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Talk Sup Week 27 Review and Preview

March 18, 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 **our schools will be <u>closed</u>** for spring recess from **March 25th through March 29th**.



Last Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening, the SWMHS Theatre Society proudly presented the musical production *Tuck Everlasting*, 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, including but not limited to Justin Sanford (Musical Director), Dr. Paul Caruso (Pit Band Musical Conductor), Cynthia Gallagher



(Costume Design), Jordan Gallagher (Makeup Design), Michael Mergner (Set Design), Nick Taylor



(Technical Director) and Megan Terrano (Business Manager) for making this 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, rather than recorded music, the music for the production was performed by a pit

band conducted by Dr. Caruso. Furthermore, the sets, costumes, and makeup were vibrant, authentic, and parallel to that of which you would see in a Broadway show. Moreover, the acting, singing, and dancing performed by our high school students, along with the children of some staff members, 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 under the sea. Bravo!



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Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. In Project Before at the Selover School, students and staff celebrated National Cereal Day where they collected boxes of cereal

that they



would eventually donate to the local food pantry, and held a Domino Challenge to see if they could knock them all down, which they did. At the Cheesequake School, they got an early start celebrating St. Patrick's Day. At the upper elementary school, staff, students, and their families had a blast during

Family Fun Night. Likewise,

staff, students and their families had a great time during their ASI Family Engagement Day at the Truman School. At the middle school, our Unified athletes had a ball competing against one another in their March Madness Bomber Unified Basketball Game. We commend all the players for their performance and, most importantly, their amazing display of

teamwork and sportsmanship. Likewise we commend and thank the SMS Cheer Team for cheering them on throughout the game. In the Bombers Beyond-18-21-Year-Old Program, News 12 New Jersey made a special visit to the Bombers Beyond Café. Check out their awesome news segment by clicking <u>here</u>. Scroll down to the third segment.



At the high school, Class of 2021 graduate Nick Diaz visited Ms. LaScala's Ceramics 2 Art class. While there, he performed a wheel throwing demonstration for students. He also spoke about how his love for ceramics started during his

sophomore year at SWMHS, how he is currently working towards his Masters Degree in Art at Kean University, and that he eventually wants to become a ceramic art

educator. Likewise, students from the SWMHS Art and Theatre Departments attended the annual Teen Arts Festival at Middlesex College. They had the opportunity to take a wide variety of workshops including Drawing, Ceramics,



Dance, Photography, and more. In addition, two seniors were awarded special recognition and were invited to show their artwork in the State Teen Arts Festival. Isabella Collazo's painting and Michelle Palomo





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Gonzalez's necklace were chosen to represent SWMHS. It was a fantastic day celebrating the Arts. Students also had a blast participating in Pi Day. Which is

celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter " π ") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. Pi Day is an annual opportunity for math enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi, talk to their friends about math, and eat pie. In addition, students in the Rutgers University Business for Youth



(RUBY) Program had a blast on their second trip this year to the Rutgers University School of Business.

This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We commend and congratulate the members of the SWMHS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) Chapter who placed in the recent New Jersey DECA State Competition. However, we are proud of all the chapter members who showcased their exceptional talents and determination. In fact, the SWMHS chapter also received awards for their Membership Campaign and achieved the Thrive Level in Chapter Campaigns.

Apparel & Accessories Marketing Series 3rd Place: Gargi Gupta

Business Growth Plan: 3rd Place: Rishi Shah Rishi Shah also won The Ambassador Award.

Buying and Merchandising Operations Research Event 2nd Place: Fariah Baig, Dev Shah, Anavi Talati

Entrepreneurship-Franchise Business Plan 1st Place Logan Appleby, Amber Letso, Carol Nagib

Entrepreneurship- Independent Business Plan 7th Place: Sarah Smith, Quinn Guerra

Financial Consulting Event 10th Place: Rohit Giummadi 7th Place: Aarav Shah

International Business Plan

1st Place: Sophia Dela Cruz, Abudullah Khan, and Marissa Mandola3rd Place: Alina Le, and Sophia Lin

Marketing Communication Series

3rd Place: Riva Babaria 1st Place in Role-Play (Mini Awards)

Marketing Management Team Decision Making 2nd Place: Jai Desai, Shriya Patel 1st Place in Role-Play (Mini Awards)

Principles of Business Management & Administration 8th Place: Khushi Patel 1st Place in Role-Play (Mini Awards)

Project Management Career Development Project 2nd Place Jai Desai, Victor Ortega, Shriya Patel

Human Resources Management SeriesProject Management Community Awareness Project2nd Place: Kristy Garcia (Mini award 1st Place in Role-Play)3rd Place Kanika Madhok, Bill Kawaka

Integrated Marketing Campaign-Service 3rd Place: Angel Rivera, Jahnvi Mareddy 10th Place: Laury Estefont, Rachel Clerk

Educating Today's Learners to Be Tomorrow's Leaders



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State Community Service Project

1st Place: Oscar Lin, Abdullah Khan, Armani Pedar
Students raised \$900.00 for their project Oasis. Oasis is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization located in Paterson, New
Virtual Business Challenge in Retail Sales
Jersey that carries out educational and social service programs
1st place Armanii Peder and Angelica Biernacki that help women enter and succeed in the workforce and help children flourish academically. They also operate a soup kitchen and provide emergency food, clothing, and social support to city residents in need.

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



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

In athletics, we congratulate SMS wrestler Matthew Brown who placed 2nd in the New Jersey Wrestling Championship Tournament last weekend. Likewise, we congratulate his teammate and classmate Lucas Tang who place 4th. Last week the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team celebrated their very successful 2023-24 season with their end of season banquet. We congratulate Sam Jones for being named to the 2023-24 All New Jersey Basketball Coaches Association Team. 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



Athletics page of our website or by clicking <u>here</u>.

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 BOE will recognize and honor the SMS Cheer Team for their New Jersey Cheer and Dance Coaches Association State Championship and the SWMHS Girls Indoor Track and Field Team for their Greater Middlesex Conference White Division Championship. The district will also ask the Board to approve the Tentative 2024-25 School District Budget. To see the agenda for the meeting, click <u>here</u>. In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click <u>here</u>. 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

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above-mentioned live stream page of the website. Finally, if on Wednesday you wish to view it or other past-recorded BOE meetings, click <u>here</u>.

As per the <u>2023-24 School District Calendar</u>, which you can view by clicking on it, there will be **BOE Business Meetings** on **Tuesday, March 19th**, and **Tuesday, April 2nd**. Please also remember that 2nd **Trimester Reports Cards** for students in grades **K-5** will be issued and viewable in Oncourse Connect on **March 21st**. Finally, please remember that **our schools will be** <u>closed</u> for spring recess from March 25th **through March 29th**.

On January 29, 2024, the district officially opened registration for our **free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs**. Therefore, parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2024**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage (<u>www.sayrevillek12.net</u>) as "<u>Student Registration</u>". Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the <u>2024-2025 Project</u> <u>Before and Kindergarten</u> drop down menu: <u>New Student Registration Link</u> or <u>Returning Student</u> <u>Registration Link</u>.

If you or you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

Have a great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe