



St. James Elementary Weekly Update

January 19, 2024



Looking Ahead

Below are some important upcoming events. View our [SJE Google Calendar](#) for all school events.

- **Monday, January 22-** PTA PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) Week Begins
 - Wear Red- Dress you circus best
 - Start to track your minutes
 - **Wednesday, January 24-** PARP- Wear your Animal Prints (if you have them)
 - Author, Darren Sardelli, visits our school
 - **Thursday, January 25-** PARP Night- Book Fair and Crafts in MPR from 5:30-7:30 pm
 - **Friday, January 26-** PARP- Wear your pajamas to school
 - **Monday, January 29-** PARP- Hats off to the Ringleader- Wear a hat to school
 - **Wednesday, January 31-** PARP- Show your Circus Spirit- Wear your SJE Gear
 - PARP Bingo Cards due
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YES Student of the Week



This week, we congratulate third grader, Hudson Brady, for being the YES student of the week. He earned his ticket when he was a leader in his class by being especially quiet in the hallway.

5th Grade Yearbook Cover Designers

Congrats to Cece Iacono and Daniel John for having their original designs selected to grace the front and back covers of this year's 5th grade yearbook! Thank you to all who contributed to the cover design contest. All of the artwork will be featured in our yearbook.



Winter Wonderland!

Mrs. Muffly and her class joined Mr. Cusati on a Winter Hike to observe living things. They used their 5 senses to observe the natural environment. They saw 3 large flocks of geese, snow, and

evergreen trees, felt the light breeze and gentle snow, and heard birds tweeting and the geese honking! It was a breath of fresh air!



St. James Shares



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St. James Elementary School students in conjunction with The Fifth Grade Kindness Ambassadors will have the opportunity to provide non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local families in need.

Each grade will be asked to donate items during a specific week.

Please refer to the chart below to see when your child's grade will be collecting items. Baby wipes and diapers size 2 and size 5 are needed.

Let's begin 2024 at St. James Elementary by making a difference in the lives of others.

Grade 3- Week of 1/29/24

Grade 4- Week of 2/5/24

Grade 5- Week of 2/12/24

Kindergarten- Week of 2/12/24

Grade 1- Week of 2/26/24

Grade 2- Week of 3/4/24

Suggested items: NON-EXPIRED Non-perishable food items, toiletries, baby wipes, diapers size 2/size 5. Any questions please contact Mrs. Sellitto-631-382-4471 or ssellitto@smithtown.k12.ny.us. Families in need can come to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 4:00-7:00 during the above dates. Sharing Tables will be outside of the Multi-Purpose Room.



Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! **The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way, January 24th – 26th, 2024.** Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, **students will shop with their classrooms during the week in school (see attached schedule) and we will have a night time sale, which will take place in combination with PARP night on Thursday, January 25th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm in the SJE Multi-purpose Room.**

Before the Fair, set up **eWallet** for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's **eWallet** so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If your child had left over **eWallet** funds from last year's book fairs, those funds are in your Scholastic account as an e-gift card. Please create a **new eWallet** for the current book fair and you will see your leftover e-gift funds that can be applied to the **new eWallet**.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to get started with **eWallet** and online shopping from January 22nd through February 4th, 2024:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjameselementaryschool8>



The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

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Book Fair Chairperson
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SJE PARP WEEK 2024- "Greatest Readers on Earth"

Hello Saint James Families,

Have your child be an Adventurous Reader! Please join the St. James PTA in preparing for the 2024 Parents as Reading Partners Program (PARP) for which the theme is "Greatest Reader on Earth". PARP is a NYS PTA program which encourages parents to read for at least 15 minutes per day and reinforces the bond between home and school. Our goal this year is to have 100% participation by our student body while reinforcing that reading is to be fun!

Encourage your child to design a bookmark on the flier you received via backpack this week. Make sure that your child writes his/her name, grade and teacher on the back of all submissions. All bookmarks must be submitted no later than Thursday, January 18th. A 1st place winner will be chosen from each grade and his/her bookmark will be distributed to the entire grade level for each student to use during the PARP program. A small prize will be awarded to each winner.

Below is the link to our online tracking, which you can enter the date, reading minutes completed for each day. Let's get the children excited for reading!

<https://saintjameselementary.wufoo.com/forms/parp-2024-reading-minutes>

Thank you,
Jade Spano & Nicole Pirog
PARP Chairs

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

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Nicole Pirog npirog89@gmail.com



SJE PARP WEEK 2024- "Greatest Readers on Earth"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
PARP Begins Today!	Community Readers visit the classrooms	Community Readers visit the classrooms	Community Readers visit the classrooms		Remember to log all your minutes!				
Dress your circus best: Wear red today!		Rock your Zebra Stripes: Wear animal print		Circus extravaganza Friday: Wear your Pajamas to school			Hats off to the Ringleader: Wear a hat		Show Your Circus Spirit: Wear your SJE Gear
		Author Darren Sardelli comes to visit during the daytime school assembly	PARP Night includes the book fair and crafts!! 6-8pm in the MPR						
Start to track your minutes online today!	"A Child who READS will be an adult who THINKS"	"You can find MAGIC wherever you LOOK. Sit back and Relax, all you need is a BOOK."			"A book is a gift you can open again and again"			"something very magical can happen when you read a book"	Bingo card Due Today! Hand in for your chance to win a prize

SJE Sweetheart Dance

GIRLS, GRAB YOUR DAD, GRANDPA OR SOMEONE SPECIAL AND COME ENJOY A SWEET NIGHT AT SJE!

**FEBRUARY 9TH
6:30PM-8:30PM
OLD GYM
\$15 PER TICKET
DJ, PHOTOS, FOOD AND DESSERTS**

*Please return bottom portion to the PTA mailbox by 1/26
Checks payable to SJE PTA or purchase online:
<http://saintjamespta.memberhub.com/store/items/978924>*

SJE Sweetheart Dance Tickets

Student Name & Class		Check One:
Phone Number		<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
	# of Tickets	<input type="checkbox"/> Check
		<input type="checkbox"/> Online

If you would like to make a donation to cover the cost of a ticket for someone in need or if you are in need of assistance, please reach out to Mr. Iaquidi by phone or email at iaquidi@smittown.k12.ny.us



Smithtown Central School District

NEVER WORK NIGHTS, WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS!

Special Education Aides

\$20.04 per hour

3 HOUR SHIFTS BETWEEN 7:30 AM-4:00 PM

Food Service Workers

\$16.87 per hour

Includes paid time off

4 HOUR SHIFTS BETWEEN 6:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Elementary School Monitors

\$16.25 per hour

2.25 HOUR SHIFTS BETWEEN 11:00 AM-2:30 PM

Various shifts available, candidates must be flexible.

SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST, RESUME AND TWO PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES TO:

Neil D. Katz, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
employment@smithtown.k12.ny.us

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