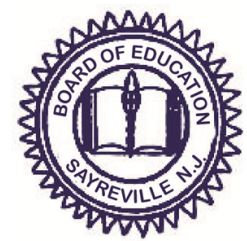




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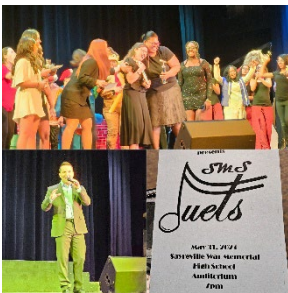
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Talk Sup Week 37 Review and Preview

June 3, 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 **closed tomorrow, Tuesday, June 4th**, so that our staff can participate in a full day of professional development. Please also note that the **Superintendent Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) Meeting and Java with the Sup** scheduled for tomorrow evening at the Bombers Beyond Café, is **cancelled**.



Last Friday evening the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) held its extremely popular Duets competition. If you have never attended nor are familiar with Duets, it is a good natured and very spirited singing competition coordinated and directed by Patsy Palma, Vocal Music Teacher at SMS. In this competition, middle school 8th grade students invite a teacher from the middle school to sing with them in a duet. In addition to singing, the contestants create stage sets and choreograph dance routines. When the curtain opens, Mr. Palma quickly hands the show over to student hosts. The acts, which are judged by three faculty members, are evaluated based upon singing quality, creativity, and crowd response. While all the students and staff members that competed were



amazing, we commend and congratulate this year's winners. We are so proud of and impressed with all the students and staff members that participated in making Duets so incredibly successful this year. Furthermore, we commend and thank Mr. Palma and the administrators, faculty, and staff from the middle school, high school, and throughout the district who contributed to making this year's Duets competition an extraordinarily entertaining and memorable experience for all in attendance.



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Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. At the Arleth School, the students and staff punctuated their Neurodiversity Celebration with an amazing video entitled "I am an Arleth All-Star 2024." Check it out had a blast participating in their last Wellness Wednesday by showing off their talents and hobbies.

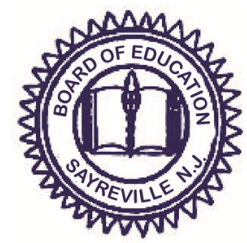
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At the Truman School, staff and students sported unicorn, purple, and gray attire celebrating “Kind Like Kendall” Day. Additionally, students had a ball during their



Field Day. Likewise, at the Eisenhower School, students had a blast during their Field Day.



In Project Before, the families of our preschoolers had an informative evening learning about



the *Tools of the Mind Curriculum* and much more during their Resource Fair. At the Selover School, our preschoolers had a tom of fun during their Field Day. At the Cheesequake School, thanks to Miss Jules, Germany, a service dog, visited to help teach students about how service dogs work hard to help people.



At the high school, 26 students in grades 11 and 12 attended the Construction Industry Career Day at the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center in Edison. The students met and communicated with various representatives from companies

within the following career industries: electrical, insulation, HVAC, carpentry, and more. Many of these companies were associated with local unions and offer 5-year paid apprenticeship programs, in which students could earn college credits and acquire on the job training that will prepare them for construction career options with significantly higher salaries including benefits and retirement plans. Students were able



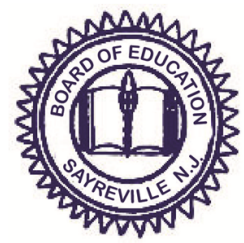
to gain some hands-on experiences too while at the event by actually laying bricks, hammering nails, drilling, and using some of the specialized equipment used in the trades. In addition, students were able to use a crane operating simulator. Overall, it was a positive experience for those who attended as they learned specific information related to the construction industry trades including duties, specialized equipment, and training/apprenticeship programs which

were associated with local unions.



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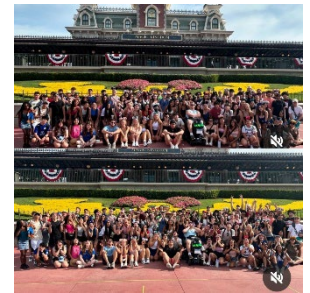
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Likewise, nine SWMHS students attended the Young Men's Conference at Middlesex County College. The conference included workshop sessions presented by dynamic speakers, covering topics relevant to the male-identifying student population, such as drug and alcohol prevention, health and wellness, leadership, and community connections. The interactive workshops equipped the students with valuable knowledge, resources, and tools to help them set and achieve their goals. The presenters aimed to emphasize essential factors that could support young men on their journey to becoming positive and productive contributors to our society.

The keynote speaker, Brad Butler II, led a dynamic session highlighting the importance of finding your "why" to achieve your goals. He spoke based on his firsthand experiences, how remaining resilient in the face of adversity, finding good mentors, and taking his education seriously helped him realize his potential. He stressed the importance of the young men being the leaders of the future and bringing about positive changes in our communities. Students were then able to attend breakout sessions led by other motivational speakers/community leaders. They had the opportunity to learn from their stories, successes, and failures of the speakers and learn the importance of strong decision making in shaping their growth as young men. They were able to connect with peers from other schools in attendance to discuss some of their passions, goals, and shared experiences. Finally, members of the Class of 2024 had a spectacular time during their Senior Trip to Disney World.



At the middle school, students and staff attended the annual Career Fair. As part of this year's



Career Fair, well over 50 organizations within and outside of the greater Sayreville community were present to share career and occupation information with the middle school students. We commend and thank Ms. Young, Ms. Hoff, Ms. Maharana, and Ms. Sicola for once again making this such an informative



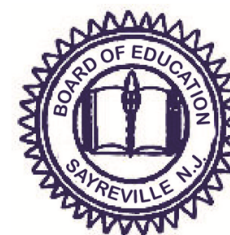
and enriching experiences for all are middle school students who attended. In addition, some 7th grade science students, along with Ms. Bobik, Ms. Centimole, Ms. Komm, and Mrs. Picazio, participated in a school grounds cleanup of the middle school and high school. This was inspired by the middle school Human Impacts and Climate Change

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Curriculum. The students were excited to do something good that directly impacted their community. They spent about three hours picking up trash from the parking lots, athletic fields, pathways, and general areas around the buildings. In fact, they filled approximately twenty 55-gallon garbage bags. They look forward to making this an annual commitment to keep our schools clean and minimize pollution. At the upper elementary school, students in the 4th and 5th Grade Choruses, along with the Band, performed magnificently during their Spring Concerts.



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We commend and congratulate the New Jersey Champion SWMHS Odyssey of the Mind Problem 5 Team, consisting of Quinn Guerra, Lillian Heidelberg, Jane Lee, Marissa Mandola, Daniel Johnson and Abdullah Khan, for earning 9th Place in the WORLD for their problem Rocking World Detour during the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals last week at Iowa State University. They worked extremely hard to earn this honor to represent Sayreville, New Jersey, and the United States at the world finals. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, Tom Lewis, Pole Vault, Chase Rogers, 400 Meter, and Aaron Losado, Discus, from the SWMHS Track and Field Team, advanced to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Group 4 Finals on June 6th. We also congratulate Tom Schlaline, Jake Romanello, and Mike Robinson from the SWMHS Baseball Team, who were selected to the All Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division 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 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](#).

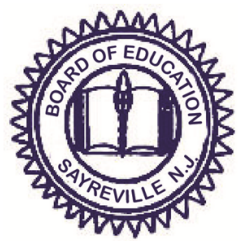
As per the [2023-24 School District Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on it, our schools will be **closed tomorrow, Tuesday, June 4th**, so that our staff can participate in a full day of professional development. In addition, there will be a **BOE Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 18th**. Please also remember that our schools will be **closed on Monday, June 17th** in observance of Eid al-Adha and on **Friday, June 21st** in observance of Juneteenth. In addition, please note that we will **dismiss students early on June 19th, 20th, and 24th**. Likewise, please remember that the **last day of school for students and 10-**

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month staff will be **June 24th**. Finally, please note that the **end** of the **Grades K-5 3rd Trimester** and the **Grades 6-12 4th Marking Period** will be on **June 24^h**. **Therefore, Report Cards** for all students will be issued on **June 27th** and **June 28th** respectively.

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