

2025-2026

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Our Story.
Our School.
Our Wrap.

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Yearbook 25 - 26

a playlist by our school

SJT Wrapped

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Opening tracks

Dear SJT Staff and Students,

Congratulations on completing another year at SJT!

The Yearbook Club is proud to present our first digital SJT student yearbook. We couldn't have done it without the participation of our school community. We would like to give a special shout out to Yearbook Club members Tuhfa and Shayna for graphic design, to Aman and Sarah for photography, and to our advisor Ms. Gomes for helping to make this yearbook possible!

This year, we chose "Spotify Wrapped" as our theme to celebrate the unique highlights, memories, and achievements of 2025-2026. Similar to the way spotify sums up your most played songs of the year, we've accumulated this year's most memorable events and moments. Each page of this yearbook captures our "greatest hits" and the little everyday moments that made SJT special. From first-day excitement to unforgettable events, consider this your personal SJT Wrapped!

We are excited to share this "playlist" of memories with you and hope you'll look back on it for years to come, "rewinding" this book and feeling nostalgic as you look back on its "songs."

Here's to the Class of 2026- may your life always be full of your favorite tracks and best moments! Goodbye to all our wonderful seniors, we've loved having you here.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." – Arthur Ashe

With gratitude,

The Yearbook Club

Tuhfa Omar
Aman Jinham
Kiara Stevens
Sarah Ali
Shifa Saleh
Heidy Aguilar Martin
Amira Abrahimi
Emily Calmo Pablo
Taibah Mohamed
Shayna Ward

Now playing

Letter from the Yearbook Club

New Staff

SJT



Mx. Marika Iyer

Mx. Marika (they/she) loves to learn about students' and their passions and supports them in developing their skills and capacities.

Mx. M loves to hike, rock climb, and run. They also DJ when (or if) they have spare time!



Mr. Alan Perez

Hey hey, this is Mr. Alan!

One of our highly valued School Counselors at SJT who helps lead Advisory sessions and assists students with their post-secondary goals.

Mr. Alan says it is an honor to support Sojourner Truth students and he is looking forward to helping our student body make all their life dreams and goals come true.

A heartfelt welcome to all new staff not pictured:

Jessica Umana (Adminstrative Assistant),
Daymarr Johnson (Work-based Learning Lead)
& Kristen Murakoshi



Mr. Tom Skjervheim

Mr. Tom is a support teacher who joined the Sojourner Truth staff this school year and supports professional development for teachers and assisting families and students in the main office. He has worked as a teacher and administrator for over twenty years, and previously was co-principal at Fremont High School, and assistant principal at Rudsdale Continuation High School in Oakland Unified. His favorite part of his job is getting to know our amazing Sojourner Truth students!



Ms. May Chaltiel

Ms. Chaltiel has been a valued staff member at Sojourner Truth for the past 9 years as the program specialist for the special education department! Aside from education, she also has a background in media arts.

We celebrate Ms. Chaltiel's move into a teaching position this year, becoming part of the site-based team at Sojourner Truth.

Ms. Chaltiel has two adult sons and lives in San Francisco.

2025–6 WRAPPED

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE NEWS?

This year's news has been intense, reflecting conflicts with ICE, the Trump administration, and the genocides happening around the world. There have been mass deaths and hunger on a global scale.

Some good news is the first Muslim mayor in New York City history, Zohran Mamdani, took office. 2025 also saw greater support for the Free Palestine movement that continues to grow!

- Aman Jinham & Sarah Ali



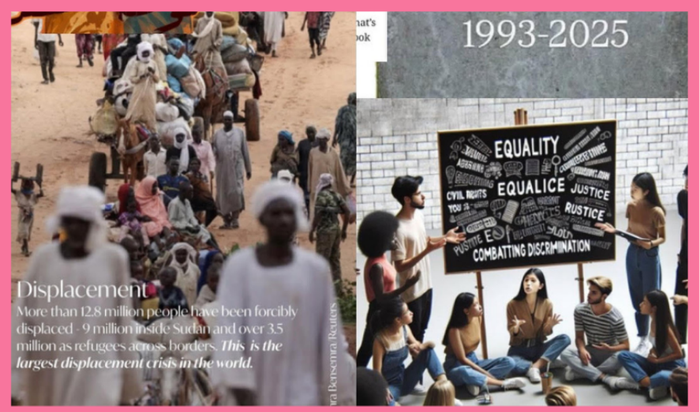
January 2025
U.S. Presidential transition and new administration start.

March 2025
ICE and Immigration problems gets worse.

May 2025
Palestine posts and humanitarian concerns started spreading online.

July 2025
Sudan gained more attention as violence, displacement, and food shortages.

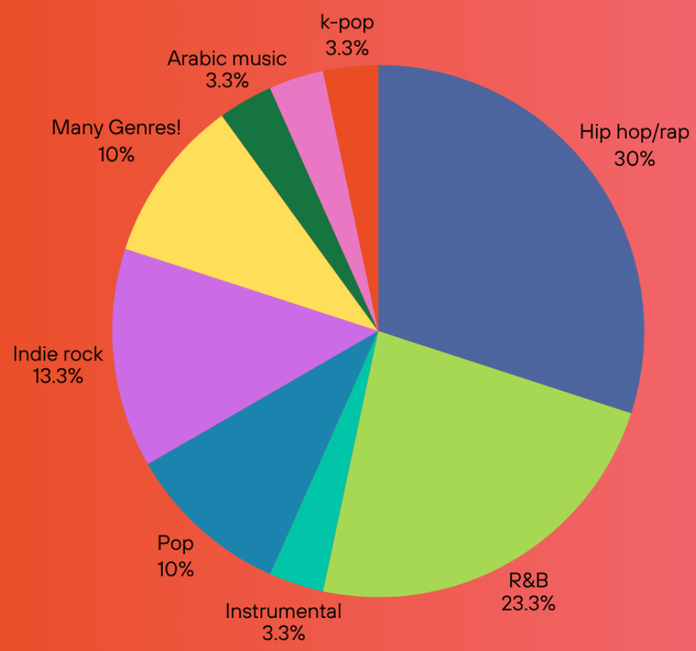
November 2025
Zohran Mamdani offically took office as NYC mayor.



SJT MUSIC POLL

TOP GENRES

1. Hip hop
2. R&B
3. Indie Rock
4. Pop / Many Genres

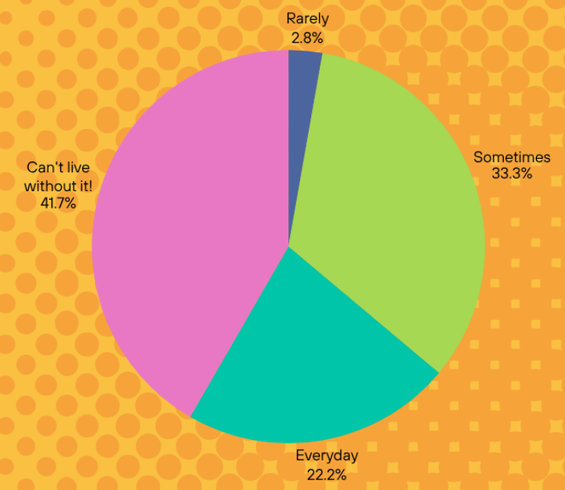


THE SOUNDTRACK OF OUR YEAR

STAFF & HS STUDENTS' TOP ARTISTS

KEHLANI
PARTYNEXTDOOR
SIENNA SPIRO
MEN I TRUST
DRAKE
PIERCE THE VEIL
BTS
DON TOLIVER
MELDROP
MON LAFERTE
LAUFEY
SZA
THE MARIAS
EBK JAAYBO
DRAKEO THE RULER
TALLY HALL
FIFTH HARMONY
LIL BABY
JUICE WRLD
MAC DEMARCO
BILLIE EILISH
NATORI
LEAH JULIA
FAIRUZ
DEFTONES
BEABADOOBEE
ISLES & GLACIER
LOS RETROS
TEMS
THE WEEKND
PLAYBOI CARTI
EBK JAAYBO
TAME IMPALA
LANA DEL REY
PINK PANTHERESS
STRAY KIDS
COCTEAU TWINS
J COLE
SKILLET

HOW OFTEN DO OUR STAFF & STUDENTS LISTEN TO MUSIC?



WHEN DO YOU LISTEN TO MUSIC?

1. COOKING & CLEANING
2. IN THE CAR
3. WORKOUTS, WALKS, DANCING & SPORTS
4. WHILE DOING HOMEWORK
5. GAMING
6. DAYDREAMING
7. DOING ANYTHING!
8. CRAFTING

ARTISTS YOU CAN'T STAND?

1. CAN'T THINK OF ONE
2. TAYLOR SWIFT
3. 50 CENT

POLL BY HEIDY AGUILAR MARTIN

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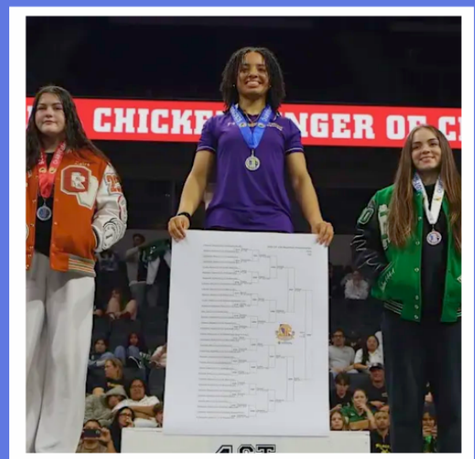
SJT Spotlight

SJT SPOTLIGHT

amazing accomplishments by our students & staff



Shayna Ward holding her championship bracket at 135lbs, at the Dignity Health Arena in Bakersfield

Shayna Ward Wrestling Champion

SJT's very own Shayna Ward made history on February 28, 2026, becoming the first ever girls wrestling CIF state Champion for Oakland, and the first champion of any gender since 1983. Shayna ended her season with a 42-0 record with 23 pins, and has a record of 120-6 for her high school career. Shayna has been honored by the San Jose Sharks, the Oakland Roots, the Golden State Valkyries and the Warriors, Oakland City Hall, won Black Family Summit Player Of The Year, and will soon be honored by the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Ballers.

Shayna's Accomplishments
3x CIF State Placer
3x NCS Section Champion
3x OAL Champion
3x California National Team Member
2x Fargo All American
U20 WTT All American
Ranked #5 In The Nation - (Sports Illustrated)



Shayna after getting her 100th win, Napa Valley Girls Classic & Outstanding Wrestler



Shayna Ward holding her championship bracket after winning her 3rd consecutive NCS Title, before CIF State



Shayna at the CIF State Championships in Bakersfield in her semifinals match

SJT SPOTLIGHT

OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS



Beloved elementary school teacher Ms. van Rossom shares a letter as she begins a new chapter of her life:

Congratulations
on your retirement!
Fairwell,
Ms. van Rossum...
We wish you
all the best!

Dear SJT,

If you were ever my student, I am happy to have spent time with you, helping you to learn new things. Please keep learning and doing good things. Find someone to help every day. It will make you happy and it will help you to become even more wonderful than you already are! I will miss the SJT family while I move on to new things.

God bless you all,

Ms. Terrilynn van Rossum

SJT SPOTLIGHT

OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS



Carmela Golden-Reyna

Congratulations to Ms. Carmela Golden-Reyna on receiving OUSD's **Teacher of Excellence Award!**

A message to Ms. Golden from Student Leadership Club:

"Thank you for being the BEST teacher ever. You make SJT feel welcoming and full of good energy. Your patience, kindness, and amazing vibes make such a difference every day. We're really grateful to have you—you're truly that girl!"



Dr. Cherone Burrey-Cabezudo

Congratulations to Asst. Principal, Dr. Burrey-Cabezudo on **earning her doctorate from Marymount University!** Her dissertation, "Erasing Blackness in Public Schools," used qualitative research & Critical Race Theory to examine how school leadership practices shape the academic engagement & lived experiences of Black secondary students in urban schools. Her findings challenge educators & leaders to take consistent, structural action. Dr. Burrey-Cabezudo's journey is a powerful reminder that the pursuit of knowledge, justice, and excellence never stops at Sojourner Truth.

SJT SPOTLIGHT

AFRICAN-AMERICAN
Middle School
Honor Roll

Malachi Savage
Sameeha Lackey
Zari Barrientos
A'mari Payton
Jahzara Reed
Jayceon Taylor
Khai Frieson
Skyie Williams
Ronnie Stewart
Caleb Crenshaw
Kehli'l Cecaci-Gilliam
Ava McCleese
Duke Ward
Teraji Fuller
Cherish Harnette
Jaseenah Muhammad
De'Honest McCullough-Strong
Mamadou Cheickna Diawara

SJT SPOTLIGHT

AFRICAN-AMERICAN
High School
Honor Roll

Nevaeh Harris
Leon Brown
Manal Ruban
Mai Whitfield
A'miyah Ramsey
Phoenix Grier
James Haynes
Sofia Johnson
Camron Crenshaw
Ayanfe Durham
Devon Wysinger
Gabriel Singleton
Zenith Grier
Micah Lenton
Kiara Stevens
Ariel Herrera
Scarlett Grier
Tremaine Ball
Lauren Byias
Jasir Muhammad
Z'mire McGlothen
Avah Agnew

Nevaeh Evans
Da'Shawn Savage
Victoria Washington
Nigel Spears
Anita-Jillian Avila
Amirh Hewitt
Mariah Perkins
Patrick Spears
Mar'Layjah Morris
Jasmine Tipton
Fairhun Usso
Jahvonn Mair
Shauntay Kaselean
Mccullough Strong
Kaliah Jefferson-Funches
Dailynn Carroll-Knox
Farrah Grier
Uriah Brice
Sashae Omotade
Tatiana Tucker
Q'yanna Ford
Rashad Miller-Smith

SJT SPOTLIGHT

amazing accomplishments by our students & staff

Arab Honor Roll

Jamil Abushi, 4.0
Yasameen Al-dhabyani, 4.0
Sarah Ali, 4.0
Amira Alrahimi, 4.0
Aman Jinham, 4.0
Saleh Musa, 4.0
Aseel Abobakr, 3.93
Safa Boobakr, 3.93
Marwa Boobakr, 3.92
Afnan Ali, 3.9
Bashar Abdulla, 3.89
Sama Alfakieh, 3.89
Maysa Gazali, 3.87
Eman Alarqaban, 3.83
Ayah Alsanabany, 3.83
Merwit Gazali, 3.8
Saba Kassim, 3.77
Tesneem Ahmed, 3.76
Nawal Alhaj, 3.76
Ayat Ali, 3.75
Mona Ahmed, 3.71
Maha Ahmed, 3.7
Hawazil Ahmed Mohamed, 3.67
Ayad Obad, 3.61
Elias Himed, 3.6
Yasmine Abdulwahab, 3.58
Kaid Alhabil, 3.56
Sabah Alrahimi, 3.54
Afnan Alawdi, 3.5
Aisha Alrahimi, 3.5
Heba Alwabri, 3.5
Shifa Saleh, 3.5
Roqea Alsanabany, 3.5
Malak Gazali, 3.4
Lwza Alarqaban, 3.33
Halla Alajji, 3.31
Haneen Alagi, 3.29
Ganat Homran, 3.28
Yasmine Alhirdi, 3.25
Fairouz Alhumadi, 3.22
Adam Alrahimi, 3.2
Hana Hussein Ali, 3.2
Reem Shami, 3.2
Rowaida Mohamed, 3.18
ZaraahAl Husaini, 3.15
Ayat Alkhubari, 3.14
Taibah Mohamed, 3.08

SJT SPOTLIGHT

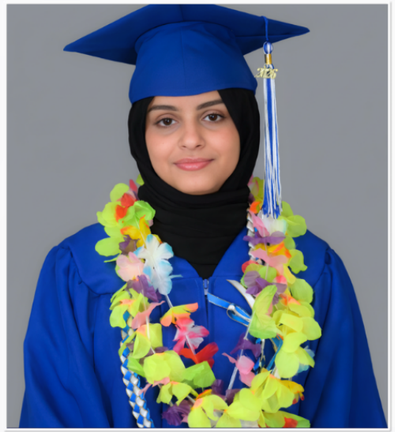
amazing accomplishments by our students & staff

Congratulations to our talented students!



Principal Cabrera with AFAM (African American) Honor Roll students Anita-Jillian (AJ) Avila, Sashae Omotade, and Ayanfe Durham.

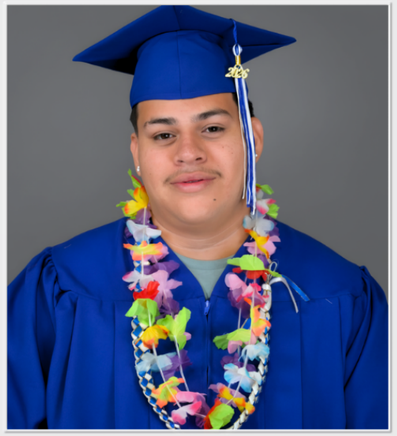
SENIORS CLASS OF 2026



Nawal Alhaj



Zaraah Alhusaini



Anthony Barahona



Leon Brown

SENIORS CLASS OF 2026



Q'yanna Ford

"For every dark night there's a brighter day" -Tupac



Tuhfa Omar

"Failure is a concept. How you recover is the truth". - SZA

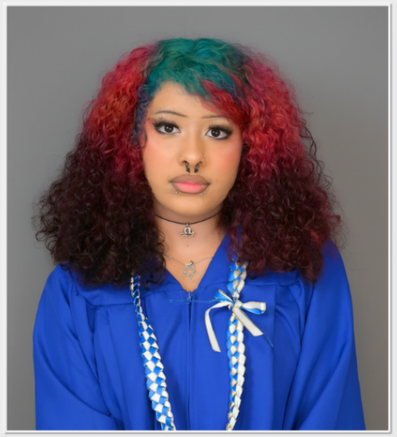


Jiovanni Magallon Ornelas



Gabriel Singleton

SENIORS CLASS OF 2026



Zahara Torres
So blessed I'd be greedy if I sneezed



Shayna Ward
#2k26CIF State Champ, Yearbook, SLC
"Jealousy is just love and hate
at the same time." - Drake



Zaire Washington



Maurvell Wilder



Xiao Qin Zhen

GRADUATING SENIORS NOT PICTURED

Bashar Abdulla
Yasmine Abdulwahab Alareki
Maha Ahmed
Tesneem Ahmed
Ghadeer Alazzani
Dalal Al Husaini
Ayat Alkhubari
Halla Alajji
Sama Alfakieh
Rafaa Ali
Khaled Alsadem
Kevin Arias García
Tremaine Ball
Adriana Beltran Aguilera
Bryant Besteda
Dailynn Carroll Knox
Faren Coto Morales
Maya Dallett
Boris Drew
Asa Edwards
Sarai Edwards
Jonathan Eriksson
Kyler Gao
Erick Garcia-Mendez
Manal Gazali
Zenith Grier
Yesenia Gutierrez
Mariana Hernandez Valenzuela
Rashid Islam
Julieta Nevarez-Cerda
Andrea Peralta-Guzman
Oziel Perez
Andrea Pablo-Perez
Elijah Presley
Erik Quintania Cruz
Yolianna Ramirez-Sanchez
Tashaka Reader
Brayan Rico Ceja
Lizzy Celeste Rizo
Yairi Silva Saucedo
Christopher Stroman
Seham Wasel
Mateo Watson
Helena Walker
Kaliah Jefferson-Funches
Jaliyah Johnson
Jay Khalaf
Micah Lenton
Mary "Jennifer" Lewin
Jaiden Maciel
Leila Manzano
Thomas Martinic
Niamore Martinez Palacios
Fatima Marzi
Shauntay Mccuough Strong
Amira McGruder
Aisha Mohsin
Nadia Morris
A'Niyah Nelson

Thanks to our photographer Halona Sudduth
and student assistants Aman Jinham & Sarah Ali

SENIOR SUNRISE







Senior Sunrise was a special and unforgettable moment for the graduating seniors. We gathered together early in the morning in pajamas, shared breakfast, laughed, took pictures, and enjoyed each other's company as we prepared for our final year of high school. We went on a hike and watched the sunrise, reminding us how far we've come and how bright the future ahead is. It was the perfect way to celebrate the memories, friendships, and the journey we shared throughout high school...

A beautiful farewell to an unforgettable chapter.

-Tuhfa Omar

SJT SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

MOST LIKELY TO BE A TEACHER: Q'YANNA FORD

MOST LIKELY TO BE A LAWYER: TESNEEM AHMED

MOST LIKELY TO BE A MILLIONARE: ZENITH GRIER

MOST LIKELY TO BE A DOCTOR: TUHFA OMAR

MOST LIKELY TO BE ASLEEP IN CLASS: SHAYNA WARD

MOST LIKELY TO BE FAMOUS: SHAYNA WARD

MOST ACTIVE IN CHAT: TUHFA OMAR

MOST LIKELY TO BE IN THE OLYMPICS: SHAYNA WARD

MOST LIKELY TO WRITE A BEST SELLING NOVEL: BRYANT BESTEDA

MOST ARTISTIC: JAY ESCATEL-REYNAGA

TARDY KING/QUEEN: JIOVANNI MAGALLON - ORNELAS

NEXT REALITY TV STAR: ZAHARA TORRES

NEXT BIG INFLUENCER: JIOVANNI MAGALLON - ORNELAS

BEST VIBES: TUHFA OMAR

BEST PROFILE PICS: ZAIRE WASHINGTON

BEST SMILE: SHAYNA WARD

CLASS CLOWN: TUHFA OMAR

BEST DUO: SHAYNA WARD + TUHFA OMAR



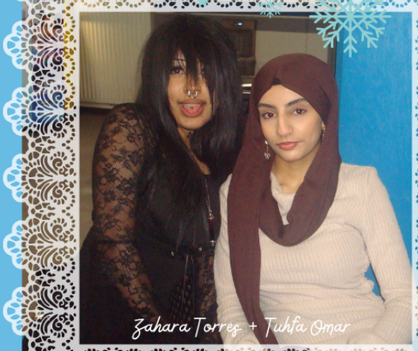
Now playing

Events

SJT Ice Skating Party



SJT Staff
Yvonne Salvador, Carmela Golden-Reyna, Tara Austin, Teresa Littlebird
Alessandra Cabrera, Christina Walker, Micheal Shane



Zahara Torres + Tuhfa Omar

January 14, 2026

SJT Staff And Students
Sarah Ali , Carmela Golden-Reyna, Zahara Torres,
Tuhfa Omar, Luisa Lopez, Chrisitna Walker



SJT Staff -
Teresa Littlebird + Carmela Golden-Reyna



SJT Staff Micheal Shane
← smiles for the camera!

The Oakland Ice Skating Rink! →

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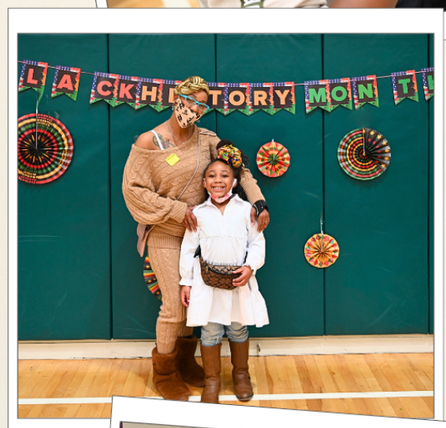
Sarah Ali





SJT
Elementary
students &
families
celebrate



BLACK HISTORY MONTH!



with
arts & crafts,
community
& fun











2026 CAREER FAIR



SJT VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

MR. JOHNSON INVITED GUESTS FROM DIVERSE ORGANIZATIONS TO SHARE INFORMATION & RESOURCES WITH STUDENTS VIA ZOOM

STUDENTS VIEWED SLIDE DECK PRESENTATIONS AND WERE GIVEN TIME FOR Q&A

FROM INTERNSHIPS TO JOB PLACEMENTS, SJT STUDENTS EXPLORED THEIR CAREER OPTIONS

GUESTS INCLUDED:

YOUTHBEAT
HACK THE HOOD
MISSION BIT
RISING SUN CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY
OAKLAND EARLY EDUCATOR APPRENTICESHIP
COMMUNITY READING BUDDIES
PERALTA HACIENDA
OUSD'S THE CENTER
OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY



STUDENT PERSPECTIVES...

WHAT STUDENTS SAID ABOUT THE CAREER FAIR

Luisa Lopez
10th grade

"The most helpful thing I learned during the career fair was information about a specific internship I was interested in. I got to find out more information about it."

Hawazil Ahmed Mohamed
9th grade

"I think career fairs are important for students at SJT because since we're online we don't get as many opportunities or notices about internships or summer jobs like those in person. But with the career fair we get to learn about internships and summer jobs that are both in person and online.

The most interesting thing I learned during the career fair was about the program, Hack the Hood. I liked how it's very diverse and inclusive for people of color."

Heidy Aguilar
9th grade

"Personally, I think it helps us to broaden our career options and learn about different paths for our future jobs."

Taibah Mohamed,
10th grade

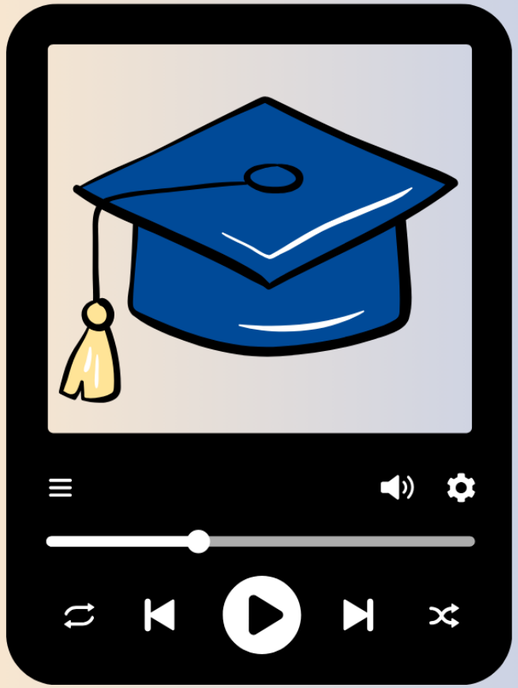
"I learned that even if something doesn't sound interesting, once you learn about it, you find things that are really nice."

Micaias Pablo Jeronimo
9th grade

"It was really fun seeing all the different options we had"

Sarah Ali
11th grade

"I'm grateful that our SJT staff provides us information about these topics. The most helpful thing I've learn was more about internships! I remember having so much questions — but SJT teachers/staff got us covered."



INTERVIEW WITH MR. JOHNSON

MR. JOHNSON IS OUR WORK-BASED LEARNING LEAD, CONNECTING CLASSROOM LEARNING WITH REAL-WORLD CAREER EXPERIENCES

Q: What inspired you to organize a career fair, and why is it important for SJT students?

A: My inspiration stems from a desire to expose students to a wider array of opportunities they can pursue in the coming years. This is particularly crucial for our online school, as it allows us to connect with a broader network of potential speakers and find individuals who are better aligned with our students' schedules.

Q: How did you select the career day speakers?

A: I initiated contact through email, reaching out to potential speakers. I then awaited their responses and confirmations to participate in the career day.

Q: Will there be a career fair next year? If so, would there be any changes to the scheduling or speakers?

A: Yes, there will be a career fair every year that I am here. I will aim to bring in new speakers and find individuals who can offer even more opportunities to all students. We will also evaluate the scheduling to ensure it remains accessible and effective for everyone.

Q: Was it difficult to organize this event? Any advice for students who wants to organize an event?

A: While I have some experience organizing events, having done this for three years now, it's still a significant undertaking. It requires careful planning and attention to detail. Here's some advice for students interested in organizing events:

Planning and Preparation:

- Start early: Begin planning well in advance to allow sufficient time for research, scheduling, and securing resources.
- Create a detailed timeline: Develop a roadmap with key milestones and deadlines to stay on track.
- Set a budget: Determine costs for all aspects of the event, including venue, speakers, materials, and marketing.
- Delegate tasks: Divide responsibilities among team members to ensure efficient workload distribution.
- Identify potential sponsors: Reach out to local businesses or organizations for financial or in-kind support.

Event Day Logistics:

- Have a contingency plan: Anticipate potential problems and have backup solutions for unexpected issues.
- Coordinate with vendors: Confirm all arrangements with caterers, audio-visual providers, and other service providers.
- Manage registration: Ensure an organized system for attendee check-in and tracking.
- Provide clear communication: Keep participants informed about the schedule, location, and any changes.
- Encourage feedback: Collect comments and suggestions from attendees to improve future events.

Thank you, Mr. Johnson!

by Shifa Saleh

Senior
AWARDS NIGHT

The Enchanted Forest





Senior Awards Night was held in Alameda aboard the beautiful Luxe Cruise and featured an “Enchanted Forest” theme that made the evening feel magical and unforgettable. The venue was decorated with glowing lights, greenery, flowers, and elegant table settings that created a lively and dreamy atmosphere as the sun set over the water. Everyone arrived dressed in formal attire, with students wearing stunning gowns, sleek dresses, dress shirts, suits, and ties that made the night feel even more special. Throughout the evening, seniors gathered to celebrate their accomplishments, enjoy dinner, listen to speeches and awards presentations, take photos with friends, and dance together as music played throughout the cruise. One of the most memorable parts of the night was laughing, dancing, and dining, making lasting memories together in our final moments before graduation.

-Tuhfa Omar




WELCOME ABOARD
SOJOURNER TRUTH








SENIOR NIGHT
SOJOURNER TRUTH
2026


SENIOR NIGHT










Seniors
2026

FIELD DAY

MAY 20, 2026









On May 20th, Field day was held on SJT campus. The day consisted of hands-on activities ranging from sports and games to arts and crafts. The staff set up fun stations such as face painting by Ms. Golden, balloon modeling lessons by Mr. Doyle , and a craft table for seniors to decorate their caps.

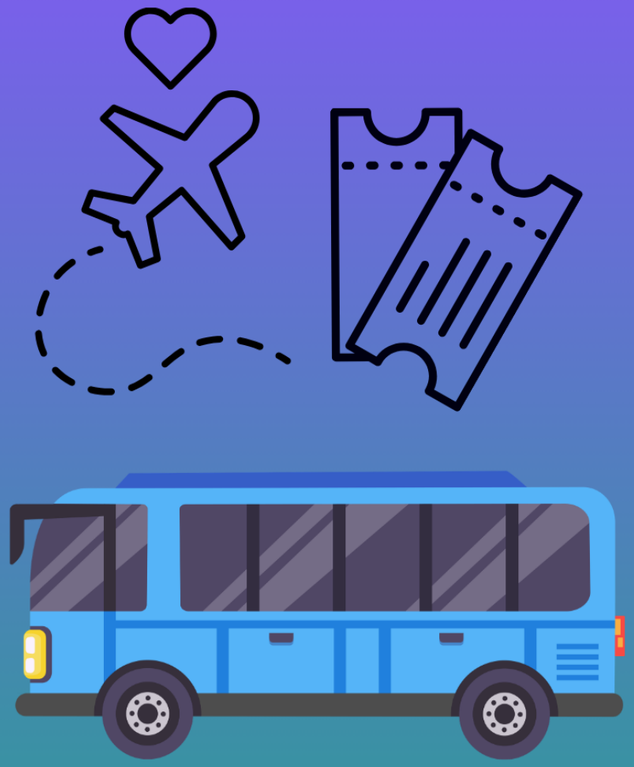
The musical chairs game, won by senior Shayna Ward, was filled with music and laughter. Students and teachers enjoyed chatting over pizza, snacks, and refreshments. Our most memorable moments were capturing the group photos to share with the yearbook! It will be a great to look back on the fun day we shared together.



We would like to give a special shout out to Aman Jinham for organizing this event and to the SLC club and SJT staff for helping to make it a reality! Thank you to all who participated & spent time with us.

-Sarah Ali

with photos by Aman Jinham & Sarah Ali



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Field Trips

de Young

FINE ART MUSEUM & JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP







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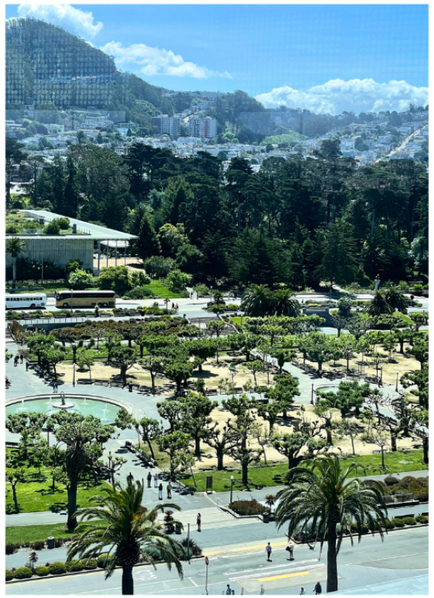

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Berkeley National Research Lab

STEM EXPLORATION TRIP

October 15th







On October 15th, students visited the Berkeley National Research Lab to explore the research they conduct. After a tour of the lab, students learned about the range of products they study, such as cosmetics and fragrances. It was an interesting experience and a great opportunity for those interested in STEM.

-Aman Jinham

TECH INTERACTIVE FIELD TRIP



NEVAEH EVANS, NAOMI MORALES, AND AJAHNI GORDON

GREAT AMERICA



MAY 8, 2026

A GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & STAFF ATTENDED PHYSICS DAY AT GREAT AMERICA, AN ANNUAL STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH) EVENT. STUDENTS GAINED HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES BY RIDING COASTERS AND GATHERING SCIENTIFIC DATA ON RIDES USING THEIR SMARTPHONES.







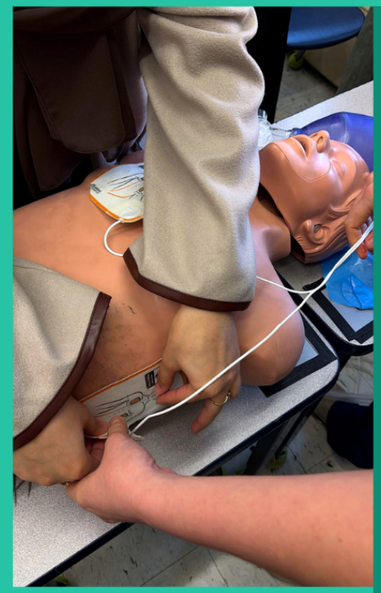
OUSD'S

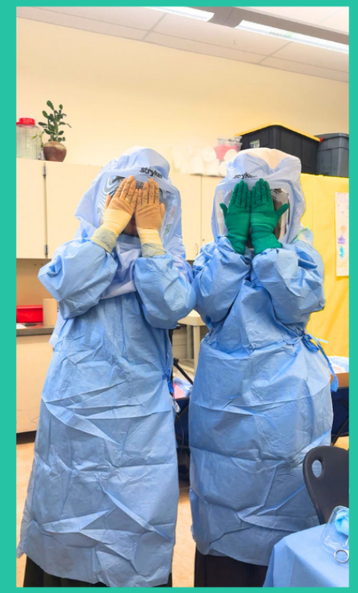
HEALTHCARE

CAREERS CONFERENCE

at Life Academy

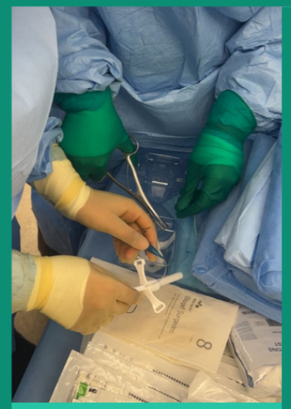


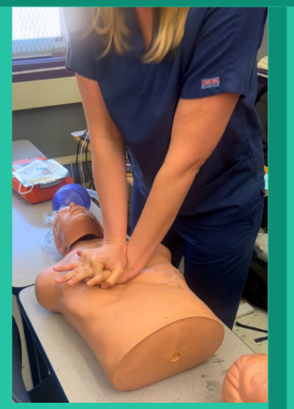




The OUSD Healthcare Careers Conference took place on Saturday, January 24th at Life Academy and welcomed all OUSD high school students. The event was filled with healthcare professionals from many different fields, including surgery technicians, ICU cardiologists, nurses, labor and delivery specialists, psychiatrists, pediatric neurologists, and more. Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to learn about different medical careers, hear personal experiences, and explore future pathways in healthcare.

-Photos & writing by Aman Jinham









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Student Clubs

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS:

Anime Club
Cooking Club
Roots Club
SLC
Girls who Code
Medical Explorers
RAIN
Art & Yearbook

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS:

Bestie Club
SLC

ANIME CLUB

Club Advisor:
Ms. Cummins



Members:
A'myiah Ramsey
Bryant Besteda
Paul Simon Lacson
Uriah Brice

Honorable mentions:
Abigail Smith-Beltran
Abner Castillo
Ivory Reyes

Cooking Club

Advisor:
Ms. Stepanski

Cake baked by
A'myiah Ramsey!

Members:

Luisa Lopez Martin
Jocelyn Garcia Martinez
A'myiah Ramsey
Abigail Smith Beltran
Amira Alrahimi



ROOTS CLUB

SUPPORTING STAFF:
MS. MATA
MS. SUDDUTH





FOUNDING MEMBERS:

AMAN JINHAM, PRESIDENT
AYANFE DURHAM
JESUS MORALES
KAMRON CHUI
NAOMI MORALES
NOOR KORIN
SARAH ALI
TAIBAH MOHAMED
VICTOR CARPIO RODAS
XIAO QIN ZHEN

The purpose of the Culture Club is to explore and celebrate diverse cultures from around the world. Through engaging activities and meaningful discussions, the club aims to foster empathy, promote inclusivity and respect, and encourage global awareness. By broadening students' perspectives, the club supports personal growth, strengthens communication skills, and inspires creativity in a collaborative and welcoming environment.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CLUB

Advisors:
Ms. Golden-Reyna
Ms. Walker



Ms. Walker



Ms. Golden



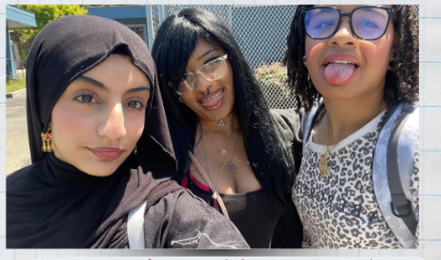
Senior Awards Night 2026



SLC Members at Field Day

SLC Members:

Aman Jinham
Tuhfa Omar
Shayna Ward
Shifa Saleh
Zahara Torres
Taibah Mohamed
Luisa Lopez Martin
Kiara Stevens
Sama Alfakieh
Sarah Ali
Abigail Smith-Beltran
Amira Alrahimi



SLC Members Tuhfa Omar, Zahara Torres, and Shayna Ward







girls who CODE



MEMBERS :

SAMA ALFAKIEH
DALAL AL HUSAINI
MARIANA HERNANDEZ VALENZUELA
KALIAH JEFFERSON FUNCHES
BOTHINAH MASOUD
MONAE MCSHAN JONES

ADVISOR : MS. SMITH







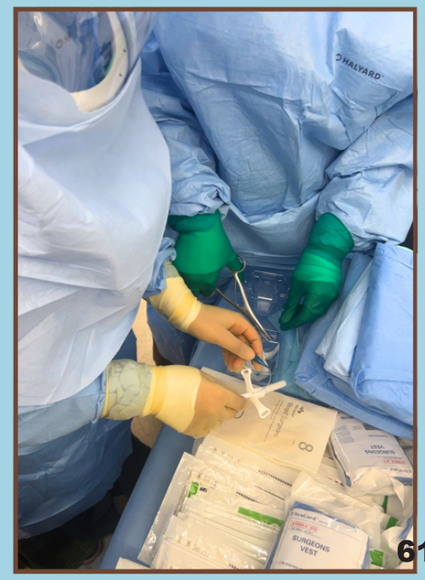
Members:

Aman Jinham
Sama Alfakieh
Afnan Alawdi
Fairouz Alhumadi
Morgan Vong
Rowaida Mohamed
Sashae Omotade
Sheima Masoud
Taibah Mohamed
Tesneem Ahmed
Za'Kayiah Love
Maria Ruban
Sarah Ali
Hawazil Ahmed Mohamed

Ms. Lehman - Club Advisor

Medical Explorers Club







R.A.I.N.

CLUB

Starting later in the school year, R.A.I.N. Club (which stands for Respect, Allyship, Inclusion, Non-Conformity) is Sojourner Truth's growing Gender and Sexuality Alliance. There are currently no members in the club, hopefully people will start to join next school year.

Advisors: Mr. Doyle & Ms. Golden-Reyna

Advisor:
Ms. Gomes

Art & Yearbook Club

XOXO  XOXO

Yearbook Writers & Designers:
Tuhfa Omar
Shayna Ward
Shifa Saleh
Aman Jinham
Emily Pablo Calmo

Artists:
Heidy Aguilar Martin
Kiara Stevens

Photographers:
Sarah Ali
Aman Jinham
Taibah Mohamed



6TH GRADE MEMBERS:

BELLATRIX ABDELWHAB
YANG CHEN
HANA
AYAT
MICHAEL
MELE
PELENAISE
KEHLI'I
KAREMA
BIBI MARYAM

7TH GRADE MEMBERS:

CALEB
AVA
MAMADOU
JAZLYN
REEM

8TH GRADE MEMBERS:

REEM
ALEXIS
HANEEN
HEBA
AMARI
JAZAHRA
RONNIE

MS STUDENT LEADERSHIP CLUB



CLUB MEMBERS:

1. AVA
2. ALANKA
3. AYAT
4. BIBI
5. HANA
6. JAZLYN
7. JAHZARA
8. REEM
9. SHATHA
10. YANGCHEN
11. YASMINE

CLUB ADVISOR: DR. GUMORA



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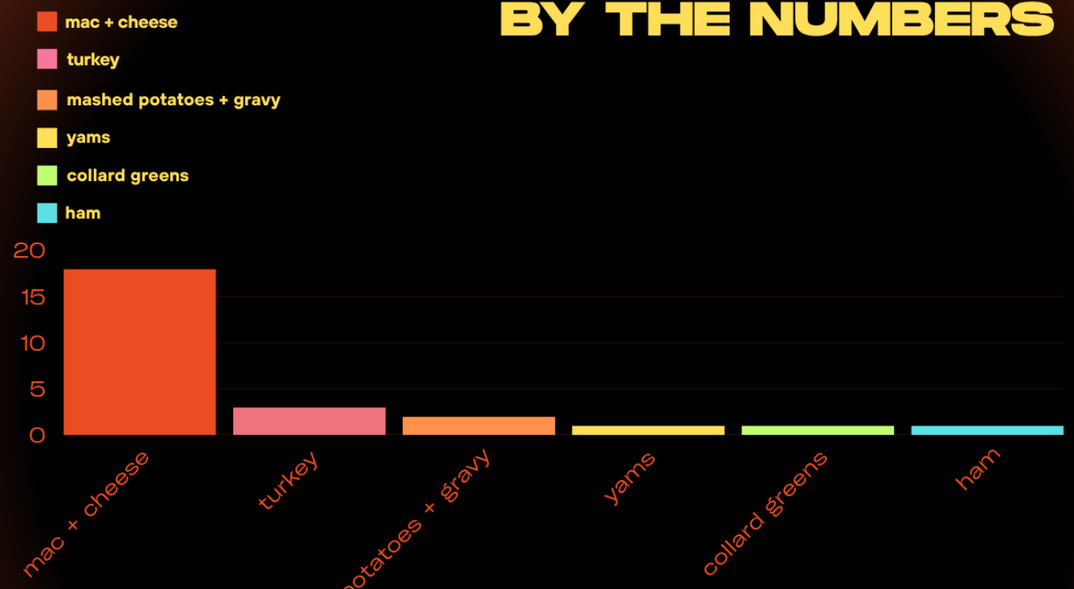
Holidays



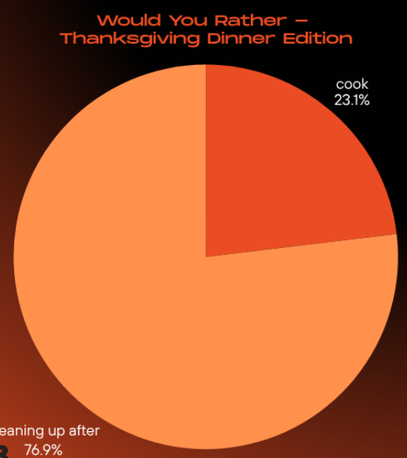
Illustration by Kiara Stevens

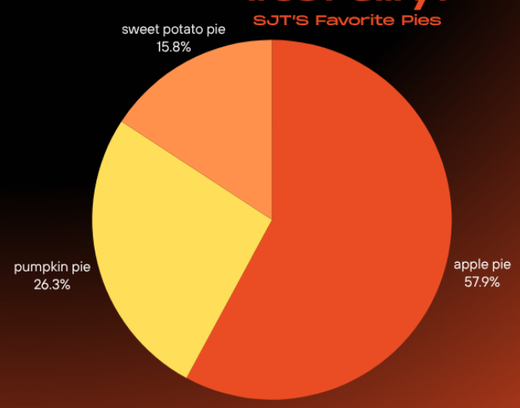
BEST THANKSGIVING FOODS

BY THE NUMBERS



a pie chart, literally!





I am thankful for Mr. Shane because he teaches very well and talks about important topics. – Scarlett Grier

Ms. Golden is so amazing, supportive, funny and honestly the closest relationship i've ever had with a teacher, she's so awesome so shout out to her. – Tuhfa Omar, 12th

Ms Battle helped me a lot during 9th and 10th grade year and she's a very fun teacher. – Noor Korin, 11th

I'm thankful for all my teachers because they help me and put in a lot of effort. –Aisha Alrahimi

I'm thankful for Ms. Lehman, because she is always attentive and she really cares about her students. – Jamie Hurtado

I'm thankful for my 8th grade teacher Mr. Airgood because he's a goated teacher and he's super funny. –Layla

I'm thankful for all my teachers because they are all nice –Sashae Omotade

I'm thankful for Ms. Nambo. She was the first teacher that i ever met. –micaias pablo jeronimo

I'm grateful for Ms. Benson because when i first started at SJT she helped me figure out how to get into my GC & my classes. –Lauren Byias

I'm thankful for Ms. Holland, because she's always nice and kind and makes funny jokes too as well. –Leon Brown

I am thankful for Professor Jones! She brings out emotions that I never knew how to explain and really helps me bring out my emotions. I'm forever grateful for her good understanding and every lesson I have with her. – Kiara Stevens, 10th

I'm thankful for Ms. Gomes because I really love her vibe, and I appreciate her a lot for what she does for yearbook club. – Shifa Saleh, 9th

I'm thankful for Ms. Austin for being there for me. – Zaire Washington, 12th

I am grateful for Ms. Walker, she is there if I need her. She works very hard to keep things running and does her best to plan fun and informative events for us students. – Jocelyn Garcia M.

THANKFUL FOR OUR STAFF

Quotes from our students on our amazing staff



Illustration by Heidy Aguilar Martin

Día de los Muertos

The Celebration

Día de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican holiday celebrated from November 1st to 2nd to remember and honor friends and family who have passed away. People celebrate Día de los Muertos by creating Ofrendas, a type of altar. These Ofrendas may include photos of the person who has passed, personal items they owned or treasured when they were alive, their favorite foods and drinks, sugar skulls, marigolds (which are believed to help guide the spirits home by lighting up their pathway), and Pan de Muerto (Bread of the Dead). Ofrendas are made not only to honor loved ones, but to welcome their spirits back home.

A fun fact is that November 1st is also called Dia de los Angelitos, which means Day of the Little Angels, because people usually honor children who have passed on that day, while adults are honored on November 2nd. However, different regions/countries celebrate the holiday in different variations. . The celebration is also not limited to only November 1-2, and celebrations can begin on the days leading up to November and continue for a few days after.

Art & Iconic Figures

One of the most iconic pieces of art that people usually associate with Dia de los Muertos is La Catrina! But she wasn't actually made for the holiday; in fact, she was originally made as satire. La Catrina was created by the printmaker José Guadalupe Posada. He created La Catrina as a jab toward Mexican women–usually very wealthy women–who wanted to make themselves look more "European," essentially trying to erase their indigenous roots in favor of adopting European customs. An honorable mention is Mictēcacihuātl (mek-teh-kah-see-wah-tl), the Aztec goddess of death. The Aztecs viewed her as the ruler of the underworld. They held long festivals that honored the deceased and her. Similar to modern-day Día de los Muertos.

-by Emily Calmo Pablo

Spanish Translation

El Día de los Muertos es una festividad tradicional que se celebra generalmente entre el 1 y el 2 de noviembre. Se centra en recordar y honrar a los amigos y familiares fallecidos. La gente celebra el Día de los Muertos creando ofrendas, una especie de altar. Estas ofrendas pueden incluir fotos de la persona fallecida, objetos personales que poseía o apreciaba en vida, sus comidas y bebidas favoritas, calaveras de azúcar, cempasúchil (que se cree que ayuda a guiar a los espíritus de regreso a casa iluminando su camino) y pan de muerto. Las ofrendas se elaboran no solo para honrar a los seres queridos, sino también para dar la bienvenida a sus espíritus de vuelta a casa.

Un dato curioso es que el 1 de noviembre también se conoce como Día de los Angelitos, ya que en este día se suele honrar a los niños fallecidos, mientras que el 2 de noviembre se honra a los adultos. Sin embargo, cada región o país tiene su propia forma de celebrarlo. La celebración no se limita solo al 1 y 2 de noviembre, y generalmente se extiende durante varios días antes y después de estas fechas.

Una de las obras de arte más emblemáticas que la gente suele asociar con el Día de Muertos es La Catrina. Sin embargo, no fue creada originalmente para esta festividad; de hecho, nació como una sátira. La Catrina fue creada por el grabador José Guadalupe Posada. La concibió como una crítica a las mujeres mexicanas —generalmente mujeres adineradas— que querían parecer más "europeas", intentando, en esencia, negar sus raíces indígenas para adoptar las costumbres europeas. Cabe mencionar también a Mictēcacihuātl (mek-teh-kah-see-wah-tl), la diosa azteca de la muerte. Los aztecas la consideraban la soberana del inframundo. Celebraban largos festivales en honor a los difuntos y a ella, de forma similar al Día de Muertos actual.

-por Emily Calmo Pablo



Illustration by Heidy Aguilar Martin



Illustration by Shifa Saleh



Illustration by Heidy Aguilar Martin



Illustration by Yasmine Alhirdi, 6th grade

Protect our planet,



preserve our future.

What is Earth Day?

We celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd to take care of our planet!
It reminds us that the Earth provides us with air, water and food, so we should take care of our planet. It also helps people learn about pollution and the importance of keeping earth clean.

You can plant trees, reuse things instead of throwing them out, use a reusable water bottle...anything helps. Small actions can make big changes when everyone comes together.

Earth Days shows that everyone can help, even younger people.
If we all do our part we can keep Earth healthy and clean!

by Shifa Saleh

Types of NATURAL RESOURCES



There are lots of ways to keep the earth clean:

Picking up trash
Recycling
Using less plastic
Taking BART/ public transportation
Riding bikes
Use less electricity
Saving water by taking shorter showers





EID POTLUCK

Eid is a special celebration that comes after Ramadan, marking the end of a month of fasting, reflection, and gratitude. It's a joyful time spent with loved ones, sharing food, laughter, and meaningful moments together. In many families and cultures, women and children are also given gifts or money as a kind gesture of appreciation. These photos were taken at our school's Eid potluck event, where everyone came together and brought delicious dishes to share. It was a warm and memorable way to celebrate our community and traditions together

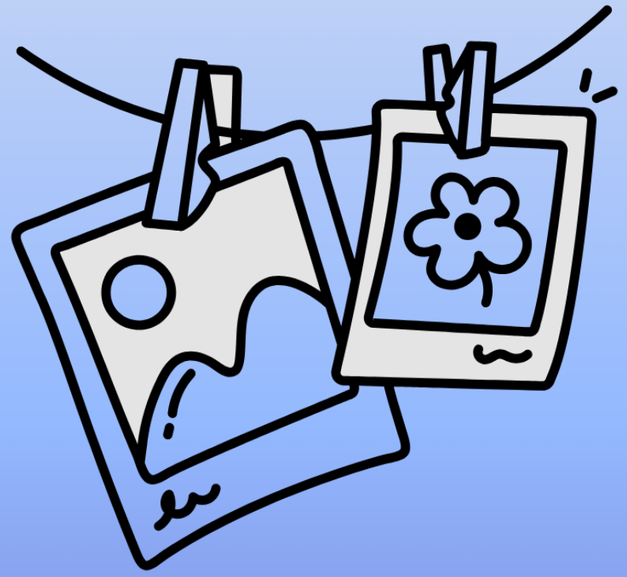
-Tuhfa Omar







Photos by Sarah Ali, Taibah Mohamed, and Tuhfa Omar



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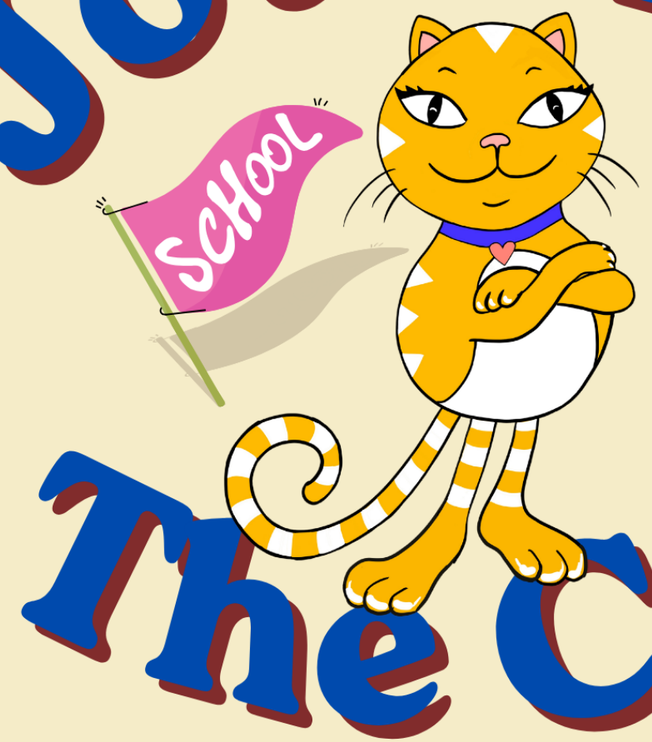
Middle School Memories ❤️

6th grade designed a mascot for SJT...

Journey The Cat



Journey the Cat is a sassy & sweet student at SJT. She is a multi-talented SJT Talent Show winner who sings, paints, bakes, and wins gaming tournaments. When she's not getting into mischief, she's in class or enjoying her hobbies and experiencing SJT student life.



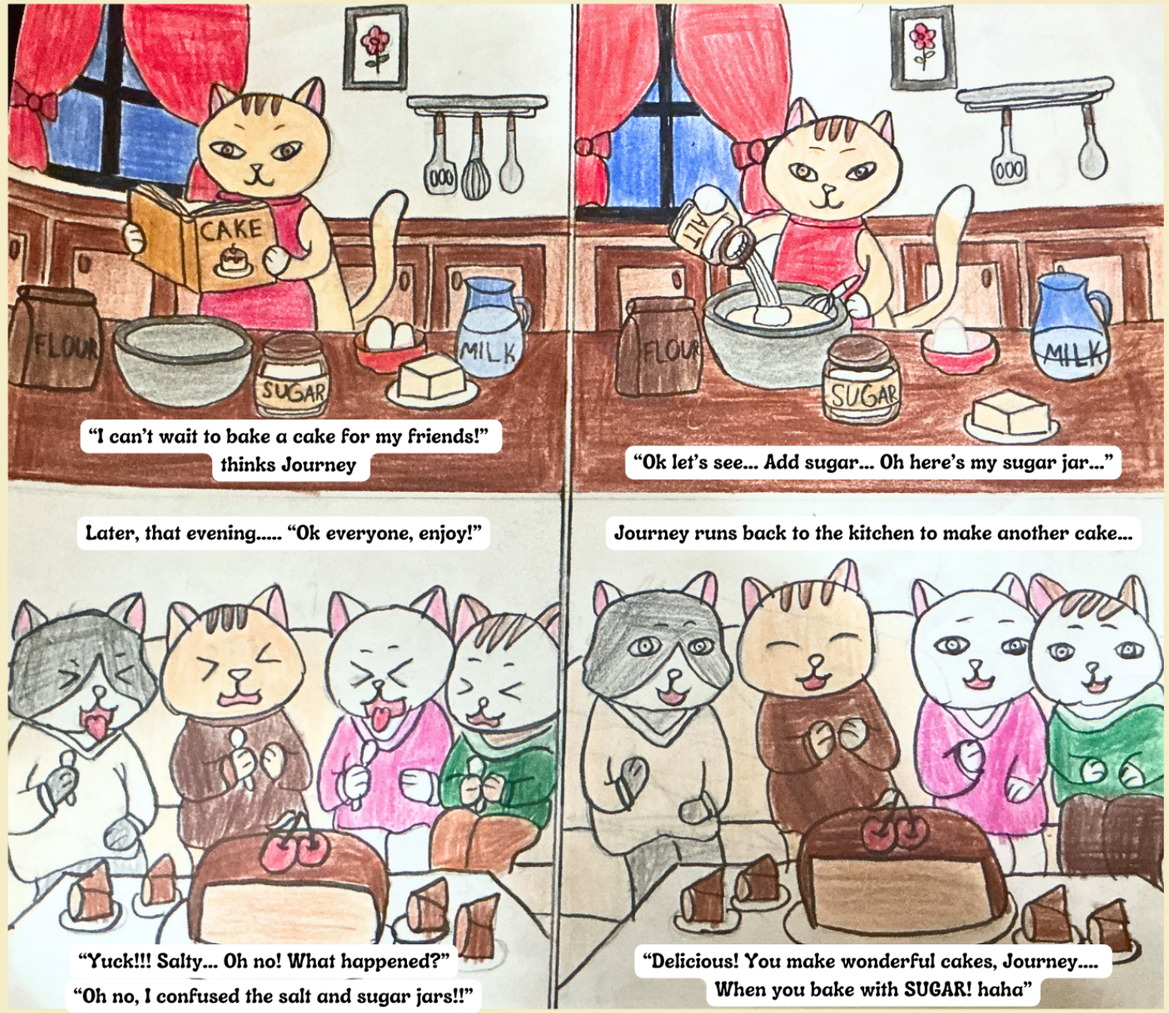
Roqea Alsanabany



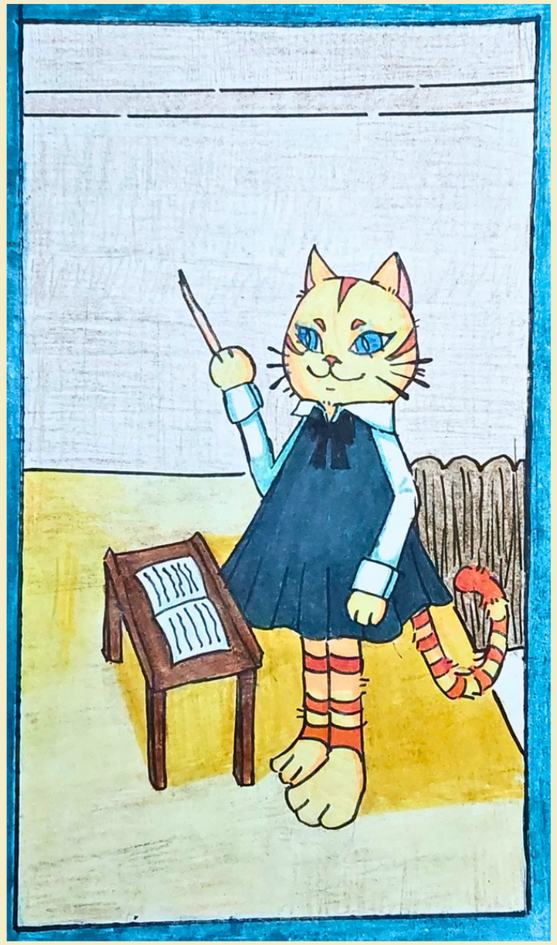
Michael Nicolat Acosta



Feng Hua J. (Yang Chen) Yang



"Journey Bakes a Cat" by Malak Gazali with help from Ayat and Roqea



Bellatrix Duong



Ayat Ali



Ezekiel Savage



"Journey falls asleep during class" by Bellatrix Duong with help from Yangchen and Kehli'I Cecaci-Gilliam

middle school

time capsule survey

Who is your favorite musician, band, or singer/rapper?

Katseye, Lil Baby, Enhypen, Babymonster, Newjeans, BTS, Dax, 42 Dugg, Lil Durk, Lil Baby, Kendrick Lamar, Tyler the Creator Lady Gaga, Tate McRae, Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift, Sabrina Carpenter

What is your favorite book?

Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dog Man, Smile, The Lightning Thief, Fablehaven Series, Dork Diary Series, and Harry Potter, iron Flame, Wonder, Guts, & The HOPE CHEST

What is your favorite game?

Roblox, Fortnite, Call of duty, Minecraft, PUBG, Grand Theft Auto (Gta), Among Us, Brawl Stars, Honkai Star Rails, Genshin impact,Silent Hill, Ghost of Yotei/Sekiro, Hollow Knight, Castle Crashers, Gang Beasts, Smash Karts, tag, chess, Candy Crush, Hutch Dragons

What is your favorite movie?

Sonic, Mario, The super Mario galaxy movie, Zootopia 2, One Piece: Film Red, War of the fat italians, Wallie, Jujitsu Kaisen, Road to Ninja: Naruto the movie, Spider Man Across the Spider-verse, Flash, Terminator 2, Thunderbolts, Avatar, The BFG, Titanic, Coraline, That Darn Cat, Megan, Mean Girls, Sweeney Todd & Black Widow

What is your favorite slang word or phrase?

"iT'SSSS PUNiSHMENT TiME!", "A body has been discovered!" (Danganronpa references), "this is peak", & lit

What is super popular right now?

67, Tiktok, the pinky up dance by Katseye, invincible memes, Needoh stress toys, K-beauty products, Matcha, Trad wife fashion, Roblox, Resident Evil 9 Requiem, MET Gala, Cochella,

What is a trend that you are tired of?

67, needohs, scuba, chicken butt jokes, wearing bracelets, cortisol, & Ai videos

What is your favorite SJT event that you attended this year?

The de Young museum 6th grade trip, Plank, The Talent Show, & Black History Month

What's your biggest accomplishment this year?

Getting A's, good grades or good GPA, achieving the Honor Roll or the Arab Honor Roll, becoming more confident in my style, graduating middle school, learning more, learning to draw many things, improving my work ethic, helping with a field trip, earning money by by helping with trash, traveling, better behavior, getting better at listening to my teachers and parents, placing 13th in a Fortnite tournament, getting 3 football passports, Photobashing all of my Charlie Bone based characters, reading the first three Hatmaker books. & finishing the school year

If you could make one SJT teacher become the president, who would it be?

Mr. Airgood, Ms. Barela, Ms. Cabrera, Ms. Kapner, Coach Benson, & Ms. Gomes

If you could make one SJT student become the president, who would it be?

Alexis Duong, Bellatrix Duong, myself, Abdelwhab Aleyani, Ronnie Stewart, Hana Hussein Ali, Heba Alwabri, Aseel, Jahzara "Maya" Reed, nabilah abdo, mele wairase, & Yang chen

What do you want to remember
about this school year?

My friends & funny, nice classmates, hanging out, memories with Abdelwhab in class, feeling comfortable & being myself, my teachers who are nice and help me, field trips, getting good grades, graduation day, having fun in art class, learning to draw many things, having a good time, how fast the year went by, Mr. Airgood's hats, all the good times, traveling, beating a game, working hard & staying consistent.

THAT'S OUR 2025–2026 WRAPPED.

HERE'S TO NEW MILESTONES,
NEW IDEAS & ANOTHER
INCREDIBLE YEAR AHEAD.