

St. James Elementary Weekly Update

OCTOBER 6, 2023



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday, October 9: NO SCHOOL Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 10: PTA Meeting 6:30 pm in Old Gym

Thursday, October 12: Family Connect Night

Wednesday, October 18: Unity Day- Wear ORANGE

- PTA Blood Drive 1:30- 7:30 in MPR

"YES" STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Last week, second grader, Connor Frageau was honored as the YES student of the week because he gave a classmate a compliment.

This week, we congratulate third grader, Lillian Menzies, on being the YES student of the week for cleaning up pencils and straightening desks in her classroom.



ST. JAMES SAYS YES!

We say "YES" at St. James. Throughout the school year we pose the following questions to the children:

Are you:

- Taking care of: Yourself?
- Taking care of: Each other?
- Taking care of: St. James?

Children who can honestly answer these questions positively serve as wonderful role models for others.

The YES program has been at St. James for over 20 years and we are rolling out new components this year, including the YES student of the week. There will be more classroom and whole-school activities and events throughout the year. Our goal is to ensure all students have a safe and supportive environment and demonstrate skills and attributes to cope with life challenges and achieve personal well-being.

We will present more about this program at our next **PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm.**

SARAH LONG HARTE - PLAY 4 THE CURE GAME

On Wednesday, October 4th, some 5th graders performed the National Anthem to kick off the 14th annual "Play 4 the Cure" HSW field hockey game. The game honored the memory of St. James Elementary School teacher Sara Long Harte. Each year the HSW team dedicates this game to Sara, who passed away due to breast cancer and acts a small fundraiser for the Sara Long Harte Scholarship Fund.



UNITY DAY SPONSORED BY THE SJE KINDNESS AMBASSADORS 10/18

What is Unity Day?

Every year on the third or fourth Wednesday in October, a very special event comes around – the Day of Unity, or Unity Day, as it is commonly called, which is celebrated on October 18 this year. This is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month, also celebrated in October. Multiple anti-bullying campaigns – of which Unity Day is one of them, are organized during this period. The key message of this month, and this day, is to unite for kindness, courage, and inclusion, to prevent students from being bullied. Unity Day has been recognized in the United States since 2011. We will participate in Unity Day on Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023 by Wearing Orange!

Here at SJE:

- All staff members will be writing their name and decorating a hand (for ALL faculty and staff members) or a heart (all students) to be placed in unity on a Unity Day Bulletin Board
- Kindness Ambassadors will “Chalk The Walk” on Monday, 10/16 (Weather permitting). Classroom teachers are invited to take students to sidewalks around school to write positive messages promoting kindness, YES and inclusion.
- The following website can be helpful: <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>



PTA NEWS

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

St. James Elementary School PTA

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

1:30PM – 7:30PM

580 Lake Avenue, St. James



To make an appointment please scan the QR code above.

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.
For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.



800.933.BLOOD · nybc.org [#nybloodcenter](https://twitter.com/nybloodcenter)



Click on the image below to make a reservation to give blood. If you have any questions about the Blood Drive, please reach out to the Kerry Hansen at (516) 375-3828.



Saint James Elementary is hosting it's

Annual Trunk-or-Treat!

Oct 26th
5:30 - 7:00 pm



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

LOCATION:
SJE Parking
Lot

This is a family friendly event brought to you by the St James Elementary PTA. Help us make this year a memorable one for the students and families at SJE by being part of our annual Trunk or Treat! CHILDREN ENCOURAGED TO WEAR COSTUMES!

**Limited to SJE Students and family only!* Teal Pumpkin trunks will be available at event.*

FAMILIES MUST RSVP TO ATTEND THIS EVENT NO LATER THAN OCT 20th

ADMISSION: TREAT DONATIONS FOR THE TREAT MONSTER.
OUR TREAT MONSTER WILL BE ARRIVING AT SJE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16th. TO HELP MAKE THIS VOLUNTEER EVENT SUCCESSFUL WE ASK THAT ALL FAMILIES ATTENDING DONATE A PRE-PACKAGED BAG OF HALLOWEEN TREATS (EDIBLE OR NOT) PRIOR TO THE EVENT. TREAT DONATIONS MUST BE SENT THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16th - 20th.

YES! WE WILL BE ATTENDING TRUNK OR TREAT AND WILL DONATE TREATS TO THE TREAT MONSTER THE WEEK OF 10/16-10/20

CHILD NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ # ATTENDING _____

** Completed forms can be sent in through the student's folder that goes back and forth to the teacher. **
BACKPACK PRE-PACKAGED TREATS SO YOUR CHILD CAN FEED THE TREAT MONSTER!
CONTACT: SYMONE VOGENEY - SYMONEVOGENEY@GMAIL.COM



COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WEST'S
ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**

**INVITES THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US
AT OUR ANNUAL**



BEACH CLEANUP

Scan here for
permission form:



Scan here to
sign up!



📍 Sunken Meadow State Park, Field 1 Pavilion

📅 October 21st

🕒 10 AM - 12 PM

**This is a family friendly event! Guardians are expected to stay
with student participants for the duration of the event.**

Community service credit is available to those who participate!



Boo! You're invited to
Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 20, 2023
4:00-6:30

Location: **Smithtown High School East**
Invited: Community Families & Elementary
Students Grades K-5



Be sure to join us for a spooky night, ghosts and
goblins sure to bring you a fright!
Lollipops, spiders, and food trucks galore, come to
see what's in store!



Admission: Please bring 3 nonperishable food items
(i.e.: corn, peas, gravy, corn muffin mix, stuffing,
cranberries, cake mix, or canned fruit) for our community
food drive. Please check expiration dates.

For more Information Contact:

Smithtown High School East
Attention: Jackson Winship - Leadership Sub
10 School Street, Saint James, New York 11780 Phone:
(631) 382-5202 - jwinship02@smithtown.k12.ny.us

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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