

SHS STUDENTS PREP FOR 11TH ANNUAL CHARITY SOUP LUNCH



Each year, the classroom is turned into a "winter wonderland," by the fashion classes to accommodate the large event.

Students in Schaumburg High School's Chemistry of Foods and Practices in Entrepreneurship (P.I.E.) are preparing for the are hosting the 11th annual Charity Soup Lunch to benefit the SHS Blessings in a Backpack project and the SHS Magic Closet.

The soup lunch will take place on Dec. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in room 23. Attendees are asked to donate five or more "approved," non-perishable food donations for the Blessings in a Backpack project or a gift card for clothing and/or household necessities to be donated to the SHS Magic Closet will be collected in exchange for a bottomless soup. This event is open to District 211 but is not open to the public.

Selections include Cream of Chicken w/ Wild Rice, French Onion, Creamy Mushroom, Pasta e Fagioli, Tuscan Sausage and Potato, Split Pea, Tomato and Roasted Red Pepper, New England clam chowder, Broccoli Cheese, Chipotle Sweet Potato and Turkey Tortilla. There will also be trays of fresh baked dinner rolls, zucchini, focaccia and Italian breads, cookies, lemon bars, pumpkin squares and brownies. Drink selections include iced tea, lemonade and coffee.

In the past 10 years thousands of items have been donated to Toys-4-Tots (pre- 2009), Elgin Community Crisis Center (pre-2013), Blessings in a Backpack and the Magic Closet. Approximately 225 guests have attended the event in each of the last 7 years. Because of the size of the event and the amount of food to be prepared, the Fashion classes are challenged with the task each year to transform the classrooms into a "Winter Wonderland."

For the past six years, the Department of Agriculture has awarded the event a grant that pays for about half of food ingredients purchased. In exchange, students in the Chemistry of Foods classes participate in a unit on small farming & sustainability, as well as study food safety throughout our food chain. Flyers will be displayed to lunch-goers on how they can get involved in the "small food" movement.

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