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### Talk Sup Week 32 Review and Preview

April 29, 2024

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



We begin this issue by wishing all our administrative assistants, secretaries, and clerks a belated happy Administrative Assistant Day and Week! Furthermore, we commend and thank them for all they

do every day to assist in the efficient operation of the school district and/or their

school district and/or their school or department. In addition, we wish all our amazing bus drivers and bus



aides a belated happy School Bus Driver Day and thank them for driving our most precious commodity to and from school safely. There is no job in our district that is more important than theirs and they perform it daily with diligence, professionalism, and a smile. Thus, we are forever grateful for the positive outcomes that our administrative assistants and bus drivers and aides have either directly or indirectly promoted for all our students and staff. They are nothing less than AMAZING!

This week, our students in the middle school and high school will begin New Jersey State Learning Assessment (NJSLA) testing. NJSLA Testing for **grade 8** begins **today**, **April 29**<sup>th</sup>. Students will arrive to school at the regular time and report to homeroom. Students should bring their fully charged Chromebook, charger, wired headphones if they have them, pencils and a recreational reading book. Cell phones, smart watches and all other personal belongings must be placed in their locker. They will be permitted to go to their locker after the test session. Eighth grade students will be testing for the next six school days.

NJSLA Testing for grades 9 and 11 will begin tomorrow, April 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students will arrive to school at the regular time and report directly to their testing location. Students should bring their fully charged Chromebook, charger, wired headphones if they have them, pencils and a recreational reading book. Cell phones, smart watches and all other personal belongings must be placed in their locker. They will be permitted to go to their locker after the test session. Please remember that students in grades 10 and 12 will be on a delayed opening schedule. Students who take a bus daily should be at their bus stop no later than 9:05 AM on all four days: April 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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attendance. In addition, the SWMHS Choir and Advanced Choir, led by Mr. Sanford, harmonically impressed the audience with several contemporary and classic songs.

Last Wednesday, I was thrilled to attend the high school Spring Concert. 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





Last Thursday evening, I had the privilege of attending the Sayreville Middle School Junior National Honor Society (JNHS) Induction Ceremony. As is the case each year, the middle school recognized and inducted the amazing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

graders who have demonstrated excellence inside and outside of the classroom this year. As always, the ceremony was rich with tradition and spirit, as the inductees took the time to describe and thank the wonderful teachers who they admire and are inspired by.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students also shared their community service projects. We commend and thank Ms. Michelle McManus, JNHS Advisor, and all the staff members who assisted her in coordinating such a memorable experience for our 2024 Junior NHS students and their parents.



As they always do, our Sayreville War Memorial Hugh School (SWMHS) students who were inducted into



the 2024 Hispanic National Honor Society (HNHS) last Friday evening, had a wonderful time. If you have never been to this very unique and special occasion, not only do our students partake in a ceremony rich in tradition, but they also have a ton of fun after it dancing on stage and in the cafeteria to the uplifting and cultural tunes played by an authentic mariachi band. We congratulate all the students who were inducted and thank them for a very entertaining evening. Likewise, we commend and thank Mr. Hugo Alcolea, Spanish Teacher and HNHS Advisor, along with all our high school Spanish Teachers who devoted their time to once

again make this very special activity so memorable for all who attended.



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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 their children had a ton of fun participating in "Take Your Child to Work Day."



At the middle school, students in Ms. Ciampa's classes created bookmarks using recycled magazines in the media center to celebrate Earth Day 2024. In addition, students in the Career Club visited the Middlesex County Fire Academy, where they were given an interactive experience and an opportunity to gain a better understanding of careers related to

emergency management. They also visited Middlesex College where they had the opportunity to learn about what options are available to them as they begin to think about college and how they can begin to set

themselves up for future success. The day ended with an amazing tour of the campus. At the Eisenhower School, the Middlesex County Sherrif K9 Unit visited. In addition, as part of Science Week, students participated in experiments in and outside of the classroom and

dressed up like scientists. They also attended an awesome assembly about Sea Turtles, which was presented by Marine Biologist and SWMHS

graduate Caitlyn Bovery. Lastly, staff, students, and their parents had a Autistic Children Wilson School, the



great time at the Parents of (POAC) Family Night. At the officers from the Sayreville

Police Department visited to speak with students. At the upper elementary school, staff, students, and their parents participated in International Night, in which they engaged in an evening full of cultural and ethnic heritage enrichment, delicious food, and unforgettable fun.



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In Project Before at the Cheesequake School, students surprised Miss Linette with a special Administrative Assistant Day gift. They also celebrated Earth Day by conducting an experiment to witness what happens when the color blue mixes with the color green. Lastly, thanks to Ms. Fritz, they once again participated in the

Annual Walk for Autism, where they



raised \$4,071 for Parents of Autistic Children.



At the high school, students in the Black Student Union traveled to Washing D.C. to visit the Museum of African American History. In addition, Jeleighnna

Cedeno, a student in Mr. Veres Biology class, created a



comic book to explain Mutualism. Lastly, students and staff had a blast dressing up on Swap Day, Adam Sandler Day, Rhyming Day, and Bomber Day during Spirit Week. The week culminated with a "Rock, Paper, Scissor Royale" tournament and the Spring Sports Pep Rally.





This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the following new members of the SWMHS

Hall of Fame who were inducted last Saturday

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evening: Larry Bishop (Class of 1966), Kene Eze (Class of 2010), Gina Pachkowski (Class of 1990), Jessica Painchaud (Class of 1998), and Elisam S. Santana (Class of 2022). We also congratulate SWMHS Softball stars Jillian Bourbeau,



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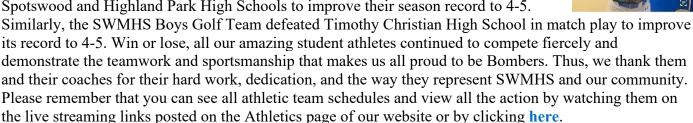
who signed a letter of intent to attend Kean University in Union, where she will compete collegiately, and Amanie Nasr, who did the same at Yale University, where she will be studying Bioengineering. Finally, we congratulate SWMHS senior Travis Gaston for receiving the Middlesex County Secondary Principals Association Outstanding Student Award. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, we commend SWMHS Softball player Josie Vanore for throwing her 100<sup>th</sup> career strikeout and hitting a homerun against East Brunswick High School (HS) last week. The Softball Team also beat North Plainfield last week to improve its record to 7-5. Led by Michael Robinson, who drove in six runs on three hits, and some great pitching

by Thomas Schlaline and Moe Hedderman, the SWMHS Baseball Team improved its record to 6-7 with wins over Monroe and Metuchen High Schools. The SWMHS Girls Lacrosse Team

defeated Long Branch and St. Thomas Aquinas High Schools last week to improve its record to 5-4. Likewise, the Boys Lacrosse Team beat Edison High to improve its record to 6-4. The SWMHS Boys Tennis Team earned match victories over Spotswood and Highland Park High Schools to improve their season record to 4-5.



As per the 2023-24 School District Calendar, which you can view by clicking on it, there will be BOE Business Meetings on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please also remember that we will dismiss students early on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> so that our staff can participate in professional development. Additionally, please note that our schools will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. Finally, please remember that 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Marking Period Progress Reports will be issued for students in grades K-5 on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Likewise, 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Progress Reports for students in grades 6-12 will be issued on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

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"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