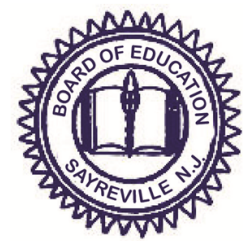




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Talk Sup Week 15 Review and Preview

December 18, 2023



Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. We wish all our Jewish families a happy Hanukkah! Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup*, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that we will **dismiss students and staff early** this **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.

As we all know, the holiday season is a time for giving. However, it is also a time to recognize and demonstrate our appreciation for the wonderful gifts that have been bestowed upon us. That said, I am forever grateful to be able to serve such a wonderful school district and community. In fact, I am humbled to have the opportunity to work with the most polished, hard-working, and dedicated administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff members. Furthermore, I feel blessed to be able to bear the fruit of our labor and witness the growth and remarkable development of our amazing students. They truly are the gift that keeps on giving. Hence, on behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education and Administration, we wish you and your entire family a blessed and very happy holidays. Enjoy those gifts and have a happy New Year!



Speaking of the holiday season, I was thrilled to attend the high school holiday concert last Wednesday. As always, our student musicians and choir performed magically. Led by Dr. Caruso, the Jazz Ensemble and Concert Band played brilliantly and impressed all in attendance. In addition, the SWMHS Choir and Advanced Choir, led by Mr. Sanford, harmonically impressed the audience with several contemporary and classic holiday

songs. On Thursday evening, Dr. Caruso returned with Ms. Campbell to lead the middle school Concert Band in a marvelous performance during their holiday concert. Likewise, they were joined by Ms. Ruiz and Mr. Palma with the middle school 6th and 7/8th Grade Choirs, which also performed magnificently. We thank Dr. Caruso, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Sanford, and Mr. Palma, along with our amazing high school and middle school student musician and singers for entertaining us with beautiful tunes and melodies during this holiday season, and most importantly, for filling our souls with the holiday spirit. Bravo to ALL!



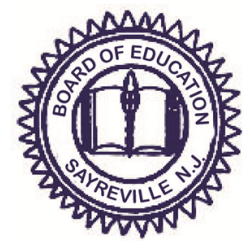
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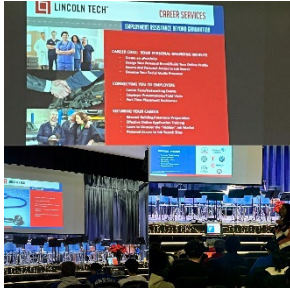
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Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. At the high school, Terry Muhammad from the Lincoln Technical Institute visited and presented "The Road to Success" to 76 juniors and seniors about life post-high school and the programs that are offered by Lincoln Tech. The goal of the presentation was to help upperclassmen examine

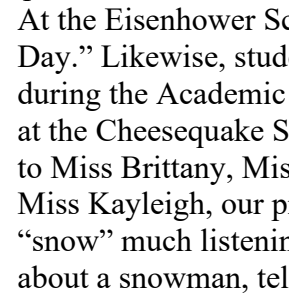
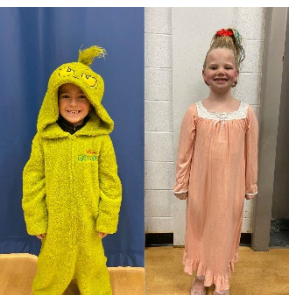
education options after high school, choose a career path, and learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. This spring, our students will be able to visit both of their campuses courtesy of Lincoln Tech. Additionally, Students in Ms. Dipaolo's Human Anatomy class successfully dissected sheep hearts. Similarly, at the middle school, students in Ms. Komm's Science classes created a project based on "Game of Thrones", called "Game of Organs", in which students researched organs and shared their findings with the class.



At the Truman school, Mrs. Bresocnik's 1st grade class learned about December holidays. On the last day of Chanukah, Mrs. Bresocnik and Mrs. Hyland cooked latkes for their students to taste and experience the traditional holiday food. They also read stories and played traditional Chanukah games. In addition,



staff, students, and their parents celebrated the Truman School's 50th anniversary as a school in Sayreville.



At the Eisenhower School, students and staff had a blast participating in "Grinch Day." Likewise, students and parents had an enriching and rewarding experience during the Academic Support Instruction (ASI) Parent Workshop. In Project Before

at the Cheesequake School, thanks to Miss Brittany, Miss Jackie, and Miss Kayleigh, our preschoolers had "snow" much listening to a story about a snowman, telling snowman jokes, dancing, and drawing snowmen during Family Night. At the Selover School, our preschoolers were thrilled to learn and meet their new school mascot, the Shark.

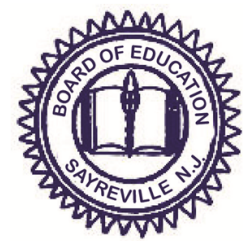


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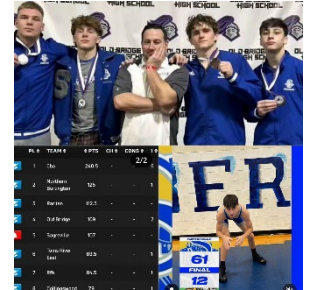


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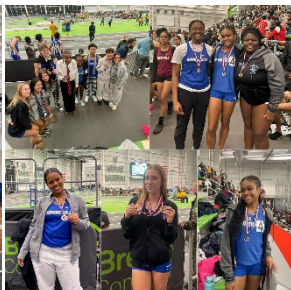
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In athletics, the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team is off to a fast start with consecutive season-opening victories over Edison and South River High Schools (HS) last week. Likewise, the SWMHS Wrestling Team won its first match of the season in convincing fashion over South Brunswick HS and then took 4th Place in the Ron Mazzola Memorial Tournament. Individually, Connor Walsh (285) won 2nd Place, Charles (CJ) McCrea (126) and Bryce Bouchard



(190) took 3rd Place, and Robbie Fritz (120) and Mike Zaun (157) finished in 4th Place. Similarly, the SWMHS Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field Teams performed well this



weekend at the Essex County Coaches Season Opener at the Ocean Breeze. For the Girls Team, Molly Logan won 2nd Place in the 1600 Meter Race and Laila Stevenson took 2nd Place in the 400 Meter Race. Likewise, Zalia Khan, Leilany Rojas, and Morolake



Akinefron won 4th, 6th, and 7th Place respectively in the Shot Put. For the Boys Team, Will Lewis placed 3rd in the Pole Vault, Rohan Vaidya took 5th Place in the 1600 Meter Race, and Jonathan (JD) Magaw and Xavian Pena placed 3rd and 8th respectively in the Shot Put. In addition, the SWMHS Boys and Girls Swim Teams opened their seasons with wins over Monroe HS. Finally, thanks to the Touchdown Club, the SWMHS Football Team celebrated their very successful 2023 season with their end of the season banquet. 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](#).



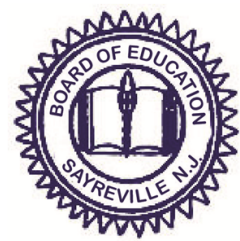
Tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting in the new **Board Room at the Samsel Upper Elementary School**. During this meeting, the district will present the proposed 2024-25 Food Services Budget. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). To access the live streaming of the meeting click [here](#). Since the viewing of the live stream will be handled by YouTube, you must be viewing the stream on a browser or application that is live stream compatible. If you are unable to hear audio you may need to try a different browser/application. The live stream will only be available during the real-time duration of the meeting. Directions for public participation during the meeting will be provided on the above-mentioned live stream page of the website. Finally, if on Wednesday you wish to view it or other past-recorded BOE meetings, click [here](#).

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As per the [2023-24 School District Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on it, tomorrow, **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** this **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 and 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, blessed and most joyous holidays, and relaxing and enjoyable winter recess!

Dr. Labbe