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THETFORD ACADEMY NEWS AND NOTES

*The 9th Grade Class at **Thetford Academy** will sponsor a **dance** on **Friday, December 2, in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium, from 7:0-9:30pm**. The dance is open to students in grades 7-12 and their invited guests.

*Who will wear the crown? Help decide at the **first ever Mr. Thetford Academy Pageant on Saturday, December 3**. The evening **starts at 5:30pm with a pasta dinner in the Café, followed by the pageant**, hosted by Coach Mark Weigel, **at 6:30pm**. **Tickets are \$7.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults**, and "smart" attendees will bring extra dollars with which to vote for their favorite contestants. All proceeds benefit the 20th Century World History class, which is raising funds to support scholarships that will enable Rwandan students to attend high school. History is about to be made at TA; will YOU be there?

*The Thetford Academy Alumni Association (TAAA) will host the **annual lighting of the Memory Tree** on the front lawn of the Academy on **Sunday, December 4, at 4:30pm**. A reading of the names of loved ones lost will be shared as the tree is lit for the season, and refreshments will be offered at the conclusion. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the TA Library.

*The **TA Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 8, at 7:00pm in the TA Library**. The public is invited to attend.

*The **Winter Instrumental Concert** will be held on **Tuesday, December 13**, in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. The performance will **start at 6:30pm**.

*Don't miss the **Alumni Get Together and Basketball Quadruple Header on Friday, December 30**. Alumni are invited to stop by the **Alumni Room between 2:00 and 4:00pm for cookies and conversation**, and cheer on the Panthers at any and all of the four games scheduled for the day. The **Panthers take on Oxbow, starting at 12:00 noon with the JV girls, followed by the Varsity girls**. The **JV boys will play at 6:00pm, followed by the Varsity boys**. The evening concludes with the annual bonfire, sponsored by the Thetford Academy Alumni Association (TAAA), and holiday trees will be gratefully accepted for the pile anytime until the bonfire is lit. **Stay tuned for news of a pasta dinner in the late afternoon, too! This is a great day to visit TA!**

*There are a limited number of **2011 Woods Trail Shirts for sale**, available in a variety of sizes (no adult Small), for \$21.00, postage included. The 2009 shirt is also available, sizes child Medium and Large and adult Small, for \$12.00. Subtract \$4.00 if you pick up at TA. Contact Wendy Cole at 785-2600 or wendy.cole@thet.net if you're interested.

***Thetford Academy will hold no classes from Thursday, December 22-Friday, December 30** for the December break. The main office will also be closed. Classes resume on Monday, January 2, 2012. We wish everyone a safe, warm, and wonderful holiday season; and we look forward to sharing 2012 with our friends, family, and community!

Submitted by Wendy Cole

THETFORD PLANNING COMMISSION HOLDING SECOND TOWN PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The **Thetford Planning Commission will be holding our 2nd Town Plan Open House at 7:30 on December 6**, at the Town Offices. This is the first follow up meeting to our very well attended Open House held on October 4th where many relevant issues were raised and discussed.

After cataloging the various and disparate comments we received that evening, as well as additional comments we subsequently received via e mail, we are going to be focusing on the Thetford villages on the night of the 6th. This topic received as much or more attention than any other individual topic at our 1st open house.

What will our new Town Plan say about the future of our Villages? Please come Tuesday December 6th and help contribute to the discussion.

Submitted by Kevin O'Hara, Thetford Planning Commission

LED CHRISTMAS LIGHTING USES LESS ENERGY

According to the US Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Office, LED holiday lights can save 70 to 90% in energy costs over traditional incandescent lights. Other advantages include a longer lifespan, cooler bulbs with a reduced risk of fire, and the ability to connect more strings without overloading the wall socket. DOE estimates that if every household switched to using LED holiday lights, the country would save approximately \$410 million in electricity costs. If both residential households and the commercial sector switched to LED holiday lights today, the savings would be equivalent to the output of almost 500,000 households.

Learn more at http://www.energysavers.gov/seasonal/led_lighting.html and save money and energy when you decorate your home this holiday season.

Submitted by Alice Stewart for the Thetford Energy Committee

THETFORD ACADEMY 2012 PROJECT GRADUATION MERCHANDISE – THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT!

Look for our table at the TA Sports Awards on November 9th (upper mezzanine outside Vaughn Gymnasium) and at the TAAA Craft Bazaar on November 19th in the TA Vaughn Gymnasium.

We have sweatshirts, sweatpants and shorts for sale in several different colors, all sporting the "Thetford Academy" logo with a paw print (Sweatshirts - \$25; Sweatpants - \$22; and shorts - \$16). We still have a few of the tie-dye t shirts with the "Thetford, Vt" logo available for \$20, along with TA t shirts in white or light blue for \$12.

We are collecting pre-paid orders for long-sleeved t shirts in the color of your choice with the TA symbol on the upper left front and the "Thetford Academy" and panther paw print logo centered on the back. Logo ink color is white for the month of November is white -- you choose the color shirt. Offered for \$15 in both men's and women's styles with over 30 colors from which to choose.

We are also collecting pre-paid orders for Flannel Pajama Pants. These are 100% cotton flannel pant with pockets and drawstring waist for \$25. Men's sizes XS-2XL. Colors: Black Stewart, Black Watch, Dress Gordon, Dress Stewart, Mossy Plum, Royal Stewart. Printed with the white ink "Thetford Academy" and panther paw print logo on the upper left thigh.

We are still collecting pre-paid orders for fleece vests with "Thetford Academy" and panther paw print embroidered in white on the upper left chest for \$35. There are many exciting colors offered in both men's and women's styles (here's a sampling of the 11 colors available: royal blue, raspberry, light blue, pink, and dark green).

For more information, please contact me at lmswett2003@yahoo.com.

All proceeds benefit Project Graduation for TA's Class of 2012. We thank you for your support.

Submitted by Lisa Swett, on behalf of the Project Grad Committee

*Wishing everyone
a safe and warm December!
Happy Holidays
and
Best Wishes for 2012!!*

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

The deadline for submissions is around the 24th of each month. Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at sheilafield@aol.com. Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line. Thanks!