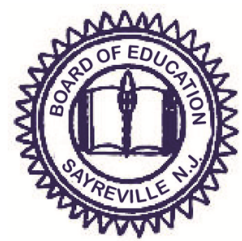




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Talk Sup Week 14 Review and Preview

December 11, 2023

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



Last week, the district proudly identified the 2023-24 Governor's Educator Teachers of the Year (GEOTY), Governor's Education Services Professionals of the Year (GESPOY), and the Sayreville Education Association (SEA) Education Support Professionals of the Year (SEA ESPOY) at each school in the district. Thus, the SEA joined the building administrators in recognizing and celebrating the below recipients. We congratulate and commend each one, as well as all the incredibly talented educators in our district, who work tirelessly to promote the success of all our students.

SCHOOL	GEOY	GESPOY	SEA ESPOY
Project Before at Cheesequake	Maria Charito Orogo-Coe	Christine Matta	Marie Bouthillette
Project Before at Selover	Jessica Marchetta	Caitlin Santoro	Lauren Lombardi
Arleth	Karen Wright	Evelyn Mendez	Joellen Masterson
Eisenhower	Debra Irwin	Margaret Cardillo	Arlene Chuisano
Truman	Mihana Avdiu	Rachel Goodman	Susan McDonough
Wilson	Alexa Miller	Molly Comerford	Rachel Kohler
Samsel Upper Elementary	Kristina Bartko	Janet Cook	Victoria Parse
Middle School	Steven Tyska	Lori Belotti	Dorothy Frisch
High School	Caileigh Fazzini	Emily Swanson	Rosemarie Roberts
Transportation			Anna Jedrusiak
Central Office			Kathy Berish



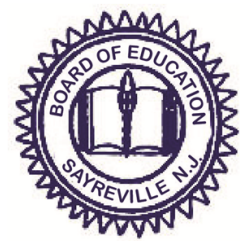
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Last Tuesday morning, many students, parents, and community members joined me, the Sayreville Police Department, and the Grinch for Java with the Sup at the Bombers Beyond Café. Thanks to the Sayreville Police Department, the Grinch took time from his very busy schedule to enjoy a hot beverage and delicious treats in between taking pictures with our more than thrilled students and their parents. 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 the increase in enrollment district-wide, which has resulted in larger class sizes in our elementary school, particularly at the Truman School. We also discussed school lunch serving efficiency at the elementary schools. Finally, we provided an update on the transportation complex, the solar projects, especially at the high school, and the referendum construction projects.



Last Wednesday evening the district hosted the first ever Tech Night, which featured a keynote address by Ms. Lois Alston, an Educational Technology Specialist for the Long Branch Public Schools. Ms. Alston shared her inspiring journey as a female technology leader that resonated with the non-traditional computer science crowd of staff, students, and parents. Her presentation featured invaluable information promoting careers in the



field of computer science and technology that aligned with the district's Computer Science STEM Academy-CTE Information Technology Track and the Perkins Grant. In addition, Ms. Alston's presentation and station included several technology resources benefiting students, teachers, and parents. Other engaging stations led by our talented staff and students included the Robot Challenge, Green Screen, App Development, Girls Who Code, and Rutgers National Society of Black Engineers. They provided many hands on and informative experiences. We commend and thank Ms. Conry, Ms. Karmazin, Ms. Ebbighausen, Ms. Santella, Ms. Faulkner, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Hoff, Ms. Skrodzki, and Ms. Garcia for their efforts in making this event a memorable and enriching experience for all who attended. Likewise, we thank Ms. Maharana, Mr. Howard, and Ms. O'Connor, Supervisors of Instruction, as well as Mr. Gluchowski, Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Principal, for their contributions to this enormously successful event.

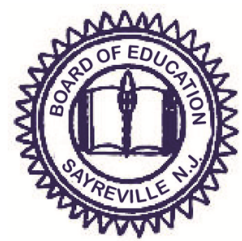
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Last Thursday evening, the SWMHS Art Department hosted a Pop-Up Art Gallery at the Bombers Beyond Cafe. Many of our very talented students in grades 9-12 were selected by their art teachers to participate in this one night only event. The artwork showcased a variety of media including digital arts, ceramics, drawing, painting, and mosaics. It was a night that recognized and celebrated the incredible talent and accomplishments of



our art students.



Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. At the upper elementary school, students who displayed citizenship were recognized and honored at the Character Education Café, where



they enjoyed delicious cookies. Additionally, high school students in the “Heroes and Cool Kids” club visited to share their experiences with 5th graders and help them learn about important topics to improve their learning, social and emotional development, and health. At the Arleth School, the 3rd Grade Chorus, led by Mr. Zorner performed magnificently during their Winter Concert, which was attended by staff, parents, and the Tomorrow’s Teachers from the high school, who made a surprise visit to support them. Speaking of the high school, some students enjoyed a day of shopping at Boscovs and a nice lunch at the Woodbridge Center Mall. In Project Before, at the Cheesecake School, students prepared for the first snow of the year. At the Selover School, students and staff participated in “Buddy Day.”



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. Along with the previously mentioned educators of the year, we commend and congratulate SWMHS student Rishi Shah, who recently qualified and received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award Gold Level for 2023 for his 350 acts of community service during 2023. Click [here](#) to read all about it. Likewise, we congratulate SWMHS cross country and track and field star Crystal Margotta who signed a letter of intent to attend Felician

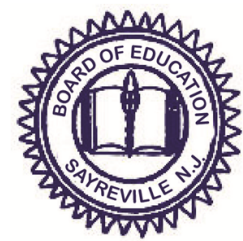
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University in Lodi where she will compete collegiately in both cross country and track. In addition, we commend and thank the very generous staff members of the district who recently donated \$423 to Sayreville Share and Care, the local food bank; and \$858 to the Sensory Santa. Likewise, we commend and thank Dr. Aguiles, Ms. Leber, and Ms. Murphy, along with the entire District Culture and Climate Committee, for facilitating the collection of the money through Dollar for Denim Days.



Compliments of the “Where Are They Now” Committee at the high school, we commend SWMHS Class of 2012 graduate Kevin Hack who has had an incredible career as a professional actor. He is currently playing the lead role of “Buddy the Elf” in the musical *Elf* at the Phoenix

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Casey Korman, 2020

Georgian Court University
Major: Exercise Science, Minor: Psychology
Casey is an Honors Program member and NASA NJSJC grant recipient, receiving a \$2000 stipend to conduct space-related research that could create advancements for / benefit the future of NASA. Her research is titled “The Effects of Blood Flow Restriction on Peak Power and Electromyography”, exploring future advancements of exercise rehabilitation by testing the use of blood flow restriction during exercise. She presented her study at Montclair State University’s Research Symposium. She has also received the Leadership & Service Award in Exercise Science from Kappa Omicron Nu. Recently, she was an American College of Sports Medicine President’s Cup presenter.



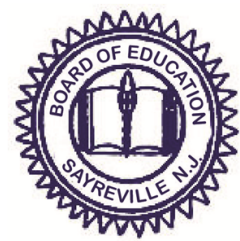
Miss Saigon, and “Romeo” in *Romeo and Juliet*. Additionally, he is a member of the prestigious union, Actors’ Equity Association. He and his wife are expecting their first child in March. We also commend SWMHS Class of 2020 graduate Casey Korman. Casey is an Honors Program member and NASA NJSJC grant recipient, receiving a \$2,000 stipend to conduct space-related research that could create advancements that benefit the future of NASA. Her current research, “The Effects of Blood Flow

Restriction on Peak Power and Electromyography,” is exploring future advancements of exercise rehabilitation by testing the use of blood flow restriction during exercise. She presented her study during Montclair State University’s Research Symposium. She has also received the Leadership & Service Award in Exercise Science from Kappa Omicron Nu. Recently, she was an American College of Sports Medicine President’s Cup presenter. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



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In athletics, the SWMHS Boys and Girls Swim Team, along with the rest of the Greater Middlesex Conference, teamed up by participating in “Practice for a Purpose” to help support the Marisa Tufaro Foundation. 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, December 19th**, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the **Samsel Upper Elementary School Board Meeting Room**. Please remember that we will **dismiss students and staff early** on **Friday, December 22nd** so that they can get a head start on the holiday weekend. Furthermore, please remember that our **schools will be closed from Monday, December 25th through Monday, January 1st** for the winter holiday recess. Additionally, please remember that the **1st Trimester Marking Period Report Cards** for students in **grades K-5** will be issued viewable in **Oncourse Connect** on **December 21st**. Similarly, **2nd Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in **grades 6-12** will be issued on **December 19th**.

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