# Saint James Newspaper



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# **New Students**

The 2016-17 school year has received many new students. We have interviewed some of the new students on how they like Saint James school. The students say they like the school and that everyone is very nice. They like the school procedures and the teachers. Regan Reilly is a new eighth grade student from Ocean. She was nervous on her first day, but she made many friends quickly. Regan and many other new students enjoy this school and feel safe in this environment. Regan explains to us, "I really like the uniform because it's easier for me to get ready and I like how everyone wears the same thing". When we asked other kids what they thought about the school they all basically said and described the school the same way.





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# **STEM Lab Grant**

Saint James School is happy to announce that we will be building a STEM lab using the \$10,000 dollars we won from OceanFirst Foundation. Eighty one schools applied for this opportunity and SJS was one of only 15 to get the grant. For this opportunity Mrs. Golden, our vice principal, wrote a proposal to the OceanFirst Foundation. "The stem lab is a great choice for us because it is going to present our students with many learning opportunities. Also, since many high schools now offer STEM programs, our students will enter H.S. better prepared," says Mrs. Golden. Mrs. Golden also says, "The STEM lab is slowly coming together and should be ready by next September."

### **Student Council**

Hello student body, this is your president speaking. I'm here to talk about some interesting events that have affected all of you. First off, we had Red Ribbon Week. This is when we place our focus on respect, responsibility, and self confidence. The week reminds us to make the best choices for ourselves and others. Next, we had the Halloween Dance. The dance was on Friday, October 28th, from 7-9pm in the cafeteria. It was a fun night for all that attended. Another event that student council attended was a remembrance on Veterans Day right here in Red Bank. During that event there was a singer, some speakers, the mayor of Red Bank, the public school, and the RBC military club. We also had a successful Thanksgiving food drive for the families less fortunate than us. We helped wrap and pack up all the food the SJS student body collected.

We will continue to take any suggestions that you give us and will strive to make the school better.

We are James Murrer, Lindsay Mazzucco, Anna Ferrigine, Alex Scaramuzzino, Gregory Attardi, Shea O'Connor, Kyle Hill, Jennifer Portela, Zachary Shroba, Delia Massell, Bryan Cruz, and Ella Marlin.

### Clubs

Saint James has many different clubs, including academic, athletic, artistic, political, and a lot more! Some of them include: MAST which is a trivia club where you compete against other schools on intellectual questions involving science, current events, history, books, etc.

Drama - Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Signoriello are the coordinators. The play is April 7th and 8th; make sure you get your tickets! Yearbook - Ms. Fiorenza and Ms. Fleming are the advisors. Students work to complete the yearbook, including taking pictures of school events. The yearbook club lasts usually four to five months. Law Adventure - Ms. Fleming and Mrs. Fagan are the facilitators. They teach us a lot about law. The club takes two trips. Past trips include visits to Rutgers and the Sheriff's office. The club also does mock trials throughout the year.



**Faith** 

Honor

Excellence



Mrs. Byrne and

Mrs. Signoriello (co-chairs)

### **Entertainment**

Drama Club - I Want My Mummy!

This spooktacular play is filled with comedy, laughs and drama. It's run by teachers Mrs.Byrne, Mrs. Signoriello, and Mrs.Oakerson. The play's setting is in a castle, where a crazy assortment of monsters, scientists and servants reside. The play will be performed on April 7th and 8th. It would be wonderful if everyone could come.

# **Dress Downs and Fund-raising**

**Dress Downs:** SJS has dress down days once a month to support different charities. Students donate \$2.00 to dress down. All the money raised is given to the charity of that month. For example, the October dress down was for the St. Judes Children's Hospital where the 4th grade raised \$660.00.A huge box of toys and school supplies was also donated.

Mini golf/golf outing: Held annually in September, the St. James Golf Outing is the first major fund raiser for the St. James Athletic Association. Numerous opportunities are offered for golf and non-golf participants. The golf outing was run by the Saint James Athletic Association. The money raised from the golf outing went towards new uniforms for several SJS sports teams.

# **Sports**

### Field Hockey

Unfortunately, the team didn't make it into the playoffs, but they definitely had an amazing season!

Thanks for our wins to eighth graders, Julianne Kopec, Sara Senkeleski, Reilly Traynor, Lindsay Mazzucco, Alexa Wessel, Julianne Murphy, and Clare Haas. Also, don't forget about our seventh, sixth, and fifth graders for their spectacular goals and great defense.

### **Boys Soccer**

The boys soccer team made the playoffs coming in second place. They lost the championship to Forestdale, Rumson 5 to 3. It was an exciting game, despite the loss. Their record was 5/1/2 with a draw against St. Mary's. The team was very strong with the leadership from the eighth graders including Jack Longo, Diego Volpe, Thomas Manners, Cooper Graham, Edward Massel and our goalkeeper Nate Massel. Good luck next year SJS!!!!



Zaire and Thomas show off the 2nd place trophy

### The Girls' Soccer Team Exciting Season

The girls soccer team came back after a disappointing season last year, only winning one game. The team was led by 8th graders Lexi Campanella, Aubrey Silverman, Ally Perri, Reilly Traynor, Anna Ferrigine, Aoibhinn Fay, Catherine Forsyth, Lindsay Mazzucco, Cassandra Cavanaugh, and Ryan Mooney. The girls soccer team's championship hopes were cut short in a playoff game against Shrewsbury, however the team had a great season and played a great game.

### Boys Basketball

The boy's basketball team is looking to redeem themselves after falling short last year in the championship against St.Catherine's. It was an up and down season ending off in a crushing defeat which left the players in heartbreak. As our former 7th graders become 8th graders they return in hopes of getting to the championship this year. The team is hoping for hard work from the upperclassmen as well from the new coming 7th graders. Hopefully the hard work will pay off in the end and the boys will bring home a championship trophy to add to the trophy case.

### **Fun Stuff**

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Lettuce.

**Lettuce who?** 

Lettuce in, it's freezing out here!

Q: A man arrived in a small town on Friday. He stayed for two days and left on Friday. How is this possible?

A: His horse's name is Friday!

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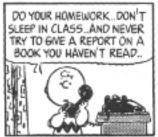
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