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Happenings December 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

First and foremost, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!



I hope everyone enjoyed the snow day on Monday. We only have 3 left so we shall see what Mother Nature has in store for us during the next few months. Due to the snow day, we are not going to reschedule the December Reps meeting. However, if anyone has any concerns, please be sure to reach out to us and we will address it.

The two week Winter Break is something I am sure everyone is looking forward to. This will be the first time in many years of us having two full weeks. I am thankful for collaborating with the district on this. I hope everyone enjoys their time off.

In solidarity,

Joe Becker
PJTA President

Retiree Letters: For anyone wishing to submit a retirement letter, please be sure to submit it by February 1st.

Dental/Vision: PJTA Benefit Fund- Trustees met on December 9, 2024. Members should check the "explanation of benefits" (EOB) when received. It explains whether the claim was paid and the amount paid or denied. Sometimes, checks are also in the envelope if the member pays the dentist directly.

Elk's Toy Drive: Thank you to all who donated gifts. Our children in our community are very fortunate for what our members provide whether it was through this drive or the many other ways members contribute. I know there are multiple donation type events happening this time of the year. The children of our community are very grateful for anything anyone can help out with.

Upcoming Meetings:

- PTJA: 1/27 @ 3:45 pm in the MS Media Center. President Joe Becker will send out a link prior to each meeting.
- Board of Education: 1/14 @ 7:00 pm in the HS Cafeteria

Correspondence:

Condolence cards sent to:

Trish Halpenny- get well soon card
Brynn Allees- on the birth of her son, Hudson Reid
Kathy Helms- on the loss of her mother-in-law, Jane Helms

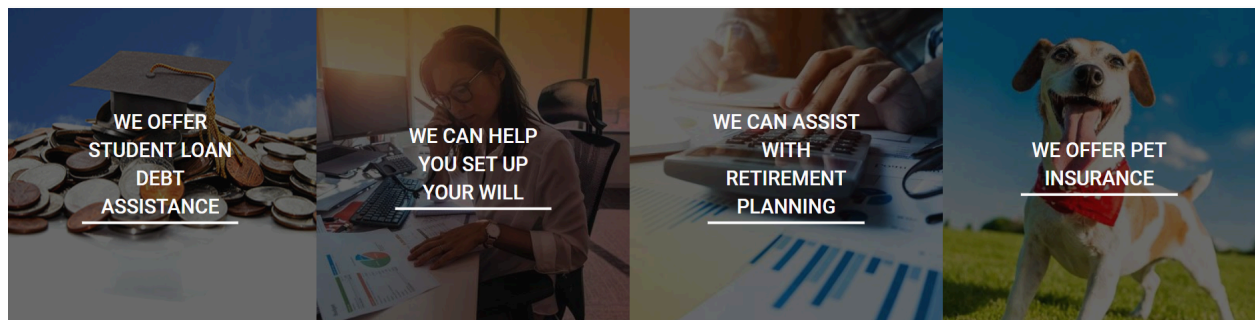


Cards Received:

A card from Donna Mitchell & Family thanking PJTA for the condolence card & the donation to the scholarship fund after the passing of her mother Ethel Gil (Former PJTA).

NYSUT News:

NYSUT's strength as well as its pride is in the diversity of its membership. That is why the union is proud to offer a wide array of programs, services and information that address its members' unique interests and issues.



Member Programs, Services, and Information:

- Created in partnership with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care, this confidential helpline can provide answers, referrals, and empathetic support when you need it.
 - Check it out online: [Peer Support Line](#)
 - [PEER SUPPORT LINE](#) -- For more information or to speak with someone at the Peer Support Line, call toll-free 844-444-0152.
 - [Legal Assistance](#)
 - [Death Benefits](#)
 - [Credit Counseling](#)

- [Certification](#)
- [Professional Development and CTLE](#)
- [MB Discount & Deals](#)
- [New Member Life Insurance](#)

NYSTRS Retirement Information:

Thinking About Retirement?

Retirement is a significant life event. Be sure to do the homework necessary to make informed decisions by reviewing publications, web pages, and videos early in the process.

- [NYSTRS Benefits Pt. 4: The Retirement Process](#)
- [Pension Education Toolkit](#)
- [Retirement Planning](#)
- [Countdown to Retirement](#)
- [Retirement Countdown Video Series](#)
- [Retirement Planning FAQs](#)
- [NYSTRS Retirement Checklist](#)

If you are planning to retire at the end of this school year, you should schedule a benefits consultation now via [MyNYSTRS](#) or by calling (800) 348-7298, Ext. 6100. See the [Benefits Consultations](#) page at NYSTRS.org for more details.

You may also calculate your pension estimates with the MyNYSTRS Pension Estimator in your My Retirement tab in your MyNYSTRS account.

NYS office of Mental Health

Youth Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business

Call or text 988 (Suicide & Crisis Lifeline)

Or

Text “GOT5” to 741-741