St. James Elementary Weekly Update

OCTOBER 6, 2023



LOOKING AHEAD

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

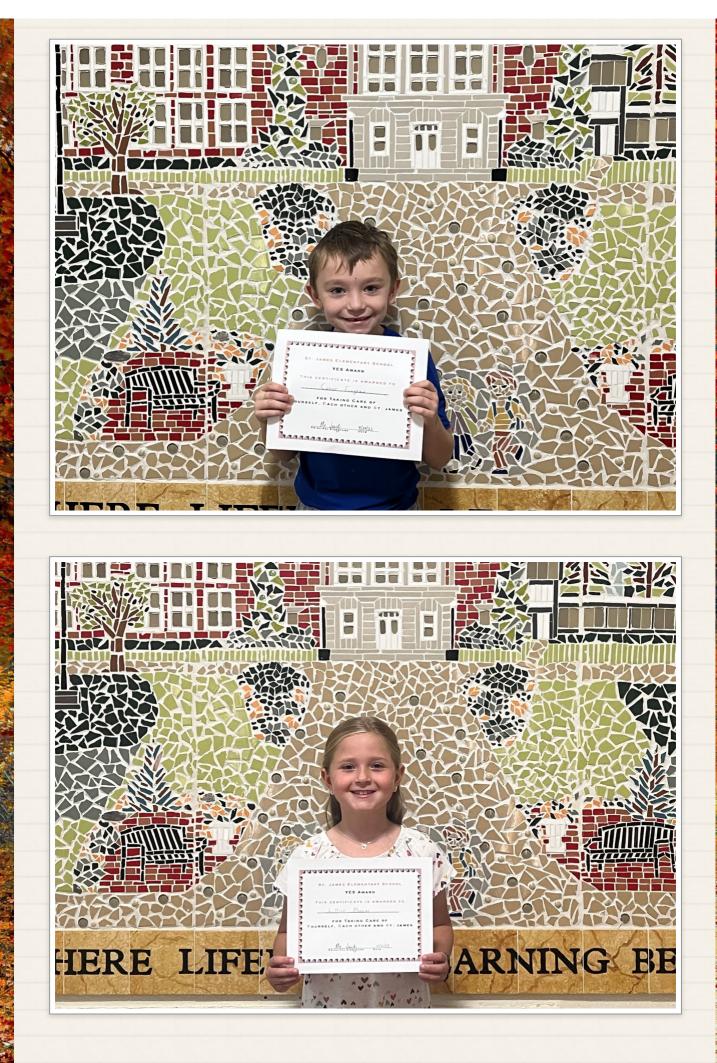
Monday, October 9: NO SCHOOL Columbus Day Tuesday, October 10: PTA Meeting 6:30 pm in Old Gym Thursday, October 12: Family Connect Night Wednesday, October 18: Unity Day- Wear ORANGE

• PTA Blood Drive 1:30- 7:30 in MPR

"YES" STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Last week, second grader, Connor Frageau was honored as the YES student of the week because he gave a classmate a compliment.

This week, we congratulate third grader, Lillian Menzies, on being the YES student of the week for cleaning up pencils and straightening desks in her classroom.



ST. JAMES SAYS YES!

We say "YES" at St. James. Throughout the school year we pose the following questions to the children:

Are you:

- Taking care of: Yourself?
- Taking care of: Each other?
- Taking care of: St. James?

Children who can honestly answer these questions positively serve as wonderful role models for others.

The YES program has been at St. James for over 20 years and we are rolling out new components this year, including the YES student of the week. There will be more classroom and whole-school activities and events throughout the year. Our goal is to ensure all students have a safe and supportive environment and demonstrate skills and attributes to cope with life challenges and achieve personal well-being.

We will present more about this program at our next **PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm.**

SARAH LONG HARTE - PLAY 4 THE CURE GAME

On Wednesday, October 4th, some 5th graders performed the National Anthem to kick off the 14th annual "Play 4 the Cure" HSW field hockey game. The game honored the memory of St. James Elementary School teacher Sara Long Harte. Each year the HSW team dedicates this game to Sara, who passed away due to breast cancer and acts a small fundraiser for the Sara Long Harte Scholarship Fund.



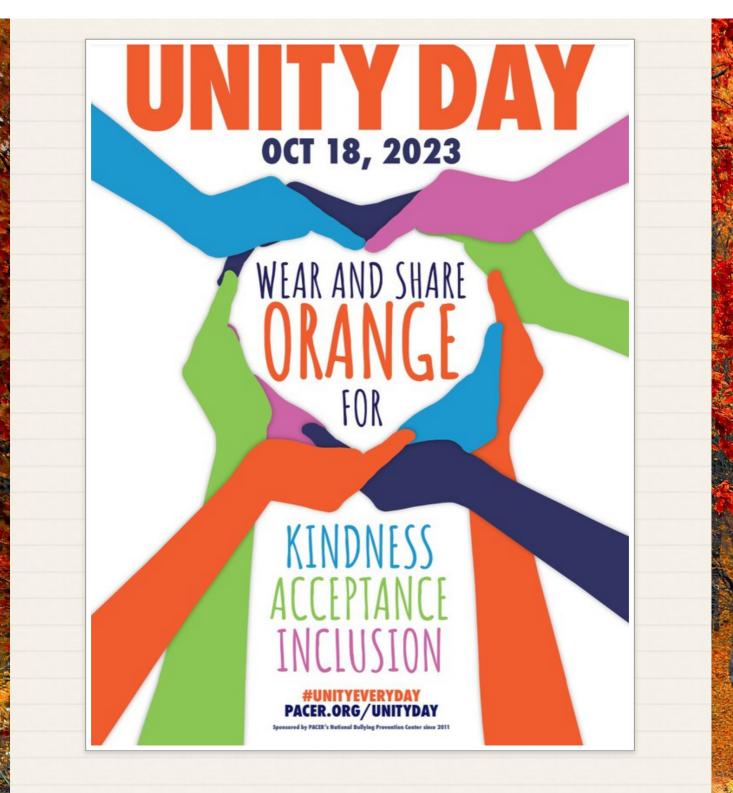
UNITY DAY SPONSORED BY THE SJE KINDNESS AMBASSADORS 10/18

What is Unity Day?

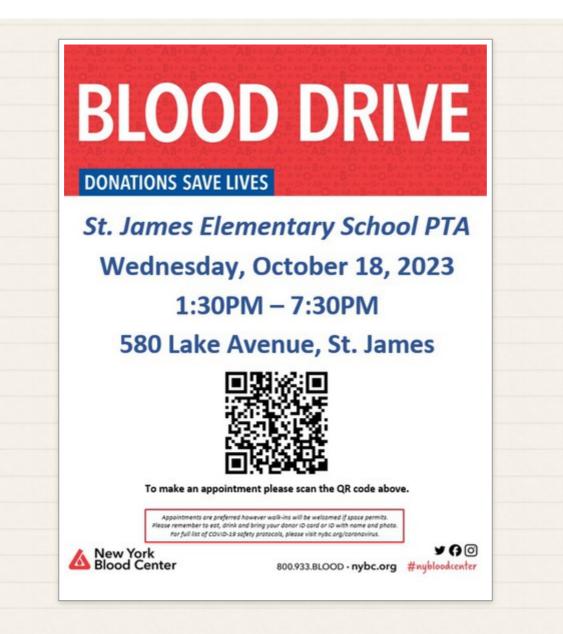
Every year on the third or fourth Wednesday in October, a very special event comes around – the Day of Unity, or Unity Day, as it is commonly called, which is celebrated on October 18 this year. This is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month, also celebrated in October. Multiple anti-bullying campaigns – of which Unity Day is one of them, are organized during this period. The key message of this month, and this day, is to unite for kindness, courage, and inclusion, to prevent students from being bullied.Unity Day has been recognized in the United States since 2011. We will participate in Unity Day on Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023 by Wearing Orange!

Here at SJE:

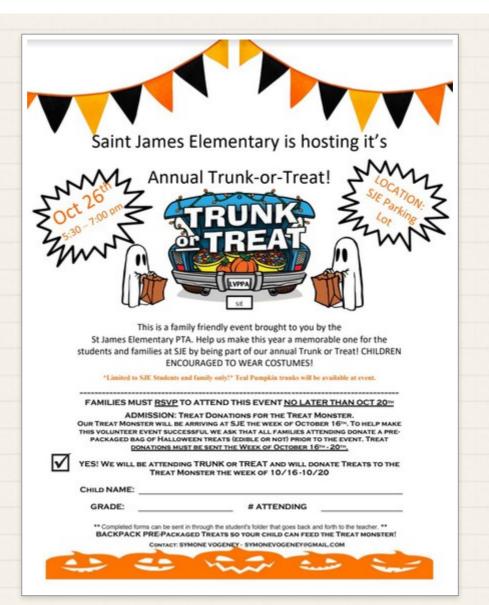
- All staff members will be writing their name and decorating a hand (for ALL faculty and staff members) or a heart (all students) to be place in unity on a Unity Day Bulletin Board
- Kindness Ambassadors will "Chalk The Walk" on Monday, 10/16 (Weather permitting). Classroom teachers are invited to take students to sidewalks around school to write positive messages promoting kindness, YES and inclusion.
- The following website can be helpful: https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp



PTA NEWS



Click on the image below to make a reservation to give blood. If you have any questions about the Blood Drive, please reach out to the Kerry Hansen at (516) 375-3828.



COMMUNITY EVENTS





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

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