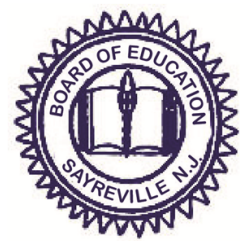




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Talk Sup Week 2 Review and Preview

September 18, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I would like to wish our Jewish families a belated Shanah Tovah or happy Rosh Hashanah! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup*, my weekly newsletter. Remember that this week, we will hold **Back to School Nights** at each school from **6-8 pm** beginning with the **upper elementary school tonight**, all **K-3 elementary schools tomorrow**, **Project Before** and the **high school on Wednesday**, and the **middle school on Thursday**. Likewise, please note that students, faculty, and instructional support staff will be **dismissed early this Friday**. Finally, please remember that our schools will be closed next Monday, September 25th in observance of Yom Kippur.

As you know and pursuant to a broadcast email that we sent to parents last week, mandatory statewide summative assessments are administered in English language arts, mathematics, and science to determine student proficiency in meeting academic expectations aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) at various times through a student's educational career. Click [here](#) to review the 2023-2024 New Jersey Statewide Standardized Assessment Calendar, as well as resources for assessments, including the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA), Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), and the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). Should you have any questions regarding statewide testing or other district assessments, please contact Donna Sicola, Director of School Counseling Services, at donna.sicola@sayrevillek12.net, or Kimberly Grossman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for grades 3-12, at Kimberly.grossman@sayrevillek12.net.

If you have not done so already, by the end of this week, please assist the district in developing a new four-year Vision 2030 Strategic Action Plan by clicking on one of the following links that best describes your role in the community: [SPS - Strategic Planning Survey for Staff](#), [SPS - Strategic Planning Survey for Parents/Guardians](#), and [SPS - Strategic Planning Survey for Community Members](#); to complete a brief survey. **Please note that the survey will close this Friday, September 22nd.** Likewise, remember that on **Saturday, September 30, 2023**, the district will be hosting an **Education Summit** for anyone in the Sayreville community, including you, to participate in. During the Summit, participants will construct goals in the following domains: Finance and Facilities, Technology, Security, Student Achievement, and Culture and Climate, based upon the survey feedback provided by you, our staff, and other members of the community. If you would like to participate in the development of our **2023-2027 Strategic Action Plan** during our September 30th Education Summit, **please RSVP by Wednesday, September 27th** by emailing me at Richard.labbe@sayrevillek12.net.

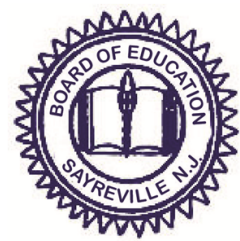
I am thrilled to announce that after a brief break due to the pandemic, the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) will make its return during the 2023-24 school year. As you may or may not know, the purpose of SPAC is to streamline direct input from parent leadership groups to the Superintendent, as the Sayreville Board of Education asserts that input, counsel, and advice from parents is integral to the effective functioning of the educational programs of this district. Therefore,

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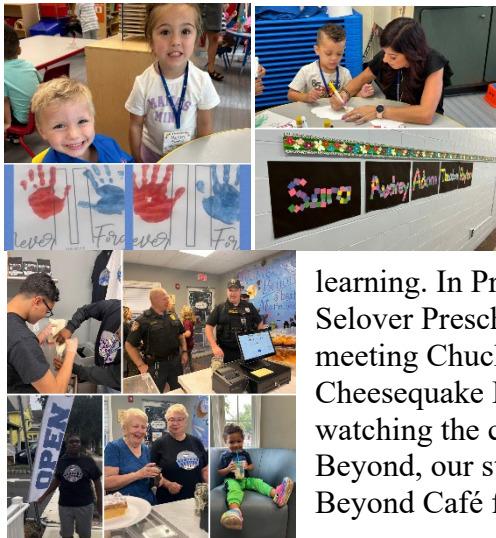


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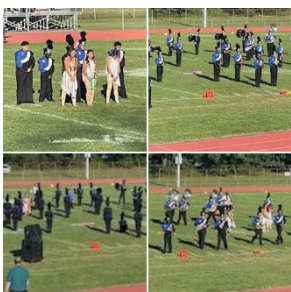
SPAC serves as a forum for PTO representatives from each school and student co-curricular activity booster clubs to share input, concerns, and suggestions on behalf of their school or co-curricular activity. The Council will also play an integral role in assisting the district in developing various activities and functions designed to educate and inform parents on an array of different education related topics. The first SPAC Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 6 – 7 pm at the Bombers Beyond Café located at 132 Main street in Sayreville.** Although the SPAC primarily consists of PTO and parent booster club leaders, if any parents are interested in participating on the SPAC, please email me at Richard.labbe@sayrevillek12.net. Nonetheless, in order to give all parents an opportunity to meet with me in person to ask questions, express concerns, and to share ideas, this year we are coupling these meetings with a special “Java with the Sup” hour for all parents and community members to attend. Likewise, we will also be holding Java with the Sup during the mornings of our meeting dates. Below please find the 2023-24 SPAC and Java with the Sup dates.

- Tuesday October 3, 2023
 - Java with the Sup from 10 – 11 am
 - SPAC and Java with Sup from 6 – 8 pm.
- Tuesday December 5, 2023
 - Java with the Sup from 10 – 11 am
 - SPAC and Java with Sup from 6 – 8 pm
- Tuesday January 30, 2024
 - Java with the Sup from 10 – 11 am
 - SPAC and Java with Sup from 6 – 8 pm
- Tuesday April 30, 2024
 - Java with the Sup from 10 – 11 am
 - SPAC and Java with Sup from 6 – 8 pm



Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of

learning. In Project Before, at the Selover Preschool students had a blast learning how to write their names and meeting Chucky Cheese, who made a surprise visit. Likewise, students at the Cheesequake Preschool also had a ton of fun meeting Chucky Cheese and watching the construction workers install their new playground. In Bombers Beyond, our student workers and patrons were thrilled to open the Bombers Beyond Café for the first time this school year last week.



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We commend and congratulate the SWMHS Marching Band for winning First Place at the South Plainfield Band Competition. We also congratulate Heather Lerner and Keri Andrews from the Selover Preschool for being selected by their peers as the

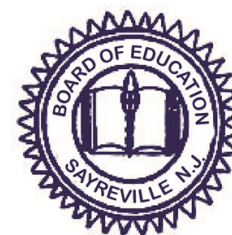


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Teacher and Paraprofessional of the Month of September. Lastly, we commend and thank the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club and the Sayreville First Presbyterian Church for their very generous donations of book bags and school supplies. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, the SWMHS Girls Soccer Team defeated South Plainfield and New Brunswick High Schools (HS) last week to improve their record to 4-0 on the season. In addition, the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team improved its record to 2-1-1 on the season with a tie against Perth Amboy HS and a 5-1 victory over



Edison HS. The SWMHS Football Team continued its winning ways with a hard-fought victory over Edison HS. The SWMHS Girls Tennis Team won its first match of the season over Spottswood HS, as did the SWMHS Girls Cross Country Team. Although the SWMHS Field Hockey Team lost to Monroe HS last week, senior Aameeka Patel was



named the TAPinto Raritan Bay Athlete of the Week for her three-goal



performance two weeks ago against North Plainfield HS. Finally, the SWMHS Girls Volleyball Team earned its first match victory in school history last week with a win over New Brunswick HS. 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 way they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic team schedules by visiting the Athletics page of our website or by clicking [here](#).

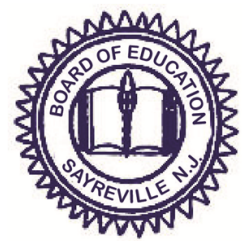
As per the [2023-24 School District Calendar](#), and/or the [September 2023 Monthly Activities Calendar](#), which you can view respectively by clicking on each, on **Tuesday, September 26th**, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the Samsel Upper Elementary School Board Meeting Room. In addition, this week, we will hold **Back to School Nights** at each school beginning with the **upper elementary school today, September 18th**, all **K-3 elementary schools tomorrow, September 19th**, **Project Before** and the **high school on Wednesday, September 20th**, and the **middle school on Thursday, September 21st**. Likewise, please note that students, faculty, and instructional support staff will

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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 wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe