



SPA NEWS



November 30, 2011

FEAST

Thank you to all the parents (and grandparents!) who came in to prepare and serve the Thanksgiving feast. What a joyous time for all!

FARE THEE WELL

Today we say good-bye to the VanHorn family, but we rejoice with them as God has called them to a new place of work and ministry in Monterey, California. They have been an immense help to our school in many ways, and good friends to our students. May God be with you!

LUNCH

Pizza will be served tomorrow and our servers are Wendy and Todd Fisher. Lunch next Tuesday, December 6, is turkey subs. Our server is Laura Conklin.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"I-Witness News" is the name of our Christmas concert this year. It will be held next Friday, December 9, at Saratoga Abundant Life Church at 7:00 p.m. ALL students, preschool through sixth grade, are involved, so please invite your friends, relatives, and church connections to come and enjoy a different perspective on the Christmas story.

- We need someone to go to Abundant Life during the morning next Thursday to make sure that our risers are set up safely!
- We need someone with a TRUCK to help transport risers back to the school after the concert; call our office.
- Mrs. Pattee needs a bit of help with very simple costumes for the play (like headgear for shepherds and a few small robes), and we do have some materials to work with. If you have a creative bent, please call.

DECLARE HIS GLORY

Congratulations to Molly McDonnell, Joline Hall, and Joanna Pennings in sixth grade who each have recited all of Psalm 19 to Mrs. Slater!

KINDERGARTEN QUESTIONS

- What does it mean when an animal hibernates?
- Can you name some of the animals that hibernate?
- Can you sing our hibernation song?

HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR PRESCHOOLER (P4)?

Let's go on a hunt! How many letters/ words can we find around our house? How many numbers (numerals)? How can we make our home more joyful?

FOOD PANTRY

Our third grade has begun their annual collection for the Saratoga Food Panty. Information is coming home with your students today.

GET THE WORD OUT

We need YOUR help to get information about Spa Christian into your churches. Katie Fischer will be contacting various families to schedule times for the school display and/ or announcements in your church bulletin.

FREE MONEY FOR SEARCHING!!

Yesterday we received a check for \$145 from GoodSearch! Yes, for each time you used GoodSearch rather than Google (or other), the school was blessed. If you have not yet signed up, please go to goodsearch.com to have your proceeds come to Spa Christian!

HANNAFORD

Only three days left!! You have brought in a grand total of **\$330** in Hannaford Helps Schools certificates; please continue to shop and send them in. This program ends **DECEMBER 3rd**, 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 80 books; thank you! Please return the sample if you will not be selling it.

SCRIP

Please remember that scrip orders are due today! You can order online at www.shopwithscrip.com and pay by presto-pay if you didn't get a paper order in! We will have one more opportunity to purchase scrip before Christmas (**12/7**) so if you're working on Christmas shopping or travel plans, time is running out!!

PTF – FUND-RAISING/ PROMOTIONAL FUN!!

Make Friends, Make Pretzels!

Come Friday morning after you drop off your kids at school or preschool and have some fun with us! Make some new friends and help us get the pretzels ready for our service project at WalMart!! Many hands make light work and more fun!! We will be done by 11:00. ***We can still use some almond bark – chocolate or vanilla!***

Wilton Walmart THIS Saturday!

Please contact Laura Conklin at spptf@aol.com and plan to spend an hour with your children at our coin drop fundraiser for Schoharie County flood victims. Time slots are available 10 - 2. Our students learned in chapel about current Schoharie County needs and are eager to help. *Contact Laura Conklin to let her know what time your family can help Saturday!!*

PTF STEERING COMMITTEE

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, 12/12 at 8:45 am! Come join us!!

Not All Wrapped Up Yet!!

We still have a good number of openings for our gift-wrap booth at Wilton Mall, especially on December 24th. 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 preschool 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 Alyssa 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.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

THANK YOU to some families who have donated toward lunch/ milk cards and grocery cards for others. Bless you!

Sometimes families want to give a gift to give our school at Christmas. Here are some suggestions, large and small:

- Some "office" chairs for our library that allow people to sit in them without falling forward!
- An LCD projector
- Food service gloves
- Copier paper
- 12x15 frames with glass
- most any random art supplies.
- Cash toward tuition/ lunch or milk cards/ grocery cards is also always helpful, as the needs continue for so many families. We can share this as you suggest or at our discretion.

PLAN AHEAD

December 2 – 8 – 11 a.m. Pretzel Factory
3 – 9am – 2pm – Wal-Mart activity
9 – 7 pm – All-school concert at Abundant Life
12 – 8:45 a.m. Steering Committee meeting
14 – 7:00 p.m. School Board meeting
19 – 3rd grade to Saratoga Food Pantry
19 – Gift Wrapping begins!!