



Smithtown Central School District St. James Elementary School

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Dear Future Kindergarten Families,

The St. James Elementary PTA is happy to announce our Kindergarten Orientation Program for all children entering kindergarten at St. James Elementary in September, 2024. The orientation program is designed to help children become acquainted with their new school. Through three weeks of classroom activities and socialization, we hope to make the transition to school in September a positive and happy experience!

Parents drop-off and pick-up their children at the Main Entrance near the Old Gym. We will offer a choice of two sessions as follows:

Session I:	Tuesdays – 3/26, 4/2, 4/9	Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Session II:	Wednesdays – 3/27, 4/3, 4/10	Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

In addition, there will be a Bus Ride & Parent Orientation on May 14th. See times below:

Session I:	10:15 a.m. Bus Ride and Parent Orientation
Session II:	11:30 a.m. Bus Ride and Parent Orientation

The Bus Ride & Parent Orientation will provide parents and guardians with a general overview of the kindergarten experience. *This is the only day that adults will stay during the orientation program. All other dates are drop off.* Parents or guardians will meet with the St. James staff in the Old Gym as the children take a bus ride around the neighborhood. Children typically anticipate and enjoy this “magic school bus” ride. Even if your child is unable to attend the first three dates of the Kindergarten Orientation Program, you may want to register for the bus ride.

Sessions are limited in size and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Beginning January 8th, you may register by signing up here: [2024 Kindergarten Orientation Program](#)

Please note: your child will attend only one three-week session as well as one bus ride session.

The Kindergarten Orientation Program is open to children who live within the borders of St. James Elementary and are registered for kindergarten in September 2024. ***If your child has not yet been registered for kindergarten, please contact the Smithtown Central School District prior to registering for the Kindergarten Orientation Program.***

We look forward to meeting you! If you have any questions we can answer before registration, please feel free to contact us.

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