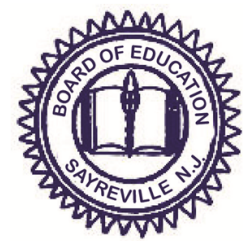




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### Talk Sup Week 8 Review and Preview

October 30, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup*, my weekly newsletter.



On Friday and Saturday evening, the SWMHS Theatre Society proudly presented the musical production *The Plot Thickens, Like Gravy*, which was directed by Ms. Laura DiStaulo, Theatre Teacher at SWMHS. We commend and thank her and her incredible team of dedicated staff members and volunteers for making this audience participation production so overwhelmingly successful. As a result of their incredibly hard work, the



students that took part in this unbelievable theatrical experience had the privilege of participating in a Broadway-like show with all the amenities. In fact, the sets and costumes were vibrant, authentic, and parallel to that of which you would see in a Broadway show. Moreover, the acting performed by our high school students was exceptionally impressive and quite inspiring. Each well-attended show was a remarkable representation of what can be accomplished when the enthusiasm, hard work, and the dedication of our wonderful staff is matched by that of our amazing students and their very supportive families. It was clear in the performances of all our students that they and the staff and volunteers that assisted them, worked tirelessly over the past several months to prepare this masterpiece. Thus, Bomber Nation salutes and thanks everyone who took part in this magical production. Bravo!



Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. At the high school and middle school, students attended informational sessions for the Teen Arts High, a special release-time program for gifted and talented students in grades 6-12. Students interested in joining the program must audition to participate. Arts High is administered by Teen Arts New Jersey. Arts High (grades 9-12) classes are held from January to May, with students scheduled to attend one afternoon per week for a fourteen-week term. Arts High (grades 6-8) students attend for a twelve-week term. Auditions, open to all

registered students, will be held in December. The online application found here:

<https://teenartsnj.org/application-new/>, has a November 14<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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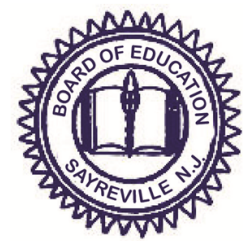




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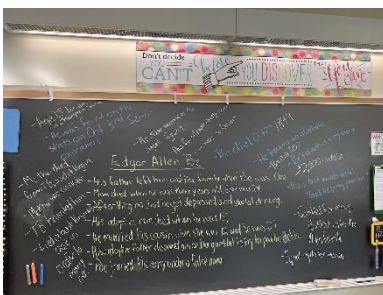
still-life drawings. The artists used Caran d'Ache and charcoal pencils to draw tools and candy. Students in Ms. Mojzsis's Advance Placement Art History class dressed up to resemble members of the ancient Inka Army. They wore checkerboard All-T'oqapu Tunics, which were worn by high-ranking members of the Inka society. Students in Mrs. Lascala's Ceramic Art class got into the Halloween spirit by creating ceramic pumpkins. Likewise, students in Mr. Ganu's, Mr. Gliddon's, and Ms. Giorgianni's classes decorated pumpkins and shared them with the main office. In addition, students in the Distributive



Education Club of America (DECA) earned community service hours by cleaning up Kennedy Park. Furthermore, students in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club visited Kean University to participate in the Student Future Leadership Conference. Lastly, students in Mr. Alvarez's Robotics Class competed in the annual Robotic Gravity Car Challenge. The team of Mike Zaunczkowski, Carlos Robles Cedeno, Jonathon Rodriguez, Gio Tedesco, Saniyah Waiters, and Max Zajackowski took the championship in convincing fashion with



a new school record.



At the middle school, Students in Mrs. Iurilli's class took collaborative notes about Edgar Allen Poe just in time for the spooky season. At the upper elementary school, Mrs. Herschkowitz-Skala



visited to read her book and promote cancer research and animal rescue. She is the Author of the book *The Road to Rosie* and a Second-Grade Teacher at the Eisenhower School. Students also had a spooktacular time at the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat. In addition, students in Ms. Kassman's social Studies classes learned about "Community." At the Truman School, teachers and



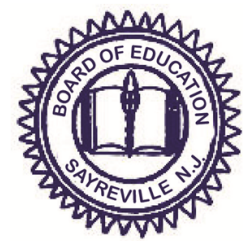
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students engaged new tools to support foundational reading, writing and math. Students and staff also teamed up against drugs and celebrated Red Ribbon Week by wearing red. In Project Before, at the Selover School, the staff participated in a

pumpkin decorating contest. At the Cheesequake School, thanks to the wonderful Project Before PTO, students, their parents, and staff participated in Family Night. Miss Nina also brought out the artist in all her students. In addition, students in Miss Jackie's Round Table served up great ideas for their upcoming Grocery Theme, and it was full STEAM ahead while learning outside.



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 and Colored Guard for yet another wonderful season, in which they won 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the South Plainfield High School (HS) Competition, while also taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at both the Woodbridge HS and Arthur L. Johnson HS Competitions. We are so very proud of our amazing student musicians and performers, Dr. Caruso, Ms. Campbell, Ms. DiPaolo, and their staff, and thank them for the remarkable way they represent the high school, school district, and greater Sayreville community. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, the SWMHS Football Team defeated Montgomery HS last week to advance to the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Semifinals this Friday against Mount Olive HS. The SWMHS Cheer Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Greater Middlesex County (GMC) Red Division during the GMC Championship Tournament last week. The



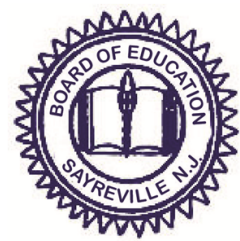
SWMHS Girls and Boys Soccer Teams ended their seasons with ties against Metuchen HS and South Brunswick HS respectively. The Girls Team ended the season with a record of 14-2-2 while the Boys Team finished with a record of 8-5-5. The Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams continued to impress during the NJSIAA Sectionals at Thompson Park in Monroe. In fact, senior Crystal Margotta is moving on to the Group IV Cross County Championship. She's the first Sayreville runner - boy or girl - to advance to the finals since 2017. In addition, senior Rohan Vaidya placed 18<sup>th</sup>

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overall. Finally, while they may not have had the best records, over the past several years, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Sayreville Middle School Boys Soccer Teams demonstrated much grit, hard work, and fortitude and for their effort, their coaches and parents praised and thanked them after their last game by giving them personalized balloons, “swag bags,” soccer cupcakes, and



donuts! 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](#), which you can view by clicking on it, on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the **Samsel Upper Elementary School Board Meeting Room**. Please remember that all our schools will be **closed for students** on **November 7<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Election Day and so that our staff can participate in a full day of professional development. They will also be **closed for students and staff** on **November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Veterans' Day and so that our staff can attend the NJEA Convention, as well as on **November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Thanksgiving. Likewise, please note that we will **dismiss students and staff early** on **Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>** so that they can get a head start on the holiday weekend. Finally, please remember that the **1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will end on **November 14<sup>th</sup>** and report cards for those students will be issued on **November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

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