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### Talk Sup Week 25 Review and Preview

March 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** we will **dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development.



Last week, many honored guests and I had the privilege to be able to participate in Read Across America in our preschool and elementary schools. Read Across America is an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association (NEA) that began in 1997. According to the NEA, it is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the birthday of



beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, who this year turned 119. This is truly one of the best days of the school year for me, as I have so much fun reading to and getting to know, albeit very briefly, our very impressive and most talented preschool and elementary school students. Since Read Across America started on a Thursday this year, myself and more guest readers are scheduled to visit classrooms this week as well to read to our children. We commend all our amazing teachers, administrators, and parents who made 2023 Read Across America such a memorable experience for all who participated, especially our most gracious guest readers noted above.



In addition to Read Across America, last Friday morning Ms. Sicola, Director of School Counseling Services, and Mr. Rubino, Principal of the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS), introduced in rank order and honored the Top 10 Students from the SWMHS Class of 2023 based upon grade point average. Thus, below please find the name of each remarkable child. As we noted during their celebratory breakfast last Friday, we recognize that the amazing academic accomplishments of these students could not have happened if it were not for the proficiency, competency, and hard work of their incredibly dedicated and talented teachers and counselors, and the never-ending support and assistance that they have received from their wonderful parents. As we have done in the past, these students will also be recognized and honored during Senior Awards Night, as well as a Board of Education Meeting, in the spring.

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1. Doris Lee - **Valedictorian**
2. Aaryan Parikh - **Salutatorian**
3. Aayush Mehta
4. Phillip Pazdur
5. Aneri Shah
6. Aryan Shah
7. Adriana Mejia
8. Muhtasim Noor
9. Lasya Bhattiprolu
10. Allison McCracken



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. Along with the above mentioned SWMHS Top 10 Students, we congratulate and commend

SWMHS students Oprah Wellington (9th grade), Deymelis Mena Rodriguez (10th grade), Keira Maillaro (11th grade), and Bryan Quizado (12th grade),

who were selected by the faculty to be the February Students of the Month. We also commend and congratulate SWMHS student musician Richard Kuzma who recently performed with the New Jersey All-State Band in Atlantic City. Last week he also performed at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Furthermore, we commend and congratulate the below SWMHS Odyssey of the Mind teams that earned 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place respectively during the Gateway Regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament two weekends ago.

### Problem 4-2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Anthony Vu  
Roshan Mohanakrishnan  
Krish Pipaliya  
Shlesha Shah  
Yilin Zheng  
Anirudh Balagopal  
Ishaan Chand

### Problem 5-2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Muhtasim Noor  
Muteeba Rizvi  
Doris Lee  
Lily Heidelberg  
Quinn Guerra  
Jane Lee  
JD Magaw

### Problem 1-3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Rhena Johnson  
Wade Guerra  
Aaryan Parikh  
Tyler-Odeh Abbassi  
Daniel Johnson  
Phillip Pazdur  
Vanshi Patel

### Problem 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Asmi Kaushal  
Roshan Mohanakrishnan  
Fahmy Harraz  
Aryan Kore  
Nihal Shah  
Nihal Yeruva  
Ysabelle Dela Cruz







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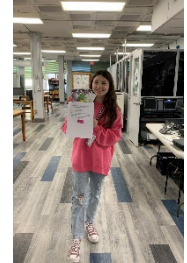


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In addition, we congratulate and commend Ms. Bresocnik, a kindergarten teacher at Truman was selected by radio station Magic 98.3 as a 2023 "Teacher Who Makes Magic." She was announced on the air last Friday morning. Ms. Bresocnik is a dedicated educator and truly brings magic to everything she does. She is involved in many activities at Truman School, as well as the district level. She also devotes a great deal of her personal time to the Live Like a Unicorn, Foundation, which is dedicated to raising



awareness and funding advancements in pediatric brain and spinal cord tumor research in memory of her beautiful daughter Kendall. We also congratulate Sayreville Middle School (SMS) 8<sup>th</sup> grader Anastasia Haring, who was the grand prize raffle winner for the library's February "Blind Date with A Book" Reading Contest.

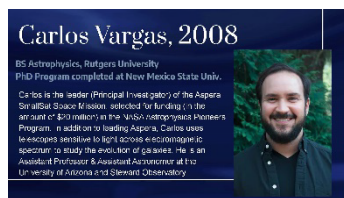


Furthermore, we commend the teachers from



SWMHS, led by Mr. Ganu and Ms. Giorgianni, who participated in the Seaside Polar Bear Plunge and raised \$1,474 for the Special Olympics of New Jersey. Finally, we commend and thank SWMHS Class of 2012 graduate Martina Hanna, for creating a beautiful mural inside of the Bombers Beyond Cafe. Likewise, we commend and thank Mr. Gliddon, SWMHS Wood Shop Teacher, and his students for making a wooden ticket holder for the recent Faculty- Student Basketball Game at SWMHS.

Compliments of the "Where Are They Now" Committee at the high school, we commend SWMHS Class of 2008 graduate Carlos Vargas. Carlos is the



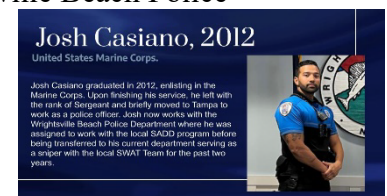
**Carlos Vargas, 2008**

BS Astrophysics, Rutgers University  
PhD Program completed at New Mexico State Univ.  
Carlos is the leader (Principal Investigator) of the Aspera SmallSat Space Mission, selected for funding in the amount of \$20 million in the NASA Astrophysics Pioneers Program. In addition to leading Aspera, Carlos uses telescopes sensitive to light across electromagnetic spectrum to study the evolution of galaxies. He is an Assistant Professor & Assistant Astronomer at the University of Arizona's Steward Observatory.

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the University of Arizona and Steward Observatory. We also commend SWMHS Class of 2012 graduate Josh Casiano. After finishing his service with Marine Corp with the rank of Sergeant, Josh briefly moved to Tampa Bay, FLA to work as a police officer. He now works with the Wrightsville Beach Police Department where he was assigned to work with the local Students Against Dangerous Decisions (SADD) program before being transferred to his current department serving as a sniper with the local SWAT team for the past two years. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



**Josh Casiano, 2012**

United States Marine Corps

Josh Casiano graduated in 2012, enlisting in the Marine Corps. Upon finishing his service, he left with the rank of Sergeant and briefly moved to Tampa to work as a police officer. Josh now works with the Wrightsville Beach Police Department where he was assigned to work with the local SADD program before being transferred to his current department serving as a sniper with the local SWAT team for the past two years.

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Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. At the high school, students in Ms. Mojzsis' Advanced Art classes had a visit from a College for Creative Studies admissions



counselor. They heard about the various career choices available to them, along with an overview of their art program. In Ms. Charmello's Intermediate Art classes, guest artists, including Ms. Berman, Special Education Teacher, and Ms. DeLucia, Social Studies Teacher, shared their skills as part of this month's Guest Artist Series. In addition, students in the Leo Club Leo visited the United Nations in New York City, where they also met with the Lions Club International President and First Lady.



At the middle school, students visited the "Book Café" in the media center, while others



continued to practice and prepare for the Bombers Unified Basketball Tournament later this month. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School, students in Mrs.



Brandon's classes took a short break from math and science for College Week, where they picked a major and/or minor and then researched which school best fit their interests. Students also continued to have a blast in the PTO Lego



Club. Students at the Truman School had a ball during a Book Bingo. While celebrating Read Across America, students and staff at the Arleth and Eisenhower Schools had a great time participating in "Book Character Day," where they came to school dressed as their favorite book character. In Project Before, students at the Peace Rose School participated in "Wacky Wednesday," while



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students at Garden Friends had a terrific time reading the book “There is a Bird on Your Head,” telling their friends what was on their heads, and then walking with a birds nest on their head.

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 vote on the “Tentative” 2023-24 School District Budget. 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 there will be **BOE Business Meetings** tomorrow, **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, **Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**, and **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please also remember that **today** we will **dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Please also note 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester for students in grades K-5 will end on March 16<sup>th</sup> and reports cards will be viewable in Oncourse Connect on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Finally, please remember that **our schools will be closed** for spring recess from **April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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 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

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