

Important Dates:

- ☉ February 3—Service Learning half day. 12:00 pm dismissal
- ☉ February 3—SFC Meeting—6:30 pm
- ☉ February 10—PTS Conferences—5:00-8:00 pm
- ☉ February 15—February 19—February Break—**No School**
- ☉ February 23—Board of Trustees Meeting—5:30pm
- ☉ February 24—Admissions Information Session—6:30pm
- ☉ February 25—PAC Meeting—6:30 pm
- ☉ February 25—PAC Sponsored Gold Party/Fundraiser—6:30-9:00pm
- ☉ March 2—Read Across America
- ☉ March 3—SFC Meeting—6:30 pm
- ☉ March 5—1/2 day schedule—Service Learning 12:00—2:00 pm
- ☉ March 10—Admissions Lottery
- ☉ March 10—Service Learning half day. 12:00 pm dismissal
- ☉ March 12—March 13—School Play
- ☉ March 16—Board of Trustees Meeting—5:30pm
- ☉ March 18—PAC Meeting—6:30pm
- ☉ March 20—Destination Imagination

Board of Trustees Elects Members, Officers

The Salem Academy Charter School Board of Trustees elected Constance Burke to a new three-year term at its Annual Meeting in December. In addition, the Board re-elected Patricia Newhall to a second three-year term and elected officers for 2010.

Constance Burke is a Salem resident and parent of two Salem Academy students. She holds a Bachelor of Science from University of New Hampshire, an additional Bachelor of Science in Education from Keene State College, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Endicott College. Particularly skilled in computer technology, she has served as a project manager for several area technology companies and she has taught courses in computer sciences and web programming at Endicott College.

Patricia Newhall is a Salem resident and Director of the Landmark School Outreach Program. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from Holy Cross and Master's Degrees in English and Special Education from Boston College and Simmons College respectively. Ms. Newhall chairs the Board's Education Committee.

The Board elected Lisa Jacobowitz, Chair; Steve Palmer, Vice-Chair and Treasurer; and John Jermyn, Secretary for the 2010 calendar year. The December meeting marked the conclusion of terms held by Paige Nalipinski and Jennifer Lussier.

News and Notes

Any 6, 7, or 8th grade GIRL interested in attending the Women in Science Conference on March 16th should write an essay explaining what they like about science and why they would like to attend this conference. Please submit these essays to your science teacher no later than Wednesday, January 27th. Twelve girls will be selected to attend. Please see Mrs. Sheahan, Ms. Rourke, or Mrs. Story for more information.

7th and 8th grade Movie Night is Friday, February 5 from 6 – 9. Tickets are \$3 for admission and popcorn. \$5 gets you admission, popcorn, a slice of pizza, and a drink. Ticket sales begin Monday. Any twelve year old seventh graders will need a signed permission slip from their parents before they can attend. Permission slips were sent home this week!"

Volunteers are needed to tutor Salem Academy students. This may take place a few times each week, before school, after school, or during AP. Tutors must be currently passing all classes, and have successfully passed the course in which they will be tutoring (*or an equivalent course, e.g. Second Form ELA instead of Origins*). Interested? Please see Mrs. Callahan for an application.

Next Thursday, February 4th is the TEACHER TALENT SHOW! The event kicks off at 6pm. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds will go toward helping serve the seniors of Salem! Come marvel at Ms. Callahan's dance moves, admire Mr. Mruk's special talents, and hear some of your teachers sing! The Grand Finale is top secret and not to be missed. BE THERE!

High School Student Government will start selling Valentine's lolly-grams on Monday, February 1. Students can purchase a lollypop and include a message for their friends for \$1.00! Lollypops will be delivered to students before February break. Parents who wish to send their child a lollypop can also send in the \$1.00 and a message in a sealed envelope. Please mark the envelope with MRS. WALSH and give it to the student's Connections teacher or Ms. Acosta.

The Mid-Year Parent Satisfaction Survey will be sent to all parents and guardians by email and U.S. Mail next week. This survey asks only ten questions and should take only a few minutes. Replies may be emailed, mailed, or delivered to the Trustees' mailbox at school. The survey is important to the school as it plans for the 2010-1011 year, and it is taken very seriously by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as part of the school's ongoing evaluation and accountability.

Spring Yankee Candle Sale Coming Soon! ~Sponsored by the SFC



Grades 6,7, and 8

10% of each student's sales will go to their form trip,
The top 3 sellers will go to Wendy's.

Raise over \$100 to be entered to win an iPod Shuffle or
Simon's gift card (worth \$60).

Grades 9, 10, and 11

20% of each student's sales will go to their form trip.

For every \$50 raised—get 1 pick from the Money Board
Raise over \$100 to be entered to win a Simon's gift card
(worth \$60).

Class of 2010

20% of each student's sales will go toward their cap and
gown.

Sell over \$100 to be entered to win a free cap and gown!

Stay tuned for more details...

Poetry Out Loud

The annual *Poetry Out Loud* competition is underway!
Participants will recite their poems at community meet-
ing next week. A separate winner will be decided for
middle school and high school forms. The high school
winner will go on to the regional competition to perform
at the Huntington Theater in Boston! Any student that
does well at the regional competition will go on to the
state finals and possibly the nationals. Last year's 1st
place winner received **a \$20,000** award. The 2nd place
winner received **\$10,000**, while 3rd got **\$5000**.

Students interested in the competition should speak to
their ELA teachers ASAP if they have not already done
so. School competition is next week!!!

Visit www.poetryoutloud.org for more information.

ADMISSIONS NOTE

**Siblings of currently attending students
have first preference in admissions but
must complete a lottery enrollment form
before March 10 to hold the place!**

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College, Careers, and Citizenship



Salem Academy Charter School is accepting appli-
cations for the sixth through ninth grades for Sep-
tember 2010. Call for a personal visit or come to a
public information session.

Information Session

Wednesday, February 24 6:30 pm

45 Congress Street, Salem, MA 01970
978-744-2105 www.salemacademy.org

Congratulations to this week's Calendar Raffle Winners!!!

- January 25 – Jim Tracey—Wine Tasting Basket
- January 26– Diane and Peter Gillis—Metro Rock Passes
- January 27 – Lindley Hansen—1/2 Cord of Delivered Wood
- January 27 – Susan Coons—AMC Movie Basket
- January 28 – Becky Hart—Happy Motoring Basket
- January 29– Deborah Suleyman—Target Gift Card
- January 30 – Paula Gravallesse—30 min Massage
- January 31 – Gary Hutchins—\$20 Engine House Gift Cer-
tificate

Weather Alert

Since our students use the Salem Public
School busses, Salem Academy Charter
School will follow the Salem Academy Public
Schools regarding delayed openings or school
closings due to bad weather. We do not call
radio and TV stations. We do, however, place
a "one-call" telephone call to all families con-
firming the information. Please be sure that
we have the proper telephone number so that
we can reach you with a "one-call".