



St. James Elementary Weekly Update

December 1, 2023



Looking Ahead

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

Tuesday, December 5: PTA Holiday Shop (see schedule below)

Wednesday, December 6: PTA Holiday Shop (see schedule below)

- Harlem Wizards Game at HSE 7:00 pm (see info below)

Tuesday, December 12: Family Connect Night

PTA Holiday Shop Schedule

Tuesday	December 5th		Wednesday	December 6th	
Time	Teacher	Grade	Time	Teacher	Grade
9:40	Muffly	K	9:40	Mozian	1
10:00	Debono/ McAlvin	K	10:00	Simonton	1
10:20	Biangazzo	K	10:20	Luna/ Mauceri	3
10:20	Murphy	K	10:40	Greenfield	3
10:40	Savicki	4	11:00	Kaufmann	2
11:00	Goldman	2	11:20	Casazza/ D'Amico	5
11:20	Collett	2	11:40	Denigris	5
11:40	Johnston/ Renahan	2	12:00	Jaklitsch	3
12:00	Koch	5	12:20	Piazza	3
12:20	Fox	5	12:40	Chacon	1
12:40	Shea	4	1:00	Petruzzelli	1
1:00	Dennis	4			
1:20	Adams	2			

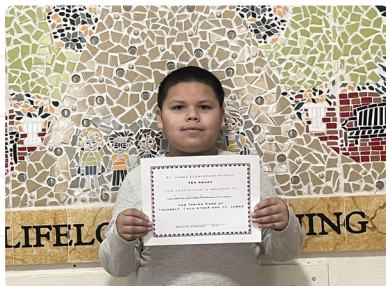
December to Remember

A December to Remember for St James Elementary 2023



<p>December 4 Jeans Til' January! Wear jeans til January and tingle all the way to break!</p> <p>J N L B L S</p>	<p>December 5 Feliz Navidad! Wear fleece or flannel.</p> <p>Happy Holiday</p>	<p>December 6 Wear your favorite Holiday Shirt</p>	<p>December 7 Hats off to the Holidays: Wear your Favorite Winter or holiday headgear /accessories (scarf, gloves, hats, earmuffs)!</p>	<p>December 8 Grinch Day! Wear green or your best Grinchy Gear. Read or Watch How the Grinch Stole Christmas</p>
<p>December 11 Snuggly Snack Day! Wear your snuggly Pajamas and bring a special snack!</p>	<p>December 12 'Rockin' Around the Giving Tree: Rock your Holiday Socks! Glve to a family in need, food pantry or send in a gift card to our Mitten Tree.</p>	<p>December 13</p> <p>The best way to spread CHRISTMAS CHEER is singing LOUD for all to hear</p> <p>Dress in your best elf gear</p>	<p>December 14 Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel Wear blue, white & silver for our friends who celebrate Hanukkah!</p>	<p>December 15 Candy Cane Christmas Wear red and white or dress like a candy cane</p>
<p>December 18 Shine Bright, Little Lights Wear Lighted Wardrobe, (tinsel, glitter, garland, necklaces, etc....)</p>	<p>December 19 Holiday Hoopla Teacher's Choice! Ho- Ho- Ho!</p> <p><i>merry merry merry</i></p>	<p>December 20 Polar Express Day! Wear your festive PJs and watch the Polar Express</p>	<p>December 21 Baby It's Cold Outside! Wear your ugly holiday sweater!</p>	<p>December 22 Holiday Colors Wear red and green</p>

YES Student of the Week



This week, we congratulate 3rd grader, Jason Gomez-Rivera, on being the YES student of the week for helping his class by picking up materials off the carpet without being prompted by a teacher.

SJE Mitten Tree

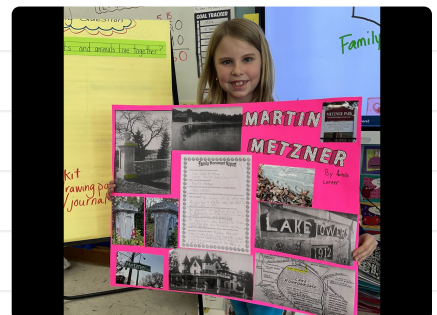
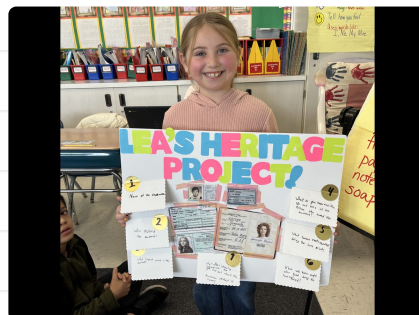
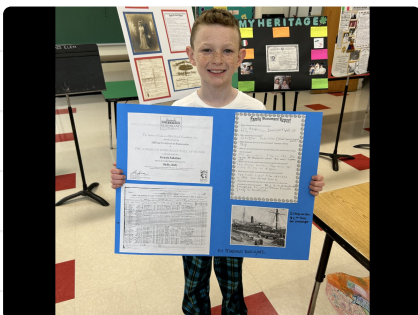
The SJE mitten tree is up in the vestibule. Feel free to stop by and take a mitten when you are up at the school. Please return your wrapped gift item with the mitten on the package to the greeter, main office, health office on or by Monday, December 18th. Questions? Contact Mrs. Sellitto at ssellitto@smithtown.k12.ny.us

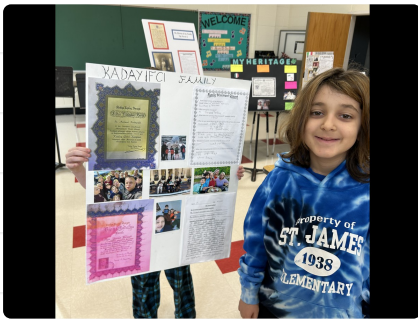
Heritage Day

The 3rd Graders put on a wonderful showcase for their Heritage Day celebration on Monday November 20th. Students traveled the world through music sharing with the audience an Australian tribal stick dance, Taiko drumming, and singing songs from Brazil, Ghana, and back home with "It's

a Small World After All"! Their final number captured the true spirit of the season; "Give light, hope, love, seek peace, and stand together, and people will find a way."

After the musical performance, parents and students explored the many projects displayed in the classrooms. Then they went to the MPR to enjoy the amazing heritage projects. Through the projects, the children learned all about their heritage as well as the heritage of their classmates. Students got a chance to locate on a map all the ends of the globe that our ancestors are from. Students enjoyed discovering that they have many similarities and differences with their classmates. Our world is very big, yet it is a small world after all!





Harlem Wizards Game 12/6

**ST. JAMES
BASKETBALL
TEAM**

**Taking on
the Harlem
Wizards**

**High School East Gym
December 6 at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm.**

Get your tickets for next week's game! Harlem Wizards are coming to town to play our Saint James Elementary, Nesaquake and Dogwood teachers!!

Date: December 6th

Location: High School East Gymnasium

Time: 7PM, doors open at 6PM

Do not miss this family fun night out!

Click here to grab your tickets: <https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/saintjamesny12-06-23-07-00pm>

Wellness Newsletter



December Unplugged

By Your SEL Instructional Specialist Team

Enjoy an Unplugged Newsletter each month for the rest of the school year. Most pictures are live linked, just click to read or scan the qr code.



Free things to do on Long Island

This is the perfect time of year to share childhood memories, traditions and favorite recipes with your child. Put down that phone or tablet and get busy making new memories with your family. **Holiday Crafts for the Whole Family!**



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Toy Drive

*THE SEASON OF
GIVING IS HERE*



*MATTEO'S MAGICAL
TOY DRIVE*

It's the time of year to give! So many people gave to Mighty Matteo and he wants to give back again with his annual Magical Toy Drive! Please help Matteo put smiles on tons of kids faces at Cohen Children's Hospital. Please donate a brand new toy for boy/girl from ages 3 months to 18 years old.

November 8th - December 20



PTA News



St. James Elementary Holiday Boutique

The St. James PTA is excited to be hosting our First Annual Holiday Boutique on December 5th & 6th. Children will have the opportunity to pick out their own inexpensive, high-quality gifts for family and friends during school hours.

There will be plenty of gift items available - all at low prices that students can afford - **ranging from 50 cents to \$8.00**, with most priced under \$3.00. There will be many gifts just for Mom, Dad, Sisters, Brothers, Grandmas and Grandpas and even Godparents, Aunts, Uncles, Nanas and Papas, Step-Parents, Teachers, Babysitters, Bus Drivers and Pets! These gifts make the perfect Christmas or Hanukkah present for every member of the family. The children will learn how to budget and spend wisely, while they also experience the "the joy of giving".

Please send money in the attached envelope and be sure to include your child's name and teacher. If you'd like, you can list all the people your child will be shopping for and the amount of money that should be spent on each person. Below is a \$1.00 coupon your child can use at the boutique. Cut it out and have them bring it with them to shop!

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY
HOLIDAY SEASON!



THE WIZARDS ARE COMING TO TOWN!



Support the Ringwood Educational Foundation!



VS.

NESAQUAKE, SJE AND DOGWOOD

Venue:

**SMITHTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL EAST**

Date: 12/06/23 Game Time: 7:00 PM Doors Open: 6:00PM

**SNAG
OFFICIAL
WIZARDS
GEAR!**



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OR VISIT HARLEMWIZARDS.COM



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SJE PTA
2023 Poinsettia Sale



Poinsettias from
BB&GG Farms and Nursey
6" pot - red or white - \$8 each
10" pot - red or white \$20 each

Orders and payment due by December 1st
Pick up on December 6th

Please detach bottom of form and return to school with your payment: cash or check payable to SJE PTA
Note envelope "PTA MAILBOX" please.

Name _____ Phone or Email _____
Student Name _____ Teacher _____

qty		\$ amt
_____	6" pot red poinsettia x \$8 =	_____
_____	6" pot white poinsettia x \$8 =	_____
_____	10" pot red poinsettia x \$20 =	_____
_____	10" pot white poinsettia x \$20 =	_____

Total # of plants _____. Total payment _____. cash or check (circle)

text Kathleen Angell with any questions at 631-848-7702

Deadline extended to Monday, 12/4!



St. James Elementary PTA 2023 Food Drive

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

December is a time for sharing and being thankful for all of our blessings. We have the opportunity to take an active role in the giving process and show our children the true spirit of giving. We are depending on the kindness of the whole community to make this year's food drive a success.

Our December Food Drive will begin on Monday, November 27 and end on Friday, December 15th. Each classroom will be collecting non-perishable food items to help families living in our community. PLEASE check ALL expiration dates. We can not give expired food.

You may also make monetary donations in the form of gift cards or checks payable to **SJE PTA** (Attn: Family Living). We are specifically in need of **diapers size 2 and diapers size 5**.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation and generosity,

Robin Rostron
Family Living Chair

K - 1st Grades	2nd - 3rd Grades	4th Grade	5th Grade
stuffing mix/rice	pasta/sauce	pancake mix/syrup	sugar/flour
cake mixes/icing	cereal/hot & cold	plastic wrap/aluminum foil	canned fruit
tissues/toothpaste	shampoo/toilet paper	cranberry sauce	canned vegetables
napkins/popcorn	soups/healthy snacks	ketchup/other	garbage bags
soaps/paper towels	pudding/Jello	macaroni & cheese	peanut butter & jelly
tea/coffee/hot chocolate	potatoes	powdered milk	Ziploc bags

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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SJE Weekly Updates on SJE Website

All of the SJE Weekly Updates from this year are available on our [school's website](#). You can access them by clicking the "Weekly Update" button.



Lunch Menu



Bus Information



School Calendar



Staff Directory



PowerSchool Parent Portal



ClassLink



Weekly Updates



Parent Teacher Association



Enroll a New Student



About



Club Listing



Virtual Backpack

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Email: cobrien@smithtown.k12.ny.us

Social Worker - Stefani Sellitto

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Resources

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- [Mental Health Resources](#)



Adam Javidi

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