promotion Ceremony**, and the **Class of 2022 Graduation Commencement Ceremony** will take place in **Bomber Stadium** at **6 pm** on **Tuesday, June 21st** and **Wednesday, June 22nd** respectively. There will be no capacity limits unless inclement weather forces them into the gymnasium, which according to the latest weather forecasts, appears to be likely. If that is the case, because the ceremonies will then take place in the gymnasium, **two people per student** will be allowed to spectate in the **gym** while all other guests will be permitted to view the simulcast of it in the **cafeteria, auditorium, or remotely** elsewhere.

In addition, in accordance with our school security policy and procedures, **air horns and bags, including pocketbooks, will be prohibited from being brought into the stadium or gym**. The only exception to this will be **parents of infants and toddlers** who may need a bag to care for their children, and **elderly and/or medically fragile** guests that may need to have with them vital healthcare items. In such cases, these bags must be **clear or see-through**. Lastly, pocketbooks that can be held in the palm of a hand will be permitted. Sayreville Police officers and district campus security monitors, who will be equipped with metal detection wands, will be stationed at each gate to screen spectators and enforce these procedures.



In **107 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](#).



Please remember that next year the school district will continue to provide subscription busing for students who live within **2.0 miles** from the **middle school** and **2.5 miles** from the **high school**. The cost per student will be **\$495** for the school year, but students who are eligible for **free or reduced lunch** will ride at **no cost**. However, students who **owe money** to the district for any reason, including for unpaid meals during the 2019-20 and previous school years, will **not** be eligible to receive the service until their debts are **paid in full**. While we will do our best to accommodate all applicants, we will prioritize seats for those students who live the furthest from their respective school. To apply for a 2022-23 subscription bus seat, click [here](#). To learn more about this pilot program offering, click [here](#), or go to the [Transportation Page](#) of our [website](#).

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.



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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 **1:00 – 3:00 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 this **Wednesday, June 22, 2022, and every Wednesday throughout the summer**, we will continue to offer **voluntary** staff/family and student/family **COVID-19 testing** with Back to Work Solutions in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria, but the **time will change** to **1:00 – 3:00 pm**. Below, please find the tentative dates for this service throughout the summer. Please remember that **we do not test people who are demonstrating symptoms**. Therefore, 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**, which **you must bring** to testing. 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 Work Solutions

- **Wednesday, June 22, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)**
- Wednesday, June 29, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, July 6, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, July 13, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, July 20, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, July 27, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, August 3, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, August 10, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, August 17, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, August 24, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, August 31, 2022 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)

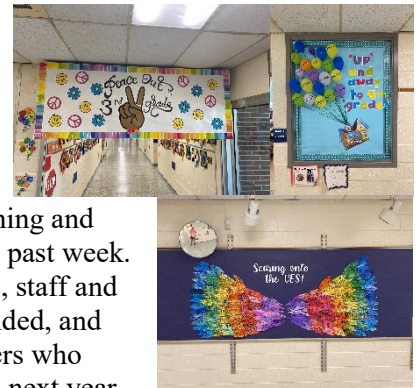
This evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Cafeteria. During it, the Board and District will recognize and honor the 2021-22 SWMHS Top 10 Students, the MCASA/MCSBA Unsung Heroes, the Middlesex County Secondary Principals Association Outstanding Student, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association Student Leadership recipient, the 2021-22 SWMHS Seal of Biliteracy recipients, the SWMHS Students of the Month, as well as the students who won the **Cool the Schools** Art Logo Contest. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click [here](#). Since the viewing of the live stream will be handled by YouTube, you must be viewing the stream on a browser or application that is live stream compatible. If you are unable to hear audio you may need to try a different browser/application. The live stream will only be available

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during the real-time duration of the meeting. Directions for public participation during the meeting will be provided on the above-mentioned live stream page of the website. Finally, if on Wednesday you wish to view it or other past-recorded BOE meetings, click [here](#).



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 all our elementary schools, staff and students recognized, commended, and congratulated all the 3rd graders who will be “moving up” to SUES next year.

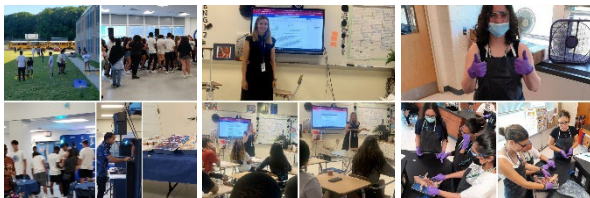
At the Truman School, students and staff celebrated Flag Day during a very special presentation. We commend and thank Ms. Greene for planning and ordinating this event. Similarly, we thank and commend Sayreville American Legion Post 211, as well as Ms. Campbell, Dr. Caruso, and the Sayreville Middle School Concert Band for making the ceremony so special and memorable for all in attendance, including me. Additionally,



students and staff participated in Team Week, while kindergarten students patiently awaited the arrival of their chicks after 21 days of learning, observing, and caring for the eggs. At the Arleth School, students prepared for summer literacy with a Summer Reading Kick-Off. In Project Before, our preschoolers had S'MORE fun learning and pretending to go camping by building a fire, fishing at the lake, and sleeping under the stars in their



camping play centers.



At the high school, the Class of 2022 had a ball during their Senior Barbeque. In addition, Dr. DeFina, one of the district’s Supervisors of Special Education and adjunct college professor, spoke to seniors in Ms. Zank’s and Mrs. Berman’s classes about her experience as a college professor. During her presentation she emphasized time management and shared tips for success.

Additionally, students reviewed a college syllabus with her to understand the expectations they will need to meet in college. Furthermore, students in Ms. DiPaolo's Human Anatomy, Physiology, and Disease class dissected fetal pigs. Up Washington Road at the middle school, Mike Dawson, the author of *The Fifth Quarter Series* and several other graphic novels and comic book collections, discussed comics with the middle school Career Club. His work has appeared in the Nib, Slate, the Comics Journal, and the New Yorker. He has also been nominated for multiple Eisner and Ignatz Awards, and received the prestigious Slate Cartoonists Studio Prize. At SUES, students in Ms. Brandon’s Math class celebrated achieving 100% of their ST Math targets this year with a



party.





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Last week, our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating SWMHS senior Japleen Kaur and 2021 SWMHS graduate Parth Patel, recipients of the 2022 and 2021 Sabert's five-year full scholarship. Parth is currently attending Rutgers University, which is ironically where Japleen will be attending college in the fall. Likewise, we commend and thank our wonderful community partners at Sabert for their incredible generosity and support for our students. We also commend and thank the Sayreville Police Department for recently treating our 5th graders at SUES to Rita's Italian ice. 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 Anthony Voto from SWMHS Track and Field Team, who once again broke his own Shot-Put school record with a throw of 55' 11.5 during last weekend's New Jersey Meet of Champions where he placed 8th in the state. We also once again congratulate the SWMHS and SMS Baseball Teams, which last week celebrated another strong and competitive season during their end of season banquet. Click [here](#) to check out this highlight video of their season, compliments of the incredible Joe Darold. 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** this evening (**Monday, June 20th**). Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early today, June 20th and each day this week on June 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 this Tuesday, June 21st**, while the **last day for students in grades 9-12, as well as 10-month instructional staff will be this Wednesday, 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

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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