

Important Dates:

- ☺ January 8—AP English Study Session, Peabody, 8:00am-3:00pm.
- ☺ January 11—Admissions Information Session, 6:30pm.
- ☺ January 12—Salem Academy Geography Bee, 8:30am-9:30am.
- ☺ January 14—In the Heights Trip (Final Form), 4pm-1am.
- ☺ **January 17—Martin Luther King JR. Day of Service.**
- ☺ January 19—Board of Trustees' Meeting, 6:00pm.
- ☺ January 21—MID-TERMS (US) begin.
- ☺ January 28—Lower School Dance, 6:00pm-9:00pm.
- ☺ January 29—AP Math Study Session, Salem, 8:00am-3:00pm.
- ☺ **February 2—Professional Half Day—12:00pm Dismissal.**
- ☺ February 2—SFC Meeting, 5:30pm.
- ☺ February 3—Admissions Information Session, 6:30pm.
- ☺ February 9—PTS Conferences, 5:00pm-8:00pm.
- ☺ *February 11—Progress Reports Sent Home.*
- ☺ February 12—AP Science Study Session, Methuen, 8am-3pm.

News and Notes

The Calendar Fundraiser is the first major student fundraiser of the year. Each raffle ticket sold is eligible to win a prize every day during the month of January. Prizes include gift certificates, gift baskets, breakfast with the Mayor, a massage, our own navigator carved from wood, and the grand prize of an ipad on the final day! Students receive full profit towards any Salem Academy trips this year or in the future. Prize winners will be notified if their name has been pulled as a winner of the January calendar raffle.

Admissions Information Sessions for prospective students will be held Tuesday, January 11th, and Thursday, February 3rd. All sessions are at 6:30pm. Parents and students are our best source of referral. Please spread the word.

Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day will be held Monday, January 17th from 9:30am-1:30pm. Students will engage in service supporting three local organizations, My Brother's Table, Lifebridge, and Salem Sound Coastwatch. Students interested can obtain permission slips in their Connections. **Permission slips are due by Thursday, January 13th, 2011.**

Reminder about Student Drop-off and pick-up. Parents, please do not park on the school side of Lynch Street. The busses have a difficult time making the turn on the corner. Also, students staying for after school extensions should be picked up at the door by the main office, not the cafeteria door. We appreciate your cooperation.

Welcome Back Salem Academy Alumni

Students of the 2009 and 2010 graduating classes returned to the school on Thursday, January 6th to share their after-high school experiences with current students.

The alumni held a panel discussion and spoke with 11th & 12th grade students about transitioning after high school, college life, and what to expect both academically and socially as a graduate of Salem Academy.



Admissions Information Sessions

Salem Academy Charter School is holding
Admissions Information Sessions:

Tuesday, January 11th, 2011 at 6:30 pm
Thursday, February 3rd, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Salem Academy Charter School is currently accepting Enrollment Applications for the 2011—2012 school year.

The enrollment deadline for the March Lottery is **March 7th, 2011**

The admission lottery will be held on: **March 9th, 2011**

Please contact the school for additional information: (978) 744-2105 OR info@salemacademy.org.

Health News Update

Many viruses have seasons during which they are more active. Currently, there seems to be a “stomach flu” or gastroenteritis making its way around the community. This is characterized by abdominal cramps, vomiting and diarrhea. In some cases, there may be a fever or headache. Usually, symptoms arise about 1-2 days following infection, and may last up to 10 days. If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, allow him/her to rest and provide plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration. Most cases resolve without complications. However, if the vomiting or diarrhea becomes severe, or you are worried, you should make an appointment with your child’s pediatrician. Remember, hand washing is your best defense! —Nurse, Julie Wolf

Geography Bee 2011

History classes are back in session and have started off with an in-school competition for the 23rd National Geography Bee. Students in grades 6-8 competed in the opening rounds of the National Geographic Bee in their classrooms. Friday morning students competed in a tie-breaker to lock-down the top 10 finalists who will compete against each other for the title of school champion and an opportunity to attend the National Geography Bee.

The winner of the Salem Academy Bee will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition May 24th and 25th in Washington D.C.



Winter Weather Advisory Information

Since our students use the Salem Public School buses, 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”.** Call to confirm at: (978) 744-2105.