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Talk Sup Week 17 Review and Preview

January 9, 2023

Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that we will **dismiss students early** today, **Monday, January 9th** so that staff can participate in professional development. Likewise, please also remember that **schools will be closed on Monday, January 16th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day, and that we will dismiss students early every day that week (**Tuesday, January 17th through Friday, January 20th**) so that our faculty can participate in afternoon and evening **Parent/Teacher Conferences**.



While we secretly wish that we will not have to exercise any hazardous weather-related school closures or schedule changes (delayed opening or early dismissal) this year, since we are now in the middle of winter, below please find some tips to prepare you for such just in case:

- Have contingency plans in place for child care if schools are closed for the day or on a delayed opening or early dismissal schedule.
- Have a secondary plan in place in case roads between your home and the school or your workplace are closed.
- Ensure that you have emergency contact information for family members, friends, or neighbors who might need to assist you in case of an emergency.



Likewise, below please find some very important winter busing safety tips for our students and their parents.

- ☁ Arrive early at the bus stop and dress appropriately for the weather (heavy jackets, hats, mittens, gloves or boots!)
- ❄ Students should wait for the bus several feet further back off the road in a safe place, as the roads can be slippery.
- ☁ Use the handrail when boarding and exiting the bus to prevent slips and falls on icy steps.
- ❄ Before crossing in front of the bus, wait for an “all clear” from the driver. Cross 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see you as you cross.

Finally, remember that we will do everything we can to give parents and staff as much advanced notice as possible about any school schedule changes using our [website \(http://www.sayrevillek12.net\)](http://www.sayrevillek12.net), and our School Messenger automated calling and e-mail system. However, we also recommend that you check our [Facebook](#) page, [Twitter](#) account, and [Instagram account](#), as well as News 12 New Jersey, Fios 1, and NJ 101.5.



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If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Reorganization and Business Meeting held on Tuesday, January 3rd, here is what you missed. Ms. Hill, Business Administrator and Board Secretary, began the reorganization portion of the meeting by swearing in the following new and incumbent Board of



Education Members who were elected or re-elected for three-year terms: Lucille Bloom, Christopher Callahan, and Jeff Smith. Next, the Board elected Anthony Esposito as the Board President and Lucille Bloom as the Vice President. After congratulating the newly elected members, the Board adopted the code of ethics, policies, and regulations, and the business decisions made by the previous Board, along with the other motions on the Reorganization portion of the agenda, including the below 2023 Business Meeting dates. To see the Reorganization Meeting Agenda, click [here](#).

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 (4th Tuesday)
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 (4th Tuesday)
Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 (Tentative Budget Adoption)
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 (4th Tuesday)
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (Public Hearing-Budget)
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Tuesday, August 22, 2023 (4th Tuesday)
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Annual Reorganization Meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

After emerging from Executive Session, which was closed to the public, thanked the Board for re-electing them to serve as the BOE officers for 2023. The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Business Meeting Agenda, 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 awarded a lease purchase contract for technology equipment to Municipal Leasing Consultants to provide lease purchase financing to the Board in a principal amount up to \$382,866.36 and an effective interest rate of 4.470% for the principal amount of \$382,866.36 over a three-year period. In addition, it amended the award for the bid to replace the walk-in refrigerator at Sayreville Middle School (SMS) to George Koustas Ptg & Construction Co. as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount \$249,000 for bids opened on December 22, 2022.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education approved the appointment of non-certificated staff for the 2022-23 school year. Likewise, it appointed non-certificated substitutes for the 2022-23 school year.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Esposito and Mrs. Bloom thanked the Board for having the confidence in them to elect them as 2023 BOE officers.

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The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 17th**. During this meeting, the Board will resume publicly reviewing and discussing the 2023-24 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: Individual Schools, Curriculum and Instruction, and Athletics. The district will also present the 2022 Start Strong Assessment results. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on January 13th. A complete copy of the **January 3rd Reorganization and Business Meeting** minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **January 17, 2023**.

This past week, our students, staff, alumni and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the members of the SWMHS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) who placed at the recent New Jersey DECA District Competition. In March they will compete in the State Leadership Conference in Atlantic City.

Account Application Series	1st Place	Nihal Shah
Automotive Services Marketing Series	2nd Place	Jaden Addo
Entrepreneurship Series	7th Place 10th Place	Aaryan Parikh Sarah Smith
Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making	4th Place	Anisa Ismail and Hainyah Mahmood
Financial Consulting Event	5th Place	Rohit Giummandi
Financial Services Team Decision Making	4th Place	Jaden Fernandes and Nihal Yeruva
Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling	1st Place 5th Place 8th Place	Doris Lee Arielle Mensah Oscar Lin
Human Resource Management Series	2nd Place 5th Place	Kristy Garcia Marissa Mandola
Marketing Communication Series	5th Place 10th Place	Riva Barbaria Ruhi Patel
Personal Financial Literacy	6th Place 8th Place	Rishi Shah Ayaan Ahmad
Principals of Finance	2nd Place 3rd Place 5th Place	Jasmine Koli Jane Lee Navroop Kohli



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Principles of Marketing	3rd Place	Tyler-Odeh Abassi
Professional Selling	2nd Place 8th Place	Ysabelle Dela Cruz Brooke Attix
Retail Merchandising	9th Place	Motunrayo Akinrefon



We also congratulate and commend Brianna Zack (9th grade), Rose Arafat (10th grade), Ivonne-Maria Ramos (11th grade), and Sean Gerlesky (12 grade), who were selected by the faculty to be the December Students of the Month. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock! Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner.

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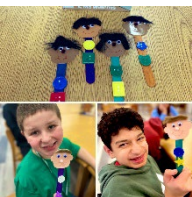


Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. In Project



Before, preschoolers at Selover, Cheesequake, and Kidzland had a blast participating in their restaurant theme creative play centers. Students at Garden Friends also rang in the New Year practicing patterns and sharing their hopes for the year, while those at Cheesequake took the time to

sing Happy Birthday a classmate from the Ukraine.



At the middle school, students in the Ms. Ciampa's class made storybook puppets, DIY bookmark crafts, and created artwork while listening to stories when they visited the media center. At SUES, students who were recognized by their teachers and/or classmates as being Trustworthy were honored and celebrated. At the high school, students in Mr.



Alvarez's Robotics class participated in a drag race to determine who could create the fastest, straight-running robot. In addition, students in Mr. Mahoney's English class visited the media center where Ms. Swanson showed them how to plan and perform research using the media center research databases. Lastly, in the Bombers Beyond 18-21-Year-Old Program, students visited the New Jersey State Museum where they learned about Sharks, dinosaurs, flags and Native American history. They also made their first pot of coffee in



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preparation for this month's official grand opening of the Bombers Beyond Cafe located at 132 Main Street.

In athletics, the SWMHS Wrestling Team raised its season record to 8-3 with match wins over Monmouth, Edison, and Spotswood High Schools (HS) last week. The SWMHS Girls and Boys Indoor Track and Field



Teams also continued to perform impressively this past week. The team of Sarah Smith, Sandy Costa, Angeleah Lepre, and Molly Logan medaled in the 4x800 Meter Race. Molly also medaled and ran a personal best of 5:34 in the 1,600 Meter Race. For the Boys Team, William Lewis and Amir Elholy placed in the Pole Vault, as did John (JD) Magaw in the Shot Put, and Chase Kosbia in



the 400 Meter Race. 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 [2022-23 School District Calendar](#), and the [January Activities Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on each, please remember that there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the new **SUES Board Meeting Room** on **Tuesday, January 17th**. Please also note that we will **dismiss students early** today, **Monday, January 9th** so that staff can participate in professional development, as well as from **Tuesday, January 17th through Friday, January 20th** so that our faculty can participate in afternoon and evening **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. Furthermore, please remember that our **schools will be closed** on **Monday, January 16th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Finally, please remember that the **2nd Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will end on **January 30th** and the **Report Cards** for those students will be viewable in [Oncourse Connect](#) on, **February 6th**.

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