

Important Dates:

- ☺ August 31—Athletics Info Session for families, 6:00pm in the café.
- ☺ August 31—AP Info Session for families, 7:00pm in the café.
- ☺ **September 2**—Service Learning—**Half Day of School 12pm Dismissal** for Labor Day Holiday weekend.
- ☺ **September 5**—**Labor Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL.**
- ☺ September 6—New Parent Orientation Night, 6:00pm. Details TBA.
- ☺ September 15—**Reach the Beach** Pep Rally.
- ☺ September 16—3rd Annual Mountain Day
- ☺ September 16-17—**Reach the Beach** Relay Race, team Salem competes.
- ☺ September 21—Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:00pm.
- ☺ **September 27**—**Picture Day, ID photos taken of all students.**
- ☺ **September 27**—**Back to School Night & Pot Luck Supper, 6-8pm. All students and families are invited to attend.**
- ☺ **September 29**—**Half Day of School, 12pm Dismissal.** Faculty professional development half day.

News and Notes

The Salem Academy Newsletter is published weekly in an effort to keep parents and members of the larger community aware of news and events at the school. Parents, please be sure to ask your children for the Friday Folder, and provide the school with an up-to-date email address for the 2011-2012 school year.

Welcome from Rachel Hunt and Stephanie Callahan: Head of School, Rachel Hunt and Head of Lower School, Stephanie Callahan welcome all students and parents to the 2011-2012 school year. Parents, please know that you can contact Ms. Hunt (*for Upper School*), Mrs. Callahan (*for Lower School*) or your student's Connections teacher with any questions or concerns throughout the school year.

School Phone: (978) 744-2105 ~ Rachel Hunt, ext. 102 ~ Stephanie Callahan ext. 146

The 2011-2012 Salem Academy school year opened Tuesday, August 23rd with full enrollment of 308 students in grades six through twelve and 153 students on the waiting lists. Salem Academy is now in its 8th year and 3rd year in its second five year charter.

Important Reminder about Student Schedules for Parents: On Tuesday, September 6th, finalized schedules will be sent home for parent/guardian review and signature. Signed schedules are due back by Friday, September 9th, 2011. Additional changes to schedules will require a parent/guardian signature.

The SFC (School, Family, Community) Team is Salem Academy's parents' association involves parents into the school community as volunteers. Please keep posted for additional information regarding monthly meeting times and locations.

Reminder from the Nurse: Please be sure to turn in your student's up-to-date medical information packet including any prescriptions, a current physical, and the immunization form. Please call the school nurse with any question. *Julie Wolf (978) 744-2105 x111.*

School Athletics for the Fall: Salem Academy will be kicking off the school year with offerings in Soccer and Cross Country Running for grades 6—12. Sign-ups for students are outside of the Athletic Director's Office, (RM148 in the Upper School). Please note, all students who wish to participate must have an updated physical on file in the nurse's office and have completed and signed a player/parent agreement form. The forms are available outside of the Athletic Director's Office. Practices will begin in the beginning of September a specific date will be announced by the coaches of all teams. Please contact Athletic Director, Drew Betts with any questions. abetts@salemacademycs.org or (978) 744-2105 x147.

New Parent Orientation Night will be held on Tuesday, September 6th, 2011. Details TBA.



WEATHER ALERT!

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



WELCOME BACK STUDENTS & FAMILIES!



Ms. Konkel's 2nd period music class on Friday morning.

Back to School Night and Pot Luck Supper
for parents and families has been moved from
Wednesday, September 28th to Tuesday, September 27th from
6:00pm-8:00pm on the school calendar.

Back to School Night is an opportunity to learn more about the school, meet the staff, and meet other Salem Academy families. The night will begin with a potluck supper and a welcome from the administration.

Families are invited to follow their children's schedules and attend ten minute classes to meet the teachers and learn about each course.

Questions (?) Please call the school at (978) 744-2105



Connections Class Mile Fundraiser

Salem Academy has formed a team to run in the longest relay race in the United States this September. The race is 208 miles, winding through New Hampshire from Cannon Mountain Ski Resort in Franconia to Hampton Beach State Park in Hampton Beach. Salem Academy teachers, administrators, parents, trustees, and community members make up the 12 member team.

Not only is the race a team-builder and a fitness initiative, but it is also an important fundraiser.

To start the fundraiser off on the right foot, each Connections class is asked to sponsor a mile. Individual donors, families, groups, businesses and area organizations will also be asked to sponsor miles.

If every student brings in \$5 or \$10 we will meet our Connections class goals.

Please send in your Connections class donation promptly by filling out and returning the bottom portion. Checks can be made out to: Salem Academy Charter School. Connections classes who complete a mile donation will earn a sports-themed dress down day.

For more information go to salemacademy.org to link to our Reach The Beach web page OR visit our donor page at: <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/salemacademy-charterschool/sacsrtbrelay2011>

Student donor _____

Connections Class Teacher _____

Donation: \$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____

Cash: Check: check# _____

REACH the BEACH t-shirts are also available for \$10 each.

Please see Ms. Banville for an order form in RM123.