

## Important Dates:

- ☺ **October 26—Service Learning Half Day, 12:00pm dismissal.**
- ☺ **October 26—PTS Conferences.** Lower School 1:00-8:00pm. Upper School 5:00-8:00pm.
- ☺ October 26—Student Government Pasta Supper, 5:00-8:00pm.
- ☺ October 31—School closes at 4:00pm. No PM activities.
- ☺ November 4—Service Learning, (full day of school).
- ☺ November 4—Lower School Movie Night, 6:00-8:00pm.
- ☺ November 10—Museum of Science Field Trip, 6th & 7th Grade.
- ☺ **November 11—VETERANS' DAY OBSERVED, NO SCHOOL!**
- ☺ November 16—Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:00pm in Room 125.
- ☺ November 17—Fall Athletics Banquet, 6:00pm in the café.
- ☺ November 18—Student-Faculty Soccer Game at Memorial Field in Salem, 3:00pm.
- ☺ November 19—AP Math Study Session, Salem High School, 8:00am-1:00pm.
- ☺ **November 23—Service Learning Half Day, 12:00pm dismissal.**

## News and Notes

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011 will be a Service Learning Half Day. Dismissal will be at 12:00pm,** (prior to PTS Conferences).

**PTS Conferences** will be held on **Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Lower School will hold conferences from 1:00pm—8:00pm** and appointments will be scheduled in advanced. If you have not yet heard from your child's Connections teacher, please contact them at the school (978) 744-2105. The **Upper School will hold conferences from 5:00pm-8:00pm.**

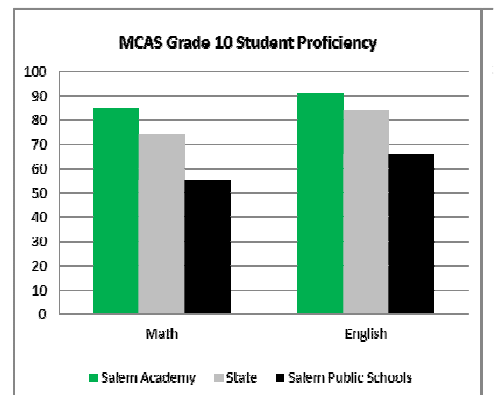
**Upper School Student Government** will be holding a **Pasta Supper on October 26, 2011 from 5:00pm—8:00pm.** \$5.00 for a plate of pasta. \$1.00 for drinks. All proceeds support the Upper School Student Government.

**Lower School Student Government** will be holding a **Movie Night on Friday, November 4th, 2011 from 6:00—8:00m.** Chaperones are needed for this event. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Anne Brobst at [abrosbt@salemacademy.org](mailto:abrosbt@salemacademy.org).

**The School Nurse will be conducting health screenings** for all students in grades 7 & 10. Please see a letter from Ms. Wolf enclosed in this week's Friday Folder. If you do NOT want your child to participate in screenings, please notify Ms. Wolf by Friday, October 28th, 2011.

## Salem Academy Shows More Than High Growth on MCAS

Students and staff members gathered in the community room for an all-school recognition ceremony to celebrate student effort and achievement on the MCAS on Wednesday, October 19th, 2011. Each Connections group made posters, highlighting the facts of their achievements. This year's 7th grade boasted "18% more students scored proficient or advanced in math than in the Salem Public Schools," while the 10th graders proclaimed "Salem Academy's proficiency rate for ELA was 44% higher than that of its sending districts."

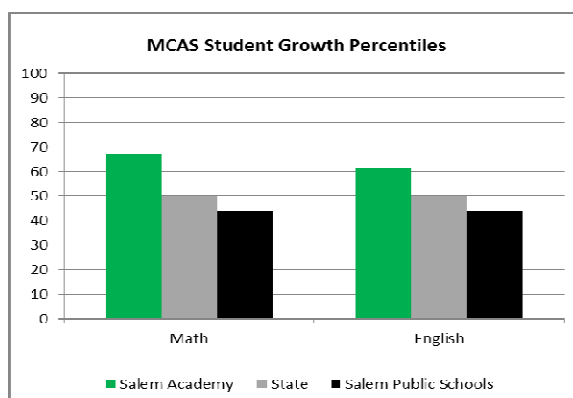


Making the Salem Academy's headlines were this year's 10th graders with 100% passing rate on the 2011 MCAS exams, along with five extremely high achieving individual students.

Seventh graders, Alec Austraw, Briana Pinto, Ruby Cheresnowsky, ninth grader Uliana Certan, and twelfth grader David Mesrobian all achieved perfect scores on an exam.

Salem Academy was also named a Commendation School for high academic growth in both math and English.

(Growth percentiles shown in graph on left).



## College Visits ~ October 2011

10/24—Worcester Polytechnic Institute

10/27—Assumption College

10/31—Endicott College

11/7—Suffolk University

11/14—Bryant College

11/15—Stonehill College

11th & 12th Grade Students: Please be sure to notify your teachers and obtain a pass for these college visit sessions.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on and of the institutions listed, please contact College Counselor, Ms. Lassen: [mlassen@salemacademy.org](mailto:mlassen@salemacademy.org)

## PTS Conferences

Wednesday, October 26th, 2011

Lower School 1pm-8pm

Upper School 5pm-8pm

Lower School families, your teachers should be contacting you to make an appointment.

Please contact the school with any questions:  
(978) 744-2105

## Hispanic Heritage Night at Salem Academy

Salem Academy's first-ever student planned Hispanic Heritage Night was held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2011. Senior, Sunilda Gutierrez orchestrated an evening filled with music (*musica*), multi-media projects (*proyectos multimedia*), and performances (*actuaciones*). Spanish Teacher, Ms. Dominick led her 5th period class in performing the play 'Little Red Riding Hood' in Espanol, while English Teacher, Mrs. Granniss had her 3rd period class perform 'We Too Sing America.' Visiting families were asked to add a personal message to the Heritage Wall for display in

the school and ended the night dancing to traditional music of the Hispanic culture.



Above: 'We Too Sing America'



Left: Event Organizer, Sunilda Gutierrez

Above: 'Little Red Riding Hood' in Espanol

## Cross Country Meet Schedule

10/25/2011\*—Franklin Park, Dorchester, 4:00pm

\*Championship meet—High School

11/5/2011\*—Franklin Park, Dorchester, 10:00am

\*Championship meet—Middle School

## Fall Soccer Game Schedule

10/21/2011— vs. Foxborough Regional Charter

at Memorial Field, Salem, MA, 4:00pm

10/23/2011— vs. Cambridge Charter School

at MIT Briggs Field, Cambridge, MA, 9:00am

10/24/2011— vs. South Shore Charter School

at Abington High School, Abington, MA, 4:00pm

10/27/2011— vs. Academy of the Pacific Rim

at River Street Park, Cambridge, MA, 4:00pm



Above: Austin Cooper & Eddie Aroko dispensing drinks