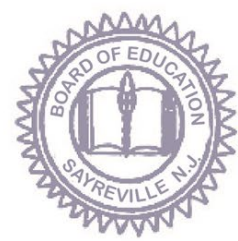




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Talk Sup Week 30 Review and Preview

April 15, 2024

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



Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. Across the district, our staff and students had a blast preparing and learning about the solar eclipse.



At the upper elementary school, the Academic Support Instruction (ASI) teachers held their



“SUES Collaboration Café” event for their students and their families. Everyone enjoyed breakfast as well

as literacy and math enriched activities. Likewise, the students selected by the faculty for most reflecting the character education pillar of Trustworthiness were rewarded with a luncheon in the Character Café. In addition, the fourth graders voted for their favorite Fountas and Pinell Interactive Read Aloud, à la March Madness. In fact, over the course of March, Ms. Mazur tracked the favorites and crowned a winner for 2024, which was *The Dunderheads*. In Project Before at the Cheesequake School, students showed off their creativity in their Make-



Believe Play Block (MBPB) and Camping creative play centers. Likewise, the preschoolers expressed through their art and writing that everyone and everything needs a bath



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occasionally. Additionally, our 4-year-olds practiced their kindergarten skills by finding the letter, saying the letter, and matching the letter during Literacy Lab. Furthermore, after reading *The Big Umbrella*, a wonderful story that compares an umbrella to friendship, our preschoolers drew pictures of all the people their umbrella would protect during Creative Literacy Lab. Lastly, during STEAM, students tried to see how many clouds they could hold in their skies.



At the high school, the counseling department brought 30 juniors to Montclair State University for the Career Council College Fair, where they were able to see the beautiful campus and went inside the recreation center to connect with approximately 50 colleges, universities, and trade schools. The students were able to mingle and meet with the representatives from the various schools, receiving

knowledge of their programs and leaving with brochures and gifts from each school. All our students agreed that this experience was not only educational, but fun. Also, students in Ms. Durning's class dissected owl pellets in their Environmental Science Class. Likewise, students in Ms. DiPaolo's Human

Anatomy class dissected sheep hearts. Furthermore, some staff members at the high school demonstrated their exceptional musical talent to entertain our students and staff. Finally, at the middle school, students began practicing for the Bombers Unified Track and Field Meet that will take place later in the spring.



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 Problem 5 and 2 Teams of the SWMHS Odyssey of the Mind Team who competed in the New Jersey State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament last Saturday at Carteret High School. The Problem 5-Rocking World Detour Team (Quinn Guerra, Lillian Heidelberg, Marissa Mandola, Daniel Johnson, Abdullah Khan, and Jane Lee) took 1st Place, won a State Championship, and earned an opportunity to represent Sayreville and New Jersey at the Odyssey of the Mind

World Finals at Iowa State University from May 20-25th. The Problem 2-AI Tech No Arts Team (Prisha Vaishnav, Gia Modi, Anirudh Balagopal, Nicholas Bernardi, and Krish Pipaliya) earned 4th Place. We also congratulate and commend the members of the past and present SWMHS Theatre Society listed below who were recently nominated by Montclair State University for their Foxy Awards for the 2023 production of *The Little Mermaid*.



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- Cynthia Gallagher- Outstanding Achievement in Period/Fantasy Costume Design for a Musical
- Erin O'Brien- Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Design for a Musical
- Jonathan (JD) Magaw- Outstanding Achievement by a Student Lighting Technician for a Musical
- Gavin Farrell- Outstanding Achievement by a Student Scenic Design Technician for a Musical
- Jensyn Modero- Outstanding Achievement by a Dance Ensemble in a Musical and Outstanding Achievement in Choreography in a Musical
- Ryan Yuhas- Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Fantasy/Fable Musical for Ursula
- Grace Herrick- Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Fantasy/Fable Musical for Ariel
- Laura DiStaulo- Outstanding Production of a Fantasy/Fable Musical

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



In athletics, we congratulate SWMHS softball player Josie Vanore for being named the TAPinto Raritan Bay Athlete of the week. Read the article about her by clicking [here](#). In addition, players from the SWMHS Softball and Baseball Teams partnered with the Bombers Beyond Brew Crew to make an Autism Awareness Display for their tournament on April 20th. On the field, the Softball



Team improved its season record to 4-1 with wins over North Plainfield, John F. Kennedy, and Colonia High Schools (HS). Likewise, the Baseball Team defeated Middlesex HS to win its second game of the season. The SWMHS Boys Lacrosse Team improved its record to 3-2 with victories over Brick Township and Edison HS, while the Girls Lacrosse Team beat St. Thomas Aquinas HS to improve its season record to 2-1. The SWMHS Girls Track and Field Team won its second meet of the season and are now 2-0, while the SWMHS Girls Golf Team recorded its first match win of the season over New Brunswick HS. Lastly, the SWMHS and SMS Cheer Teams celebrated their remarkable competition cheer seasons during their annual end of



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 manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic team schedules and view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on 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**. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). To access

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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, please remember that there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** tomorrow, **Tuesday, April 16th**. Please also remember that **our schools will be closed** on **Tuesday, April 23rd** in observance of Passover. Likewise, please note that we will **dismiss students early on Monday, April 22nd** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please remember that the **3rd Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** will **end on April 15th** and that **report cards** will be **issued and viewable in Oncourse Connect** for those students on **April 22nd**.

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 (www.sayrevillek12.net) as "[Student Registration](#)". 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 [2024-2025 Project Before and Kindergarten](#) drop down menu: [New Student Registration Link](#) or [Returning Student Registration Link](#).

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 great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe