

Important Dates:

- ☺ September 15—**Reach the Beach** Pep Rally.
- ☺ September 16—3rd Annual Mountain Day—School Field Trips (*all grades*).
- ☺ 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, 6:00-8:00pm. All students and families are invited to attend.**
- ☺ **September 28—Half Day of School, 12pm Dismissal.** Faculty professional development half day.
- ☺ October 6—Haunted Happenings Parade, 6:30pm-8:00pm, downtown Salem.
- ☺ **October 10—COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY, NO SCHOOL!**
- ☺ October 13—Doug Wilhem visits with 6th & 7th graders, (*in-school event*).
- ☺ October 19—Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:00pm.

News and Notes

Important Reminder about Student Schedules for Parents: Finalized schedules were sent home on September 7th for parent/guardian review and signature. Signed schedules were due back by Friday, September 9th, 2011. If you did not receive a schedule, please contact the Academic Affairs Coordinator, Karen Corbett. Additional changes to schedules require a parent/guardian signature.

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 questions. *Julie Wolf (978) 744-2105 x111.*

Fall 2011 practice & game schedules have been posted on the school website's athletics page. A reminder that any student interested in participating on a team 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. Please contact Athletic Director, Drew Betts with any questions. abetts@salemacademy.org.

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

REACH * RUN * GIVE

Team Captain and Head of School, Rachel Hunt is leading the charge as the 2011 Reach the Beach relay team prepares to compete in a 208 mile relay course through the white mountains of New Hampshire.

The team, comprised of teachers, trustees, parents and friends, will celebrate with a pep rally send-off on Thursday, September 15th and then travel to Cannon Mountain to begin their relay on Friday morning.

The Reach the Beach event is the longest relay race in the United States and supports Salem Academy's health and fitness initiative.

Running in this year's relay are Head of School, Rachel Hunt, Spanish Teacher, Ana Brea, Math Teacher, Greg Cate, Lower School Learning Specialist, Man Fung Lam, Science Teacher, Dan Smith, Trustee, Peter Copleas, friends Chip Tuttle, Mark Tuttle, Bruce Campbell, Laura Cate, Mariah Gale, and team alternate Jon Cook.

Also supporting the team are this year's van drivers, Shawn Berry and Brenda Silva.



Fall Athletics Schedules

Fall Athletics Schedules are now available on the school website at www.salemacademy.org/AboutSacs/Athletics.

Cross Country practices will run on Mon./Tues./Wed. from 4:30pm—6:00pm. The team will always meet in the cafeteria before practice.

Please see Coach DeRosa for additional details.

High School Soccer will kick it on Monday/Wednesday from 4:30pm—6:00pm. Practices will be held at the Salem Willows. Pick-up will be at the Salem Commons.

Please see Coach, Anne Brobst for additional details.

Middle School Soccer will practice on Tuesday/Thursday from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Practices and pick-up will be at the Salem Commons.

Please see Coach, Erica Pelletier for additional details.

News from the Nurse

Being back at school brings us into contact with lots of new germs and bacteria. Washing your hands with soap and water is one of the most important things you can do to stay healthy and prevent illness.

Please encourage your child to wash his/her hands:

- After using the bathroom
- Before and after eating
- After sneezing, coughing, or blowing your nose
- After touching a cut or open sore

If you cannot go to wash your hands, use hand sanitizer until you are able to use soap and water – there are several dispensers in the school. It seems simple, but hand washing really helps reduce the spread of germs. When in doubt, wash your hands!

College Visits ~ September 2011

9/13/2011—Ben Franklin Institute

9/15/2011—Bay State College

9/19/2011—Becker College

9/20/2011—Union College

9/20/2011—Lesley University - (11:30am)

9/23/2011—Boston University

9/27/2011—Western New England University

9/29/2011—Wheelock College

9/30/2011—UMASS Amherst

New Date for Back to School Night and Pot Luck Supper



**Tuesday, September
27th, 2011**

from 6:00-8:00pm

at Salem Academy!



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

Calling all Future Leaders of America!!!

Do you have what it takes to be leader?

Have you ever wanted to be involved in the implementation of school policies and help create important school decisions that effect you and your classmates?

If so, Student Government is for YOU!

SACS is once again assembling its Upper School Student Government for the 2011-2012 school year.

If you are interested in running for office please see Ms. Onembo or Ms. Wolfson A.S.A.P.!!