

Sparta Area Schools

Food Services Newsletter

December 2025

As we head into the winter months, it becomes even more important to support student learning. With the days getting darker earlier and the weather turning colder, we all tend to settle into “hibernation mode.” To help our students start each day strong, Food Service continues to offer **Free School Breakfast in every building, every day.**

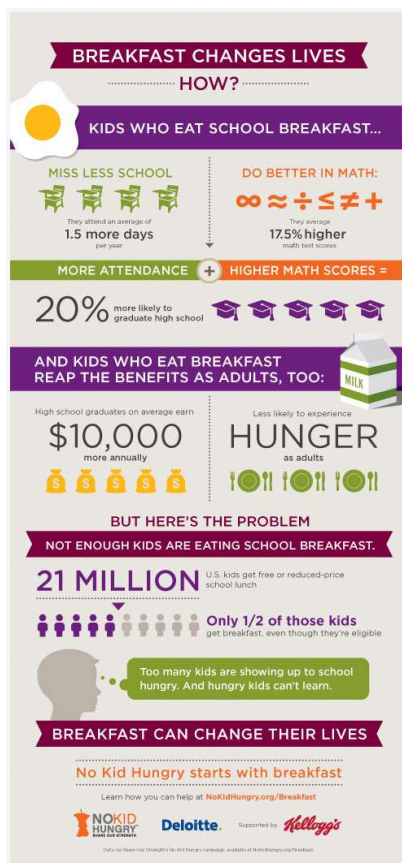
In addition to daily breakfast, we'll be introducing more warm, comforting lunch options—such as soups, chilis, casseroles, and more—to keep our students fueled through the colder months. Please keep an eye out for new recipes and menu items as we transition into winter. Our team will also be sharing samples of upcoming menu options with students to gather their feedback and ensure we're serving meals they truly enjoy.

If any parents or community members are interested in joining our **School Wellness Committee**, please check out the https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iPKW9lQuPJmH6pGpn_yhYEW62cvACdZ/view?usp=sharing and reach out to Melissa Alley at melissa.alley@spartaschools.org for more information.

School Breakfast is available Daily for FREE in every building!



Sparta High School-
Breakfast in the Café 7:20-7:50 am Daily
Sparta Middle School-
Breakfast in the Café 7:25-7:35 am Daily
Applevue Elementary-
Breakfast in the Classroom 8:25-8:55 am Daily
Ridgeview Elementary-
Breakfast in the Classroom 8:40-9:10 am Daily
ECC-
Breakfast in the Classroom 8:30-9:30 am Daily



Dates to Remember:

- **December 1st**
 - National Eat A Red Apple Day
 - National Christmas Light Day
- **December 4th**
 - National Cookie Day
- **December 5th**
 - National Comfort Food Day
- **December 9th**
 - National Pastry Day
- **December 12th**
 - Gingerbread House Day
- **December 17th**
 - National Maple Syrup Day
- **December 18th**
 - National Twin Day
- **December 18th**
 - 6th-12th Grade Half Day of School
- **December 19th**
 - Half Day All Students
- **December 22-January 2nd**
 - Holiday Break



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Discovery Kitchen:

December is Spice It Up month in the cafes! It is a celebration of international recipes that are proven to raise the bar of the spice rack empowering students to join in cooking with carious spices that are sure to spice up any meal with their family and friends. So lets add a little spice to your day!



December is National Pear Month!

Pears have been around for over 4000 years coming from the Caucasus and spread over from Asia and Europe to North America. USA Pears chose the month because of the fact that most pears, specifically the 10 types of Northwest pears, get harvested during the month of December. Pears also have high nutritional value, having more fiber than bananas, oranges, and strawberries. This fruit is also hypoallergenic, safe for people with allergies to eat, and has pectin which helps control high cholesterol.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Friday, Nov 21, 5-8pm
Shop Sparta!
Sparta Chamber

Thursday, Dec 4, 5:30-7:30pm
220 E. Division St. C
Event by The Kelley Group

Tuesday, Dec 9, 5-7pm
Santa in Sparta Chamber plus
Classic Rudolph Characters

Saturday, Dec 13, 10am-Noon
Sparta Library

Tuesday, Dec 16, 5-7pm
Sparta Chamber
Holiday Wagon Ride

Thursday, Dec 18, 5-7pm
Sparta Chamber
Pets Welcome

Friday, Dec 19, 5-8pm
Santa at 156 E. Division
Event by Properties by Priscilla
Frozen Characters at Chamber
Holiday Wagon Ride

Saturday, Dec 20, 11am-1pm
Sparta Chamber
Holiday Wagon Ride

Monday, Dec 22, 5-7pm
Sparta Chamber
Holiday Wagon Ride

Sparta Chamber, 194 E. Division
Schedule Subject to Change
Check spartachamber.com for the most updated schedule

Fun things to do this winter!

Take a Stroll on
CANDY CANE LANE

AN ENCHANTING WALK FULL OF LIGHTS & CHRISTMAS MAGIC! IT STARTS AT 201 E DIVISION BY THE BRIDGE & FOLLOWS THE PATH BEHIND THE LIBRARY. NOVEMBER 21-JANUARY 5

Letters to Santa

Nov 21-Dec 19, 2025



Santa's Mailbox will be at the Sparta Chamber (194 E Division St). Drop off your letter to Santa, and if you leave a return address, you'll receive a reply!

Hometown Christmas
Dec. 11, 12, & 13

Celebrate a cozy hometown Christmas in Sparta! Get some last minute shopping done while sipping a social district drink and enjoying Sparta's magical downtown!

Shop with SHOPS in Sparta



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CHEERS

Our High School Kitchen Food Service Lead, Laurie, continues to shine as an exceptional leader, bringing creativity, dedication, and positivity to our kitchen every single day.

She is always exploring new menu ideas and finding fun, innovative ways to make meals exciting and enjoyable for our students. Her reliability and strong work ethic show in the way she arrives each day ready to give her best, and the delicious meals she prepares reflect the pride she takes in her work.

Laurie's positive attitude lifts everyone around her, and her passion for serving our students makes a meaningful difference in our entire school community.

We are incredibly fortunate to have her on our team!