



# SPA NEWS



September 7, 2011

## WELCOME!

Welcome to Spa Christian Elementary School as we begin our fourth decade offering the Best in Education... and More! "Declare His Glory" is our theme for this year, and the children will be studying Psalm 19.

## YEAR VERSE

Our verse this year is Psalm 19:1-2: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge."

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to the Emerson family whose son, Ira John, was born July 19. The family returned yesterday to Central Asia and they appreciate your prayers.
- Congratulations to the Lovelace family whose son, Aaron Eli, was born August 4<sup>th</sup>. At least four school families are expecting another child in the next month, so stay tuned!

## WORSHIP

Parents are welcome at any time to join us for worship at 8:15. Beginning next week, your children may sit with you as long as they are worshipping!

## SPA NEWS

We send the Spa News home each week with your youngest student, **but if you'd prefer to go paperless**, we can e-mail the Spa News to you, or you can check for it on-line at [spachristian@nycap.rr.com](mailto:spachristian@nycap.rr.com) after 2 p.m. each Wednesday. Let us know if you'd prefer to get your News electronically.

## DIRECTORY

The entry for your family for our school directory is attached. Please let us know of any changes, and we'll send home a corrected complete copy for each family next week.

## LUNCH

Lunch tomorrow will be pizza, carrots, and a frozen treat. Lunch next Tuesday, September 13 will be a 6" sub, raw veggies, and a cookie. If your child wants two subs, we will order them, but we need to charge for both. (For other lunches such as ziti, there is no additional charge for seconds.)

We are hoping to offer chicken nuggets or chicken pattie sandwiches the following Tuesday if someone will offer to cook. This meal is a highlight for the children!

## RECESS

You are welcome to help with recess on Wednesdays or Fridays. This will give you an opportunity to get to know the children better and to give the teachers a break. You will not be fully responsible but will be assisting someone else who is in charge.

## SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

For special occasions once a month or so, the children are allowed to dress in some particular way. The first opportunity is THIS FRIDAY. We encourage the students to dress in red, white, and blue, and if they do so, they do not need to follow dress code (as in jeans are permitted.) This is always optional, and regular school dress code is always acceptable if they choose not to participate. Yes, you'll probably see most of the staff in jeans. Stand up for America as we thank God for our freedoms in the US.

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Spa Christian School carries all insurance coverage required by the State of New York. Student Accident Insurance is not required and is not carried by our school. Accidents occurring at school are covered under your personal family insurance.

## PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP (PTF)

### FIRST PTF MEETING

Monday, September 19, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. is our first PTF meeting and "Back to School Night." Please arrange for a babysitter for that evening as you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. We'll begin the evening with a time of fellowship and refreshments from 7 – 7:15, and then begin with worship and launch into our business meeting until about 8 p.m. Then you will be dismissed to classrooms to learn about homework, discipline policies, upcoming field trips, etc. We'll conclude the evening with further opportunity for coffee and fellowship with other parents from the Spa Christian School family.

Please remember that each family should be represented at each of the five PTF meetings noted on your school calendar. Because attendance is taken, we ask that you call the office the day of the meeting if an emergency comes up and you cannot make it. Thank you.

## SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will resume on September 21 and students may bring deposits each Wednesday. To open an account for your child, contact the office to obtain a new account packet. There is still opportunity to help with banking one morning a month if you'd like to serve our students in this way.

## EASY WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

There are several simple ways that you can help to raise funds for various school activities:

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books have arrived and can be sold **starting NOW**. "The early bird catches the



worm," as they say. This sale provides an easy way to raise money for our school, and like last year, our sales representative has promised us \$12 profit per book sold (instead of the normal \$6.75) if we sell over 100 books. Last year we sold over 150 books. Can we do it again?

A sample of the book and sales information will be given to each family at the PTF meeting on September 19, but we encourage you to **begin now**, as there are plenty of other organizations selling them, too. Call the office and we'll send home whatever you need. Books sell for \$30 and can be sold until Christmas break.

**Hannaford Helps Schools** – When you purchase selected General Mills products at Hannaford, you will receive "school dollar" certificates at the cash register. Save them and send them in – they are worth \$3, \$6, \$9 or more for our school. To help you plan your shopping, a complete list of eligible products is attached.

**Boxtops for Education** - You will find "Boxtops for Education" coupons on General Mills products. Each coupon earns 10 cents for our school; please save them and send them in. (They are also now on Kleenex boxes and some disposable plastic bags. Check everything.)

**Price Chopper Tools for Schools** -Go on-line at (pricechopper.com) and register your Price Chopper AdvantEdge card, then use it each time you shop so that credit from your purchases goes to our school. Our school number is 15706. If you registered since August 2010 you do not need to re-enroll.

### **Scrip**

**Seriously??** One family earned over **\$600 toward their tuition** last year and another family **over \$800** just by selling scrip?? Wow – sounds too good to be true?!! Actually it is true, and you can do the same. Here's a message from our Scrip coordinators:

Welcome back! Now that school is in session we are going to start Scrip ordering twice a month. The first due date is tomorrow, **September 8th**. Start thinking about money you are going to spend this month on food, gas, clothing, gifts etc... and put a scrip order together to cover these costs. This is a great way to lower your tuition or give a financial gift to the school without spending any extra money. Some of the retailers that are offering an increased rebate for a short time are: Best Buy 4%, L.L. Bean 17%, Red Robin 11% and Kwik Trip 9%.

The office has sold out of Price Chopper gift certificates at this time. We expect we will be able to replenish our stock the beginning of November. Watch the Spa News for their arrival. Hannaford \$50 gift cards are still available in the office to purchase at any time. There are extra order forms and more information about the Scrip program in the office. If you have any questions you can contact Andrea Van Horn at 288-3207 or Mattandi27@yahoo.com

The Scrip program needs your help. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity in the school that is more behind-the-scenes, the Scrip program may just be the spot for you. Contact Andrea Van Horn or Wendy Fisher for more information. Happy Shopping!

### **PTF Steering Committee**

The PTF Steering Committee is meeting on Monday, September 12 after the coffee and donut welcome time.

### **PRAYER**

Please note that the teachers pray each morning from 7:45 to 8:00 so if you need to reach us then by phone, please leave a message.

### **PLAN AHEAD**

Sept. 19 – Back to School Night – 7 p.m.

Sept. 21 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to USS Slater

Sept. 28 – School Pictures (29<sup>th</sup> – P3)

Sept. 28 – Board Meeting – 7 p.m.