

ST. JAMES MIDDLE SCHOOL SHARK BITES

August - September 2023

SHARKTASTIC NEWS

SJM TEACHER AWARDED NATIONAL DISTINCTION

Congratulations to Javier Vega, an ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) teacher at St. James Middle School! On June 5, WIDA — an organization that designs and implements proficiency standards and assessments for English-language learners—named Mr. Vega as one of 20 teachers nationwide to serve as a WIDA Fellow for the 2023-24 school year.

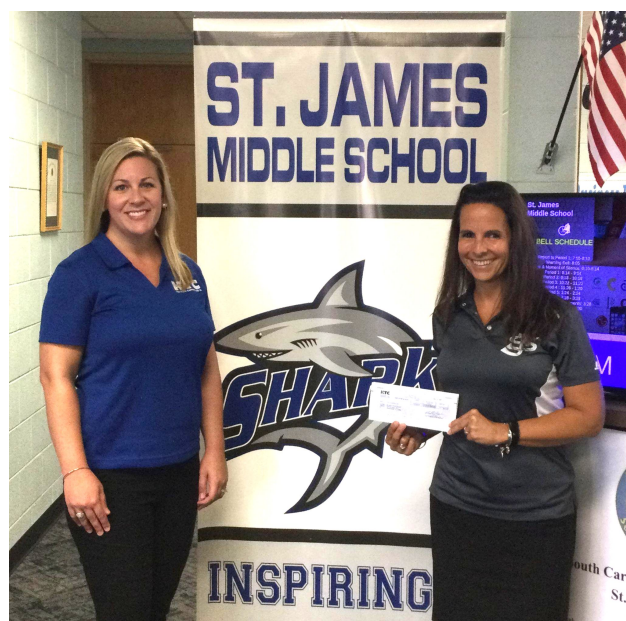
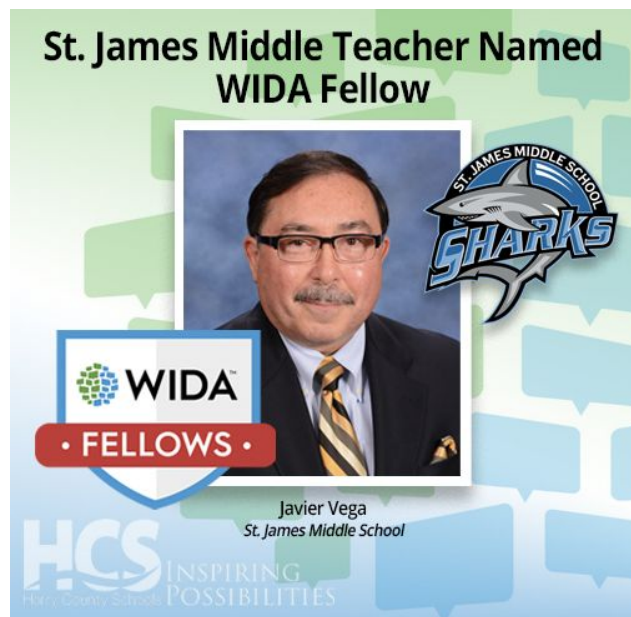
Visit <https://bit.ly/47TkTE2> to read more.

THANK YOU, HTC

On Friday, September 8, Horry Telephone Cooperative (HTC) made a donation to St. James Middle to help support in-need students with the purchase of school supplies.

HTC is committed to building, strengthening and investing in our community by supporting local organizations to help ensure worthwhile causes have the funding they need to make an impact on our community. We strive to support causes that share our core values of improving the quality of life, especially youth, education, families, diversity, technology and sustainability.

Thank you HTC for supporting St. James Middle!





SJMS September

Superb Sharks

Qhe'z Dixon

Sebastian Fuentes Solis

Avery Tompkins

Sam Hoppe

Miguel Ixcoy Cumez

Sean Ambrose

Stella Loman

Samantha Otto

Konner Benton

Morgan McKnight

Vivian Schubiger

Audra Hall

Shaylee Wyner

David Gatti

Luke Nickerson

Betty Boyle

Ashton Caldwell

Victoria Souza

Naya LaCroix-Baird

Eddie McKnight

Ariana Guzman Sanchez

Mariah Moore

Betty Boyle

Karly Richardson

Braylon Butler

Emily Clark

Troy Owens

Diana Harry

Alexis Do

Cade Alford

Gabby Mautone

Bryson Stewart

Tylen Houp

**Students exhibiting life skills while swimming
in the right direction! GO SHARKS**



FREE MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS



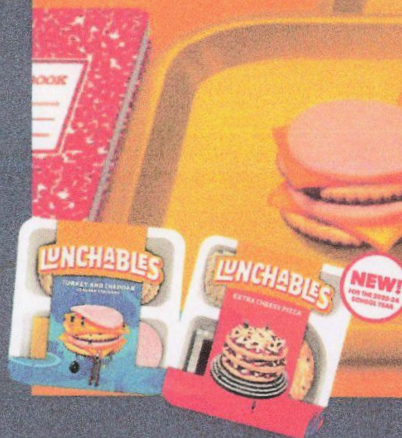
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THURSDAY



2023-2024 ST. JAMES MIDDLE

PICTURE DAY

Thursday October 19

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Thursday November 16

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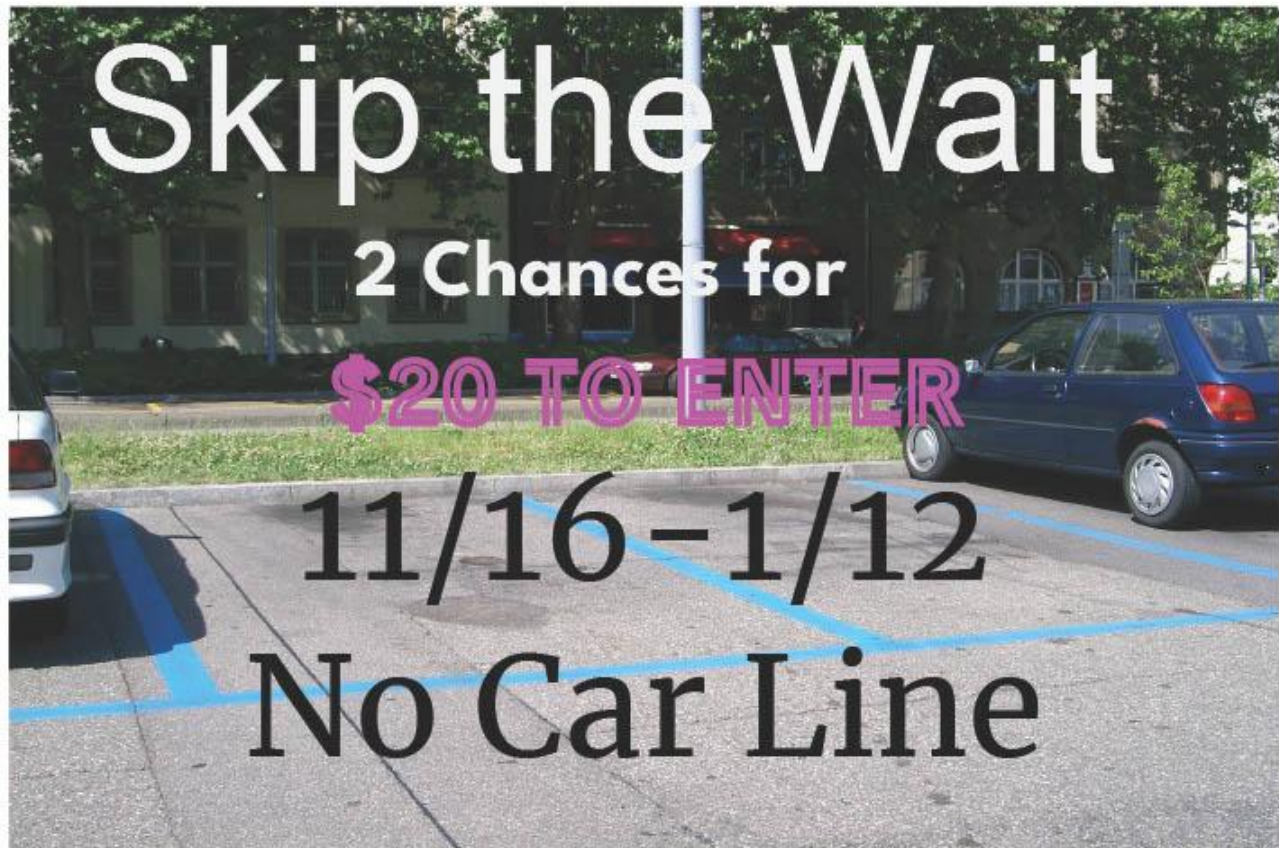
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- 1/2 page: \$50
- Full page: \$100



SCAN ME

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PTA NEWS



Fill out the tickets below. Submit it with your check or cash payment to the SJMS office.

Make Checks payable to SJMS PTA

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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____



Your St. James Middle School PTA In Conjunction With:
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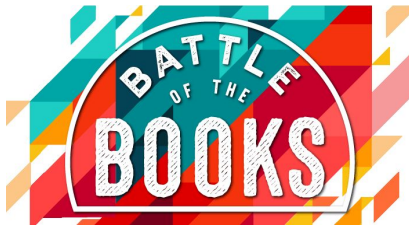
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Long-Sleeved T's	\$20.00
(excludes Tye-Dye LS T's)	
Tye-Dye Hoodie	\$20.00
Tye-Dye LS T's	\$25.00
Crew Sweatshirt	\$25.00
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Full Zipper Sweatshirt	\$37.00
Pants	\$30.00
Baseball Cap	\$22.00

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Long Sleeved White T's	\$10.00
Small Stickers	2 for \$1.00

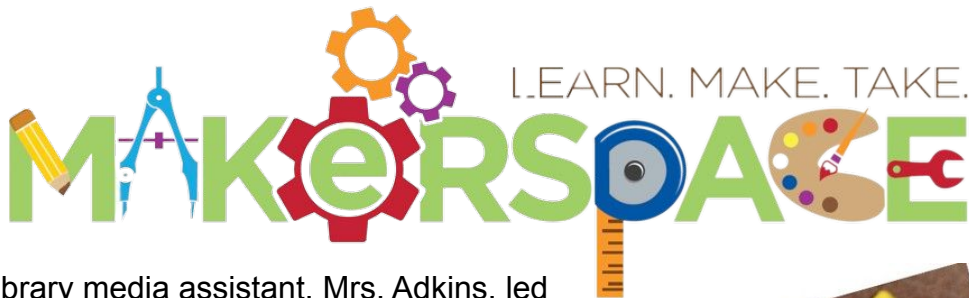


LLC HAPPENINGS



The first meeting of the SJM Battle of the Books Club occurred on Thursday, September 28. The following students have accepted the challenge to read up to 10 books and compete at the district book trivia competition.

Eleanor Anderson, Wizdom Blocker, Brooke Borges, Amina Gasca, Hannah Harper, Reilly Kratz, and Hudson Liggett



Library media assistant, Mrs. Adkins, led students in making origami bookmarks in the MakerSpace during the month of September.

All students had the opportunity to participate in this activity after their lunch. They created bookmarks that looked like frogs, turtles, ice cream cones, SpongeBob, and more. The students were very creative and enjoyed the activity!

Due to limited materials, interested students should complete the Google form in the MakerSpace section of their Schoology classroom to participate in the October activity. Students will be decorating a faux pumpkin to look like a literary character.



Check out the LLC & Technology 23-24 schoology® classroom

All students have their own grade-level Schoology LLC and Technology classroom. Within each classroom, students can access the LLC Google site, see upcoming makerspace activities, complete the form to indicate they are experiencing laptop issues, and read the school-wide announcements.



HUDDLE UP!

Wow! What an awesome and strong start of over **35 students** gathering on **Wednesday mornings at 7:25am** to hear God's Word, worship with some good songs, huddle up and fellowship with new friends. It has become a safe place for students to share their faith and stories. **Katy Young and Stevens Moore from SJHS FCA** are coming to join us and role modeling their faith and leadership skills.

A big shout out to **Carl Clark, Amy Adkins, Britney Vick, Travis Scott and Lisa Montalbano** for their commitment to the students.

Our goal and purpose is to be a **student-led group** and we are on our way with the courage and calling of our first 8th grader, **Allie Dietzel** leading devotion and huddle up questions. Thank you, Allie for sharing with us the insurmountable love of God! **Stella Smith** is next and can't wait to hear her devotion.

Please know **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Believers or if you are unsure, churchd or unchurchd, come on in and be embraced in love and support!

In HIS Name,
Whitney Ann Lewis and crew



Donations Needed

FCA would appreciate any non perishable snacks to share with 30-40 students in our Wednesday morning Huddles. Items such as donuts, breakfast bars, etc. would be appreciated. If you would like to donate, please send the items to FCA with your student(s) on Wednesday mornings or ask them to give them to Ms. Lewis. Thank you!



Jr. Beta Club



October

Beta Club made ghost lollipops during our 10/4 meeting to recognize first responders in our area for their service to our community. Ghost lollipops will be delivered the week of October 16. A HUGE shout out and thank you to the parents for donating lollipops, tissues, and ribbon. We are so thankful!



- Beta Club Will be working on helping
- to organize and co-lead the 2023
- Food Drive alongside the Student
- Council Association.

November

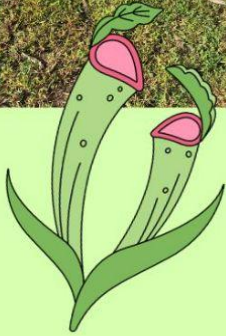


Next meeting
November 1, 2023



7th graders

7th graders, are you interested in Jr. Beta Club? After the semester ends, Mrs. Tester will contact guidance to determine a list of students with **all As for quarter 1 and 2** and **no disciplinary issues**. These students will be sent an invitation for membership and information about club dues. If you are interested in joining, pay attention to your grades and behavior. Contact atester@horrycountyschools.net with any questions.



The Environmental Club met together on Saturday, September 30 to work in the garden. We were busy clearing out our raised beds, planting fall veggies (peas, radishes, lettuce, broccoli, and carrots) and preparing one of our raised beds to become a carnivorous plant bog!

Environmental Club



Student Council is

FIN-tastic



The following students were selected to be members of SJMS
Student Council Association for 2023-2024:

Isabel Almiron	Avery Knight	Isabella Rodriguez
Addison Barton	Hudson Liggett	Davis Rogers
Laela Butler	Meleidy Meija Vargas	Jalaya Russell
Joelle Dill	Krysten Miller	Janariah Russell
Amanda Follrod	Naziya Montano	Slade Strickland
Harmony Gilyard	Addison "Daleigh" Morris	Charlie Thornsby
Willow Hall	Madeline Morris	Shelby Thomas
James Hicks	Auston Ramp	Madelynn Tompkins
Natalie Johnson	Cayden Repak	Abrielle White
Madelyn "Grace" Kelly	Preston Reynolds	Aubrey Whitted

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FINE ARTS NEWS



SHARKS ATHLETICS

The "Fastest Fins on Two Feet" Fly into the Fall Athletic Season

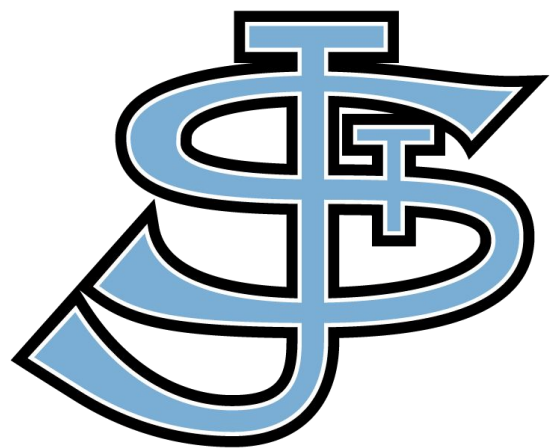
On Saturday, September 16, 2023, Sharks Cross Country swam downstream to Stables Park in Pawleys Island for the Warrior XC Invitational. 22 of 26 runners recorded their personal best 5K race times for the season. The Varsity Boys placed 17th out of 31 teams while JV finished 13th in a field of 23 teams.

Among top middle schoolers was Gavin Verplancken (20:02) in the varsity race. JV standouts Archer Hynes (20:30) and

Rowen Finney (21:03) led a JV team that included a total of 12 St. James Middle School student-athletes competing.

Sharks Cross Country kicked off Homecoming Week by taking home some hardware at the 27th Annual Pee Dee Invitational. On Saturday, September 23, 8 runners in total medaled by finishing top 7 in their races and they earned 2 team trophies. The Varsity Lady Sharks finished 4th out of 11 teams while the Boys placed 2nd out of 13 teams. The JV Boys then topped 8 teams winning the JV award. A solid all-around effort placed the JV Girls 4th.

8th grader Gavin Verplancken (19:49) placed 5th for the Varsity Boys. Archer Hynes (20:33), Joshua Rogers (20:38), Rowan Finney (21:20), and Bowen Price (21:15) all medaled and took first place in the JV Boys Team Award. Other middle-schoolers, Travis Reiss, Ryan Kearney, Grayson Clothier, and Jacob Wypych all had personal records on a slow tough course.



PEEP SHARKS

ST. JAMES MIDDLE **VARSITY**

Ava Diehl
Paisley Grimes
Juliet Jazwinski

Gabby Mautone
Collins Wates

J.V.

Brea Black
Audrey Byrd
Lailey Centracchio
Cassie Davis
Jaeda Finkley

Jenny Johnson
Kynlei Orlando
Carleigh Sackett
Kinsley Williams
Savannah Wydra

B-TEAM

Sarah Brown-Carreiro
Kaylee Bustillos
Josie Craven
Riley DeLuca
Emily DiMuccio

Cheryl Georghiou
Morgan Lutz
Shaylee McBain
Apple Skipper
Zoey Zambito



ST. JAMES MIDDLE **BOYS**

Grayson Clothier

Holden English

Liam Finney

Rowan Finney

Archer Hynes

Ryan Kearney

Jayson Miechur

Bowen Price

Brendan Rahill

Travis Reiss

Joshua Rogers

Gavin Verplancken

GIRLS

Sydney Beadle

Mary Margaret Elliott

Fynnleigh Klatka

Kendall Landis

Natahlia Warren

Savannah Weich



ST. JAMES MIDDLE **B-TEAM**

James Adams
Christian Bartol
Cliston Bellamy-Pryor
Christopher Brown
Emery Bullock
Connor Champion
Curren Coggins
Wyatt Decker
Qhe'Zhyrieon Dixon
Joshua Fitzpatrick
Kaleb Ford
Elijah Grant
Easton Hall
Samuel Hoppe
Grant Jeter
Austin Jones
Magnus Jones
Caleb Kessler
Walker King
Landon Kratz
Jordan Lopez
Jonathan Mason Jr.
Kamden Matthews
Matthew McNeil
Giovanni Mezzela

Rylan Milbaugh
Ebon Miller
Antwon Mitchell
Bryce Moseley
Alessandro Murcia
Dawson Nance
Joshua Park
Tyson Pearson
Johnathan Pelletier
Cody Peterson
Wesley Powley
Chris Radwanski
Cayden Repak
Jackson Richardson
Jaren Rutledge
Bodhi Sawyer
Hayden Sevor
Gabe Shipley
Logan Stack
Reid Summers
Trevor Thomas
Nicholas Valverde
Colsyn Ward
Nicholas White
Cameron Willis



SWIMMING SHARKS

ST. JAMES MIDDLE **BOYS**

Andrew De Los Santos

Shane Horigan

Joe Wanner

Caleb Wilburn

GIRLS

Ashanty Cruz Gonzales

Jenna Guthinger

Zoe Puka



ST. JAMES TEEN SHARKS

ST. JAMES MIDDLE **GIRLS**

Lyla Bridges
Olivia Colvard
Kaitlin Harnish

Lily Sandefur
Amelia Wright



ST. JAMES MIDDLE **BOYS**

Johnathan Long

Michael Long

Kyan Swafford

GIRLS J.V.

Jasmine Dixon

Alyssa Morias

Zya Thomas

GIRLS B-TEAM

Halle Bain

Gabriella Bianco

Karmen Bowens

Madison Burbage

Jakilynn Church

Jeanne Koon

Wylie Liggett

Stella Loman

Ehryn McLaughlin

Harlee Moore

Maci O'Riley

Emily Parsons

Sophia Roloson

Vivian Schubiger

Maryn Stevens

