



# Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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## Talk Sup Week 21 Review and Preview

February 6, 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 **today, Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, we will dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development.



We were all very saddened and unnerved by the tragic death of Sayreville Borough Councilwoman, Eunice Dwumfour, last week. While I did not have the privilege of knowing her very well, during the brief interaction I had with her at last year's joint Sayreville Board of Education (BOE) and Sayreville Borough Council Meeting, I was very impressed. Moreover, I must say how inspired I was to learn about what kind of mother, person, and community leader she was, including within her faith.

Thus, we are all going to sorely miss her. As you may or may not know, she is survived by a daughter, who is in our school district, and a husband. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them, especially her daughter, during this incredibly challenging time.



Last Tuesday evening, parents/guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended the annual Freshman Tip-Off/Activities Fair and Parent/Guardian Orientation at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). The high school clubs, activities, and sports were represented so that students and their parents/guardians were able to see what is available for students at the high school. At 7:00 pm, the students attended the basketball game in the gym for free, while their parents/guardians attended an orientation in the auditorium. During the orientation, the high school administration, district directors, and curriculum supervisors provided an informative program for the purpose of acclimating parents/guardians to the high school offerings. The program

presentation is available on the district website or [here](#). The students in the class of 2027 are invited to join the Google Classroom for important information pertaining to their class. The access code is: xdjukty.



Last Wednesday, the Bombers Beyond 18-21-Year-Old Program cut the blue ribbon and officially opened the **Bombers Beyond Café** for business. If you are not familiar with the Café, it is a coffee shop, which also sells light breakfast treats, that is staffed by our 18-21 year old students. It is located at **132 Main Street in Sayreville** and is

open **Monday through Friday from 8 am until 12 pm**. If you have the time and inclination, please visit the Café. The coffee is rich and bold, while the services is truly impressive and extraordinarily inspiring.



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating SWMHS senior and student

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musician Richard Kuzma, who was recently selected to be a member of the 2023 NJ All-State Band, which will perform in Atlantic City on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we commend the following SWMHS senior student athletes who recently committed to attend and participate in the below indicated collegiate athletic programs.

Michael	Colonnello	Baseball	Kean University
Michael	Novak	Baseball	New Jersey City University
John	Kovalchuk	Soccer	Steven's Institute
Isaac	Villar	Soccer	Sussex CC



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Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus performed magnificently during their Winter Concert. In addition, students and staff celebrated the students who were recognized for demonstrating the

Character Counts pillar of Respect. Lastly, high school students from the Heroes and Cool Kids club visited to share positive messages and lesson with students. At the Truman School, students celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> day of school and had a terrific time during Theater Week. At the high school, students in Mr. Alvarez's



Robotics class participated in the annual Robotic Road Rally Challenge where students designed and built robots to complete a timed obstacle course. At the middle school, 8th Grade Student Council representatives attended the PATHWAY to Leadership Conference where they enjoyed a full day of workshops and presentations.

In Project Before, high school students in the Tomorrow's Teachers program visited the Selover School to work with preschool staff and students. Their lesson plans and activities were fantastic, as our early



childhood learners loved spending time with them. At Peace Rose, students incorporated many skills into their Health and Medical creative play theme. Likewise, the parent of a student who happens to be a pediatric nurse visited students at the Cheesequake School to show them how she takes care of babies at the hospital. Finally, at







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Kidzland, students and staff celebrated friendship while also taking the time to practice their letter and number writing skills.



In athletics, we commend and congratulate the SWMHS Cheer Team, which won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Impact Cheer and Dance All Music and Game Division this past weekend. The SWMHS Wrestling Team defeated East Brunswick High School (HS) last week to notch its 14<sup>th</sup> match win of the season. Likewise, the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team defeated East Brunswick Magnet HS in the first round of the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Tournament to earn its 5<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

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: Curriculum & Instruction, Special Education, and Technology. The district will also present the 2022 Start Strong Assessment results. 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](#), which you can view by clicking on it, please remember that the **2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards** for students in **grades 6-12** will be viewable in **Oncourse Connect** today, **February 6<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, please note that there will be **BOE Business Meetings** on **February 7<sup>th</sup>** and **21<sup>st</sup>**. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early** today, **February 6<sup>th</sup>** so that our staff can participate in professional development, and that **our schools will be closed** on **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Presidents' Day.

On January 30, 2023, the district 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, 2023**) 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](http://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

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online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the [2023-2024 Project Before and Kindergarten](#) drop down menu: [New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten](#) or [Returning Student Enrollment Update for students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten during the 2023-2024 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