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Re: Press Release

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The Salamanca City Central School District is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by students in the High School Kiwanis Key Club will be held **Monday, November 20th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** in the Salamanca High School cafeteria at 50 Iroquois Drive in Salamanca, New York.

The High School Kiwanis Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. The core values of Key Club International are leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness. The motto is "Caring – Our Way of Life".

Over 400 people are expected to attend the community event. Invitation flyers went out to all families in the District, members of the SCCSD School Board, Seneca Nation of Indians, the Salamanca Senior Center, the Salamanca Public and Seneca Nation of Indian libraries, the Mayor of Salamanca, and New York State Senator Cathy Young who is expected to attend for opening remarks and blessings which will include reciting the Ganö:nyök, a traditional thanksgiving address that Haudenosaunee, or Iroquois nations use to start and end social and ceremonial gatherings. Guests are encouraged to view the 118 foot Ganö:nyök mural located in the cafeteria hallway that was designed and painted by High School students last year.

In addition to a turkey dinner with all the trimmings that will be served in the cafeteria, guests will have the opportunity to sample Iroquois foods of traditional corn soup made from white corn, beans, hardwood ash and salted pork; contemporary fry bread, and strawberry drink. The traditional corn soup is being made Monday morning at 7:30am in a collaboration between 8th grade Seneca Language and Enrichment students.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner is a free event made possible through a Cattaraugus County Youth Service Program grant, private donations, and contributions from students and staff through grade level competitions to bring in items including paper products, cranberry sauce, stuffing and corn. Tenth grade students held the 2nd Annual Hunger Games in which students were divided into districts with the ability to gain individual or district success by donating potatoes. Food is still coming in and to date student donations consist of: 320 cans of cranberries, 2,454 pounds of potatoes, 114 boxes of

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stuffing and 316 cans or 294 pounds of corn. Two hundred and sixty pounds of turkey have been secured for the dinner.

When asked why they decided to organize this event, students in the High School Kiwanis Key Club said, "It's because we love our community!" Mr. Breidenstein, SCCSD Superintendent says "This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together and break bread, and it solidly supports our District goals of student achievement and community engagement."

For more online information please visit:

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www.salamancany.org

<https://sni.org/culture/>

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