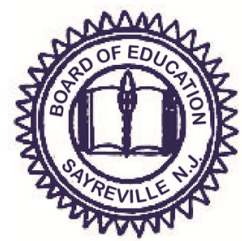




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Talk Sup Week 5 Review and Preview

October 9, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup*, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that we will **dismiss students early this afternoon** so that our staff can participate in professional development.

Last Tuesday morning, a handful of parents joined me for Java with the Sup at the Bombers Beyond Café. Later in the evening, we held our first Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) Meeting of the year at the Bombers Beyond Café. During the meeting, we discussed fundraising, catering by the district Food Services Department, class size in the elementary school, school security, monitoring student online behavior, bus driver routes, and a recent request during a Borough Council Meeting to make School Drive a dead-end street.



Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a very



productive and fun week of learning. At the high school, students participated in the annual Co-Curricular Clubs and Activities Fair. In addition, led by Mr. Bates, students in the Auto Shop class were hard at work changing oil, checking tire pressure, and sanding down front and rear fenders.



Some students also went apple picking and then learned how to make applesauce using the apples they picked. Finally, several students from Ms. Mojzsis's Advanced Art class spent time creating artwork for Bombers Beyond Café. In fact, they filled an entire wall with images of the fall and Bomber pride. Speaking of the Bombers Beyond Café, last week the Brew Crew visited the Samsel Upper Elementary School to sell some delicious coffee and breakfast treats to the staff, including the superintendent.

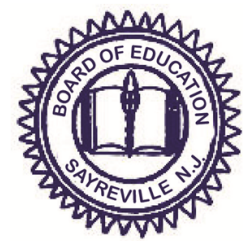




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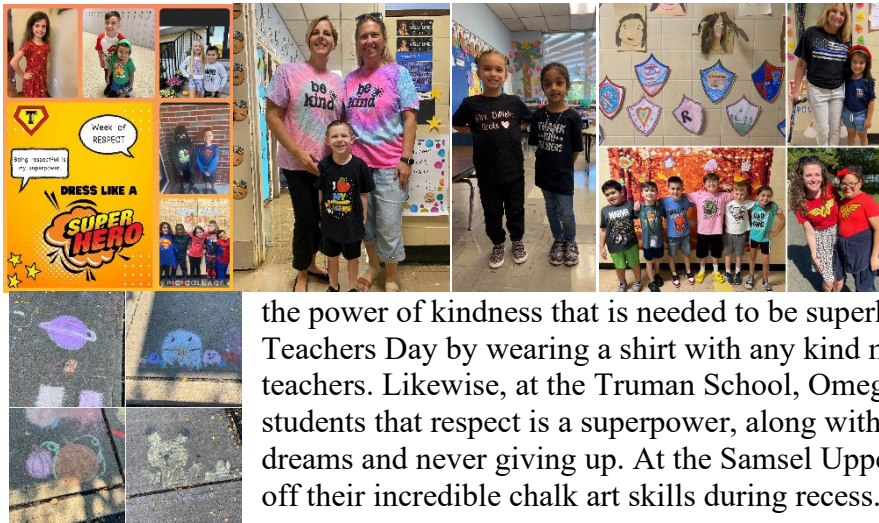
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At the Arleth School, students participated in the Week of Respect. During it, they demonstrated



the power of kindness that is needed to be superheroes and then celebrated World Teachers Day by wearing a shirt with any kind message to show respect for their teachers. Likewise, at the Truman School, Omegaman made a surprise visit to teach students that respect is a superpower, along with the importance of following your dreams and never giving up. At the Samsel Upper elementary School, students showed off their incredible chalk art skills during recess.



In Project Before, the amazing Sayreville Fire Department visited all our schools to teach students fire safety as part of

Fire Prevention Month. At the Cheesequake School, students celebrated the installation and opening of their new playground. In addition, students in Miss Lori's class loved discovering that apple seeds are brown on the outside and white on the inside, and that if you cut an apple in half, the seeds appear in the shape of a star. They also showed off their friendship skills during the Week of Respect.

Likewise, at the Selover School, students celebrated the Week of Respect with "Be a Team Player Day" and a little J-E-T-S love.



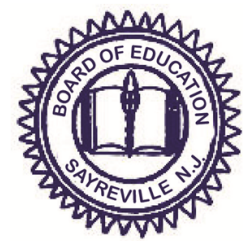
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This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating Brianna Martinez (9th grade), Rohit Gummadi (10th grade), Katarina Kellgren (11th grade), and Raphael Pereira (12th grade), who were selected by the faculty at SWMHS as Students of the Month of September. In addition, we commend and congratulate Ms. Zank for being named Teacher of the Month of October by the faculty at the high school. Likewise, we congratulate and commend Ms. Burns and Ms. Kohlhepp for being named the Selover Teacher and Paraprofessional of the Month of October by the Selover staff. We also commend and thank the very generous staff members of the district who donated \$1,362 to the family of a middle school student who is currently fighting a courageous battle against cancer. Likewise, we commend and thank Dr. Aguiles and the District Culture and Climate Committee for facilitating the collection of the money through a Dollar for Denim Day.



Compliments of the “Where Are They Now” Committee at the high school, we commend SWMHS Class of 2019 graduate Elizabeth Dobrzynski. In May of this year, Libby graduated Magna Cum Laude from Catholic

University where she worked as a Service Corp member and taught children in the Washington DC area. She also was a walk-on for the Catholic University Catholic University Crew Team, having never rowed before. In her final year, she interned at the Library of Congress with the Young Readers Center, creating materials for patrons to explore the collection and use primary sources to teach children. We also commend SWMHS

Elizabeth “Libby” Dobrzynski 2019

Catholic University, B.A. in Education

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Edwin O'Connor, 2016

Ramapo College of NJ

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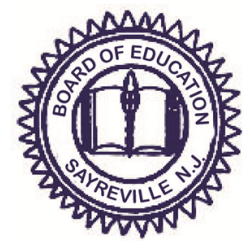
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students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



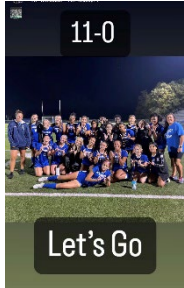
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In athletics, the SWMHS Girls Soccer Team extended its incredible undefeated season with victories over New Brunswick, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Colonia High Schools (HS) last week. They are now an amazing 11-0 with three games remaining in the regular season. Likewise, the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team defeated Edison HS and tied John Paul Stevens HS to improve its season record to 5-3-3. In addition, the SWMHS Girls Tennis Team rattled off three

consecutive match wins last week over Piscataway twice and Union HS.



During the second victory over Piscataway, the team participated in its Annual "Pink-Out" Tennis Match to support Breast Cancer Awareness. The SWMHS Football Team also

continued its winning ways with an impressive victory over Franklin HS to improve its record on the season to 5-2. The SWMHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams also performed well at the Shore Coaches Invitational and Cross-Country

Fall Classic. In fact,

senior Bella Collazzo and freshman Diya Yeruva both medaled during the Fall Classic junior varsity race, while freshmen Damien Oliver was named the Reggie Smith Runner of the Week. Finally, we congratulate Senior Field Hockey goalie, Jillian Bourbeau for being named the @tapintolocal Athlete of the Week. 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](#).

Jillian Bourbeau,
Sayreville War
Memorial Field
Hockey



As per the [2023-24 School District Calendar](#), and/or the [October 2023 Monthly Activities Calendar](#), which you can view respectively by clicking on each, on **Tuesday, October 17th**, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the **Samsel Upper Elementary School Board Meeting Room**. Please also remember that this afternoon we will **dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that **1st Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in **grades 6-12** will be issued on **October 10th**, while progress reports for students who are not meeting standards in **kindergarten through 5th grade** will be issued on **October 19th**.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

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