

Important Dates:

- ☺ **September 7—Labor Day Holiday, No School.**
- ☺ September 9—SFC Bake Sale in the cafeteria during lunch.
- ☺ September 14—Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 5:30 pm.
- ☺ September 15—Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm.
- ☺ 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 18-20 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.

News and Notes

The 2009-2010 Salem Academy school year opened Tuesday, August 25 with full enrollment of 308 students in grades six through twelve and more than 90 students on the waiting lists. This is the sixth year since the school's founding and the first year of our second five-year charter.

The Salem Academy Newsletter is published each week in an effort to keep parents and members of the larger community aware of news and events at the school. It is sent home in backpacks as part of the "Friday Folder" and it is emailed to all as well. Parents, please be sure to ask your children for the Friday Folder, and give the school your email address if it is not on file.

Head of School Rachel Hunt gave birth to her first child, a girl, Monday morning September 24 and is on maternity leave until Thanksgiving. Stephanie Coats is serving as Interim Head of School, and Meredith Hines is Interim Dean of Students. Middle school science teacher Jocelyn Sheahan is due to give birth to her first child momentarily, and Andrew St. Pierre will substitute for Ms. Sheahan while she is on leave.

The SFC (School, Family, Community) Team is Salem Academy's parents' association. All parents are members and are invited to monthly meetings, the first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. SFC Moderator Annette Louizos extends thanks to all who came to the first meeting this week.

The Back to School Night Pot Luck Supper is planned for Wednesday, September 23. All parents are invited to attend and to bring something to share. Parents will participate in an abbreviated version of their children's class schedules as a way to meet the teachers and learn about the content of the courses. Further notice will be forthcoming.

Preparations for The Reach the Beach Relay Race and fund raiser are in high gear as the event will take place Friday through Sunday, September 18-20. Reach the Beach is a 208 mile running race from Cannon Mountain, New Hampshire to Hampton Beach. Salem Academy has entered a team of 12 runners in the race to exemplify the importance of good health and fitness, and to raise money in support of Salem Academy's health, fitness, physical education, and athletic programs. Mile sponsorships are \$100, and each Connections Class is raising money to put the class on the sponsor list. Each donor of any amount will have a sweepstakes ticket in a drawing planned for Back to School Night. Prizes include a variety of appealing gift certificates.

Parents are invited to Coffee and Conversation with the school administration on the first Tuesday morning of each month, 8:00 to 9:00 pm.



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,

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