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Good Afternoon,

I would like to share information about the St. Baldrick's Foundation and an event we are excited to continue hosting at Earl L. Vandermeulen High School.

Our St. Baldrick's event will take place on March 17, 2026, at 12:15 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. In preparation for the event, the Long Island Beauty School will be visiting both the High School and Middle School on March 2 and 3 to apply Green Hair Extensions to participating students. Their team will also serve as the host shavers for the event on March 17. We are looking forward to a fun, meaningful, and impactful experience for our school community.

St. Baldrick's Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness and funding for childhood cancer research. The foundation works closely with leading pediatric oncologists to identify and fund the most promising research, ensuring that resources are directed where they can make the greatest impact for children battling cancer. I have hosted multiple St. Baldrick's events in the past, and together we have raised a tremendous amount of money while making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. The children fighting cancer are the inspiration behind this event and the reason we are committed to supporting childhood cancer research.

St. Baldrick's head-shaving events began in 2000 as a simple challenge between businessmen and have since grown into more than 1,200 events held each year. Since 2005, the St. Baldrick's Foundation has awarded over \$200 million in grants to support childhood cancer research and help develop safer, more effective treatments for children. Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/why-we-exist>

There will be many opportunities to get involved leading up to the event. Participants may choose to join, donate, or sign up to Brave the Shave. All shavees are required to raise a minimum of \$50. Please review the permission slips and directions below for details on how to participate. We will also have event t-shirts and St. Baldrick's accessories available for purchase. All professionals have generously donated their time, and 100% of all funds raised and items sold will directly benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Please stay tuned for additional information regarding fundraising opportunities. We encourage you to mark this date on your calendar and help us make this another wonderful Port Jefferson community event. To support our fundraising efforts, feel free to share our event link with family and friends through social media.

If you would like to become a shavee, fundraiser, or volunteer in any way please contact me and feel free to sign up on our website:

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/portjeffersonstbaldricks>

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Thank you in advance!

John Ruggero  
Principal

Shavee permission Slip

Sign up Instructions

Hair Ext. Permission Slip

[Morning Show Video Link](#)

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