

# *Flint River Academy Newsletter*

*Dec. 1, 2009*

## *Important Dates to Remember*

Dec. 7 – Shareholders' Meeting

Dec. 8-9, Fruit Delivery

Thurs., Dec. 10 – Choralier Christmas Program

Dec. 15-18, Elf Shop for little children

Dec. 21-Jan. 4 - Christmas Holidays

Jan. 4 – Teacher Work Day

Jan. 18 – School Holiday

## *Message from the Headmaster about GOAL*

We would like to share some EXCITING news you may not have heard. The State of Georgia has created an incredible opportunity for individuals and C-Corporations to re-direct a portion of their Georgia state income tax to provide scholarships for eligible students to attend Georgia private schools.

### **Georgia taxpayers can now take credit for helping kids!**

A 2008 law allows individuals and corporations to receive a Georgia income tax credit (and federal income tax deduction) for re-directing their state income tax payments to the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program.

GOAL uses these contributions to provide private school scholarships to students who are eligible to enroll in Pre-K4 or kindergarten or who are transferring from a Georgia public school.

Taxpayers can designate the school at which these scholarships will be awarded! This means that your contribution can be used to support children who want to attend Flint River Academy.

### **How this helps you, the school, and the children**

You are already paying income taxes to the state. Why not re-direct some of those taxes to provide Georgia children with Greater Opportunities for Access to Learning (GOAL)?

When you re-direct your Georgia income taxes to GOAL, you can designate that the contribution be used to provide scholarships at FRA. Thus, the school is able to:

1. increase the financial aid that it can offer new students,
2. increase school enrollment, and
3. increase the funds available to improve educational offerings.

### **How you can participate**

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to contribute before the end of 2009, so that you may take this credit on your 2009 Georgia income tax return. Please call the school, and we will help you with the simple process to make a contribution before 12/31/09.

## *Booster Club Activity*

The Booster Club will be selling smoked Boston Butts, picnic hams and turkey breasts this holiday season. All orders will need to be in by Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and you will be able to pick up your orders at the school between 12-4 pm on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be going home with the students after the Thanksgiving Holidays.

## *Christmas Programs*

At the Stockholders' Meeting on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, we will be entertained by all our elementary music students. Mrs. Barker and the students always put us in the Christmas spirit when we need it most. The Choralier Christmas Program will be on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Mrs. Barker says they are better than ever. Both of these programs are a must-see during the holiday season.

## *From the Board*

We have an extremely important Shareholders' Meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We have five seats up for election and a by-law amendment to decide. The by-law amendment needs to be approved in order for our school to maintain accreditation with SACS and SAIS. The following parents are running for board seats:

South – Jeff Cain and Dan Fuller

North – Paige Cawley and Susanne Williams

East – John Duncan and Patrick McGinn

West – Clint Flynn and Susanne James

Central – Jefflyn Brannon and Michael Rasbury

## *PTO News*

The PTO will be opening an Elf Shop for your children's convenience. Our younger children have the opportunity to buy presents for their parents without the parents knowing what they are. It's a real joy to help out on these secret Santa missions. The shop will be open from Tuesday through Friday the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. All gifts will cost \$15 or less.