

St. James Elementary Weekly Update

OCTOBER 20, 2023



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Week of October 23: Red Ribbon Week (see flyer below)

Thursday, October 26: PTA Trunk or Treat 5:00- 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 31: Halloween Parade 2:30 in SJE yard (see note below)

SJE Red Ribbon Week

Spirit Days October 23-27

MONDAY 10/23

GET COMFORTABLE WITH BEING
KIND TO YOUR MIND
WEAR YOUR PJ'S TODAY

TUESDAY 10/24

SJE IS CRAZY FOR KINDNESS
CRAZY HAIR DAY!!

WEDNESDAY 10/25

SHINE BRIGHT AND BE KIND TO YOUR MIND
WEAR BRIGHT OR NEON CLOLORS TODAY

THURSDAY 10/26

PEACE, LOVE & BE KIND TO YOUR MIND
WEAR TYE DIE TODAY

FRIDAY 10/27

ST. JAMES STANDS TOGETHER FOR KINDNESS
WEAR SJE SPIRITWEAR TODAY



SAINT JAMES ELEMENTARY
CONTACT KATHLEEN ANGELL WITH QUESTIONS
KLEEN114@GMAIL.COM

"YES" STUDENT OF THE WEEK

This week, we congratulate fifth grader, Tess Coniglio, on being the YES student of the week for fixing a poster that was falling off the wall.



UNITY DAY

On Wednesday, we celebrated Unity Day as a school by wearing orange to show **unity** for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying. Our 5th grade Kindness Ambassadors led the efforts by creating signage for our building and by "Chalking the Walk" by our front entrance. Mrs. Collett's class also chucked the walk near our library.

Mrs. Sellitto created a beautiful unity bulletin board using decorated hands and hearts that were customized by students and staff.





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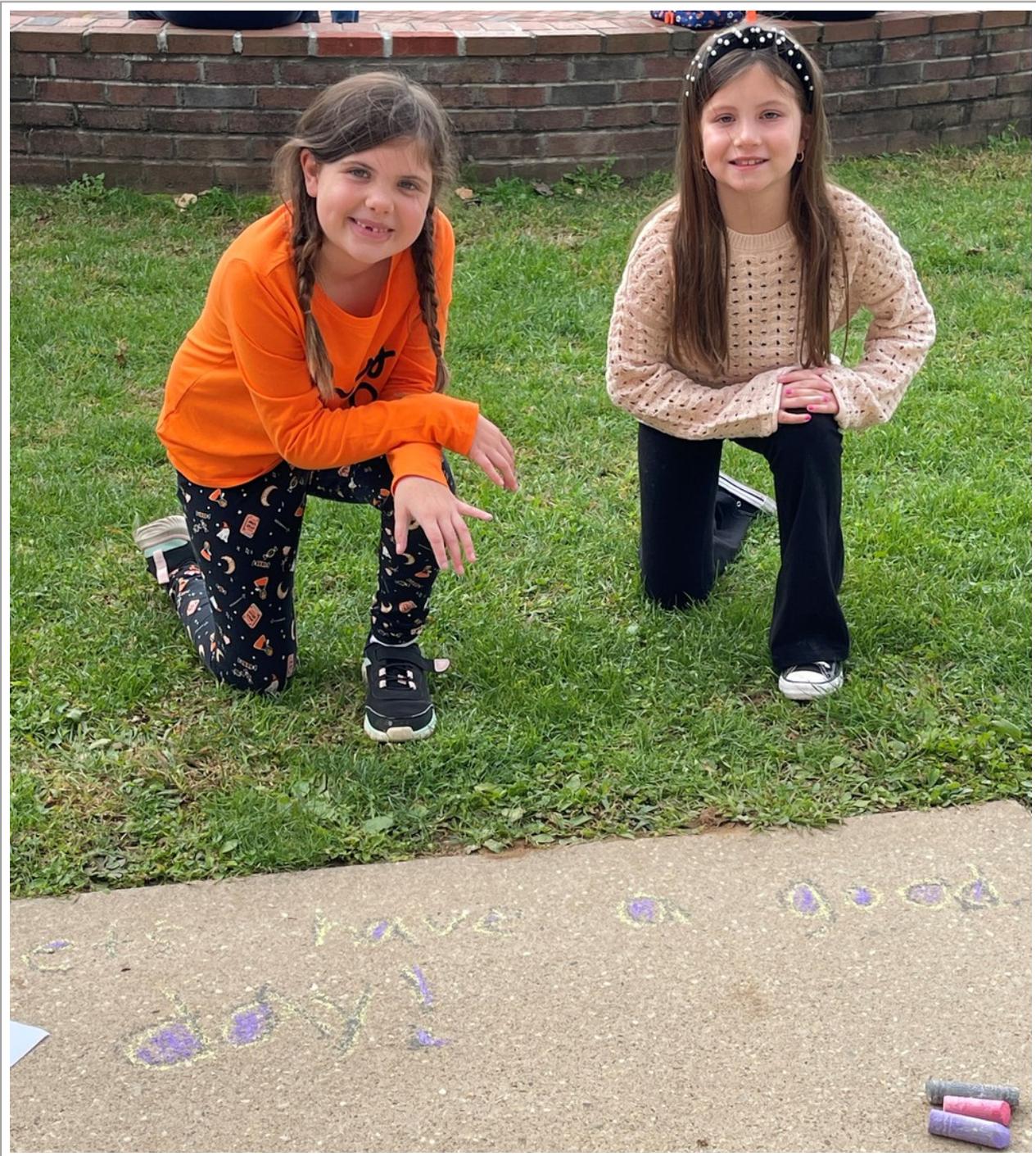
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COSTS NOTHING
BUT IT MEANS
EVERYTHING

Life is Good
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YOUR THE
BRIGHT
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SHINES
INSIDE









PUSH AND PULL FORCES IN KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Muffly's class worked with SJE's STEM Specialist, Mr Cusati, to learn about forces and how they change. They PUSHED boxes with different weights to see how the force changes.





CANDY MONSTER

This week, our Candy Monster devoured all of the donated candy in preparation for the PTA's Trunk or Treat event next Thursday, October 26. We hope to see you there!



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AND PARADE

In our effort to give our students a fun and safe Halloween experience, we will allow students to wear their costumes to school. Please keep the following in mind when sending your child to school on October 31:

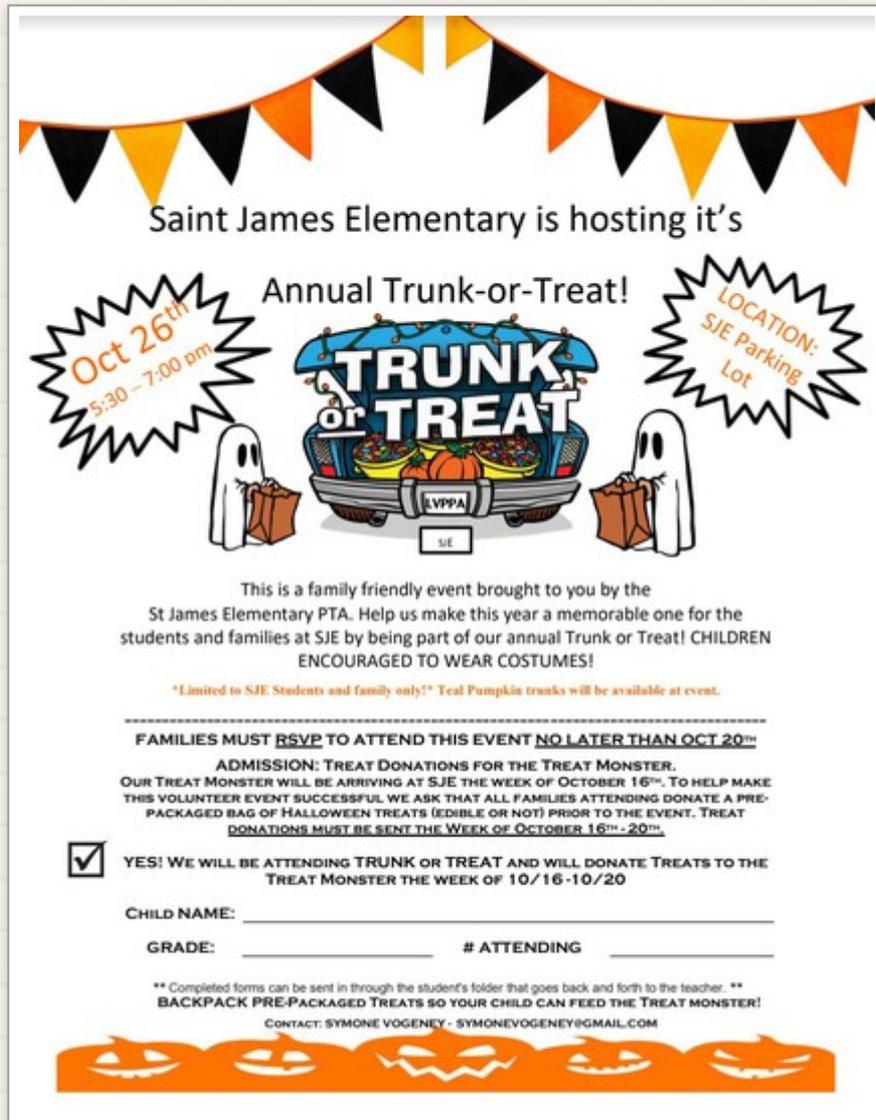
- Costumes must be independently managed and comfortable (we will have PE and recess that day)
- No masks, weapons, or large accessories
- No gory/scary elements (remember- we have students as young as 4 in the building)
- Wearing a costume is optional

We will hold our annual Halloween parade on Tuesday, October 31 at 2:30 pm in the backyard of our school. You are welcome to enter the yard for the parade at 2:15 pm. As we've done in the past, each class will parade around the perimeter of the yard so everyone can see the

After the parade, teachers will bring all students back into the school to prepare for our regular dismissal at 3:30 pm.

Please note: No students will be signed out early after the parade so we can conduct a safe and orderly dismissal. If you would like to have your child be a “walker” on that day, please write a note to their teacher that morning.

PTA NEWS



The flyer features a decorative banner of orange and black triangles at the top. The main title reads 'Saint James Elementary is hosting it's Annual Trunk-or-Treat!'. A central illustration shows a car trunk filled with treats, flanked by two ghost figures holding bags. Two starburst callouts provide the date and time ('Oct 26th 5:30 - 7:00 pm') and the location ('SJE Parking Lot'). Below the illustration, text describes the event as family-friendly, organized by the PTA, and encourages donations for a 'Treat Monster' event. It includes an RSVP deadline of October 20th and a checkbox for families attending and donating. At the bottom, there are fields for 'CHILD NAME:' and 'GRADE: # ATTENDING', followed by contact information for Symone Vogoney and a decorative pumpkin border.

Saint James Elementary is hosting it's
Annual Trunk-or-Treat!

Oct 26th
5:30 - 7:00 pm

LOCATION:
SJE Parking
Lot

TRUNK
or
TREAT

VPPA
SJE

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



Come and join us for a
Holiday Card-A-Thon



Join us and spread holiday cheer this festive season by signing, coloring and/or decorating a Holiday Card to send to our Armed Service Men and Women, Nursing Home Residents and Little Flower Children and Family Center. We are celebrating ALL HOLIDAYS! – Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, etc.

This is a FREE event!

Sponsored by
The Smithtown Children's Foundation



Location: The Elks Lodge
120 Edgewood Avenue
Smithtown, NY 11787

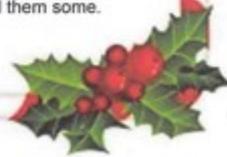


Date: Sunday - November 5, 2023
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Ways you can participate:

- *Make your cards at home and drop them off.
- *Join us to make the cards at the above location.
- *Community Service hours awarded for making cards.
- *We will gladly accept monetary and gift card donations to help us adopt families at the holidays.

If you know of a Service Member or someone in a Nursing Home and have their address, we will be more than happy to send them some.



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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