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THETFORD ACADEMY

*Thetford Academy will sponsor **"Meet Thetford Academy: Discover Your Future"** on **Thursday, November 1**. The evening is for all prospective students and their families and starts in the **Martha Jane Rich Theater at 6:30pm**. No reservations are required.

***The North Country Chordsmen and four Barbershop Quartets** will present a fun evening filled with upbeat energy and soaring voices **Friday, November 2, at 7:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater**. Admission is by donation, and all profits will benefit the choral music program.

***The Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 8**. The meeting will start at 7:00pm in the TA Library.

***Saturday, November 10** TA and the Thetford Historical Society will sponsor a **Geography Bee, stating at 12:00 noon in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium**. Watch the excitement as different teams compete in both the youth and adult categories!

***Fall Sports Awards** will be **Tuesday, November 13**, starting at **6:30pm in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium**. Join us as we celebrate our outstanding Panther athletes and coaches.

***Saturday, November 17**, is the date for this year's **annual Thetford Academy Alumni Association (TAAA) Craft Bazaar**. Get a jump on holiday shopping with some of the finest crafts and baked goods in the Upper Valley! **The Bazaar starts at 9:00am and runs till 2:30pm**. Luncheon is available.



Thetford Academy's Fall Play Class will present **TWELFTHNIGHT. Written in 1601, Shakespeare's final comedy is one of the playwright's best and most performed works. *Twelfth*

Night is a frantic and hilarious tale of mistaken identities, gender confusion, and love. The setting for our production is New York City during the Roaring 20's, a time that comprised many elements that are also evident in the play. *Twelfth Night* contains more songs than most of his other plays, and students will perform all of the music live, echoing original productions of the play. Students from Karyn Neubauer's Advanced Art class are creating a significant backdrop to evoke an early 20th century Brooklyn/Manhattan cityscape. Performances are **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30, and December 1, at 7:00 pm** in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Admission is \$5 at the door. Reservations are not required.

***Thetford Academy will be closed for the Thanksgiving recess Wednesday-Friday, November 21-23**. We are always grateful for our many families and friends and our wonderful community, and this provides us another opportunity to say thanks. We hope your holiday is peaceful, reflective, and relaxing.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

PARISH PLAYERS - "WHAT THE DICKENS!"

Thetford Latham Memorial Library,
in association with the Parish Players, presents:

"What the Dickens!"

**A 200th anniversary celebration
of the works of Charles Dickens**

Come pay tribute to one of the world's greatest authors in this dramatic performance of selected scenes from Dickens' greatest works including A Christmas Carol, Great Expectations, Tale of 2 Cities, Oliver Twist, and more.

The show, directed by Laura Shepard, will be followed by refreshments including Miss Havisham's wedding cake complete with spiders and bugs (*Great Expectations*), a Victorian bake sale, photo-ops with Scrooge, Dickens' books for sale, and surprises to delight all ages (recommended for children 7 and over).

Join us on **Friday November 30th and Saturday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m** at the **Thetford Hill Congregational Church**, Thetford, Vermont. Suggested donations for this fundraiser for Latham Library are: Adult \$10, Kids \$7

For more information contact Laura Shepard at 785-9806 or Beth Fernandez at 785-2073. Look for our "What the Dickens!" Facebook page and get more information at the Parish Players website at www.Parishplayers.com.

Submitted by Beth Fernandez

2012 GEO BEE

Coming up in just under two weeks and kicking off National Geography Week, the Historical Society is sponsoring a Geography Bee for youth and adults alike, featuring questions about Canada and The United States. Held on Saturday, November 10th at TA, we're hoping to raise funds for preservation of a number of important items in the collection at the Hughes Barn Museum which are in need of immediate attention.

Information is available online at: www.thetfordhistoricalsociety.org/2012GeoBee.html or by contacting the Historical Society at 785-2068, or via e-mail at info@thetfordhistoricalsociety.org - form your teams now!!

Submitted by Martha Howard

HEATING SEASON IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

Keep your house comfortable and save money by not wasting energy during the heating season.

- * Check weatherstripping on all doors and windows
- * Caulk cracks around doors and windows
- * Close your storm windows & lock windows before turning on heat
- * Program night temperature setback on your thermostat to 50 deg.
- * Clean your heat vents and fin tubing

Submitted by Alice Stewart for the Thetford Energy Committee

THETFORD RECREATION

Reminder Ski sale date is December 2nd, 12:30 -2 PM

Outdoor Adventure/Natural Arts & Crafts

Seasonal outdoor activities to include kayak skills, mapping, camping & survival skills, team building activities, hiking, cross country skiing, and environmental education. Indoor activities in fiber arts, candle-making, pottery, tie dying and batik. **Tuesdays 3:15 - 5:00 @ Open Fields School** (Staff member will walk students to OFS). This is a year round program, \$60/month

Babysitter's Training Course

For boys and girls ages 11-16. This course is designed around 6 major themes: safety, basic care, first aid, safe play, professionalism and leadership. Excellent training for anyone who babysits. Each participant will take home a useful reference handbook as well as a certificate for completion of the course. Course will be held at TES. Bring a pencil and lunch

Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9:30 am to 1 PM \$50 fee/\$60 NR Min #6, max #20 Registration deadline Nov. 2nd.

Home Alone Course

Instructor Patricia Parent will teach children at least 8 years old how to behave, what to do and what they need to know to be home alone in the house after school. Bring something to write on, a pencil and a snack. Course held at TES.

Saturday, Nov.10, from 9:30am – Noon \$40 fee/\$50 NR Min#6, max# 20 Registration deadline Nov. 2nd.

Basketball registration fee is \$30- 3rd-6th grade, \$25- K, 1/2. Registration deadline is Nov 10th (DEC 21st for K-2).

- Basketball practice for grades 3-6 will begin the week of November 26th.
- Practice for grades K-2 will begin after Christmas Vacation on January 5th.
- Game schedules will be made available to coaches before Thanksgiving, and they will distribute the schedules to each team.
- Friday practices will only be until Christmas vacation due to the ski program.

Paper program registration forms are available in the TES office, at town hall and on line <http://www.thetfordrec.com/info/dept/> click on registration form.

FREE Basketball officiating clinics:

If you are interested in helping out the coach and your child's team, but can't get to practices, please consider officiating a home game. Some knowledge of basketball rules is helpful, just call to register. After you have completed the clinic, please call Thetford Recreation to be added to the list of basketball officials, or contact the coach.

Basketball Coaching AND Officiating Clinic: Sunday, Dec 2nd @ Dothan Brook School Gym. Sponsored by Hartford Recreation. Pre-registration required. Call 295-5036 to register.

Officiating Clinic for ages 15 & up from 1-2:00PM – topics to include rules, positioning, signals, communication, hands on-practice.
Coaching Clinic for ages 15 & up from 2:15 – 4 PM- This is a sport specific clinic for youth basketball coaches. The clinic will focus on drills, strategies, game and practice scenarios, and team management. Come prepared to participate on the court.

Youth basketball practice schedule

5/6 GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

Open to all 5th & 6th grade boys. Practices will be Mon/Wed/Fri from 5:30 - 7:00 PM (no Fridays after December). Saturdays may be added by the coach beginning in January. Games will begin after December 6th and schedule will be distributed by the coach.

5/6 GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Open to all 5th & 6th grade girls. Practices will be Mon/Wed/Fri (No Fridays after December).

We are expecting 2 teams, white team 3:00-4:30PM, blue team 4:00-5:30PM

Saturdays may be added by the coach beginning in January. Games will begin after December 6th. Game schedule will be distributed by the coach.

3/4 GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

Open to all 3rd & 4th grade boys. Practices will be Tues/Thurs from 5:30-7:00 PM. Saturday practices may be added by the coach. Games will begin after December 6th. Game schedule will be distributed by the coach.

3/4 GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Open to all 3rd & 4th grade girls. Practices will be Tues/Thurs. If 2 teams: white team 3:00-4:30, blue team 4:00-5:30PM.

Saturday practices may be added by the coach. Games will begin after December 6th and schedule will be distributed by the coach.

K-2 BASKETBALL

Open to boys and girls in grades K-2. **DEADLINE FOR K-2 REGISTRATION IS DEC 21st.**

Expected practice times January 7th through February 11th.

1/2 will practice 2-3 PM

K : 3:00-4:00 PM

Final practice schedule will be determined after signups are complete.

Submitted by Kathi Meyerson, Thetford Recreation Director, 785-2922

COACHES NEEDED!
Especially K, 1/2 groups.
Please contact
Rec Coordinator
if you are interested
in helping coach