

## **Harvest Fest**

**Harvest Fest is an annual school/community celebration of Fall and the end of New England's growing season. The festival co-chairs organize and oversee the details of the event.**

**The event occurs mid to late October. Historically the event has always been a spaghetti dinner (sauce prepared by Charlie Brindamour) in the school cafeteria with raffles, games and activities in the gym. However, in 2014, the event coincided with national Food Day so the event chair partnered with Paula Field, NHS Food Service Director, to present a harvest meal with locally sourced ingredients.**

### **Timeline -**

**Early September - set date with school office staff and reach out to people involved: Paula Field, 6th & 8th grade teaching team (6th graders wait tables/serve food and 8th graders run the games), Mike Caron regarding climbing wall and begin requesting raffle prizes from teachers and community members**

**2-3 weeks prior - time spent ensuring food is ordered, paper products are purchased, decorations are ordered/made and volunteers are requested via SignUp Genius.**

**Week before - confirm 6th & 8th grade volunteers are set, send our parent volunteer reminders, gather all raffle prizes and necessary items for the games, prepare raffle prize signs/bags**

**Day of - arrive at school prior to dismissal to oversee and assist set up of cafeteria (decorations) and games/activities in the gym, organize volunteers and prepare ticket/entry tables**

**Remain until the end of the evening for clean up and securing money**

**This event is a joy to be a part of. It doesn't require work over the summer and is special because it involves getting to know the teaching staff through their participation and donation of raffle prizes.**