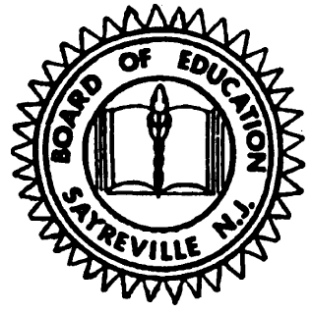


# HEAD OF THE CLASS

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The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates the following students and staff who are at the

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### EISENHOWER SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

On November 4, 2016, the Eisenhower Elementary School Staff participated in the Jeans for Troops program. Proceeds went to the GI Go Fund. The GI Go Fund has created a model for providing unparalleled support to our military veterans, leading the way with innovative services for veterans to help them with employment, homelessness and connecting to their benefits. Eisenhower outdid the last two years' fundraiser of \$236 and \$240 by raising \$255 this year. Congratulations to the Eisenhower Staff for this worthwhile endeavor!

### SAMSEL UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Dollars for Denim collection at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, during the month of November 2016, was used to obtain and deliver gift certificates to local restaurants which will assist the family of our own Nico Oneto. Many staff members helped organize the blood drive for Nico. The drive was a great success, in collecting over 175 pints of blood, as well as handwritten, heart-felt messages for Nico to read. We ask that you continue to keep Nico and his family in your thoughts. Thank you, everyone!

### SAYREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL "IF NOT ME, THEN WHO" LT. TRAVIS MANION

On November 18, 2016, the students at the Sayreville Middle School had the opportunity to hear a speaker from the Travis Manion Foundation. This presentation challenged the sixth, seventh and eighth graders to live by the "If Not Me, Then Who" ethos. The Travis Manion Foundation (TMF) was founded after the 2007 death of Lt. Travis Manion, USMC, who was killed by a sniper while saving his wounded teammates in Iraq. The foundation was created by his mother, the late Janet Manion, to carry the legacy of character, service and leadership that our servicemen and women embody. The inspiration and movement is rooted in the words Travis spoke before leaving for his second and final deployment; "If not me, then who?" TMF inspires students to act rather than stand on the sidelines. This movement towards doing rather than waiting for someone else is the purpose of the TMF and one that the students heard loud and clear!

### SWMHS BOMBER FOOTBALL TEAM COACH CHRIS BEAGAN

Congratulations to the Sayreville War Memorial High School Bomber Football Team for their State Championship win on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at Rutgers University's High Point Solutions Stadium. They won the NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship, defeating Middletown North with a score of 41 to 14! The Board honored these student athletes at the December 20, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

## BOARD MINUTES

The Board of Education had an unprecedented opportunity at its November meeting to meet with Barbara Loftus from the Rutgers University undergraduate admissions office to discuss how we could better align our high school programs to help secure admission of our students to quality undergraduate programs. Board Members walked away with several key takeaways from this meeting:

- The percentage of applicants from Sayreville accepted to Rutgers consistently exceeds the University average. The Class of 2016 set the bar high with an 82% acceptance rate versus only a 58% University average.
- Advanced Placement exams are not used in admissions decisions, but are used in determining whether or not to grant college credit for high school work.
- Students are judged by their academic, extracurricular, and community accomplishments. The schools "academic reputation" is not a factor. Ms. Loftus indicated that there were even years where the university was over-enrolled because of the overall quality of the applicant pool that year.
- The most important factors for admission are high academic performance in a rigorous course load, strong SAT performance, and an overall extracurricular and community background that differentiates the applicant from his or her peers.
- Parents are encouraged to work with their child's guidance counselor during high school course scheduling to ensure students are fulfilling their full potential by taking the most demanding and rigorous courses possible.
- Parents are also cautioned that other universities may have additional or different admissions standards.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!  
WELCOME 2017!!**





# JANUARY 2017

## SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

### NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSING

Delayed opening, early dismissal or cancellations due to inclement weather will be made via:  
Cable TV Channel 22, News 12 News Jersey,  
Facebook, Twitter or at [www.sayrevillek12.net](http://www.sayrevillek12.net)



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>2</p>  <p><b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Arl - Principal for the Day Raffle Ticket Sale Wil - St. Jude Math-A-Thon Assembly</p> <p><b>Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Arl - Principal for the Day Raffle Ticket Sale Eis - PTO Meeting 6:30pm &amp; Parent Report Card Information Night</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Arl - Principal for the Day Raffle Ticket Sale</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Arl - Principal for the Day Raffle Ticket Sale</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Arl - PTO Meeting 7:00pm &amp; Parent Report Card Information Night</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Wil - Parent Report Card Information Night 6:30pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>SUES - Spirit Day "Dress for the Decades"</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Arl - Emma Arleth Birthday Celebration &amp; Principal for the Day Tru - Parent Report Card Information Night 7:00pm SUES - Art Show 6:00pm &amp; Band &amp; Chorus Concert 7:00pm MS - PTO Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Tru - Jump Rope for Heart Wil - School Pride Day - Wear school colors or spirit wear SUES - School Store MS - Play Performance at HS 7:00pm</p>
<p>16</p>  <p><b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>SUES Snow Date for Art Show, Band &amp; Chorus Concert Arl - BJs Wholesale Club Membership Drive Begins</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Eis - Willabees 3:35pm - 4:35pm Tru - Willabees 3:30pm - 4:30pm SUES - Willabees 3:20pm - 4:20pm &amp; PTO Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Eis - Family Fun Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>SUES - School Store MS - PTO BMX Assembly all grades</p>
<p>23</p> <p>MS - Super Bowl Food Drive</p> <p><b>EARLY DISMISSAL for STUDENTS PLC for STAFF</b></p>	<p>24</p> <p>Wil - PTO Meeting &amp; Afterschool Club Sign-ups 7:00pm MS - Super Bowl Food Drive</p> <p><b>Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>MS - Super Bowl Food Drive</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Wil - Willabees 3:30pm - 4:30pm MS - Super Bowl Food Drive</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Arl - BJs Wholesale Club Membership Drive Ends Wil - School Spirit Day - Blast from the Past SUES - Walk-a-Thon &amp; Character Ed Luncheon MS - Super Bowl Food Drive</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Tru - Theater Week Begins</p> <p><b>EARLY DISMISSAL SUES &amp; MS PARENT CONFERENCES</b> SUES - 1:35 - 3:35pm MS - 7:00 - 9:00pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>EARLY DISMISSAL SUES &amp; MS PARENT CONFERENCES</b> MS - 1:16 - 3:05pm SUES - 7:00 - 9:00pm</p>	<p>1</p>  <p><b>FEBRUARY LOOKING AHEAD...</b></p> <p><b>EARLY DISMISSAL K-3 Project Before &amp; HS PARENT CONFERENCES</b> K-3 - 1:35 - 3:35pm Project Before &amp; HS 7:00 - 9:00pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p><b>EARLY DISMISSAL K-3 Project Before &amp; HS PARENT CONFERENCES</b> HS - 12:39 - 2:30pm Project Before 1:35 - 3:35pm K-3 - 7:00 - 9:00pm</p> 	<p>28 Sat - MS PTO Pocketbook Bingo 7pm</p>