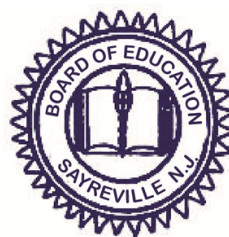




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### Talk Sup Week 39 Review and Preview

June 17, 2024

Good morning Sayreville and happy belated Fathers' Day! We also wish our Muslim families an Eid-al-Adha Mubarak. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. **This will be the last Talk Sup of the 2023-24 school year.** Naturally, our schools are **closed** today in observance of Eid-al-Adha. Please remember that they will also be **closed** this **Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** in observance of Juneteenth. In addition, please note that as per my correspondence with you yesterday, due to the excessive heat predicted for this week, we will **dismiss students, faculty, and instructional support staff early tomorrow.** Likewise, as per the 2023-24 School District Calendar, we will **dismiss students, faculty, and instructional support staff early on Wednesday and Thursday,** as well as **next Monday.**



We hope that all our families take the time to celebrate and discuss with their children the importance of the upcoming Juneteenth holiday for our country, and especially African Americans. As you probably know, the holiday commemorates the day in which the abolishment of slavery was made into law in Texas and the final slaves were freed in Galveston on June 19, 1865, which was two years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation and nearly six months after the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution, which abolished slavery, was ratified.

Although President Biden declared this a federal holiday two years ago, Texas has recognized it as a state holiday since 1980. However, people across the country, particularly in Galveston and Buffalo, New York, have been celebrating this very special day of freedom long before that. As noted above, while the federal holiday this year is June 19<sup>th</sup>, since New Jersey passed legislation in September 2020 recognizing the holiday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of June each year, our schools would be closed in observance of it on June 21<sup>st</sup>.



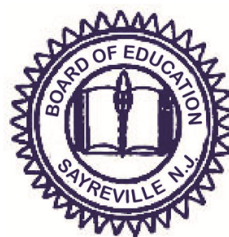
As we put the finishing touches on yet another challenging but productive school year and begin the long process of preparing for the 2024-25 school year, we would like to take the time to express to our staff and parents our sincere gratitude for EVERYTHING you did to either directly or indirectly promote the most positive outcomes for the children in Sayreville. Please understand that the Sayreville Board of Education, Administration, and I deeply appreciate and fiercely admire all that you do for our students. We know all too well how hard you work and how much you sacrifice every day for our children. In fact, not a day goes by in which I do not count my blessings and feel forever grateful to have the privilege of serving this district and working alongside our staff and parents to make a difference in the precious lives of our students.

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That said, the end of a school year is also a time for us to say goodbye. For those members of our staff who will be pressing on through the summer, we thank you in advance for extending learning and for helping us prepare for 2024-25. For those of you that will be leaving and returning in September, we wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break, and anxiously await your safe return to us. Finally, for those who will be leaving us for one reason or another, please know the indelible impact you have made on all of us, and how grateful we are to you for the service you have provided to our district and most importantly, our students. Please remember that goodbyes are not forever, nor are they the end. They simply mean, we'll miss you until we see you again.



This **Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony** will take place in **Bomber Stadium** at **6 pm**. Likewise, next **Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold the **Class of 2024 Graduation Commencement Ceremony** at **6 pm** in **Bomber Stadium**. There will be no capacity limits unless inclement weather forces them into the gymnasium, which according to the latest weather forecasts, only appears likely for Monday. If that is the case, because the ceremonies will then take place in the gymnasium, **two people per student** will be allowed to spectate in the **gym** while all other guests will be permitted to view the simulcast of it in the **cafeteria, auditorium, or remotely** elsewhere.



### Attention Visitors

Large pocketbooks and/or bags may not accompany visitors into the building or event.

Small clutch bags/wristlets are permissible.

Medical bags and Infant Diaper Bags will be allowed. We reserve the right to search any bag prior to entering the building or event even those that have been listed as approved.

We thank you for your cooperation.



In addition, in accordance with our school security policy and procedures, **air horns** and **bags**, including **pocketbooks**, are **prohibited** from being brought into the **stadium or gym**. The only exception to this will be **parents of infants and toddlers** who may need a bag to care for their children, and **elderly and/or medically fragile** guests that may need to have with them vital healthcare items. In such cases, these bags should be **clear or see-through**. Lastly, pocketbooks that can be held in the palm of a hand or wristlets will be permitted. Sayreville Police officers and district campus security monitors, who will be equipped with metal detection wands, will be stationed at each gate to screen spectators and enforce these procedures.

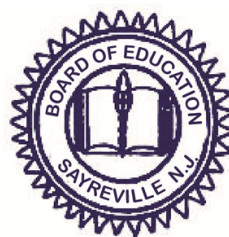




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Across the district, our staff members were thrilled to reacquaint with the seniors in the Class of 2024, who will be graduating next Monday, during our very popular Parade of Graduates activity in which the students visit their elementary schools, the Samsel Upper

Elementary School (SUES), and the middle school to express their gratitude to their former teachers and administrators. Likewise, their former teachers and administrators get the chance to congratulate them and wish them well. This was such a very special moment for both our students and staff that not a dry eye could be found in any of our schools that they visited for what may have been the last time.



Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. At all our elementary schools, students in Ms. Mihalenko's Talented and Gifted (TAG) classes created their own board games as part of an end-of-year project. When they finished making them, they shared and played the games with each other at their respective schools. At the Truman School, students and staff celebrated Flag Day during a very moving

and special presentation featuring the Sayreville American Legion Post 211. We commend and thank Ms.



Stueber, Principal, and the Patriotic Committee for planning and coordinating this event. Similarly, we thank and commend Sayreville American Legion Post 211, as well as Ms. Rice, Music Teacher, for making the ceremony so special and memorable for all in attendance,

including me. Likewise, students staff at the Arleth School dressed up in red, white, and blue to celebrate Flag Day. In addition, they hosted an ASI Family Engagement Breakfast where parents and students enjoyed time together while utilizing skills such as measuring, patterning, using logical and spatial reasoning, along with problem solving through the use of tangrams and pantomimes.



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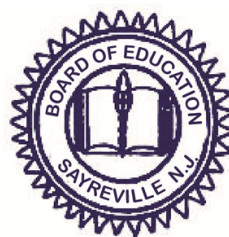




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At the Eisenhower School, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students had a blast during their barbecue. At the Wilson School, the Academic Support Instruction (ASI) team treated students and their families to a wonderful family engagement breakfast. Students and parents left with tools and strategies to fight the summer slide in math and language arts. At



the upper elementary school, the officers from the Sayreville Police Department, Fire Department, and



First Aid Squad visited to share their knowledge of safety, equipment, and helping our community during the annual L.E.A.D Fair. In addition, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students opened their Volume Zoo, where they researched animals, constructed them, and found their

total volume. Furthermore, staff, students, and their families collected a whopping 102



pounds of soda can tabs this school year for the Ronald McDonald House, in which funds go directly to improving the health and well-being of sick children and their families. Finally, students showed off their fabulous STEAM projects during a STEAM Fair. In Project Before at the Selover School, our 4 and 5-year-old preschoolers participated in their step up (to kindergarten) graduation ceremony.



At the high school, seniors in Ms. Giorginni's, Mr. Ganu's, and Mr. Gliddon's classes had a blast during their senior trip to Dave and Busters. In addition, the students at the high school



who achieved straight As during the first three marking periods of the school year were treated to a spectacular Renaissance Barbeque in Bomber Stadium. Likewise, the graduating Class of 2024 had a ball during their Senior Barbeque in the stadium. Students in Ms. DiPaolo's Human Anatomy class dissected fetal pigs.

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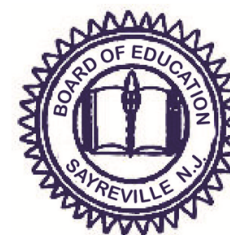




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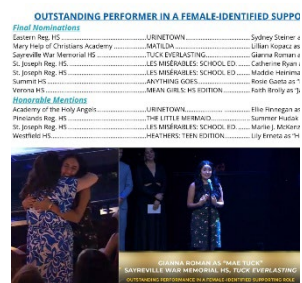
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Additionally, the Top Ten seniors in the class of 2024 provided a College and Career Planning Jumpstart Workshop for our current juniors to provide them with advice, tips, tricks and more to help them prepare for their upcoming college and career planning journey. They gave an engaging and informative program that covered

the various aspects of the college application process, inspiring our juniors to effectively prepare for and jumpstart their college planning process. Finally, students in Ms. Charmello's Art class held a walk-through Pop-Up Art Exhibit to showcase their fabulous drawings and paintings. At the middle school, Ms. Gioia and a special guest taught students Bollywood dancing.



This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by congratulating and commending SWMHS student and Theatre Society member Gianna Roman for winning the 2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Outstanding Performer in a Female-Identified Supporting Role Award for her performance in the spring's musical production of *Tuck Everlasting*. Next, we commend and congratulate SWMHS senior Josephine Nartey, who is the recipient of the Class of 2024 Sabert Corporation Scholarship.



This competitive award is a \$2,500 four-year renewable college scholarship. The Sabert Corporation has been partnering with our high school and generously providing our students with this scholarship for many years. We also congratulate and commend Arleth Elementary School student Autumn Anthony, who won the Christ Church of South Amboy "Who do you celebrate this Father's Day and why?" Essay Content. Finally, we commend and thank SWMHS student Bryce Bouchard for constructing a Gaga Ball court at the middle school for his Eagle Scout Project. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

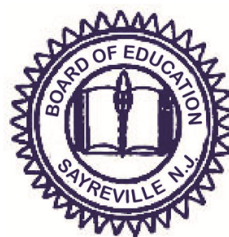


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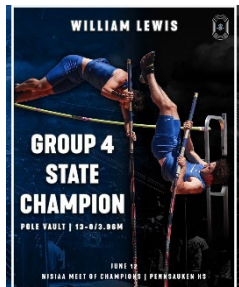
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In athletics, we commend and congratulate Will Lewis, who won the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Group 4 Pole Vault Championship during the Meet of Champions. In addition, the SWMHS Baseball and Softball Teams celebrated very competitive and

successful seasons during their respective end of the season banquets. 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 recognize and honor the 2023-24 SWMHS Top 10 Students, MCSBA/MCASA Unsung Heroes, the 2023-24 Middlesex County Secondary Administrators Student of the Year recipients, along with the 16 students from the high school who earned the NJDOE Seal of Biliteracy. It will also honor the SWMHS Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams, along with the Boys and Girls Lacrosse Teams for winning GMC White Division Championships this spring. 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, June 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please also remember that our schools are **closed** today in observance of Eid al-Adha and will be **closed** this **Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** in observance of Juneteenth. In addition, please note that we will **dismiss students early tomorrow, Wednesday**, and **Thursday**, as well as next **Monday**. Likewise, please remember that the **last day of school for students and 10-month staff** will be next **Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**. Finally, please note that the **end of the Grades K-5 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester** and the **Grades 6-12 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period** will be on **June 24<sup>th</sup>**. Therefore, Report Cards for all students will be issued on **June 27<sup>th</sup>** and **June 28<sup>th</sup>** respectively.

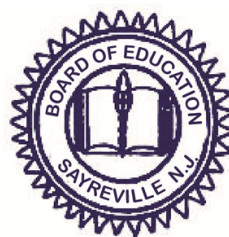
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On January 29, 2024, the district officially opened registration for our **free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs**. Therefore, parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2024**) 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