

St. James Elementary Weekly Update

January 5, 2024



Looking Ahead

Below are some important upcoming events. View our <u>SJE Google Calendar</u> for all school events.

- Monday, January 15- No School- Martin Luther King Day
- Week of January 22- PTA PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) Week

YES Student of the Week



This week, we congratulate first grader, Sia Strachovsky, for being the YES student of the week. She earned her ticket when she comforted a friend who was sad.

Dismissal Procedures

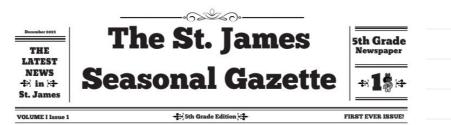
The new year is a great time to reflect and reset to get our procedures back on track. Working with you to keep our students safe is of utmost importance and so I am reaching out to you for your assistance regarding dismissal.

- Should the occasion arise that your child's dismissal plans are changed, send in a note with your child the morning of the change. In the note, indicate if the change is a one-day request or a long-term one. Long-term changes will require a new "Dismissal Form" that we can resend home at your request.
- We are experiencing midday calls requesting a change in dismissal. Such calls are often confusing for the children and are disruptive to the school day. The staff at St. James must be confident that we have accurate information regarding each child's dismissal. Once the school day has begun, phone calls requesting dismissal changes weaken that confidence. Therefore, unless it is a true emergency, please do not call to request to change dismissal plans.
- Furthermore, please <u>do not</u> email teachers with dismissal requests. Our teachers cannot be expected to check their email throughout the day and manage this type of time-sensitive information.
- For school day events, we are no longer allowing students to be signed out from the classroom. We strongly encourage all students to follow their regular dismissal procedures, even when the event takes place in the afternoon. If you know you would like to have your child not ride the bus, please write a note beforehand and your child can be dismissed as a walker or a library pick-up.

Our number one priority is the safety of our students. Sending timely, written notification of dismissal changes assists us in achieving this goal. I thank you for understanding this important issue. Your assistance is both anticipated and appreciated.

The St. James Seasonal Gazette

Check out the first edition of the St. James Seasonal Gazette! Our Newspaper Club, led by Mrs. McErlean, worked very hard to create this creative and informational publication. Click on the image below to access the entire newspaper. We hope you enjoy!





Be good all year - It is very grand - And happiness flies through the air Winter

Is coming, winter is there.

-Emerson Isley Grey Cotter

wake up with a present in your hand!

-Gianna Rutigliano





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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