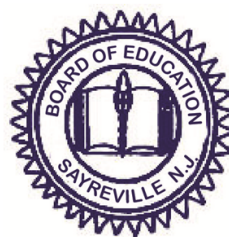




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Talk Sup Week 38 Review and Preview

June 10, 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 next Monday, June 17th** in observance of Eid al-Adha and **next Friday, June 21st** in observance of Juneteenth.

With the temperatures predicted to rise to close to 90 degrees by the end of the week, please remember that if they are expected to be above 90 degrees on any given day, we will dismiss students early on those days because the conditions in our schools, particularly those with two or more floors, will be unsafe. We will do our best to give as much advanced notice as possible if we were to call for an early dismissal due to extreme heat.



As you probably already heard, yesterday afternoon, a rack of about 25 solar panels caught fire for unknown reasons. Thanks to the swift action of the Sayreville Fire Department, the fire was extinguished very quickly and therefore it was limited to just the solar panels. Also, no water penetrated the building and there was no structural damage to the roof. Therefore, the school will operate on a regular school day schedule today. For the time being, solar energy

generation at the school has been shut down until the vendor that installed the system can determine the cause of the fire and confirm that the panels are safe.



Last Tuesday, the district held its annual June Staff Development and Professional Learning Community Showcase Day, where our staff participated in a plethora of diverse workshops in the morning, and then had the opportunity to share their professional learning community



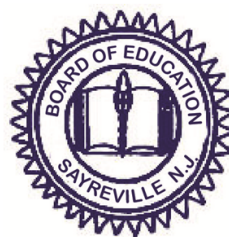
projects with their colleagues later in the afternoon. We thank and commend Ms. Burt, Director of Special Projects, Ms. Griggs, Professional Development Coach, and the District Professional Development Committee for once again doing such an exceptional job of planning, coordinating, and implementing a very special day of learning, collaboration, and collegiality. Furthermore, we commend and thank Ms. Fazzini, Ms. Garnett, and our Bombers Beyond Brew Crew, as well as our Food Services Department, for providing delicious refreshments during the day.

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Last Tuesday evening, well over 100 parents attended the 2024 Kindergarten Parent Workshop at the high school, which is designed to provide pertinent information to the parents of all incoming kindergarten students. During the program, Ms. Burns, Director of Early Childhood Curriculum and Instruction, briefly welcomed and addressed the parents before sending them into separate

breakout rooms where they met the principal of their child's 2024-25 elementary school, who provided them with the essential information that they need to know about district curriculum, programs, and services, as well as building specific systems and procedures. We thank Ms. Burns and all our exceptional administrators and faculty members who participated in the coordination and facilitation of this event.



Last Thursday evening, I attended the 2024 Senior Awards Night at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). During this wonderful activity, we recognized and honored the students in the SWMHS Class of 2024 who received awards, recognition, and scholarships. As always, it was a wonderful program filled with the tradition and elegance necessary to honor, recognize, and celebrate all our incredible seniors at SWMHS for their outstanding

performances this year in and out of the classroom. This year, once again, more students received more awards, which are sponsored by the Sayreville Board of Education and a plethora of local, state, and national organizations and companies. In fact, many of the awards were monetary in the form of post-secondary education scholarships. Thus, we cannot possibly thank enough all these amazing organizations for their generosity. It is inspiring to know that parents and organizations in our greater community value the importance of collaboration, charity, and community; and to that end are willing to sacrifice time, funds, and/or property to benefit our students and staff. Furthermore, we commend and thank Ms. Sicola, Director of School Counseling Services; Mr. Gluchowski and the high school assistant principals; Ms. Gelpke, Administrative Assistant at SWMHS; and the Class of 2024 Advisors for all the meticulous planning and coordination that they performed to make the evening so memorable for our students and their parents.



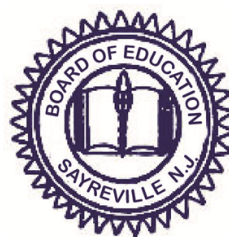
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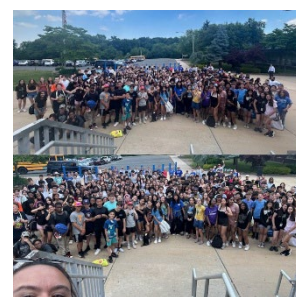
Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive



and fun week of learning last week. At the Eisenhower School, students and their families participated in the ASI Title 1 Family Summer Send-off. In addition, thanks to the PTO, students attended a totally



awesome BMX assembly. Likewise, staff and students participated in Occupation Day where they dressed up like a person in a chosen career, and they marched in a Parade of Words. At the upper elementary school, 5th Grade students were treated to a music concert by the middle school band students. After the concert, they had the opportunity to ask questions about the middle school, music, and performing in the band. They even got to hold instruments. At the middle school, our 8th graders had a blast during their class trip to Eagle's Landing Day Camp.



At the high school, the Exceptional People Initiating Change (EPIC) Society inducted 16 students into its membership based on their achievements in academics, service to the school and community. In addition, students participated in a D-Day Remembrance assembly



coordinated by Social Studies Supervisor, Mr. Howard, and presented by Fred Block from the Patriotic



Flags of Sayreville organization. In Ms. Kuchibhatla's Integrated Science classes, students created roller coaster projects, where they applied physics concepts of Newton's laws, Potential and Kinetic energy, and forces when building their coasters with simple materials. Likewise, in Ms. Kuchibhatla's



Chemistry classes, students tested the high school soil for its pH and element content to determine if it is healthy soil. You will be relieved to know that the pH was 6.5 which is good. The nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium contents were medium which is also good.

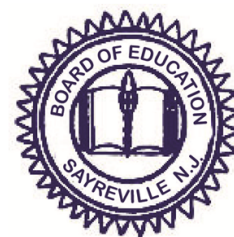
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The Guidance Office also offered a Career Speaker Series for all sophomores and juniors to expose them to various professions, industries and career paths to help them make informed decisions about their future. The students were surveyed to identify their career interests, and local professionals and tradesmen, which included some of our alumni and parents in those fields, provided presentations on various topics including the education, skills, and trainings

needed. They also provided an overview of their profession and other related career opportunities, salaries, advancement, career readiness, and the future of work. Each speaker shared their personal journey and inspired the students with information to help them make informed decisions about their future careers. Additionally, the seniors celebrated College Decision Day by proudly wearing their new college gear to school. In fact, they proudly sported apparel from colleges across the United States, including Yale University, the US Coast Guard, Princeton University, Mercy College, East Stroudsburg, University of Oregon, Brown University, Morgan State University, Universal Technical Institute, Rutgers, Florida Tech, Penn State, TCNJ, Brookdale, Felician, Fordham, Hofstra, Alabama University, Lycoming, Saint Peters, Berkeley College, Moravian, Rider, and Fairleigh Dickinson, Monmouth, Kean, Rowan, Pace, Seton Hall, George Mason University, Washington University,



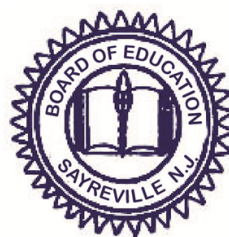
Stevens Institute, NYU, NJIT, Howard, Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Middlesex, Montclair, Northeastern, George Washington, Georgia Tech and many more. Finally, the seniors and their guests danced the night away during the Senior Prom.



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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 Rishi Shah, who was recently awarded the New Jersey State Governor's Volunteerism Award in the Youth in Service category, which recognizes the exceptional efforts of groups and individuals across New Jersey. Rishi volunteered at various organizations, focusing on education, mental health, and community involvement initiatives. From



tutoring peers and sending letters to soldiers overseas, to hosting events for all ages and helping over 100 small businesses grow their online presence, Rishi has been the epitome of service. In Fact, his passion and dedication have previously earned him many awards, one of which was the prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Furthermore, we congratulate and commend Truman Elementary School students, Azaleah Hayes and Aiza Baig, from Mrs. Guglielmetti's class, whose artwork was selected to be printed in the Middlesex County annual

safety activity books.



We also commend and congratulate Dawn Kosobucki, Paraprofessional, for being awarded the International Leadership Award for her outstanding service to the Lions Club International. In addition, we commend and congratulate the staff at the middle school for being among the top 12 food donating schools to Middlesex County REPLENISH, which is a program that works with over 160 food pantries, soup kitchens and social service agencies in the county to ensure that the increased food needs of our community are being met. The middle school was recognized at the Middlesex County Commissioner Meeting. Brad Alexander accepted the Proclamation on the school's behalf. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

In athletics, we commend and congratulate Will Lewis from the SWMHS Boys Track and Field Team for winning the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Group 4 Pole Vault Championship. He will now move on to the NJSIAA Meet of Champions. In addition, the SWMHS Boys and Girls Golf Teams celebrated another fun and competitive season during their annual end of the season banquet. Likewise, the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Champion



Boys and Girls Track and Field Teams also held their end of the year banquet. Finally, the SWMHS Football Team participated in some community service by painting over a graffiti wall at one of the baseball fields in the Morgan section of Sayreville. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and

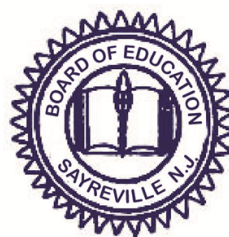


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demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the way they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic 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, 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-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 24th**. 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