



# St. James Elementary Weekly Update

December 8, 2023



## Looking Ahead

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

**Tuesday, December 12:** Family Connect Night

**Wednesday, December 13:** PTA Hot Cocoa Day for all students

**Tuesday, December 19:** Nutcracker Performance for Grades K and 3-5, 10:00 am in OG

- Nutcracker Performance for UPK, 2:15 in OG

**Wednesday, December 20:** Nutcracker Performance Grade 2 Parents 10:00 am in OG

- Nutcracker Performance Grade 1 Parents 2:00 pm in OG

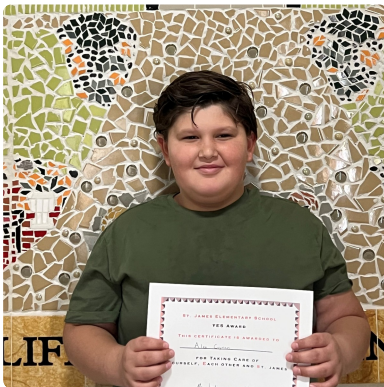
## December to Remember

# A December to Remember for St James Elementary 2023



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

## YES Student of the Week



This week, we congratulate 4th grader, Alex Coymen, on being the YES student of the week for helping a classmate by carrying his instrument for him.

## Grinch Day!



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## Hot Cocoa Day 12/13

The PTA is serving hot cocoa to all students on Wednesday, December 13. If you do NOT want your child to receive hot cocoa (Swiss Miss brand) please notify your child's teacher. For those with allergies, you are welcome to send in an alternative treat or our teachers and PTA classroom reps can work with you to find an alternative. Please reach out for assistance if needed.

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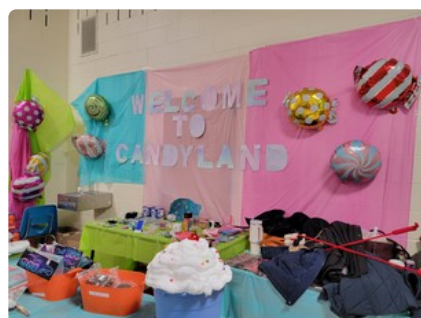
## SJE Mitten Tree

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 [ssellito@smithtown.k12.ny.us](mailto:ssellito@smithtown.k12.ny.us)

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## Holiday Boutique

This week, the PTA treated the students to a holiday shopping experience at our first Holiday Boutique in many years. Every student had time to find a gift or two for the special people in their lives. We hope you like mugs and jewelry!



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## Harlem Wizards Game

The SJE PTA teamed up with Dogwood and Nesaquake to host a game against the Harlem Wizards on Wednesday evening at SJE. Although our team of teachers didn't come out with a win on the court, the night was a huge success and a lot of fun!



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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 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



**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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