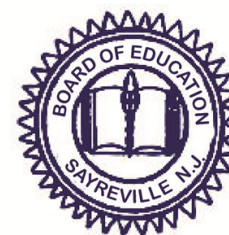




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Talk Sup Week 18 Review and Preview

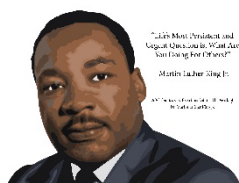
January 15, 2024

Good morning Sayreville and happy Martin Luther King Day! I hope you are having a relaxing and enjoyable holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Naturally, our schools are **closed** today in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Please remember that we will dismiss students early every day this week (**Tuesday, January 16th through Friday, January 19th**) so that our faculty can participate in afternoon and evening **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. Below please find the schedule.

Schedule for Parent/Teacher Conferences January 2024

Tuesday, January 16	Afternoon	Project Before Samsel Upper Elementary School Middle School
	Evening	High School and K-3 Elementary Schools
Wednesday, January 17	Afternoon	Project Before K-3 Elementary Schools Middle School High School
	Evening	Samsel Upper Elementary School
Thursday, January 18	Afternoon	K-3 Elementary Schools Samsel Upper Elementary School High School
	Evening	Project Before and Middle School
Friday, January 19	Afternoon	All Schools

****Please Note: In the event of a delayed opening, the early dismissal and/or conferences are cancelled***



As noted above, our schools are closed for instruction today in observance and recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Therefore, if you have the chance, please take a moment today to reflect upon and to discuss with your family the amazing accomplishments of Dr. King and the profound impact he has had on our nation and culture, particularly how he taught us how to appreciate the differences in others and to protest peacefully against prejudice and discrimination so as to ensure equality and equity for all citizens of our great country, particularly people of color.

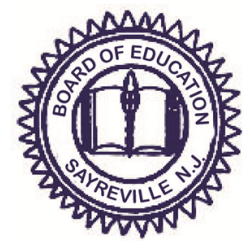
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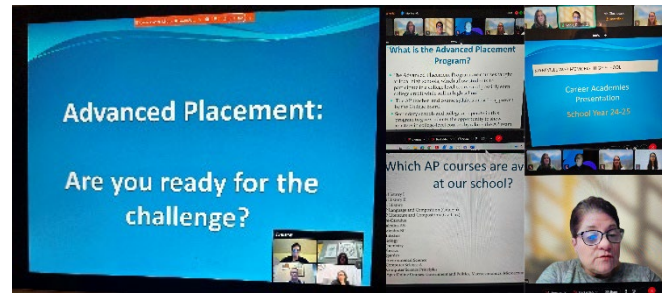


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Last Monday evening, the SWMHS Guidance Department and Tricia Mayers, a representative from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), provided almost 50 families with an overview of the importance of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and assisted them with the completion of the new FAFSA, which just opened their soft launch last week. Any 12th grader, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs, including grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans, is encouraged to complete the FAFSA with their parents/guardians right away. The website to complete the application can be found here:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

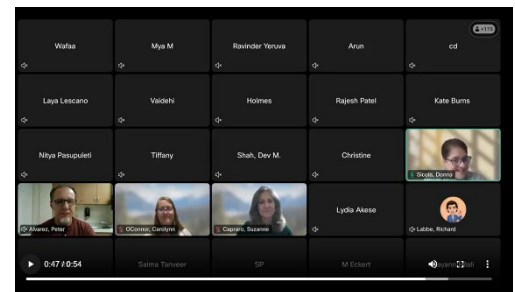


Last Wednesday evening, the district curriculum supervisors, the advanced placement (AP) and academy teachers, and Mrs. Sicola, Director of School Counseling Services, conducted a virtual presentation to parents/guardians and students in grades 8-11 about the AP courses and career academies offered at SWMHS. An overview of the AP course offerings and multiple career academies

was provided, followed by the AP and academy teachers who had breakout sessions where they presented their AP courses and career academies. The curriculum supervisors and Ms. Sicola remained on the main site and offered a question and answer (Q&A) session. The full recording and presentation slides are available on the high school Counseling website which can be found here:

[https://www.sayrevillek12.net/district/departments/counseling/high-school-](https://www.sayrevillek12.net/district/departments/counseling/high-school-counseling)

[counseling](https://www.sayrevillek12.net/district/departments/counseling/high-school-counseling). Students in grades 9-11 are currently adding their elective choices in OnCourse now through January 27th. A scheduling video and the course description book are also available on the Counseling web page. Scheduling video: <https://youtu.be/i5t3K9XnlW8?si=-ervycYWRV1wmE4d> Course Description Book 2024-25: <https://www.sayrevillek12.net/fs/resource-manager/view/f7e73037-93aa-4a15-b66f-43f9b475aeac>.

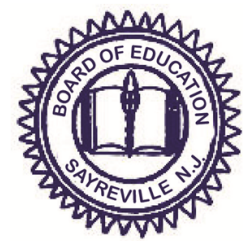




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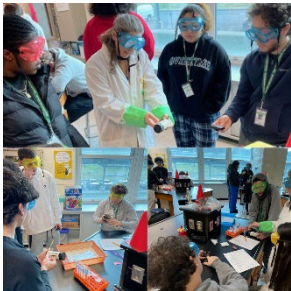


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Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. At the upper elementary school, the staff recognized students who demonstrated the character education pillar of Caring during the Character Café where they enjoyed some delicious cookies. At the high school, Sayreville alumni visited Ms. Benoy's classes to talk to students about the college experience, which included choice,

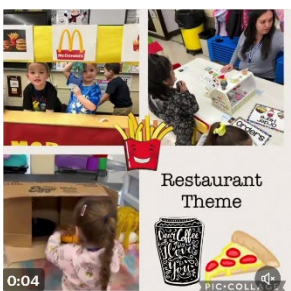


writing applications, changing majors, and balancing academics with a social life. In addition, students in Ms. Goldstein's Forensics classes performed a synthetic urinalysis for several "patients" to determine any health concerns. Likewise, students in Ms. DiPaolo's Human Anatomy and Physiology class



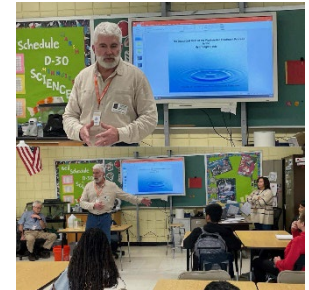
dissected pig kidneys. Additionally, students in Mr. Gliddon's Wood 1 classes learned the proper use of the lathe. In fact, some made honey servers using this new piece of equipment, while others created napkin holders and shelves using it. Lastly, members of the Future Business

Leaders of America Club visited Kean University to participate in the North Central Region Summit. In Project Before at the Cheesequake School, students had



a blast planning and playing in their new Restaurant theme creative play centers. At the middle school, Robert Fisher, from The New Jersey Water Environment Association visited Ms. Marsh's Science classes to speak with her 8th Grade students about the waste water treatment plant process. He also encouraged them to enter an essay contest about the importance of clean water. Staff, students,

and their families also had a ball diving into the world of integers, expressions, and equations, which all make math learning fun during a Family Math Bingo Night.



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We congratulate and commend the members of the Sayreville War Memorial

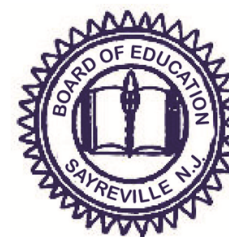
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High School (SWMHS) Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) listed below for their outstanding performance during the recent New Jersey DECA District Competition.

Account Application Series

1st Place: Marissa Mandola

Apparel & Accessories Marketing Series

1st Place: Gargi Gupta

Business Finance Series

1st Place: Jasmine Koli

5th Place: Jane Lee

Business Service Marketing Series

10th Place: Dylan Rota

Entrepreneurship Series

7th Place: Sarah Smith

Financial Consulting Event

5th Place: Rohit Giummadi

7th Place: Aarav Shah

Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling

3rd Place: Sophia Lin

7th Place: Ava Patel

Hospitality Services Management Team Decision Making

5th Place: Logan Appleby, Carol Nagib

Hotel and Lodging Management

10th Place: Laury Estefont

Human Resources Management Series

6th Place: Abdullah Khan

9th Place: Kristy Garcia

Marketing Communication Series

2nd Place: Riva Babaria

5th Place: Victor Ortega

Marketing Management Team Decision Making

6th Place: Jai Desai, Shriya Patel

Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville an impeccable manner. They Rock!

Quick Serve Management

10th Place: Haley Asseng

Principles of Business Management & Administration

5th Place: Khushi Patel

9th Place: Nicholas Bernardi

Principles of Finance

4th Place: Rachael Nupe Arachchi

Principles of Marketing

2nd Place: Quinn Guerra

3rd Place: Veer Desai

10th Place: Ruby Alba

Professional Selling

1st Place: Rishi Shah

4th Place: Oscar Lin

5th Place: Aarav Dhebariya

6th Place: Rohan Vaidya

7th Place: Teofilio Bugarin

Restaurant and Food service Management

5th Place: Alina Le

Retail Merchandising

5th Place: Rachel Clerk

8th Place: Anirudh Balagopal

9th Place: Harrison Loo

10th Place: Darien La

Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series

10th Place: Noah Dubois

Travel & Tourism Marketing Management Team Decision Making

5th Place: Dev Shah, Aanvi Talati

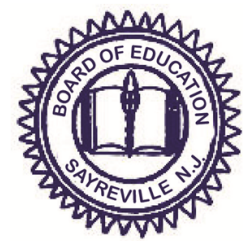
Virtual Business Challenge in Retail Sales

1st place Armanii Peder and Angelica Biernacki



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In athletics, the SWMHS Wrestling Team improved their season record to 8-4 with big match wins last week over Piscataway, Pingry, and Kinnelon High Schools (HS). Likewise, the SWMHS Basketball Team defeated Perth Amboy and Edison HS to improve their season record to 9-4. In addition, the SWMHS Girls Swim Team improved their season record to 3-2 with a match win over Mother Seton HS. Furthermore, both the Girls and Boys Team performed very well at the Raiders Invitational Meet. In fact, Alex Margol won 1st Place in his respective swim, while Olivia Charmello, Mackenzie Keegan, Gianella Tapia, Domna Kakadelis, and Kyriaki Kakadelis took 2nd Place in theirs. Finally, we



congratulate SWMHS Field Hockey player Jillian Bourbeau, who was honored last week at the All-State Field Hockey 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 **Board Room at the Samsel Upper Elementary School**. During the 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 district will also present the 2023-24 Cycle 1 School Safety Data and the 2022-23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Audit Report. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). In order 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](#).

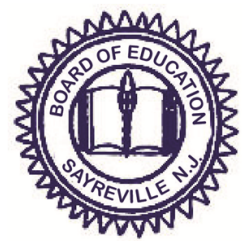
As per the [2023-24 School District Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on it, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the **SUES Board Meeting Room** tomorrow, **Tuesday, January 16th**. Please also note that we will **dismiss students early** this week from **Tuesday, January 16th through Friday, January 19th** so that our faculty can participate in afternoon and evening **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. Furthermore, please remember that our **schools are closed today, 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**.

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Have a wonderful week, blessed and most joyous holidays, and relaxing and enjoyable winter recess!

Dr. Labbe