



# St. James Elementary Weekly Update

March 8, 2024



## Looking Ahead

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

- **Friday, March 15** - 4th Grade Folk Dance 2:00p in the New Gym
- **Monday, March 18** - Family Connect Night
- **Tuesday, March 19**- Square 1 Art Orders Due (see below for details)
- **Thursday, March 21**- PTA Spring Pictures
- **Friday, March 22**- PTA Get Your Game On! Dance 6:30pm in Old Gym

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## YES Student of the Week

This week, we congratulate second grader, Emily Montufar, for being the YES student of the week. She earned her winning ticket when she helped a friend clean up a spill from water bottle.



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## *Morning Drinks*

Please do not send your child into school with an unsealed drink or hot beverage (ie Starbucks, Dunkin', etc.). We've had spills and other issues with children managing these as they walk the hallways and unpack for their day.

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## *Guidance Lessons*

This week, the School Counselor, Mrs. McGlone, from Nesaquake Middle School visited the fourth grade students this week. The students learned strategies to handle conflict resolution. They learned how sharing, chance, taking turns, seeking help, postponing, abandoning, negotiating & compromising, apologizing, and even humor can help solve a conflict. In small groups, the children acted out a scenario and the class identified what strategy each group was using to solve the conflict. The students have expanded their Conflict Resolution toolbox!

Over the course of the school year, Mrs. McGlone works in every K-5 classroom to teach lessons about a range of topics including the transition to middle school, goal setting, digital citizenship, becoming a good friend, being successful, having a positive attitude, self control and listening skills.



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## *Square Art Reminder- Orders Due 3/19/24*

Wouldn't you love to share your child's artwork with family and friends? St. James is excited to partner with Square1 Art for our annual art fundraiser. The Square 1 Art fundraiser provides you the opportunity to purchase keepsakes and gifts featuring your child's art! Every order profits our school art program. We are excited to be able to continue to offer this opportunity. You can participate in this activity by following these simple steps:

1. Browse some of the options on your child's order form.
2. Scan the QR code on the front of the order form or go to <https://www.square1art.com/>.

To view your child's art & order:

Go to the Shop tab, and click on [Art Search](#), and enter state, school name, and your child's name. Your child's art and art code will then appear. Just click on your child's art, and you may order products!

3. Orders can take approximately 2-3 weeks to be fulfilled.

**ORDERS DUE 3/19/24**





## St. James Seasonal Gazette!

Check out the latest 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!

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**Figure Skating**  
by Scarlett Rostrom

**Figure Skating**

Figure skating is a sport that is very expensive. You also have to be very committed. When you really get into it you start to attend the rink from 2 to 3 days a week. You also have to make sure that you stretch very well so you don't fall and get hurt when you get on ice. Figure skating is a very fun sport, but you should make sure that you wear a lot of layers in the rink.

**Jumps and Spins**

When you first start skating you will learn a **two foot spin** which is when you put your toe pick in the ice and use the other foot to spin around and gain speed. The next spin you will learn is a one foot spin you can start it with a toe pick on the ice or you can start the more advanced way which is a backward crossover and then you use your other foot to step forward and gain speed. The next spin you will learn is a scratch spin and then a sit spin. The next spin is a camel spin and then a layback spin. After a backspin, the first jump you will learn is a **bunny hop**. Here are some more advanced jumps you might learn: waltz jump, salchow, toe loop, half flip, flip, loop, half lutz, lutz, axel, double salchow and toe loops. Those are all of the jumps that people can complete in a single, double, triple, or quadruple!

**SEASONAL GAZETTE**

**Student Logo Designed by Daniel John**

**BOOK REVIEW! & INTERVIEW**  
by Emerson Cotter

**Hello everyone! Today I am interviewing my friend Preston Dunning about the book Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.**

1. Who is your favorite character? Dumbledore.
2. Why do you like this book? It has a good plot and characters.
3. Is there something you dislike or would change? Compared to the other books, not as much action.
4. How well did the author write the story? J.K. Rowling wrote it well.
5. Did you or would you read more books by this author? Yes to both.
6. What scene do you like the most? When Harry finds the mirror of Erised.
7. Did you or would you reread this book? Not yet, but I might in the future.
8. How would you rate this book? (out of ten) 5.0/10

**That's all for now Everyone!**  
**Check out our next newspaper for another review!**

**Messi - The GOAT!**  
by Cole Nordia

Messi is a really good soccer player and has the nickname "the goat" which means greatest of all time. Messi has played on 4 teams including Argentina, Barcelona, PSG, and Inter- Miami. He has 8 ballon d'ors (which is a best player award) He has the most ballon d'ors ever. Messi also won the World Cup recently. The World Cup is a really good and hard trophy to win. Messi and his team won and he scored in penalty kicks. Messi might retire soon, but even if he does he still had a really good career and scored a lot of goals and made a lot of assists! He also won a lot of trophies in his career.

**Teammates**

Messi has some good teammates who helped him win the World Cup. One of their names is Martinez. Martinez is a really good goalie and he helped Messi win the World Cup. Another person who helped is Angel Di Maria. He's another good soccer player from Argentina who helped Messi. Messi is on Miami currently and probably won't change teams because he might retire soon and he's 37 years old in 2024.

## PTA Events

# GET YOUR GAME ON AND DANCE!

BOYS, GRAB YOUR MOM OR SPECIAL GAL  
AND COME ENJOY A FUN NIGHT!

Dress in your favorite gaming T-shirt or as  
your favorite gaming character!

**MARCH 22ND**

**6:30PM-8:30PM**

**OLD GYM**

**\$15 PER TICKET**

FAMOUS DJ KERBOOM KIDS, PHOTOS, FOOD AND DESSERTS

SCAN HERE TO  
BUY TICKETS



Please return bottom portion to the PTA mailbox by 3/15  
+ Checks payable to SJE PTA or purchase online:  
<https://saintjamespta.memberhub.com/store/items/993040>

If you would like to make a donation to cover  
the cost of a ticket for someone in need or if you  
are in need of assistance please reach out to Mr. Javidi  
by phone or email at [ajavidi@smithtown.k12.ny.us](mailto:ajavidi@smithtown.k12.ny.us)

**CHECK ONE:**     CASH                     CHECK                     ONLINE

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # OF  
TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS & GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS?! Contact**    **Diana Titus:** [dianaraffanello@gmail.com](mailto:dianaraffanello@gmail.com)  
**Janine Downing:** [janine.downing@gmail.com](mailto:janine.downing@gmail.com)

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## Community Events

SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL EAST PROUDLY PRESENTS...

RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S  
**CINDERELLA**



WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH, 5PM (SENIOR CITIZENS/CHILDREN)

THURSDAY MARCH 14TH, 7PM

FRIDAY MARCH 15TH, 7PM

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH, 7PM

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR OR BY RESERVATION

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET PLEASE EMAIL

[MHGRENESS@SMITHTOWN.K12.NY.US](mailto:MHGRENESS@SMITHTOWN.K12.NY.US)

WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE WEDNESDAY PERFORMANCE FOR A  
SPECIAL MEET & GREET WITH CINDERELLA AND FRIENDS!

*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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**Adam Javidi**

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