

Important Dates:

- ☉ October 5—
Introduction to College Admissions for Final Form Students, 7:00pm.
- ☉ October 6—Coffee & Conversation with Administrators (*Upper School*), 5:30pm.
- ☉ **October 7—Haunted Happenings Parade, downtown Salem, MA, 6:30-8:00pm—(school closes at 4:00pm, except for those in the parade).**
- ☉ **October 11—Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL.**
- ☉ October 12—Yankee Candle Fundraiser Kick-off.
- ☉ October 14—Coffee & Conversation with Administrators (*Lower School*), 5:30pm.
- ☉ October 18—Board of Trustees Meeting—6:00pm.
- ☉ October 18-22—Scholastic Book Fair.
- ☉ October 22—*Progress Reports sent home.*
- ☉ October 23—AP English Study Session at Merrimack College.
- ☉ **October 27—Service Learning Half Day of School, 12pm Dismissal.** Faculty professional development half day.
- ☉ October 31 through November 10—Banned Book Events Weeks at SACS

News and Notes

The Haunted Happenings Parade is taking place Thursday, October 7th, 2010 in downtown Salem, MA. The theme for this year's parade is 'Around the Globe'. Students, parents and staff are teaming up to construct Salem Academy's Navigator ship along with props for our participants marching in this year's parade. To learn more about this event, please visit our website's community page at: http://www.salemacademycs.org/images/Haunted_Happenings_Flyer_2010.pdf

Coffee and Conversation with Salem Academy administrators will take place October 6th at 5:30pm for Upper School and October 14th at 5:30pm for Lower School. The topic of the discussions will be the bullying legislation. All parents and families welcome.

6th Grade Parents and Students Connections Class Breakfasts will be held Monday, October 18th for Mr. Schumacher's Connections, Monday, October 25th for Ms. Sheahan's Connections, and Monday, November 1st for Mr. Shiels Connections. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy breakfast with their students and get to know the families of their student's classmates.

Salem Academy's Youth Council is partnering with the Salem Education Foundation by selling raffle tickets for an ultimate grand prize, 2 tickets for dinner anywhere in the world. Students will donate their time on the weekends selling raffle tickets at the walking mall, Essex Street in Salem. Please see Ms. Hunt or Ms. Hansen for additional details.

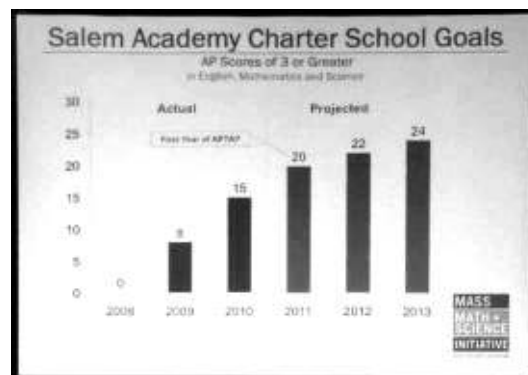
The Yankee Candle Fall Fundraising Project will kick-off on Tuesday, October 12th, following Columbus Day Weekend. The selling period will be Tuesday, October 12th through Friday, October 29th. Any parents interested in helping to organize this fundraiser please contact Ms. Banville at: jberville@salemacademycs.org or (978) 744-2105 ext. 143.

MMSI Kick-off Celebrates Advance Placement Programs and Grants to Students

Salem Academy Charter School hosted Elise Frangos, a representative from the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative APTAP (Advanced Placement Training and Awards) program, Monday, September 27, 2010. Ms. Frangos encouraged the 11th and 12th grade students to take Advanced Placement courses, and she described how the program sets students up for success through expanded educational opportunities.

The goal of the program is to increase participation in Mathematics, Science and English Advanced Placement courses, increase performance with qualifying scores (3, 4, 5) on Advanced Placement exams and increase college success with more students matriculating to and graduating from colleges.

This year, more than 40 Upper School students are enrolled in AP courses at Salem Academy ranging from AP Environmental Science to AP Calculus and AP English & Literature. AP courses this year are being taught by Ms. Tully, Mr. Fu, Ms. Granniss, Mr. Mruk and Ms. Brea.



Additional support from the MMSI are Saturday study sessions hosted by local high schools and colleges. Please see below for details on study session dates and locations:

Saturday study sessions this fall are:

AP English & Literature Study Session

Sat., October 2nd, 2010 @ Merrimack College

AP Science Study Session

Sat., November 13th, 2010 @ Peabody Veterans Memorial High School

AP Mathematics Study Session

Sat., November 20th, 2010 @ Methuen High School

College Visits: Fall 2010

Tues., October 12th

Salem State University

SUNY Stony Brook (12:45 pm)

Thurs., October 14th

Regis College

Tues., October 19th

Connecticut College

Wed., October 20th

Providence College

Thurs., October 21st

U. Mass. Amherst

Thurs., October 28th

Simmons College

Tues., November 2nd

Ithaca College

Wed., November 3rd

Suffolk University

Thurs., November 4th

Assumption College

Tues., November 9th

Mitchell College

Tues., November 16th

Wentworth Inst. Of Technology

Introduction to College Admission Program will be held Tuesday, October 5th, 2010 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Salem Academy's College Counselor, Mrs. Welbourn, will review the college application process, including basic vocabulary of college admission, information about financial aid, and of particular note to 12th grade parents, the specific materials colleges require of students, faculty, and Salem Academy Charter School. In addition, current national trends in admission will be explained to help parents understand how best to attain the goals of college admission, financial aid, and ultimate enrollment of their students in college. Although this program is open to parents of grades 9 through 12, those with students in grade 12 are especially encouraged to attend, since getting into college involves family teamwork supporting each student. For more information, please contact: lwelbourne@salemacademy.org

Back to School Night 2010



The Annual Back to School Night Potluck Supper was a great success thanks to all of the families, students and staff who participated. 6th Grade Families were welcomed early with the opportunity to meet with their student's Connections teachers and better acclimate themselves to the Salem Academy school environment. All visiting families walked through an hour long class schedule in



10 minute increments. Salem Academy support staff Julie Wolf (nurse), and school counselors Beth O'Brien and Sarah Pickens welcomed parents at the support table while Ms. Banville and parent volunteers welcomed involvement in the SFC (School, Family, Community) team.