

Important Dates:

- ☉ September 15—Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm.
- ☉ September 17—Legislative Hearing on Charter Schools, 1:00 pm, Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston. Parents are encouraged to attend.
- ☉ September 17—PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting for parents interested in Special Education 6:30 pm.
- ☉ September 18—Mountain Day; Third and Final Forms climb Mt. Monadnock. Return at 4:00 pm.
- ☉ September 18-19 Reach the Beach Relay Race, Team Salem competes.
- ☉ September 22—Picture Day, ID photos taken of all students.
- ☉ **September 23—Half Day of School, Noon Dismissal**, Faculty Professional Workshops.
- ☉ September 23—Back to School Night Pot Luck Supper, all parents and families invited, 5:30—8:00 pm.
- ☉ September 25—Sixth Grade Halloween Game and Movie Night 6:00—9:00 pm.
- ☉ September 29—Introduction to College Admission, grades 10-12 student and parent workshop, 7:00 pm.
- ☉ October 1—Haunted Happenings Parade, all invited, 5:30 pm.

News and Notes

Reach the Beach sponsorships passed the 60 mile, \$6,000 mark today with gifts ranging from \$5 and \$10 toward Connection Class mile sponsorships and \$500 bronze sponsorships from families and local businesses. Ms. Granniss' Connections Class achieved its third mile and resulting third dress down day. Ms. Hansen's Class and Mrs. Berry's Class also reached their \$100 mile sponsorship goals and earned dress down days as well. With one week left to sponsor those remaining miles, Team Salem is ready. Start time is 10:00 a.m. at Cannon Mountain. Go to the Salem Academy web site and click on Reach the Beach for the Reach the Beach website and opportunity to give on line using a credit or debit card.

Parents are Encouraged to attend a legislative hearing on Charter Schools at the State House, Boston, Thursday, September 17, 1:00 pm. in Garner Auditorium. The hearing will address the Governor's proposal to raise the cap on charter school enrollment as well as consider testimony on the charter school funding formula and related issues.

All parents of high school students are invited to attend "Introduction to College Admissions" on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Lynn Welbourn, Salem Academy College Counselor, will provide information about college admission trends, colleges that are a good fit, applying for admission, and a brief overview of financial aid. Parents of Grade 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend since there will be discussion of the timetable of tasks and deadlines that students will need to meet. Save the date!

The SFC (School, Family, Community) Team extends thanks to all the bakers and sellers for making the first bake sale a success. The event raised \$260. Parents should have received this year's SFC fundraising packages brought home by students this week. Turn in days are on Fridays through October 2. Planning for the Haunted Happenings Parade will continue on Wednesday, September 16, 4:00-4:30 p.m. in the Art Room. All invited.

Salem Academy begins a new tradition with Mountain Day next Friday, September 18. Third and Final Forms (the high school) will travel to Jaffrey, NH to climb Mt. Monadnock, a 3,000 foot climb with 100 mile views from the top. A cookout lunch will be waiting at the base of the mountain for the hungry and tired climbers. The Second Form (7th and 8th Grades) will climb Mt. Wachusett, a 2,000 foot mountain in Princeton, MA with equally magnificent views of Boston and the Berkshires. The First Form (6th Grade) will do more hiking than climbing at Russell Orchards in Ipswich, MA where the apple picking should be at its peak. These events were conceived in the spirit of good health and fitness in support of the Reach the Beach theme. As an opportunity for community building early in the year, we look forward to Mountain Day becoming an annual event.



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. SACS 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.

If every child brings in \$5 or \$10 we will meet our connections class goal. Each donor will receive a ticket for entry in a sweepstakes drawing for a variety of appealing gift certificates.

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 get a sports-themed dress down day.

Student donor _____

Connections Class Teacher _____

Donation: _____ \$5 _____ \$10

Faculty runners: Sarah Jamo, Greg Cate, Tom Bergeron, Pat Hansen, Ana Brea, Andrew St.Pierre

For more information go to salemacademycs.org to link to our Reach The Beach web page!