

Stade's Fall Festival 2020

Our hearts and thoughts are with you and your family, especially during this unprecedented year. This most certainly has been a year of uncertainty and change. We want you to know we appreciate you and your continued support and business. The information that follows comes with a bit of a heavy heart, but rest assured there is a rainbow at the end of some very crazy storms.

We want to share all the exciting things we will be offering during our fall festival 2020. As many of you know, we have been building our fall festival for well over 20 years. We have always worked diligently to provide a safe, fun, fantastic environment where families can create life-long memories and harvest new traditions. Next year will mark our 25th-anniversary celebration! But let us get back to this year and what we will have available for you and your family to enjoy when you visit us during Fall 2020.

Did you know we offer a beautiful 8,000 plus apple tree orchard? We will begin picking apples on Saturday, August 29th. We will open at 9:00 am. On August 29 -30th, Zestar and Sansa Apples will be available to pick. This weekend is only the beginning of what we hope is a fantastic season in our apple orchard. Depending on the crowd, those varieties of apples could end up limited toward the end of the weekend. If our supply is affected, we will post any updates on our Facebook page immediately. We encourage you to check for updates before driving to the farm. We highly recommend bringing a wagon or stroller with you to the farm. No tractor-driven rides are available to the apple orchard, and the walk is about 1/3 –1/2 mile, depending on what apples are offered during your visit. We request you only pick what you are told is ready for harvest during your visit for the best-tasting apples.

The absolute BEST Pumpkin picking starts Saturday, September 19th. We will continue to offer hayrides to the pumpkin patch, where you can choose from a wide variety of pumpkins in all different shapes, colors, sizes, and textures.

Covid -19 has forced us to take an in-depth look at what we wanted to do this year, assuring that we kept safety our number one concern, as always, during our fall festival and regarding operating our Farmtractions Theme Park. After careful consideration, prayer, and family discussion, we decided for your safety, our employee's safety, and for the safety of our own family keeping the theme park closed was the most responsible thing we could do. We understand that this could be disappointing news for many of you, but we choose to be part of the solution during this Covid-19 pandemic. Trust us when we say this is one of the most challenging decisions we have had to make. Along with our family and employees, we love to see your families coming to the farm and enjoying their time in our theme park. After all, as our tagline states, we make it easy for you to create family memories. We promise to make it easy for you to create family memories in our apple orchard and pumpkin patch this year.

We will continue to offer the excellent, fresh-picked, homegrown produce that you have come to love in our market, open daily 9 am - 6 pm.

You will have the opportunity to watch our famous pumpkin cannon too. We plan on firing the cannon on Saturdays and Sundays, times to be determined.

It is the truth that we love nothing more than seeing you and your family come to our farm to celebrate the harvest time with us. Seeing your family have fun is what we live for and enjoy the most! We take pride and appreciate that you choose us.

We are confident that we have one of the best and most beautiful places to practice social distancing and expect to have a fabulous fall. Our commitment to you remains the same as always. We are committed to providing a fun, clean, safe, spacious farm to enjoy a pleasant and memorable experience with your family.

We appreciate your patience with us as this season unfolds, and we look forward to your visit.

Best regards and continued good health,

Vern, Gayle, and family