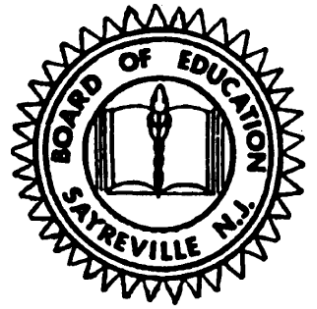


# HEAD OF THE CLASS

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The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates the following staff and students who are at the

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### SWMHS MARCHING BAND

Congratulations to our own Sayreville War Memorial High School Marching Band who became the State Champions in the Tournament of Bands Competition. The SWMHS Marching Band will be invited to attend a future Board of Education meeting to be honored by the Board.

### SOUTH AMBOY-SAYREVILLE ROTARY CLUB

Special thanks to the South-Amboy Sayreville Rotary Club for your donation of paperbound gazetteers to every third grade pupil in the district. These books will be delivered in the near future and members of the Rotary Club will have the opportunity to visit with the students. As a district, we continue to be grateful for this annual and ongoing partnership with the Rotary Club.

### SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations on a very successful Homecoming 2014 despite an evening of adverse weather and circumstances. Homecoming 2014 was held in conjunction with several athletic events, featured our State Championship Marching Band, Color Guard, and Cheerleaders, and included the crowning of Homecoming King Ben Werb and Homecoming Queen Daniela Contreras. Later that week, SWMHS held its spirited Pep Rally which included the recognition of all fall sports. In addition, Principal James Brown completed the ALS Challenge which culminated a school-wide fundraising effort for the charity.

### U.S. SENATOR CORY BOOKER

Special thanks to U.S. Senator Cory Booker who, early in the month of October, met with a group of students at Sayreville War Memorial High School. Senator Booker spoke about his role as a U.S. Senator, current issues facing congress, and inspired the students about “the power of one” – the ability for one person to make a difference. He emphasized that you don’t need one million twitter followers to be able to have your message heard or make a difference.

### SAYREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Sayreville Middle School was featured in the Suburban Newspaper for their 6th Annual Pink Out. Inspired by the struggle of a student’s mother, Ms. Lynn Taylor, Health and Physical Education Teacher at the middle school, decided to establish Pink Out as a way to educate students about breast cancer. On the first Friday in October, every Sayreville Middle School student participated in a breast cancer walk around the football field during physical education class. The field was lined with large informational signs about breast cancer

prevention and the importance of early detection. In addition to the walk, the entire middle school community was encouraged to wear pink to show their support for those diagnosed with breast cancer. The Class Act Committee, a group of middle school teachers who work to encourage character building, had Pink Out shirts available for sale for the students and staff. Proceeds from this sale, as well as the donations from the walk, will go to Gilda’s Club. Gilda’s Club is a nonprofit organization that offers free support groups, workshops and lectures to people diagnosed with cancer.

### TRUMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Make a Difference Day,” on Friday, October 24, 2014, meant something special for nearly 500 students in grades K through 3 who participated in a Dance-a-thon for the “Make a Wish Foundation.” This community service project was planned in conjunction with this year’s school theme, “Truman Team,” and provided the children an opportunity to benefit from the physical activity as well as doing something to help others. The Truman School dancers were an enthusiastic group and a fun time was had by all. Special thanks to Ms. Caroline Noppenberger, physical education teacher, for organizing and implementing this worthwhile activity for the students. Truman School raised \$2,800.00 for this fine foundation. Once again, many thanks to the Truman School families for their support on this endeavor.

## BOARD BEGINS BUDGET, INCREASES TRANSPARENCY

The Board of Education has launched its 2015-16 budget development process and overhauled the Board review cycle to provide greater opportunity for public transparency as well as greater Board involvement. In past years, the detailed budget review process was conducted by the Board’s finance committee in all day workout sessions with members of the administration. This year, the entire Board will be using each of its public meetings through March for a presentation by the Superintendent and his leadership team on a different aspect of the budget and allow input and discussion by the Board and the public.

As the annual budget is really a blueprint for a community’s vision for its school system, this process will give the public greater insight into how the funding correlates to the specific educational programs which are planned to drive student achievement. We encourage the public to attend and participate in our Board of Education meetings as we embark on this new process.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



# NOVEMBER 2014

## SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

### NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSING

Delayed opening, early dismissal or cancellations due to inclement weather will be made via:

Cable TV Channel 22  
News 12 News Jersey  
Facebook, Twitter  
OR

Check the District Website at  
[www.sayrevillek12.net](http://www.sayrevillek12.net)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>1 Saturday - H.S. Fall Play</p> <hr/> <p>3 Arl - Camillo's Restaurant Proceeds Night 11/3 - 11/14 Arleth Cares Food Drive MS - Sports Physicals Due for all Winter Sports Parent Involvement Council - 6:30 pm @ H.S.</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>ELECTION DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b></p> <p><b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—ALL STAFF REPORT</b></p>	<p>5 Arl - Golden Awards 2:00 pm Willabees 3:15-4:15 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>SCHOOLS CLOSED NJEA CONVENTION</b></p>	<p>7 <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED NJEA CONVENTION</b></p> <hr/> <p>8 Saturday - SAT I and II Gr. 11 &amp; 12</p> <hr/> <p>9 Sunday - Arl - Family Skate Night South Amboy Roller Rink</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11 Arl - Peter Pank Restaurant Proceeds Night (bring flyer)</p> <p><b>SCHOOLS CLOSED VETERAN'S DAY</b></p>	<p>12 Eis - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm Book Fair for Parents 7:00 pm Tru - Jeans for Troops Day</p> <p><b>END OF MARKING PERIOD</b></p>	<p>13 Eis - Book Fair MS - PTO Meeting 7:30 pm &amp; Fundraiser Delivery</p>	<p>14 Tru - "Walk with the Principal" PTO - Fall Festival Dance 7:00-9:00 - APR Eis - Book Fair Wil - "G.I. Go Fund" and Jeans for Troops SUES - School Store</p> <hr/> <p>15 Saturday - MS - Clothing Drive 8:30-10:00 am (Community Service) Barnes &amp; Noble Day 9:00-3:00 pm E Brunswick Mall 10-11 Wil, 11-12 Tru, 12-1 SUES, 1-2 Arl, 2-3 Eis.</p>
<p>16 Sunday - SUES - Skate Night South Amboy Roller Rink</p> <hr/> <p>17 Eis - Book Fair Tru - PTO Meeting 7:00 pm - Library MS—Fall Photography Make-Ups Girls Basketball Tryouts SUES - Market Day Pick -Up</p>	<p>18 Arl - TGIF Proceeds Night Eis - Book Fair Tru - Willabees 3:15 - 4:15 pm MS - Girls Basketball Tryouts SUES - Student Ambassador Meeting 3:15 - 4:00 pm</p> <p><b>Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm SWMHS</b></p>	<p>19 Eis—Book Fair Willabees—3:15-4:15 MS - Bullying Assembly Girls Basketball Tryouts HS - Parent's Advisory Project Before - Picture Day SUES - Student Ambassador Food Drive Field Trip Willabees 3:15-4:00 pm ASI Night - Reach for the Stars PTO Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20 Arl - Family Math and Reading Night 7:00-8:30pm Food Drive Collection Pick-Up Eis - Book Fair Wil - Family Night 6:30-8:00 pm Gym MS - Boys Basketball Tryouts Project Before - Picture Day</p>	<p>21 Tru - "Walk with the Principal" MS - Boys Basketball Tryouts 7th &amp; 8th Grade Dance 6:00-8:00 pm SUES - School Store</p>
<p>24 SUES - School Pictures MAKEUP Day MS - Boys Basketball Tryouts</p>	<p>25 Tru - Picture Retakes Character Café - Grade 2 Wil - PTO Meeting SUES - Character Ed Lunch</p>	<p>26 Tru - Good Citizenship Activity Project Before - Thanksgiving Feast</p> <p><b>REPORT CARDS ISSUED</b></p> <p><b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>SCHOOLS CLOSED THANKSGIVING</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>SCHOOLS CLOSED THANKSGIVING RECESS</b></p>