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News and Notes

Important Dates:

- ☺ October 9—High School Soccer vs. Codman Academy—Memorial Field in Salem, 1:00pm.
- ☺ **October 11—Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL.**
- ☺ October 13—High School Soccer vs. Prospect Hill Academy—Memorial Field in Salem, 4:30pm.
- ☺ October 14—Coffee & Conversation with Administrators (*Lower School*), 5:30pm.
- ☺ October 14—SFC Kick-off meeting—for all interested parents and families, 6:30pm.
- ☺ October 17—High School Soccer vs. Community Charter at MIT in Boston, 9:00am.
- ☺ October 18—Board of Trustees Meeting—6:00pm.
- ☺ October 18-22—Scholastic Book Fair.
- ☺ October 22—*Progress Reports sent home.*
- ☺ **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

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

The SFC (School Family Community) Team will kick-off the year with the first meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 14th, 2010 at 6:30pm following the Lower School Coffee and Conversation with administrators. All parents are invited.

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. Shields Connections. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy breakfast with their students and get to know the families of their student's classmates. Breakfasts will be 7:45am to 8:30am.

Food for Thought Raffle Tickets are Now on Sale in support of the Salem Education Foundation. The grand prize is two tickets for dinner anywhere in the world.

The Salem Education Foundation is partnering with the students at Salem Academy Charter School for the 2010 Food for Through Raffle. The raffle raises funds for the foundation and supports the local school district through grants for teachers and classes throughout the year.

This year students will be selling tickets through their Connections classes and also by volunteering their time on weekends at the walking mall on Essex Street in downtown Salem. For additional information, please visit:

www.salemaeducationfoundation.org

- ***The school selling the most tickets per student will lead the 2011 Haunted Happenings Parade.***
- ***Your Connections will receive a dress-down day if 50% of students participate, and another if it sells at least \$100 in ticket orders.***
- ***Special prize for your Connections if you sell the winning ticket***



Bully or Bystander: Students Meet with School Counselor and Administrators to discuss the face of bullying in 2010

The Upper School Salem Academy students assembled Tuesday, October 5th, 2010 to discuss the impact of a new anti-bullying legislation passed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in May 2010. Head of School, Ms. Hunt, Upper School Counselor, Ms. O'Brien, and the Dean of Students, Ms. Callanan gave an informational presentation on the face of bullying in 2010. Students were educated on the definition and types of bullying and common vocabulary relating to the topic. All SACS students will

complete bullying surveys during Connections over the next week and a half. The school is collecting data from students, parents and guardians and staff in regards to bullying at Salem Academy Charter School.

This data will be compiled and help to inform the anti-bullying curriculum and policies at Salem Academy Charter School in the upcoming year. The Lower School at SACS will receive a similar introduction to the new legislation and school policy in the upcoming weeks.

To learn more about the anti-bullying legislation at SACS, please stop by *Parent Coffee & Conversation, Thursday, October 14th, 2010 at 5:30pm.*

College Visits: Fall 2010

Tues., October 12th

Thurs., October 14th

Tues., October 19th

Wed., October 20th

Thurs., October 21st

Thurs., October 28th

Tues., November 2nd

Wed., November 3rd

Thurs., November 4th

Tues., November 9th

Tues., November 16th

Salem State University

SUNY Stony Brook (12:45 pm)

Regis College

Connecticut College

Providence College

U. Mass. Amherst

Simmons College

Ithaca College

Suffolk University

Assumption College

Mitchell College

Wentworth Inst. Of Technology

Haunted Happenings Parade 2010

Salem Academy students, parents and staff came together on Thursday, October 7th, 2010 to march in this year's Haunted Happenings Parade in downtown Salem. The theme for the parade was 'Around the World' and students worked diligently over the past few weeks to create a Navigator ship that lead that group, followed by students in traditional dress, ribbon dancers, and our student percussion section.

