



# SPA NEWS



November 16, 2011

## FEAST

Next Tuesday, November 22nd, we will be celebrating our Thanksgiving Feast at lunchtime. The students all have a special part in preparing the meal, which will include turkey noodle soup, mini corn muffins, and apple crisp with vanilla ice cream. This is a great opportunity to integrate some home economics into the curriculum! The children will be taught some basic kitchen/baking skills - be sure to ask them what they learned! Much of the preparation will be done on Monday, but if you are interested in participating on Tuesday morning please call Krysta MacDowell at 399-8768. We can always use a few more people for the last minute details. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and Thanksgiving.

All students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> will enjoy the feast at 11:30. Kindergarten students will have a special opportunity to eat downstairs with the "big kids." Please come to pick them up about 12:15; **kindergarten busses will be cancelled.**

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

A schedule is attached for our parent-teacher conferences this week. Please call the office if you need to make a change. Conferences are for parents only and NO children are allowed (students or siblings) on school property during this time.

There is **NO SCHOOL** for K-6 students on Friday, November 18, so that teachers are free to meet with parents. **There will be 4-yr. Pre-school on Friday, November 18.** (Pre-school conferences will be held in the spring.)

## BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair began today. Please visit while you're here for your conferences. Come and do some Christmas shopping!

## LUNCH

Pizza will be served tomorrow and our servers are Kristy Bednarek and Todd Fisher.

Lunch Tuesday, November 29, is Nachos Grandes!! Servers are Rose Katz and Melissa Etlinger and our cook is Laura Conklin.

## DECLARE HIS GLORY

Congratulations to Ava Jaeger and Nora Mayne in our four-year-old preschool class who recited Psalm 19:1&2 to Mrs. Slater!

## HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR PRESCHOOLER (P4)?

- What are you most thankful for in our family?
- Can you name ways that God is great?

## GOT ENTHUSIASM?? WORD OF MOUTH WORKS!

Do you love Spa Christian?? Katie Fischer has been contacting churches and will be possibly calling you to assist her. She is eager to have someone *work alongside her* this year who can then help with this ministry next year after her youngest has graduated from Spa. Please give her a call (885-9576) and she'll give you plenty of guidance in this important aspect of getting the word out!

## HANNAFORD

You have brought in an additional \$24 in Hannaford Helps Schools certificates, for a grand total of \$ 246!

This program ends **DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**, so stock up now for your Christmas celebrations. Remember that we could win an extra \$1,000 if our school saves the most certificates (as we have six years in the past!)

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

You have already sold 68 books; thank you! Please return the sample if you will not be selling it.

## SCRIP

'Tis the season to shop with Scrip. Krysta MacDowell and Tina Bartholomew have stepped in to help so we will be able to continue with this great program. Laura Conklin will be coordinating their efforts. Please double-check your orders for accuracy and make sure you mark your preferred delivery method on the back page to help make the transition run smoothly. Thank you Tina, Krysta, and Laura!

The November orders have been placed. Be looking for your cards next week for the biggest shopping day of the year. The due dates for our two December orders will be **Wednesday, November 30th** and **Wednesday, December 7th**. December 7th will be the last due date of the month so make sure you plan ahead and get all of your holiday gifts covered with Scrip before then. December is also a distribution month, so take advantage of the increased rebates many retailers offer during the holiday season and lower January's tuition or give the school a New Year's gift! It's not too late to shop with scrip; extra order forms are in the office. If you have any questions contact Laura Conklin.

## PRICE CHOPPER IS BACK!

Our office is fully stocked with \$50 Price Chopper gift cards again. You can get Price Chopper gift cards by placing a Scrip order (on the back page of the order form) or by stopping in the school office. Stock up on Hannaford and/or Price Chopper gift cards before you head to the grocery store and shop for one of the biggest meals of the year!

## **PTF – FUND-RAISING/ PROMOTIONAL FUN!!**

### **Pretzel Factory**

We are getting excited for our upcoming time of fun and fellowship on Friday, December 2nd from 8-11 am. We have all the pretzels we need (we think!) and now are asking for donations of chocolate almond bark (sold at WalMart) in milk and white chocolate. We also need any fun sprinkles that would be well-suited for chocolate covered pretzels. Non-pareils, little flat dots, etc. Wax paper and curling ribbon are also needed. Please send in to the office if you are able to donate any of these items. Come and join us!!! We'd love to get to know you better!!

### **WalMart**

Our annual service project will be conducted at WalMart in Wilton on Saturday, December 3rd from 9-2. We will be collecting donations for local flood victims and handing out chocolate-covered pretzels as a thank-you.

If you and your children can come for an hour, please contact Laura Conklin at [spaptf@aol.com](mailto:spaptf@aol.com) to sign up!!

We will be sharing with the children in Chapel about this event and the flood victims we will be raising the money for, so they are going to want to be a part of it!! This is also a great opportunity to get our school name out there and even invite some children to come visit a day!

### **Not All Wrapped Up Yet!!**

We still have a good number of openings for our gift wrap booth at Wilton Mall! If you have not signed your family up for your time slots yet, please check it out and contact the office or Laura Conklin at your earliest convenience. Christmas Eve is in desperate need of coverage!! This may be a hard day to leave your family, but the shifts are short and very fun!! Your family can join you and finish up some last-minute shopping at the mall. Maybe family members can take your children and you & your spouse or a friend can come wrap together and have a peaceful meal out before all the hustle starts!

Think outside the box about how you can help with this very important event!!! We thank you!!!! (Remember that K-6 families are asked to take a minimum of two slots and those with only PreK students are asked to take a minimum of one slot. We certainly are grateful when you can do more!!

### **GIFTWRAP - SPECIAL DEAL!!**

Tamara DelSignore, mom of Lulu in K and Haley and Matthew in second grade, is willing to babysit your children free while you giftwrap! She'll watch them at her church which is just off Broadway in Saratoga. Call her at 742-9924 to arrange times.

## **SARATOGA ABUNDANT LIFE**

Christian recording artist and Worship leader John Waller, known for his hit song "While I'm Waiting" from the "Fireproof" movie soundtrack, will perform an intimate acoustic concert at Saratoga Abundant Life Church on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Abundant Life will host a "Fall Fellowship" hour from 6–7 with free coffee, cider, and donuts before the concert. John Waller will welcome everyone at 7pm with a Q&A session on leading worship and his experiences as a touring Christian singer / songwriter. Special guests Nick & G. Winnard from Pittsfield will open an evening of Worship from 7:30pm – 8pm, to be immediately followed by an intimate acoustic set with John. Don't miss this special evening! General admission tickets only \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (6-17) with "family packs" and group discounts available! For more information:

[http://www.saratogaabundantlife.org/John\\_Waller.html](http://www.saratogaabundantlife.org/John_Waller.html)

### **PLAN AHEAD**

November 16 - 7:00 p.m. School Board meeting

18 – No School K-6

19 – P4 Pumpkin Bread Feast

18 - 7 p.m. John Waller concert at Abundant Life

21 – Cooking for the Feast

22 – 11:30 – K-6 Thanksgiving Feast

Kindergarten busses cancelled

23-25 Thanksgiving holiday; enjoy your families

December 2 – 8 – 11 a.m. Pretzel Factory

3 – 9am – 2pm – Wal-Mart activity

9 – 7 pm – All-school concert at Abundant Life