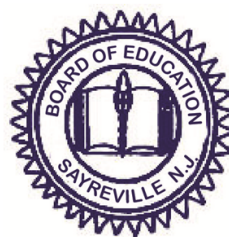




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### **Talk Sup Week 35 Review and Preview**

May 20, 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 we will **dismiss students early today** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Additionally, please note that our schools will be **closed** next **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Memorial Day.

Last week our principals sent notice to all parents and guardians informing them that they now have access to **GoGuardian Parent**, a mobile app designed to provide parents/guardians insight and control over their student's online activity when on school-managed devices and accounts. First, the GoGuardian Parent app provides an overview of their child(ren)'s online activity on school-managed devices and accounts - this overview includes the apps, extensions, documents, and websites their student visited. Second, GoGuardian Parent provides parents with an additional set of internet controls that they can set for out-of-school hours. GoGuardian Parent was created to help provide students additional educational support and is a companion to the classroom engagement and internet filtering tools that our school uses.

#### **What is included in this app:**

- Top 5 overview of your student's online activity
- 30-day overview of your student's online activity
- Ability to block websites on school-issued devices during out-of-school hours
- Ability to pause internet access on school-issued devices during out-of-school hours, either on-demand or at a scheduled time

#### **To access the app, please follow the below instructions:**

1. Download the app
  1. [Download via Apple Store](#)
  2. [Download via Google Play Store](#)
2. After the app is successfully downloaded and installed, open it up and enter the email address registered with the school in OnCourse. Note: If you forgot your registered email address, please reach out to your school.
3. Login/Check Email: Check your email on your phone for a link to log in to the app. Tap the "Verify your email", and it will take you straight to the app. Note: If you don't have access to your email through the device you used to log in, tap on "Login with verification code", and copy and paste the verification code from the email into the app.

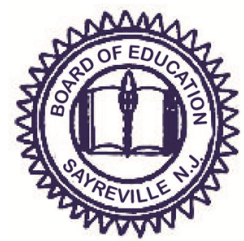
If parents have additional questions, they should contact GoGuardian at  
[GoGuardian.Support@sayrevillek12.net](mailto:GoGuardian.Support@sayrevillek12.net)



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Yesterday the Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) held its annual Walk with hundreds of



other people from Sayreville and elsewhere. POAC is a nonprofit organization that provides services, most of which are free, to children and adults with autism, their families, and the professionals who serve them. Led by Mr. Knaster, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, and Alexa Giorgianni, Special Education Teacher at the high school, Sayreville partnered with POAC once again for its Annual



POAC's Walk for A Difference Walk-a-thon and Activities Fair. A portion of the \$30,000 in proceeds that were raised will go back to Sayreville from POAC in the form of training, workshops, and activities. We commend and thank Mr. Knaster, Ms. Giorgianni, and all the incredible volunteers for everything they did to make this wonderful charitable event such a grand success and memorable moment for all the community members who participated.



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 were amazed watching the transformation of their tie-dye t-shirts during STEAM classes. In addition, students had a blast during their 1st Annual Preschool Prom. At the upper elementary school, students and staff showed off their school spirit with College Day, where they had fun while showing off shirts from their favorite colleges and universities.



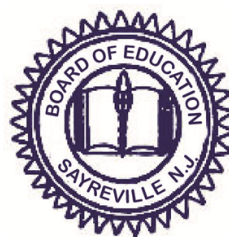
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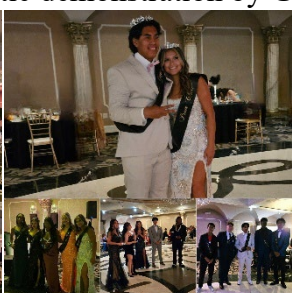
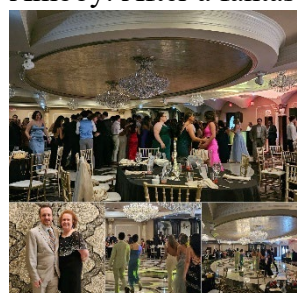
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At the high school, students in Ms. LaScala's Ceramics 1 class made coil vessels by rolling coils, which are long snakelike pieces of clay. Along with being very fun, they took time and much patience to make. In addition, students in Ms. Walsh's Parenting and Child Development classes were all in as they cared for their flour babies. Likewise, Brendan Black, from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services, spoke with Mrs. Durning's Environmental Science classes, highlighting the variety of careers within the USDA related to population sustainability. In addition, students from the National Art Honor Society led a watercolor painting workshop with senior citizens



from the Puerto Rican Association of Human Development (PRAHD) in Perth Amboy. After a fantastic demonstration by Gianna Gittlitz, everyone got to work making beautiful paintings of seascapes. This multigenerational experience demonstrates how art is a universal language. In Mr. Alvarez's Introduction to Engineering class, students constructed robots and re-engineered them to work more efficiently on tasks around the classroom. Finally, students danced the night away during the Junior Prom.



At the middle school, students in Mrs. Iurilli's class designed and constructed their own quills to feel as if they were living in Shakespearean time. In addition, the Career Club had the opportunity to visit Innovate Salon Academy in South Plainfield, where they watched an amazing presentation on careers in the field of cosmetology and participated in a discussion related to entrepreneurship and the use of digital media. Students were then treated to a service of their choice. The Career Club also held a meeting focusing on careers in the field of Environmental Science and Performing Arts. Elyse Barone, the Sayreville Borough



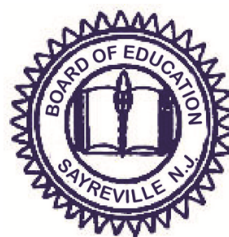
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Recycling Coordinator, sponsored Bill Kerwood who is an environmentalist that uses his passion for magic to provide education in the field of environmental science and recycling. Lastly, thanks to Dr. Caruso, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Palma, and Ms. Ruiz, the middle school Concert Band, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus performed magnificently during their Spring Concert.



At the Truman School, staff, students, and their families



celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School with a carnival. Students and staff also began the alphabet countdown to the end of the school year C for Career Day. Lastly, Saahira Pradhan was selected to be the Art Teacher for the Day.



At the Arleth School, students and staff celebrated Mental Health Awareness Month by wearing workout clothes or their favorite sports shirt/jersey to remember how important it is to always move your body. At the Eisenhower School, students and staff had a great time participating in Buddy Day where they dressed up like one another. They also had a ton of fun during their Carnival, where some got the chance to pie Mr. Rubino. At the Bombers Beyond Café, students, parents, and community members had a magical evening during Magician and Crafts Night.



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and thanking Rosa Morgan, Bus Driver, and Elizabeth Gorka, Bus Aide, who due to their swift and courageous actions, saved the lives of the students on their bus that caught fire last week for reasons unknown. They are truly two Sayreville Superheroes. In addition, we congratulate and commend Mr. Knaster, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Vanderbeck and Dr. Defina, Supervisors, Ms. Fazzini and Ms. Garnett, Teachers, Ms. Falcone and Ms. Batko, Paraprofessionals, and the entire Brew Crew from the Bombers Beyond Café for winning the New Jersey School Boards Association Innovations in Special Education Award. We extend special



2024 Innovations in Special Education Award  
Winners Honored in Video in Celebration of  
Special Education Week in New Jersey

- Bombers Beyond Café, Sayreville Public School District.
- Children's Adapted Physical Education/Creative Arts Supp

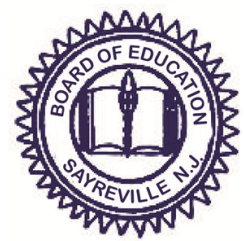
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praise and thanks to Michael (Big Mike) Cianci for his amazing award acceptance speech. Check it out by clicking [here](#) and fast forwarding to 11:45. We also commend and thank the Brew Crew and staff at the Bombers Beyond Café for raising \$300 for POAC during the Open Mic Night two weeks ago. Likewise, we thank the South Amboy Knights of Columbus and the Cellar Dwellers Band for donating \$200 to the Bombers Beyond Café. Furthermore, we commend and congratulate the following middle school students in Ms. Marsh's Science classes

who were recently awarded certificates and monetary prizes by Mr. Robert Fischer, a representative of New Jersey Water Environment Association, for the essays that they wrote on the importance of water treatment and keeping our fresh water clean. Out of the entire Central NJ Division, Sayreville students from Ms. Marsh's classes placed 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winners



were Tyler Maclean (3<sup>rd</sup> Place-\$50), Andrea Mercado (2<sup>nd</sup> Place-\$100), and George Barbosa (1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$200). In addition, George's essay won for the entire state of New Jersey, earning an additional \$100. Finally, we congratulate SWMHS senior, Brady Tramutolo for being named to the 2024 GMC All-Academic Team. Brady will continue his education at Rider University next year. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



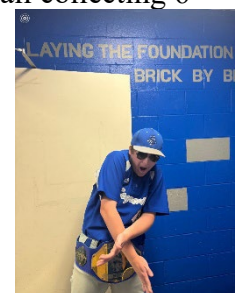
In athletics, the Boys and Girls Middle School Track and Field Teams competed in the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Championships at the Sayreville War Memorial High School last week. The Boys Team finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall, collecting 11 total medals



and displayed excellent athleticism and sportsmanship. The Girls Team finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall collecting 6 medals in 6 different events. Likewise, both the SWMHS Girls and Boys Lacrosse



Teams were crowned GMC White Division champions for the second consecutive year. Marcus Ivy, the Boys Team Head Coach, was also named Coach of the Year. Thanks to strong pitching by Tom Schlaline and Jake Romanello, as well as timely hitting by Logan Kaufman and John Zapoticzny, the SWMHS Baseball Team defeated Old Bridge High School (HS) last week to improve their season record to 11-10.



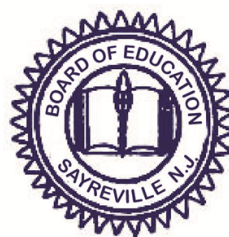
Finally, the SWMHS Boys Tennis Team captured their seventh match win of the season by beating Woodbridge HS. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we

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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 recognize and honor the 2024-24 Governors Educators of the Year, Magic 98.3 Teachers that Make Magic, and the SEA Education Support Professionals of the Year recipients. It will also present the final 2022-23 HIB Ratings. 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](#).

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

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

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