



# St. James Elementary Weekly Update

January 5, 2024



## Looking Ahead

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

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## *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 do not 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.

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## *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!

## New Club at SJE for 5th Grade

### How to Keep Your Room Clean

by Scarlett Rostron



When you start to clean your room - you should start with the place in your room that is the most messy. When you clean your room, I would recommend starting with your closet. If you do your closet in sections, hopefully your room doesn't get as messy as my room got! If you want to clean your desk and it is really messy I would also recommend doing drawer by drawer. I know it is hard to de-clutter junk that you own, but if you know you will never use it or don't need a certain item, you should just throw it out. Once you finish, the result will look awesome and you will feel so nice because your room is almost clean!

Now, if your dresser is full of clothes, you should first see what clothes fit you and what you just can't use anymore! Donate whatever does not fit anymore! If you like to roll your clothes you can do that or you can fold your clothes (whatever way you prefer)! Once you finish cleaning and everything is off the floor you should vacuum and then you will have the perfect room.



**New Student Logo Designed by Daniel John**

### SEASONAL SENSATIONS!

**What's Up in Saint James**

*Snowflakes dropping on your head  
 Safe to coming now, head to bed!*

*Make cookies for him as a treat  
 Don't forget they're his to eat!*

*Love and laughter everywhere!  
 Place a present here or there!*

*Hot cocoa in a pot -  
 Leave it for long and it will rot!*

*Be good all year - it is very grand -  
 Wake up with a present in your hand!*

*-Gianna Rutigliano*

**Winter**

*Snowflakes are calling  
 winter is calling*

*Lips to shake with hope  
 Sliding down a steep slope*

*The winds howl while you struggle -  
 snug as a bug.*

*Smells of delicious cookies waft around  
 As fresh snow falls to the ground*

*And happiness flies through the air  
 In coming, winter is there.*

*-Emerson Isley Grey Cotter*

### Let's Go Rangers!

by Cole Nordin



**The Players**

Chris Kreider is a really good left wing on the Rangers - he's an alternate captain and a really good teammate. Mika Zabanejad is like Kreider. They are really good friends and they play together really well. Mika Zabanejad has a good slap shot. Zibanejad is an alternate captain like Kreider. Artemi Panarin passes a lot, and he also has a good wrist shot and snap shot. He's also an alternate captain like Zabanejad and Kreider. Panarin has a nickname - the bread man. They call him that because Panarin sounds like Panera which is a bread store. Igor Shusterkin is a goalie, a really good goalie, and believe it or not he has a good shot as a goalie himself. He's never scored a goal but he will soon. Adam Fox is a good defender. He's also pretty good at offense and passing and he is also an alternate captain. Next is Jacob Trouba. Jacob Trouba is the captain of the Rangers. He's a good defender and he is good at blocking goals.

**Some History**

The Rangers have won four Stanley cups, (1928, 1933, 1940, 1994) and might win another one this year because they are in first place in their division and they're doing well. They need to keep up the good work. Were hoping to win a 5th Stanley Cup. They almost won in 2014, but sadly lost in the finals!

## 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](mailto:employment@smithtown.k12.ny.us)

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**Adam Javidi**

Adam is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters