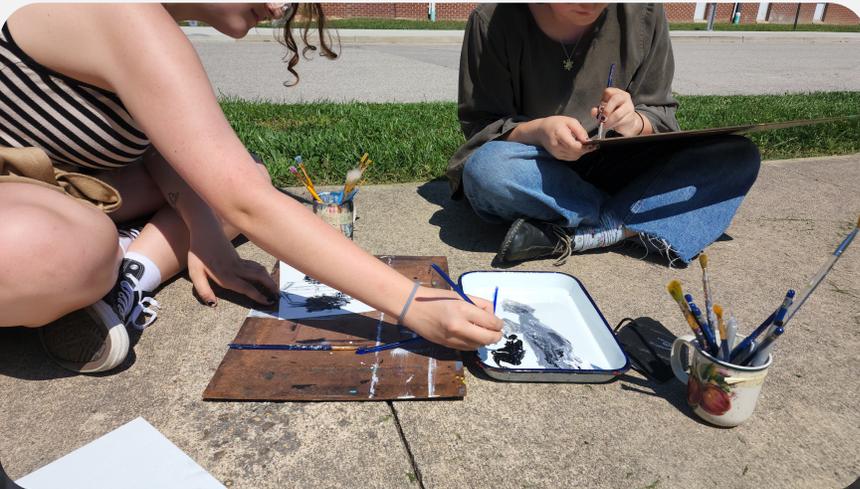


# St. James R-1 School District



## September Newsletter

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### *National Arts in Education Highlight*

Passed by Congress in 2010, House Resolution 275 designates the week beginning with the second Sunday in September as National Arts in Education Week. This month we celebrate our Arts in Education champions! These educators go above and beyond to encourage creativity in their classrooms.

During the week of September 11-17, communities across the country celebrated the field of arts in education. The St. James School District recognizes that the arts are essential to a well-rounded education: "we celebrate, we advocate, and we bring attention to our cause."





# Race to Reading Challenge

The race is on! Fourth and fifth grade students are hanging "book spines" of the books they have read in their hallways. The grade level whose "book spine" path reaches the library first wins. Let's cheer them on!



## Leadership and Coping Skills

Students in seventh grade Teen Leadership classes learned methods and strategies about how to cope with life's ups and downs. Five different stations were set up for students to practice these coping skills. Mookie, the Middle School's therapy dog, was one of the favorite stations. Students learned how pets can help alleviate stress and they said they really enjoyed learning more ways to ease anxiety in healthy ways.



## Teacher of the Month

Becky Sandusky - High School English  
 Ashlee Johnson - Middle School Special Education  
 Amanda Gibson - LWJE Special Education

## Staff of the Month

Amber Milsap - High School Secretary  
 Lisa Huster - Middle School Secretary  
 Ashton Chancey - LWJE Paraprofessional





## First Grade Explores Space

Kendra Swee and Rachel Ratcliff from Maramec Spring Park visited Lucy Wortham James Elementary. Our first graders participated in an interactive lesson about our solar system. Each planet was discussed and afterward, they worked together to "become" planets and moons within our solar system. They learned how our planets orbit around the sun. We value our community partnership with Maramec Spring Park.



## Lady Tigers Win Four Rivers Conference



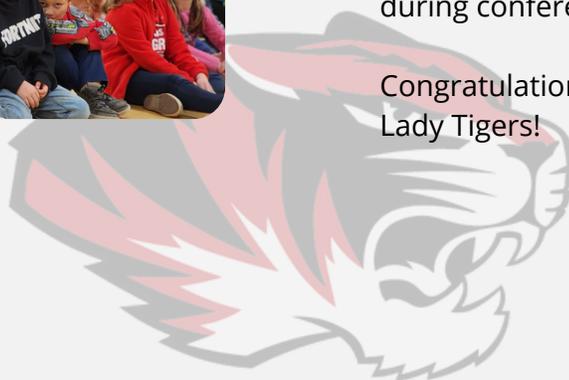
The St. James High School girls golf team won first place in the Four Rivers Conference on September 26, 2022 with a score of 434.

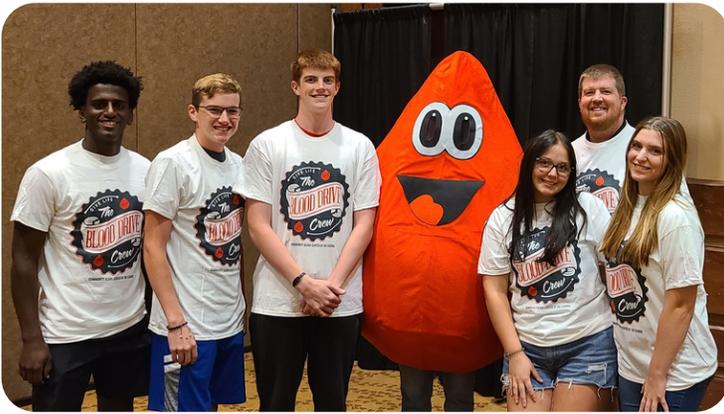
St. James had three players place in the top five and make First Team All Conference:

- Cally Gibson placed second with a score of 102.
- Ally Hartley placed fourth with a score of 106.
- Lydia Kemnitzer placed fifth with a score of 110.

Gracie Satterfield made Second Team All Conference from her previous performances during conference meets.

Congratulations on your conference win, Lady Tigers!





## NHS Workshop

National Honor Society (NHS) officers: President Heather Austin, Vice President Jordan Cairer, Secretary Jake Wilson, Treasurer Caleb Adams, and Historian Silas Redburn traveled to Springfield, Missouri to attend a workshop hosted by Community Blood Center of the Ozarks.

The workshop teaches various leadership skills needed to run a blood drive, best practices for promoting the blood drive, and talking points on why an individual should give blood.

NHS blood drives are the first opportunity for students to give blood which goes to local hospitals like Phelps Health, extending into the southwest Missouri as far as Kansas and Arkansas.

National Honor Society is sponsored by Josh Adams, high school math teacher.

## Construction Updates: LWJE Roof

The north section of roof replacement has begun and should be completed by mid-October.



## Events

### October

- **07** - Homecoming
- **11** - PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM (MS)
- **19** - BOE Meeting @ 6 PM
- **25** - Parent Teacher Conferences
- **27** - Parent Teacher Conferences
  - Early Dismissal @ 12:30 PM
- **28** - No School
- **31** - Halloween

