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Talk Sup Week 18 Review and Preview

January 16, 2023

Good morning Sayreville and Happy Martin Luther King Day! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Naturally, our **schools** are <u>closed</u> today in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Please remember that we will dismiss students early every day this week (Tuesday, January 17th through Friday, January 20th) so that our faculty can participate in afternoon and evening Parent/Teacher Conferences. Below please find the schedule.

Schedule for Parent/Teacher Conferences January 2023

Tuesday, January 17	Afternoon	Project Before Samsel Upper Elementary School Middle School
	Evening	High School and K-3 Elementary Schools
Wednesday, January 18	Afternoon	Project Before K-3 Elementary Schools Middle School High School
Thursday, January 19	Evening Afternoon Evening	Samsel Upper Elementary School K-3 Elementary Schools Samsel Upper Elementary School High School Project Before and Middle School
Friday, January 20	Afternoon	All Schools

*Please Note: In the event of a delayed opening, the early dismissal and/or conferences are cancelled.



As noted above, our schools are closed for instruction today in observance and recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Therefore, if you have the chance, please take a moment today to reflect upon and to discuss with your family the amazing accomplishments of Dr. King and the profound impact he has had on our nation and culture, particularly how he taught us how to appreciate the differences in others and to protest peacefully against prejudice and discrimination so as to ensure

equality and equity for all citizens of our great country, particularly people of color.



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While the weather has been relatively mild this winter, please remember and remind our students that it is never safe for them to step onto and traverse upon frozen bodies of water. No matter how cold temperatures are and how thick ice can appear to be, there is always an inherent risk of falling through it, which not only places that individual in grave danger, it also puts first responders at risk.



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating Ms. Greene, teacher at the Truman School, who was recognized last week by the American Legion with a Certificate of Appreciation for her continued support of veterans throughout the years. We also once again congratulate and commend the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Distributive Education Club of

America (DECA) for achieving THRIVE-level recognition. To receive this level of level recognition, the chapter completed two out of three-chapter campaigns, which were the community service campaign and the promotional campaign. Finally, we commend and thank SWMHS graduates Heather and George

Lestuck, who donated 27 pounds of tabs to Ms. Katz at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) to add to the SUES's Pop Tab Collection, which ultimately enables the Ronald McDonald house to keep families close while their children are receiving medical care. 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. They Rock!





Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. At SWMHS, students in Ms. Goldstein's Forensics class learned how to dust and lift fingerprints from lockers. Also, the following recent SWMHS graduates and current college students visited to share their experiences to students in Chemistry and Biology classes: James

Adams – Princeton University, Julianna Castlegrant – Cornell University, Ann Murickan - NY Technical Institute, Ummekulsum Alishah – Rutgers University, Minal Patel – Rutgers University, and Radia Nazah – Rutgers University. At the middle school, students in Ms. Hoff's classes participated in a STEAM engineering lesson where they created blue prints, purchased materials, and eventually built Lego dog







houses. At SUES, students and their families loved brushing up on their painting skills during a Family Paint Night. In addition, the students recognized last week





for demonstrating that they are trustworthy enjoyed some Yummy

cookies at the Character Education Café. In the Bombers Beyond 18-21-Year-Old Program, students



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continued to prepare for the grand opening of the Bombers Beyond Café on February 2, 2023, particularly the making of a "good cup of joe." Finally, in the Project Before Preschool Program, students at the Cheesequake School participated in a creative Literacy Lab where they practiced sequencing, vocabulary, and singing.



In athletics, we congratulate the SWMHS Competition Cheer Team, which won first place in the Impact Cheer and Dance Challenge last Saturday. The SWMHS Wrestling Team also improved its record on the season to 11-5 with a match win last week over Piscataway High School (HS). Likewise, the SWMHS Girls Swimming Team defeated Mother Seton HS last week to improve its season record to 4-3. 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.

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the new BOE Room at the Samsel Upper Elementary School. During the meeting, the Board will resume publicly reviewing and discussing the 2023-24 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: Individual Schools and Athletics. The district will also present the 2022-23 Cycle 1 School Safety Data. 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 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.

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 tomorrow, Tuesday, January 17th. Please also note that we will dismiss students early all this week 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 today, 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



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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