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Talk Sup Week 17 Review and Preview

January 8, 2024

Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that we will **dismiss students early today**. Likewise, please also remember that **schools will be closed next Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day, and that we will dismiss students early every day that week (**Tuesday, January 16th through Friday, January 19th**) so that our faculty can participate in afternoon and evening **Parent/Teacher Conferences**.



While we secretly wish that we will not have to exercise any hazardous weather-related school closures or schedule changes (delayed opening or early dismissal) this year, the weekend storm was a good reminder that we are now in the middle of winter. Therefore, below please find some tips to prepare you for such just in case:

- Have contingency plans in place for childcare if schools are closed for the day or on a delayed opening or early dismissal schedule.
- Have a secondary plan in place in case roads between your home and the school or your workplace are closed.
- Ensure that you have emergency contact information for family members, friends, or neighbors who might need to assist you in case of an emergency.



Likewise, below please find some very important winter busing safety tips for our students and their parents.

- Arrive early at the bus stop and dress appropriately for the weather (heavy jackets, hats, mittens, gloves or boots!)
- Students should wait for the bus several feet further back off the road in a safe place, as the roads can be slippery.
- Use the handrail when boarding and exiting the bus to prevent slips and falls on icy steps.
- Before crossing in front of the bus, wait for an “all clear” from the driver. Cross 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see you as you cross.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Reorganization and Business Meeting held on Tuesday, January 2nd, here is what you missed. Ms. Hill, Business Administrator and Board Secretary, began the reorganization portion of the meeting by swearing in the following incumbent Board of



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Education Members who were re-elected for three-year terms: Eloy Fernandez, Alison Napolitano, and Eileen Pabon. Next, the Board elected Lucille Bloom as the Board President and Alison Napolitano as the Vice President. After congratulating the newly elected members, the Board adopted the code of ethics, policies, and regulations, and the business decisions made by the previous Board, along with the other motions on the Reorganization portion of the agenda, including the below 2023 Business Meeting dates. To see the Reorganization Meeting Agenda, click [here](#).

Tuesday, January 16, 2024	Tuesday, February 6, 2024
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 (Tentative Budget Adoption)	Tuesday, April 2, 2024 (LTCL)
Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Tuesday, May 7, 2024 (Public Hearing-Budget)
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Tuesday, July 30, 2024 (5 th Tuesday)	Tuesday, August 27, 2024 (4 th Tuesday)
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 (4 th Tuesday)	Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Annual Reorganization Meeting
Thursday, January 2, 2025

After emerging from Executive Session, which was closed to the public, Mrs. Bloom and Mrs. Napolitano thanked the Board for electing them to serve as the BOE officers for 2024. The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Business Meeting Agenda, click [here](#). To see all attachments, click [here](#). To view the videos of the meeting, click [here](#) and [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE approved a contract with Imagine Learning, Inc. for tutoring services from January 3, 2024 through August 31, 2024 based on their response to the Request for Proposals for Tutoring Services opened on December 13, 2023. On the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board approved BOE Policy 5460 High School Graduation for a second reading and adoption. To read it, click [here](#). On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education approved several Title I Parent Family Engagement stipend positions.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 16th**. During this meeting, the Board will resume publicly reviewing and discussing the 2024-25 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: Individual Schools and Curriculum and Instruction. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on January 12th. A complete copy of the **January 2nd Reorganization and Business Meeting** minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **January 16, 2024**.



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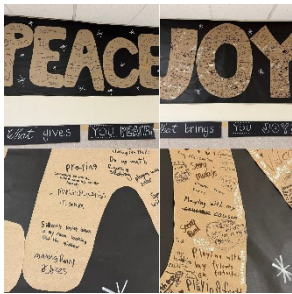
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Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. Prior to the winter recess at the high school, the SWMHS South



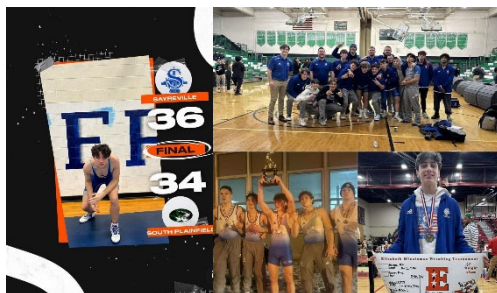
Asian Cultural Club held Diwali Night. In addition, Students in Ms. Charmello's art classes learned about "Concept Art." Furthermore, students in Ms. Goldstein's Forensics class performed a postmortem examination on pickle people cadavers.



Each case included witness statements/circumstances of death and medical history related to the pickle person. At the upper elementary school, students described what gives them peace and joy in their "Peace and Joy" collage. In Project Before at Garden and Friends, our preschoolers had a blast learning in the New Year.



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We commend and congratulate SWMHS art students Isabella Collazo, Alexander Olmo, and Gianna Sanfiorenzo who were recently given the opportunity to exhibit their artwork alongside famous, established, and emerging artists from around the world in "Postcards from the Edge" at the Berry Campbell Gallery in NYC from January 19th through the 21st. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, the SWMHS Wrestling Team defeated South Plainfield High School (HS) for the first time in school history. The next day, they placed 2nd in the Minuteman Wrestling Tournament in Elizabeth. Robbie Fritz won First Place (120) in his respective weight division and Mike Zaun (157) and Connor Walsh (285)



took 2nd Place in their respective divisions. Lastly, Bryce Bouchard (190) and Dean Sylvester (215) took 3rd Place. The SWMHS Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams continued to impress during this past weekend's Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Relays. In the Distance Medley Relay, the team of Layla

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Stevenson, Crystal Margotta, Angeleah Lepre, and Molly Logan won 2nd Place. In the Sprint Medley Relay, Layla Stevenson, Jayda Roque, Analia Morrero, and Angeleah Lepre finished in 5th Place. In the 4x800 Meter Relay, Molly Logan, Sarah Smith, Julia Kuklicz, and Shriya Meda took 3rd Place. Likewise, the team of Aameeka Patel, Amoli Patel, Krissy Cabantan, and Krystal Onochie came in 4th Place. Zaila Khan won the Shot Put, while Morolake Akinefrom

finished 6th. In the Pole Vault, Kellie Koranteng finished 6th, while Anna Gryczynska came in 10th. On the Boys Team, the Pole Vault team of Will Lewis and Diego Molina took 3rd Place. In addition, the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team defeated New Brunswick HS last week to improve its record to 7-4. Finally, the SWMHS Girls Bowling Team beat John F. Kennedy High School to earn its second win of the season. 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, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the SUES Board Meeting Room on **Tuesday, January 16th**. Please also note that we will **dismiss students early today, Monday, January 8th**, so that staff can participate in professional development, as well as from **Tuesday, January 16th through Friday, January 19th** so that our faculty can participate in afternoon and evening **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. Furthermore, please remember that our **schools will be closed on Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Finally, please remember that the **2nd Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will end on **January 30th**. Likewise, **2nd Trimester Progress Reports** for students in **grades K-5** will be issued and viewable in Oncourse Connect on **January 30th**.

If you or 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