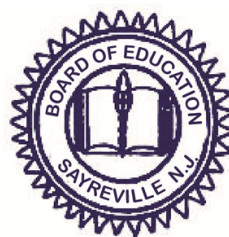




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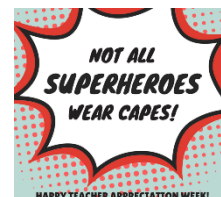
### Talk Sup Week 33 Review and Preview

May 6, 2024

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

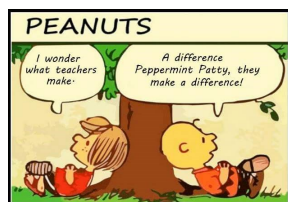


As you may or may not know, **National Educator Appreciation Month** takes place during the entire month of May each year. However, the majority of the festivities center on this week, which is the first full week of May. In fact, this week is commonly known as **Teacher Appreciation Week**.



Moreover, the National Education Association (NEA) designates the first Tuesday (**May 7<sup>th</sup>**) that falls during Teacher Appreciation Week as **National Teacher Appreciation Day**.

Likewise, today is **National School Nurses Appreciation Day**. Therefore, especially considering **ALL** the **EXTRAORDINARY** efforts that our amazing teachers, nurses, therapists, child study team members, school counselors, media specialists, and paraprofessionals have made to promote the best learner outcomes, please consider



contributing to the many activities that will take place this week and month to demonstrate appreciation for the hard-working, dedicated, and exemplary educators in Sayreville. More importantly, please take the time to express your sincere gratitude to the wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals, and educational support service providers working tirelessly to educate and develop yours and our children. On behalf of the Sayreville Board of

Education and Administration, we would like to commend our amazing educators and thank them for **EVERYTHING** they do for **ALL** our students. They truly are **HEROES** and they simply **ROCK!**



Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. At the high school, the International Society, led by Mr. Quinby, observed a Day of Dialogue where students discussed



important current issues that are going on in the world. In addition, the high school counseling department took 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who expressed interests in mechanical careers or the trades to the Universal Technical Institute (UTI) in Bloomfield. The students arrived at the facility and were provided with an informative presentation before going on an extensive tour of the facility. The students were able to go into the different electrical labs, auto shops, and much more. There was a demonstration on how to use a DYNO or automotive dynamometer, which tests the performance of vehicles. After the tour, they went back to the lecture hall where they participated in a question-and-answer session.

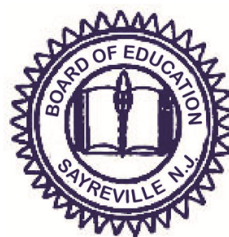
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At the middle school, students in Ms. Iurilli's classes were introduced to the work of William Shakespeare by participating in a Romeo and Juliet Gallery Walk. In addition, students in Ms. Howard's Science classes made dioramas and wrote Carbon atom stories to demonstrate their understanding of the Atom Cycle. They also dissected owl pellets. They used a dichotomous key to identify the bones and then created a graph to see what the barn owl consumed as a percentage of its diet. At the upper elementary school, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students competed with one another in the Battle of the Books competition.



In Project Before, preschoolers from Cheesequake and Selover participated in their Bombers Unified Track and Field Meet. For the past four years at the Wilson School, they have held a March Madness Book Tournament. This year, they started with eight books in February that the children read or reread. They narrowed them down to a "final



four," and a "championship game" with the final two books. Last week, they voted *Hidden Gem* as Wilson School's Best Picture Book of 2024. At the Truman School, thanks to Mrs.



Mrs. Barreiro, students and their families attended the Truman Art Museum Show, where they had an opportunity to view all their masterpieces and complete an art scavenger hunt. In addition, students and staff worked hard to beautify the grounds for Truman Beautification Day. Lastly, students participated in a virtual Oceans assembly with National Geographic's Adventurer of the Year, Dave Freeman.

Finally, at the Arleth School, students celebrated Neurodiversity by pledging to practice acceptance and understanding for one another.



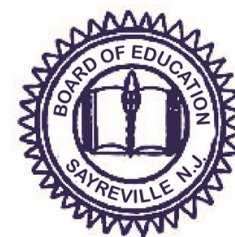
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This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the members of the SWMHS Theatre Society listed below who were nominated for Paper Mill Playhouse Awards for their role in the *Tuck Everlasting* spring musical. The awards will be on June 11 at 7:30 and will be broadcast live on the Paper Mill Playhouse website.



- Gianna Roman for Outstanding Performer in a Female-Identified Supporting Role
- Laura DiStaulo for Outstanding Educator Award
- Cynthia Gallagher received an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Costuming Achievement



In addition, we commend and congratulate SWMHS students Sathvik Puvvula and Rishi Shah, whose Coding team placed second in the recent Technology Student Association (TSA) Coding competition at The College of New Jersey. Additionally, we congratulate the following students on the other SWMHS teams that placed: Audio Podcasting, consisting of Kanika Madhok, Amanie Nasr, and Riddhee Vadnere (4th Place); On Demand Video, consisting of Dev Patel, Khushi Patel, Sara



Rafique, and Jared Zivanovic (5th Place), Digital Video Production, consisting of Steven Peralta, Krish Pipaliya, and Rishi Shah (6th Place), and Photographic Technology consisting of Amy AbouLnaga (7th Place). The TSA offers 40 high school competitions, and this one focuses on coding skills and rapid software development. We also commend Sayreville Board of Education President Lucy Bloom, who was recently honored and recognized by the New Jersey School Boards Association for reaching the 10 years of service milestone. Furthermore, we congratulate and commend SWMHS students



Kristy Garcia and Leilany Rojas, who were selected as the 2024 Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship recipients from Sayreville War Memorial High School. Each will receive up to \$40,000 in paid tuition to attend the college of their choice and a paid internship offer at Amazon after their freshman year of college to gain hands-on, practical work experience with mentorship from Amazon leaders. Likewise, they will engage in networking opportunities with their peers and Amazon employees, receive skills development and mental health resources, and have access to an emergency grant funds for unexpected financial obligations that might

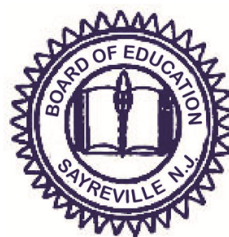
prevent them from attending school. Finally, we commend and thank Sayreville resident Wesley Haney who generated \$540 in donations for Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) as part of his share on the Bubba's Brigade POAC Walk for a Difference Team. He actually created a video to ask friends and family on social media to donate \$20 towards the purchase of a classroom sensory box. While his initial goal was

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25 sensory boxes, he received 50 pledges for 50 boxes. Wesley has selected the Truman School and the Cheesequake Preschool to be two of his recipients for 16 boxes each.

Compliments of the “Where Are They Now” Committee at the high school, we commend SWMHS Class of 2009 graduate S’Day Manley. S’Day went on to the National Guard after graduating. When his commission was over, he began work as an inspector of food establishments. Since he had a successful relationship with Wawa from his time working there during high school, he was able to secure a position as a Quality Assurance Field

Specialist for the Wawa Corporation. He is now responsible for educating Wawa employees in quality control, enabling their establishments to pass inspections. He relocated to Virginia for the position but still maintains relationships with many of his Sayreville friends. We also commend SWMHS Class of 2018 graduate Julia Block. Julia went on to obtain her Associate’s Degree at MCC and then her Bachelor’s

### Julia Block, 2018

Middlesex County College, 2020  
Rutgers University, 2022 - Journalism and Media Studies

Julia went on to obtain her Associate’s Degree at MCC and then her Bachelor’s Degree at Rutgers University in Journalism and Media Studies, with a minor in Digital Communication, Information, and Media. She graduated in the top 2% of her class. She has interned at various local news outlets, became the Marketing Coordinator at a music video production company in South River, and is currently Associate Editor at Integrated Media Services, specifically Dental Product Shopper Magazine. Julia has continued to develop the musical talents fostered during her years at SWMHS and now plays with a community symphonic band in Old Bridge.




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plays with a community symphonic band in Old Bridge. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

### S’Day Manley, 2009

U.S. Coast Guard

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In athletics, the SWMHS Girls Lacrosse Team defeated South Plainfield High School (HS) on Senior Day to improve their record to 6-4. During the game, Mackenzie Hastings scored her 100<sup>th</sup> goal and Gianna Gittlitz, who is a goaltender, made her 300<sup>th</sup> save. In addition, thanks to the superb pitching by Caydence Barton, who recorded the

200<sup>th</sup> strikeout of her career, the SWMHS Softball Team defeated Edison, John F. Kennedy, and Colonia High Schools to improve its record to 10-5. The SWMHS Track and Field Teams also performed



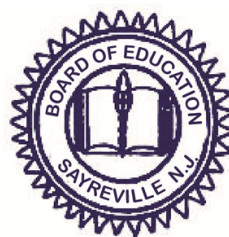
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well this week during the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Relays. The Boys Team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Pole Vault and Disc, and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Shot Put. The Girls Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. The Shot-Put team consisting of Zalia Khan, Morolake Akinefron, and Destony Grant won 1<sup>st</sup> Place. The Sprint Medley Relay Team of Loicy Anning, Jayda Roque, and Analia Marrero placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 4x1,600 team of Molly Logan,

Angeleah Lepre, Crystal Margotta, and Lucy Logan placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 4x100 team of Loicy Anning, Laila Stevenson, Analia Marerro, and Jayad Roque placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Pole Vault Team of Anna Gryczynska, Sandy Costa, and Kellie Koranteng placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Distance Medley Relay team of Crystal Margotta, Laila Stevenson, Angeleah Lepre, and Molly Logan also placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lastly, the Triple Jump team of Lily Poulson,

Kellie Koranteng, and Kaylin Koonce placed 4<sup>th</sup>. The SWMHS Baseball Team defeated John Paul Stevens HS twice to improve their record to 8-7. The team has now won four consecutive games. Similarly, the SWMHS Boys Golf Team won four consecutive matches over Perth Amboy (two), Timothy Christian, and New Brunswick High Schools to improve its record to 9-7. Finally, the SWMHS Boys Lacrosse Team beat Marlboro HS to improve its record to 7-5, and the SWMHS Boys Tennis Team won its 5<sup>th</sup> match of the season over North Brunswick HS. 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 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**. During the meeting, the district will hold a public hearing on the 2024-25 School District Budget before the BOE is asked to approve and adopt it. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). 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](#).

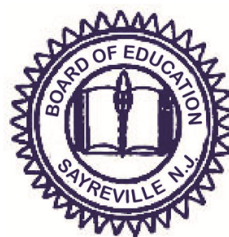
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As per the [2023-24 School District Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on it, there will be **BOE Business Meetings on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students 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](http://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