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Talk Sup Week 37 Review and Preview

June 5, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that our schools will be **closed for students tomorrow, Tuesday, June 6th**, so that our staff can participate in a full day of professional development.



Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending the return of the very popular Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Duets competition. If you have never attended nor are familiar with Duets, it is a good natured and very spirited singing competition coordinated and



directed by Patsy Palma, Vocal Music Teacher at SMS. In this competition, middle school 8th grade students invite a teacher from the middle school to sing with them in a duet. In addition to singing, the contestants create stage sets and choreograph dance routines. When the curtain opens, Mr. Palma quickly hands the show over to student hosts. The acts, which are judged by three faculty members, are evaluated based upon singing quality, creativity, and crowd response. This year's competition was unique because students who were in 8th grade in 2020, 2021, and 2022 that did not have a chance to participate in Duets then because it was cancelled due to the pandemic, were invited to compete with 2023 8th graders. While all the students and staff members that competed were amazing, we commend and congratulate this year's 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 winners. We are so proud of and impressed with all the students and staff members that participated in making Duets so incredibly successful this year. Furthermore, we commend and thank Mr. Palma and the administrators, faculty, and staff from the middle school, high school, and throughout the district who contributed to making this year's Duets competition an extraordinarily entertaining and memorable experience for all in attendance.



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Last Saturday the Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) held its annual Walk with hundreds of other people from Sayreville and elsewhere. POAC is a nonprofit organization that provides services, most of which are free, to children and adults with autism, their families, and the professionals who serve them. Led by Mr. Knaster, Director of Pupil-Special Services, Alexa Giorgianni and Sunil

Ganu, Special Education Teachers at the high school, and Dana Giorgianni, a recently retired Special Education Teacher and current substitute for the district,



Sayreville partnered with POAC once again for its Annual POAC's Walk for A Difference Walk-a-thon and Activities Fair. A portion of the proceeds that were raised will go back to Sayreville from POAC in the form of training, workshops, and activities. We commend and thank Mr. Knaster, Alexa and Dana Giorgianni, Mr. Ganu, and all the incredible volunteers for everything they did to make this wonderful charitable event such a grand success and memorable moment for all the community members who participated.



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) Boys Tennis Team player Aaryan Parikh, who received the 2023 New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Scholar Athlete Award last week. We also congratulate and commend the following SMS students who earned 2nd Place in the New Jersey Water Environment Association Essay Contest: Veronica Duigan, Mark Tilley, Morgan Koonce, and Steve Lucando. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



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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, the guidance department took several 11th and 12th graders to the Construction Industry



Career Day at Raritan Center in Edison, where there were approximately 30 booths of information for the students ranging from how to use a hammer to all the local labor unions in the area. The students had a blast engaging with the professionals, learning about pipe fittings, participating in virtual forklift training,



and working with the tools. In fact, there were stations where they bonded pipes, learned techniques for hammering and drilling, installed flooring, cemented bricks, learned about the different saws, and so much more. Similarly, the Guidance Department brought several more students to Middlesex County College for its annual conference for high school students aimed at empowerment, wellness, leadership, and community connections. The program featured workshops designed to provide students with opportunities to learn about a healthy lifestyle. In addition,



several art students attended the New Jersey Teen Arts Festival at Middlesex County College, which featured a drawing by sophomore Kyriaki Kakadelis, whose work was selected to be a New Jersey representative and will be included in a traveling exhibition. Furthermore, students in the Business Academy had a great final visit to the Rutgers University Business School as part of the Rutgers University Business for Youth (RUBY) Program. Lastly, 12th grade students are having a phenomenal time during the Senior Trip to

Disneyworld.



At the middle school, students and staff attended the annual Career Fair. As part of



this year's Career Fair, Detective Zebrowski, School Resource Officer, brought the 100th Year Car of the Sayreville Police Department to commemorate and celebrate 100 years (1923-2023) of the Sayreville Police Department. Additionally, the members of the Student Council had an amazing time at Great

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Adventure for the New Jersey Association of Student Councils Spring Rewards Day. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School, the 4th Grade Chorus performed



magnificently at their Spring Music Show, while the staff and students from the Arleth, Eisenhower and the



Project Before at Cheesequake Schools had a wonderful time during their respective Field Days. In addition, at Project Before at Kidzland, our preschoolers had a ball during their Career and International Day. Finally, at the Bombers Beyond Café, SWMHS alumni and recent Middlesex



County College graduate, Nicholas Diaz, stopped by to donate some of his handmade ceramics to help decorate the café.



In athletics, the SWMHS Girls and Boys Track and Field Team participated in the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group Championship Meet last weekend. Kellie Koranteng (Tiple Jump), Loicy Anning, Jennaly Then, Laila Stevenson, and Jayda Roque (4x400), along with Will Lewis, medaled and will be moving on to the State Finals. Loicy also medaled and will be moving on in the individual 400 Meter Sprint. Additionally, last week SWMHS wrestler Connor Walsh

competed in the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) National Duals Wrestling Tournament in Virginia Beach, which is one of the top high school wrestling tournaments in the nation. Throughout the tournament, Connor demonstrated his exceptional athleticism, versatility, and wrestling at a very high level. In fact, he finished the tournament with a record of 7-2. 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](#).



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The Sayreville Board of Education will be once again offering subscription busing for the 2023-2024 school year for middle and high school students whose transportation is non-mandated. **Non-mandated transportation applies to 6th through 8th grade students who live less than two miles (2.0) from the middle school, and 9th through 12th grade students who live less than two-and-a-half (2.5) miles from the high school as per N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 and specified under the criteria of N.J.A.C. 6A:27-1.4. “Distance shall be measured using the shortest route along public roadways or public walkways between the entrance of the student’s residence nearest the public roadway or public walkway and the nearest public entrance of the school the student attends.”** Families who wish to participate in the subscription busing program must be registered in the district prior to applying.

Subscription busing applications will not be processed unless all fees and fines (ex. Food service account balances, book fines, Chromebook fines, etc.) are paid in full by June 30th. All applications are to be submitted by **June 30, 2023**. Applications will be reviewed, and seats will be granted based upon the distance from their home to their school, giving priority to those that live furthest from the school. Bus stops will be centrally located for all students, who will be assigned to the stop closest to their home. No changes or requests for additional stops will be accepted. The cost for subscription busing is \$550.00/per student, however, **no fee is required for students who are eligible for free/reduced meals based on their free/reduced meal application for the 2023-2024 school year.** Parents will be notified via email by **July 15, 2023**, if their student has been assigned a seat. To apply for a subscription bus seat, [click here](#) or go to the [Transportation Page](#) of the district website.

As per the [2022-23 School District Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on it, there will be a **BOE Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 13th**. Please also remember that our schools will be **closed tomorrow, 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, 19th, and 20th**. 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

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[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