

ST. JAMES ELEMENTARY WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 27, 2023



Looking Ahead

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

Tuesday, October 31: Halloween Parade 2:30 in SJE yard (see note below)

Tuesday, November 7: Election Day **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, November 10: Veterans Day - **NO SCHOOL**

Halloween Costumes and Parade

In our effort to give our students a fun and safe Halloween experience, we will allow students to wear their costumes to school. Please keep the following in mind when sending your child to school on October 31:

- Costumes must be independently managed and comfortable (we will have PE and recess that day)
- No masks, weapons, or large accessories
- No gory/scary elements (remember- we have students as young as 4 in the building)
- Wearing a costume is optional

We will hold our annual Halloween parade on Tuesday, October 31 at 2:30 pm in the backyard of our school. You are welcome to enter the yard for the parade at 2:15 pm. As we've done in the past, each class will parade around the perimeter of the yard so everyone can see the students' costumes and smiling faces. The parade should take about 35 minutes to complete. After the parade, teachers will bring all students back into the school to prepare for our regular dismissal at 3:30 pm.

Please note: No students will be signed out early after the parade so we can conduct a safe and orderly dismissal. If you would like to have your child be a "walker" on that day, please write a note to their teacher that morning.

"YES" Assemblies

For the first time in years, we hosted two YES assemblies for grades K-2 and 3-5 this morning. The purpose of the event is to have a "pep-rally" for our YES program and get our students excited about taking care Yourself, Each other and St. James. The students (and staff) were surprised by our special guest, YES Man, who selected winners of YES t-shirts and a special lunch with Mr. Javidi. We look forward to our 2 remaining assemblies later this year. Thank you to Mr. Cusati, Mrs. Muffly, Mr. O'Brien, and Mrs. Sellitto for all the work they put into this special event.









Red Ribbon Week

This past week was our annual Red Ribbon Week at SJE. The theme this year was "Be Kind to Your Mind" and we had a lot of fun with our spirit week. As a part of our tradition, each class made a scarecrow to display in the front of the building. Each scarecrow was based on a character from a book each class read as a part of our Y.E.S. program that teaches our students to take care of themselves, each other and St. James.







PTA Blood Drive

Thank you to Kerry Hansen who coordinated our blood drive on 10/18. We are proud to report that the drive was successful and here are the official results:

- 40 registered donors
- ((Zero deferrals))
- 40 whole blood donations
- 10 = 5 Alyx donations x (2 units).
- **50 whole blood donations = more than 150 lives affected**

We look forward to partnering with the New York Blood Center again in May!

Trunk or Treat

Our PTA hosted an amazing Trunk or Treat event that showed off our communities creativity! Thank you to all the volunteers who wowed us with their fantastically themed trunks and for everyone's candy contributions. A special thank you to Brittany McGrath, Symone Vogeney and Emily Hopper for all of their efforts in pulling off such a special community event.











Pumpkin Math

At St. James Elementary, the fourth grade students and parents teamed up for an afternoon of fun, messy, learning activities at The Great Pumpkin Event. Each team made predictions and then figured out the volume of their pumpkin, the mass of the pumpkin seeds, the weight of their pumpkins, and more. When all the scientific analysis was complete, each team finished carving their pumpkin to create festive jack-o-lanterns. Through sticky hands, laughter, and fun, scientific discoveries were made by all!





PTA NEWS



COMING SOON

Our SJE Dance Fit fundraiser is kicking off soon! For now, mark your calendars!

- Dance Fit Kickoff - 11/06/2023
- Event Day - 11/17/2023





HARLEM WIZARDS
Game

Save the Date: December 6th
Harlem Wizards are coming to town to play some of
our Saint James Elementary staff!

HARLEM WIZARDS
VS
**SJE, DOGWOOD &
NESAQUAKE**

December 6, 2023
Smithtown East High School

TICKETS AND MORE INFO COMING SOON!

COMMUNITY EVENTS






Come and join us for a


Holiday Card-A-Thon

Join us and spread holiday cheer this festive season by signing, coloring and/or decorating a Holiday Card to send to our Armed Service Men and Women, Nursing Home Residents and Little Flower Children and Family Center. We are celebrating ALL HOLIDAYS! – Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, etc.

This is a FREE event!
 Sponsored by
 The Smithtown Children's Foundation



Location: The Elks Lodge
 120 Edgewood Avenue
 Smithtown, NY 11787



Date: Sunday - November 5, 2023
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Ways you can participate:
 *Make your cards at home and drop them off.
 *Join us to make the cards at the above location.
 *Community Service hours awarded for making cards.
 *We will gladly accept monetary and gift card donations to help us adopt families at the holidays.

If you know of a Service Member or someone in a Nursing Home and have their address, we will be more than happy to send them some.




DISTRICT NEWS



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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