



# SPA NEWS



November 9, 2011

## PTF

Thank you to our School Board who presented an encouraging and inspiring message at our PTF meeting. All four members spoke about ways they are working to increase funding and enrollment, and they encouraged all of us to be a part of that by connecting with our churches and friends. There was a marvelous PowerPoint reminding us of how valuable our children are in God's eyes, and of just what an investment in Spa Christian means! HONK ☺

A letter is attached from Laura Conklin explaining several upcoming opportunities. Please read it and contact Laura as to the times you want to be involved.

## CHURCH CONNECTIONS

As was mentioned at our PTF meeting, word of mouth is BY FAR the most effective advertising for our school. We depend upon your personal help to make contact with others whose children need to be here, including many families from your churches. A letter is attached from Katie Fischer to encourage you to connect with your pastor/ church office to advertise our winter open house, and also to have the school display in your church some Sunday. Please read her letter of thankfulness, and connect with Katie.

## LUNCH

Pizza will be served tomorrow and our servers are Heidi York and Rose Katz. Lunch next Tuesday, November 15, will be macaroni and cheese, and carrots, prepared by Paula VanVorst. ☺ Servers are April Brustle, Mandy Cornick, and Jeff Harris.

## TRANSPORTATION – EARLY DISMISSAL PICK-UP

Schuylerville and Galway will be picking up students for an Early Dismissal Drill tomorrow, November 10. Bus students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. and parents should expect children home earlier than usual. Usually other districts join in on this Early Dismissal Drill. We will keep you posted if we hear more.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

A message went home last week listing the time for your parent-teacher conference on Friday, November 18 (or earlier next week). Please remember that 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. Preschool on Friday, November 18.*** (Pre-school conferences will be held in the spring.)

## BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be held November 16-18, during parent-teacher conferences. Come and do some Christmas shopping!

## DECLARE HIS GLORY

Congratulations to Mitchell Fischer, grade 6, who recited all of Psalm 19 to Mrs. Slater.

## BALLSTON SPA ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

Five of our alumni were recently recognized by Ballston Spa High School for achieving excellent scores on AP exams and earning college credit: Jordan Keefe, Evan Mendez, Kristen Haag, Sarah Straight, and Gwen vandenHeever. They got a solid foundation here!

## PTF STEERING COMMITTEE

Next Monday, November 14, 8:45 the steering committee will meet. You are welcome to join and help or to just listen!

## TAKING THE LUNCH COUNT

We are in need of someone to take the lunch count on Tuesdays. It takes about 30 minutes and the exact timing is flexible. If you are able to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Laura Conklin.

## HANNAFORD

You have brought in an additional \$117 in Hannaford Helps Schools certificates, for a grand total of **\$240!**

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

You have already sold 62 books; thank you!

## SCRIP

The due date for the next Scrip order is **MONDAY, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. This order is scheduled to arrive in time for your Black Friday shopping. ☺ Start scoping out the deals and buy Scrip to cover your purchases. Many retailers are offering increased rebates for a limited time, including Bath and Body Works 18%, L.L.Bean 17%, Red Robin 11%, Regal Theatres 10%, and Shutterfly 14%. Check [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list. Happy Shopping.

## PRICE CHOPPER IS BACK!

Our office is fully stocked with Price Chopper gift cards again. This year we only have 1 denomination - \$50 cards. That's right, and this year they are actually Price Chopper gift CARDS and not paper certificates. That means you can use your card for 1 large order or multiple little purchases with the same card. 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. The rebate remains the same at 5%. 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!

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

From Haggai 2:8-9: "'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. 'The glory of his present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace' declares the LORD Almighty!"

## PLAN AHEAD

November 11 – No School – Thank a Veteran for serving us!  
12 – 9am – 3pm “Great Fall Give-Away” at New Life  
14 – 9:45 am – Steering Committee meeting  
16 - 7:00 p.m. School Board meeting  
18 - 7 p.m. John Waller concert at Abundant Life

## “GREAT FALL GIVEAWAY”

The Great Fall Giveaway is happening again this year at New Life Fellowship in Saratoga Springs. It will be next Saturday, November 12 from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring along a friend in need.

## 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)

## Did You Miss It? PLEASE READ!!

Some of you were missing at our PTF meeting Monday night! You missed some really excellent presentations by the board and by our fabulous teachers!! Please do your best to attend these meetings as it is difficult to try and relive those moments for you and the information you take away about this place where your children spend their days is so vital! Our next meeting is January 9th, so be sure to mark your calendars and arrange childcare!!

The PTF discussed two major upcoming events: Service project at WalMart in Wilton on Saturday, December 3rd from 9-2. 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 still have openings in all of the time slots as not everyone knew to look under the gift wrap sign ups for this opportunity! 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!! It is also a great opportunity to get our school name out there and even invite some children to come visit a day!

Attached to Spa News today and each week until we are all signed up is the Wilton Mall Gift Wrap schedule. This is a very important event for us! Last year we earned a record \$6600 and were able to get great exposure for our school simultaneously. We are also able to be a blessing to the many people who don't have time or where-with-all to do their own wrapping and even get to minister to some of them as we wrap their gifts!! This is a required fundraiser for Spa families, as it needs to be in order to keep things equitable. We know it's a sacrifice and appreciate the giving of your time and

energies!! K-6 families, please sign up for a minimum of two time slots by calling the office or Laura Conklin (email [spaptf@aol.com](mailto:spaptf@aol.com)) Those with only preschool children are asked to take a minimum of one time slot per family.

Ideas to help: 1) You can come as a husband/wife team! Shop or eat out before/after and make it a date!! \*\*We will provide some training opportunities for those of you who need to brush up on your wrapping skills!! 2) Bring your Mom or best friend! As long as they will represent our school well, you can have someone else help you cover your shift! 3) Take two shifts consecutively and it is done in one shot!! 3) Christmas Eve shifts are shorter ones!! Christmas Eve is a BUSY day! You work hard, but it is fun and the time FLIES!!! 4) Barter with someone who loves to come wrap! There are many of us who really enjoy this thing, so maybe if you take someone's kids for the afternoon they will come wrap for you!! 5) There is a "buyout" option. Each required shift can be relieved for \$100 donation to the school. We would be equally thankful for that and it would enable us to hire someone to take your shift if no one volunteers for it.

## PRETZEL FACTORY

Come one, come all! Friday, December 2nd from 8-11 we will transform the kitchen and all-purpose room into a chocolate covered pretzel factory!!! Sound delicious? Come help us! We want to have something to thank those who donate at our service project on December 3rd. We are going to have a great time getting to know each other better as we prepare these treats! Please let Laura Conklin know that you're coming. See you then!!

We are geese! We support our school, we support each other. Let's fly together, honking each other to our goal to help this school gain in numbers, in reputation and in it's ability to reach children and families for Christ!! (Ask someone who was at the meeting to explain the geese!!)