

# SJE Calendar

October 2023							November 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Fall Intersession ~ Students return November 7						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Celebrate Fall Football 3rd grade Fundraiser			No School for Students District PD Day	Students Return					
	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Parents /Guardians join us for Student Led Conferences	No School for Students Teacher Work Day					Picture Day Retakes		Crazy Socks Day Kinder Fundraiser		
	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fall Intersession ~ Students return November 7							Thanksgiving Week Break						
	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		
Fall Intersession ~ Students return November 7													



# The Tiger GROWL

Proud to be an "A" school!

Trimester I 2023

## A Note from your Principals

Welcome back Tigers! We have had a wonderful start to the 2023-2024 school year. Our students have settled into their new classrooms, learned routines and expectations, made many new friends and reunited with some old friends. They have also jumped right into their academics and have taken their beginning of the year STAR or FAST assessments. All of this groundwork of building a strong classroom culture and gathering data on our students helps our staff ensure that it will be a great school year both socially and academically for our Tigers.

As a parent, there are some ways that you can partner with us to help your child have a successful year. One essential component is communication! Parents are encouraged to connect with us through our school website, Facebook page, and our Instagram page, as well as through our recorded Sunday calls and the Remind app. These resources allow you to receive up-to-date school-wide information that is about school-wide information and upcoming dates, and to see photos of our daily life! Additionally, we encourage families to communicate with their child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s). Teachers have sent home information about their preferred method of communication for quick question, and will schedule conferences with you as needed. The partnership and support between the classroom and home is so important! We are all a team and we work together to help your child(ren) learn and grow this year!

In addition to communication, we need your support in getting your child(ren) to school on time, every day. Academic instruction begins promptly at 8:20. This means that students should be all of the way inside the school building, in their classroom, and unpacked ready to start the day before the tardy bell rings. We ask that you do your best to try to schedule appointments and travel after our school day ends at 2:50 also. Please help us by not sign out your child for early dismissal as much as possible. Did you know that a student missing just 5 minutes of instruction each day for 180 days is equal to missing 15 hours of instruction? One way to help tackle this is through attendance challenges. Ask your child to share with you if their grade level has earned an ice pop for winning an attendance challenge so far this year!

Finally, we are working hard to grow great leaders one habit at a time! Our students have been learning about the 8 Habits of Happy Kids. SJE is proud to be a Leader In Me Legacy School! Our young leaders have been learning how to set goals for themselves and how to put first things first to work hard to reach those goals. They have also learned to synergize, because working together with others to hear multiple perspectives often brings about new and better ideas. Habit One, Be Proactive, teaches students that they are in charge of themselves and their own choices. We expect our students to be responsible for the leadership decisions that they make each and every day. They are learning how the choices they make often have impacts on others around them. We are thankful to have supportive parents like all of you who also reinforce this idea with our students at home. We love seeing our Tigers showing kindness and respect to their peers and our staff. And when they make a mistake in this area, they are learning and growing from it!

2023-2024 is going to be a great year as our students "Light the Way with Leadership!"

Mrs. Hoke and Mrs. Sare



# SJE PTO

Our PTO has been off to a running start this school year! Between organizing the fall fundraiser, hosting breakfast for parents of incoming kindergarteners, and throwing the magical Under the Sea Dance, our PTO Board and volunteers have been busy! We are so thankful for all the support of our SJE families and volunteers.

Please SAVE THE DATE for our annual Breakfast with Santa event – December 16, 2023. This is a family favorite and we hope to see lots of smiling faces there! To volunteer for this or other events, please email [sjeptovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:sjeptovolunteers@gmail.com).



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# Staff

SJE had a few staff changes this summer as we welcomed in new faces and said goodbye to others.

## Please help us in welcoming:

- Jamie Stanland ~Kindergarten Teacher
- Josephine Soresi ~ First Teacher
- Olivia Siligato ~ Third Grade Teacher
- Nicole Robinson, Noranne Glover, James Foster, & Jennifer Crumrine ~ Fourth Teachers
- Kaitlyn Hayes & Erin Taylor ~ Fifth Teachers
- Cindy Brooks, Cristina Conroy, Genevieve Lesieux, & Brooke Vitti ~ ESE Teachers
- Jessica Hosfeld ~ School Secretary
- Karen Sullivan, Brian Smith, Kristen Ackerman, & Stacie Muscolino Benfer ~ Classroom Paras
- Melissa Musick ~ ELL Para
- Stacey Sauders ~ Custodian
- Kelly Howarth ~School Social Worker

## Please help us in wishing our best to:

- Samantha Jacobs, Joana Laremont, & Chelsea Miller, who welcomed babies during the 2022/2023 school year.
- Miadora Romero, who is now teaching in Spain.
- Lauri Gadowry, who retired from teaching.
- Lynn Nicolussi, who is now teaching in Tennessee.
- Jeanette Kornfield, who returned to substitute teaching.
- Jessica Steyskal, who is now teaching at a private school.
- Melissa Elsen, who is now teaching middle school in Venice.

## Staff Changes:

- Leah Wilson moved from First Grade to Pre-K ESE.
- Nadia George moved from Reading Recovery to First/Second.
- Richie Sylvester moved from First to First/Second.
- Brittany Lewis moved from First to Second.
- Jenna Klossner moved from Fourth to Second.
- Jonattan Delet moved from Second to Reading Intervention.
- Anna Choken moved from ESE to Third.
- Christopher Louzon moved from Custodial to Pre-K para.

### REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR THREATS

Students, parents, CCPS employees, and members of the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activities and potential threats to schools. Any suspicious activity or threat shall be promptly reported to one of the following individuals, agencies or reporting tools: School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.

School Administrator or any available staff member.

**The FortifyFL Reporting APP** or to the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800-780-TIPS).

Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808

Calling 9-1-1.

**Note: Reports may be done anonymously.**



# Stay Connected

Here at SJE we have several ways to keep you connected. Please check out your options to be sure that you are receiving up-to-date information from our school!



Remind keeps you connected to your classroom teachers, as well as the school's rainy day dismissal and other communication.



Parent Connect phone calls allow our administration to send you reminders and information via your phone. Please be sure that you have an accurate phone number on record at school to ensure that you are receiving these recorded messages.



Many teachers at SJE use daily agendas for communication. If you have a question or note for the teacher, this is a great place to write it. Please remind your child to show the note to the teacher when they arrive at school.



Visit our school website at:

[www.yourcharlotteschools.net/SJE](http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/SJE)

This site will allow you to access important school based information and documents.



Find us on Facebook. Through Facebook we post photos of activities and classroom lessons that take place. We will also feature upcoming events that you won't want to miss.



SJE's school newsletter, "The Tiger Growl" is a great way to keep connected on important topics and school information. A copy is given to families three times a year.

# Art News

Our artists are really enjoying the "Leaders Light the Way" theme and how we incorporated it into our units. Pictured are a few 3rd graders with their Impressionistic paintings on the subject Fifth grade Art club is off to a great start and enjoyed creating decorations for our "Under the Sea" themed dance. We had a blast cutting pool noodles, making octopuses, sea urchins, and other fun creatures.

September has been a very competitive month around here for attendance especially! All of our students are invited to participate in a poster contest for "Every Day Counts." All entries are due Friday, September 29th to Mrs. Landis. Please remember that only student work should be turned in, all the space should be utilized, and the message "Every Day Counts" must be included. A winner from every grade level will be selected and awarded a \$25 Amazon gift card (in addition to all the fun, fame and publicity)!

-Mrs. Landis



# Officer Joe

Every month our staff and students practice Fire and Active Assailant Drills so that they are prepared in case of an emergency or if a situation arises. In addition to this, I also speak with each class about how to be prepared to handle a situation where a "dangerous person" is encountered in our school. Each lesson is tailored to the grade level. I talked to the students about what to do in case of danger, and the concepts taught will be the same actions needed whether your child is in school, at the mall, home, restaurant, movie theater or any other place they go. We are aware that this topic can be a scary one but believe that in the world we live in, it is best to be prepared.

Your child was taught to STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN to any announcements, whether they be from their teacher or the PA system.

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us here at Sallie Jones. ~ Officer Joe

# Bullying

## SJES Bully Information for Parents

### What is Bullying?

Bullying means to intentionally hurt someone physically, verbally or emotionally. It is unwanted, an imbalance of power, and repeated over a period of time.

### What to do if you are being bullied?

S	Say something to an adult
A	Ask for help
F	Find a friend
E	Exit the area

### 3 Characters



### How to be a Friend

- Refuse to join in
- Never fight the bully
- Speak out against bullying
- Report the bullying to an adult

### Ways to Report Bullying

- Verbal Report to Any Adult
- Written Report to Any Adult
- Online Bully Button on website

### Bullying vs. Peer Conflict

The Guidance Counselor and Resource Officer are educating all students on what bullying is, how to report it, and the difference between a bully situation and a peer conflict situation.

The Bully Button can be found on our school website at

[www.yourcharlotteschools.net/SJE](http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/SJE)

and on the CCPS district website at

<https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/bullying>

