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Talk Sup Week 36 Review and Preview

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Good morning Sayreville and happy Memorial Day! I hope you are having 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 Memorial Day. Please remember that our schools will also be <u>closed</u> <u>next</u> Tuesday, June 6th, so that our staff can participate in a full day of professional development.

As we do each year at this time, we pause as a community and nation to salute and thank all the brave men



and women in our nation's history who have sacrificed and dedicated their lives to protecting the liberties that make this country the greatest in the world. Furthermore, we also take the time to send our thoughts and prayers to the families of those courageous and selfless service women and men who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our country. Therefore, we pay great homage to and commend all the brave men and

women who are and have served our great nation. May God bless them and the United States of America!

Due to all the construction projects going on in the district now and for the next 2-3 years, the Board of Education requested that we post on our website a construction dashboard for the purpose of keeping the school district community up to date on the status of the projects. If interested, you can access this dashboard on either the <u>Referendum</u> or <u>Facilities, Custodial, and Grounds</u> pages of our website. Click on either one to view it. The dashboard will be updated monthly.

This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their



remarkable accomplishments. We commend and congratulate Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) senior Aminata Kamara, who was honored last week by the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association as a 2022-23 Student Leadership Scholarship recipient. Likewise, we congratulate and commend SWMHS ceramic art students Janai Negroni, Alexandria Rosario, and Ethan Sanfiorenz, whose ceramic pieces were selected out of

over 60 pieces during the Clay in Mind ceramic competition that took place at SWMHS on May 20th, to move on to the Noyes Arts



Garage in Atlantic City. They will be on display and open for public viewing in their main gallery from May 24th through June 17th. In addition, a closing reception will be held on June 17th for the winning students, their families, and art teachers. We also commend and thank Adam Herman and Peter Simo who recently produced and donated personalized mugs for Brew Crew at the Bombers Beyond Café. Finally, we thank and commend students at the high school, Mr. Conti from the Sayreville Borough Council, and the Sayreville Police Department for their part in

having a crossing guard placed at the entrance of Kennedy Park in front of the high school. Apparently,



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students at the high school strongly advocated for this while Mr. Conti was guest speaking with them during Legislator Day and he was so inspired that he was able to persuade the Sayreville Police Department to make this change. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



While I was unable to attend, last Monday evening the SWMHS Concert Band and Choir held their annual Spring Concert. Like every year, this year's Choir, under the vocal direction of Mr. Sanford, and the Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Caruso, performed magnificently. Thus, we commend and congratulate the amazing student vocalists and musicians and thank Mr. Sanford and Dr. Caruso for the many hours of instruction and direction that they provided them. Bravo!



Last Tuesday, I attended the Bombers Unified Track and Field Meet in the SWMHS Stadium. During it, I was both impressed and inspired to watch our students with intellectual and developmental disabilities compete with and against



their typically developing peers in traditional and nontraditional Olympic track and field events. This year the



high school team competed against Perth Amboy High School. Moreover, I was moved to see the comradery and friendship between our student athletes, which undoubtedly evolved during the process of practicing and preparing for the meet together. Additionally, I was overwhelmed with joy to witness the amount of staff members, parents, and students who came out to assist and support these incredible student athletes. Thus, we thank and commend Ms. Carkeek and all our Bombers Unified coaches, advisors, and paraprofessionals for making this event so successful and memorable for the students who competed in it and their families. Go Bombers Unified!



inducted the amazing juniors and seniors who have demonstrated excellence inside

Last Wednesday, I attended the SWMHS Honor Society Induction ceremony where nearly 175 students were inducted into the SWMHS National Business, Math, English, Science, Computer and French Honor Societies. As is the case each year, each of these high school departments recognized and



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and outside of the classroom this year in one or more of these departments. Thanks to the hard work and preparation by each honor society advisor, this year for the very first time, they combined each respective induction ceremony into one. We congratulate all our amazing students who were inducted into one or more of aforementioned honor societies and commend them for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Moreover, we thank them for being the inspiration to many of our students.



Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. At the middle school, graphic artist Rasid Malik Davis visited to



inspire students about a career in the arts. Likewise, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Special Agent



Kyle Barton, spoke to students about careers in law enforcement. His presentation was so engaging and informative that he ignited a passion for law enforcement. In addition, students and their families enjoyed a wonderful evening exploring writing and math topics facilitated by the amazing middle school Academic Support Instruction (ASI) teachers. At the high school, students in Mr. Veres Biology classes completed their evolution timelines, which were scaled so that life's entire history was placed in detailed order on the timelines.



At the Samsel Upper Elementary School, students had an awesome







time participating in their annual field day. Likewise, in Project Before at the Selover School students also had a blast during their first ever field day. At the Cheesequake School, students in Miss Christa's class had a wonderful time during their new creative play Camping theme. Finally, at the Truman School, staff students, and their families participated in the 3rd annual Liv Like A Unicorn



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Family Night to raise money for a local pediatric brain cancer foundation. Students collected pledges for a walk-a-thon and decorated postcards to cheer up kids fighting cancer.



In athletics, the SWMHS Baseball team defeated South River High School last week to finish the season with a 15-10 record and the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Championship. The SWMHS Girls and Boys Track and field Teams

also competed well at the GMC Meet. Several members from both teams recorded personal best performances. 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, which you can view by clicking on it, our schools are closed today in observance of Memorial Day. In addition, there will be a BOE Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 13th. Please also remember that our schools will be closed next Tuesday, June 6th, so that our staff can participate in a full day of professional development and on Friday, June 16th in observance of Juneteenth. In addition, please note that we will dismiss students early on June 15th, 20th, and 21st. Likewise, please remember that the last day of school for students will be June 20th, while the last day for 10-month instructional staff will be June 21st. Finally, please note that the end of the Grades K-5 3rd Trimester and the Grades 6-12 4th Marking Period will be on June 20th. Therefore, Report Cards for all students will be issued on June 27th.

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) 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



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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 <u>here</u>.

Have a great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe