

## Important Dates:

- ☺ **December 17 - January 3rd— WINTER BREAK , NO SCHOOL!**  
*Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4th, 2012.*
- ☺ **January 2—New Years Day Observed, NO SCHOOL!**
- ☺ **January 3—Staff IDP, 9:00am-4:00pm.**
- ☺ **January 4—Classes resume for students as regularly scheduled.**
- ☺ **January 5—Salem Academy's 2nd Annual Alumni Event, 12:00pm-3:00pm.**
- ☺ **January 7—AP English Study Session, Methuen High School, 8:00am-3:00pm.**
- ☺ **January 10— Admission Information Session, 6:30pm at Salem Academy.**
- ☺ **January 16—Martin Luther King Jr. SERVICE DAY, (not a school day).**
- ☺ **January 18—Board of Trustees' Meeting, 6:00pm, RM125.**
- ☺ **January 20— MIDTERMS begin for Upper School students.**
- ☺ **January 24—SFC Meeting, 7:00pm, RM125.**
- ☺ **January 27—Lower School Dance, at SACS, 6:00-9:00pm.**

## News and Notes

**Admissions Information Sessions** for prospective students will be held Tuesday, January 10th and Thursday, February 2nd. All sessions are at 6:30pm at Salem Academy. Please contact the school with questions: (978) 744-2105 or [info@salemacademy.org](mailto:info@salemacademy.org).

**WINTER BREAK** will begin on Friday, December 16th, 2011 after dismissal at 2:00pm. The school will be closed Saturday, December 17, 2011 through Monday, January 2nd, 2012. Staff will return for professional development on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012. Students will be back in session on Wednesday, January 4th with a regularly scheduled school day.

**The winning tickets for the Calendar Raffle have been drawn!** If you were not able to pick-up your prize prior to Winter Break, please see Ms. Banville on January 4th, 2012.

## Stand UP Against Bullying

Over 4,000 middle and high school students and teachers from across New England came together to take a stand against all forms of bullying at Northeastern University on December 13th, 2011. **STAND UP 2011** was created to educate, motivate and empower young people to actively promote positive social change in their schools and communities. Several radio personalities, including Pebbles and Melissa from Jam'n 94.5, Romeo from KISS 108 and performers, such as former American Idol contestant Siobhan Magnus, took the stage.



Several community leaders spoke about the importance of taking a stand against bullying including Massachusetts Attorney General, Martha Coakley. One of the key pieces of information that students took away from the conference was to consider the impact of every action they take, every word they

say and everything that they text or type moving forward. Additionally, this group of students made a commitment to demonstrate leadership in our school community and to enforce the zero tolerance against bullying policy by treating others with kindness, compassion and empathy.

Salem Academy Charter School students and staff in attendance at Tuesday's conference were: *Sal Martinez, Hannah Fortin, Erika Garcia, Gabriela Garcia, Ashley Narvaez, Phyllisha De Melo, Eddie Aroko, Kyle Brunet, Rachel Copans, Leah Fortin, Evan Aroko, Ruby Cheresnowsky, Indira Marte, Jay Luna-Gil, Brayan Angomas, William Boardway, Katie Darmody, Lisabel Matos, Mr. Betts, Mrs. Roy, and Mrs. Reickert.*

## Important Notice! Siblings Who Plan to Attend Salem Academy

Siblings of students currently attending Salem Academy are the first students chosen in the annual enrollment lottery. To be sure of a space here, siblings must be enrolled in the lottery before the drawing on **March 7**.

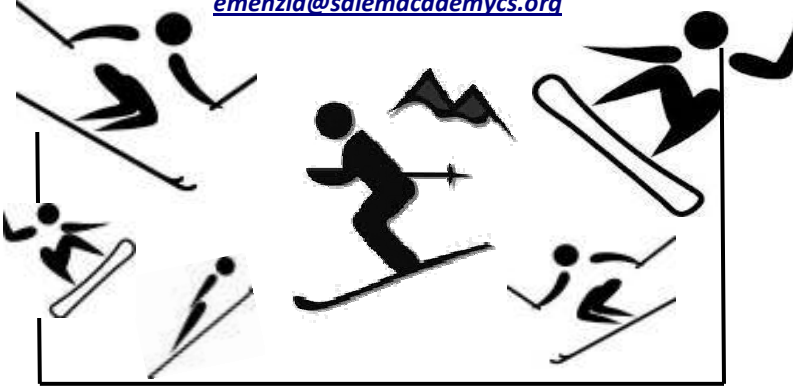
Some parents have assumed that siblings may simply enroll in the school at any time. This is not true. To be assured of a space, siblings must be enrolled in the lottery.

If you have another child who plans to attend Salem Academy next year, please be sure to submit the proper enrollment form **no later than March 1!**

**Questions (?) Call 978-744-2105**

## ATTENTION ALL SKIERS & SNOWBOARDERS:

*Mrs. Pelletier is organizing this year's Alpine Club! Please get your permission slips and fees into Mrs. Pelletier by Friday, January 6th, 2012 following the winter break. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pelletier at [emenzia@salemacademycs.org](mailto:emenzia@salemacademycs.org)*



## Helping Those in Need

With the cold winter days and holidays quickly approaching, many families find themselves in need of a little extra support in order to make ends meet. Here are some resources in the Salem area that offer assistance to children and families:

On Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 11:30, there will be a food pantry at the First Universalist Church (211 Bridge Street Salem, MA). There is usually a line starting early in the morning, so dress warm in case there is a wait to get in. This food pantry is open to the public on the last Saturday of the month, excluding holidays. The Pantry requires clients to provide the following each month: A photo ID; a recent piece of mail, dated within 2 months, with their name and a Salem address; eligibility for USDA food that is handed out separately.

Anton's Cleaners offers a Coats for Kids program through all 43 of their locations. If anyone in your family is in need of a clean, warm winter coat, please check out [www.antons.com/cfk/partners.php](http://www.antons.com/cfk/partners.php) and find a local distribution partner. Once you click on the distribution partners website, you can coordinate directly with them to get coats. If you have specific needs and are unable to travel to any of the coat distribution sites, please contact Aidan Bradley at (617) 776-5800 or either of the school counselors.

If your family is in need of specific supports that you would prefer to discuss privately, please feel free to call either of our school counselors and they will be willing to assist you in Identifying appropriate resources. Sarah Roy, Lower School Adjustment Counselor (ext.128). and Elisabeth Reickert, Upper School Adjustment Counselor (ext.105).

## "Shake." the Competition

Upper School students Ashley Narvaez, Austin Cooper, Cara Marchand, Jackson Stevens, Ben Phillips, Dominic Serrino, Atticus Meche and Lydia King competed in auditions for this year's English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare Competition. Students were asked to memorize, interpret, and perform a monologue for three faculty judges, Mrs. Granniss, Mrs. Lowe, and Mr. Desmond.

The purpose of the competition is to help develop speaking and critical thinking skills while exploring the language and timeless themes of Shakespeare. Last week's auditions resulted "in an unprecedented finish," according to Mrs. Granniss. "We have a tie between Ashley Narvaez and Lydia King. They will each have one more week to continue developing their monologues and then compete again head to head Friday to determine the winner." Ashley and Lydia will audition for the judges again on Friday, December 16th! The winner will be announced after Winter Break!



## ATTENTION 12th GRADE STUDENTS:

Are you researching scholarships for college??? Let College Counselor, Melissa Lassen help you out! Now on Salem Academy's website: "Helpful Websites for Researching College Financing Options and Scholarships" on the college page! Check them out here... [http://www.salemacademycs.org/images/scholarships\\_2011](http://www.salemacademycs.org/images/scholarships_2011)

## Winter Weather Advisory!



Attention all students and parents: 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. Salem Academy does not call local 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".**

*Please call the school to confirm your phone number (978) 744-2105.*

**Salem Academy Charter School is holding Admissions Information Sessions on:**

**Tuesday, January 10th, 2012 at 6:30 pm**

**Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 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 5th, 2012**

The admission lottery will be held on: **March 7th, 2012**

Please contact the school for additional information: (978) 744-2105 OR [info@salemacademycs.org](mailto:info@salemacademycs.org).

**Calendar Raffle Winners**

Saturday, December 10th — **James G.**

*Prize: \$100 cash*

Sunday, December 11th — **Gail F.**

*Prize: \$20 to Howling Wolf & \$20 to The Barking Cat*

Monday, December 12th — **Maryann L.**

*Prize: 1 Hour StandUp Paddle Boarding Lesson*

Tuesday, December 13th — **Shezhana V.**

*Prize: Gift card to Upper Crust & CinemaSalem movie passes*

Wednesday, December 14th — **Penny D.**

*Prize: \$25 to Ye Olde Pepper Companie Candy Shoppe*

Thursday, December 15th — **Francie C.**

*Prize: NE Running pouch & 1HR Training Session*

Friday, December 16th — **Michael H.**

*Prize: \$25 Gift Card to Treasures Over Time*

Saturday, December 17th — **Mrs. Corbett**

*Prize: Starbucks Gift Basket*

Sunday, December 18th — **Francie C.**

*Prize: Wash/cut/blow dry with stylist Melissa at Aqua Salon*

Monday, December 19th — **Ms. Brea**

*Prize: \$50 Gift Card to J.Mode*

Tuesday, December 20th — **John C.**

*Prize: \$20 to Salem Cycle & 1 HR Training Session*

**Calendar Raffle Winners**

Wednesday, December 21st — **Nyona D.**

*Prize: \$25 to Café Graziani*

Thursday, December 22nd — **Rick Di.**

*Prize: Leah Beth Goodman Skincare Package*

Friday, December 23rd — **Mr. Betts**

*Prize: Wash/cut/blow dry with stylist Danielle at Aqua Salon*

Saturday, December 24th — **Kelly Co.**

*Prize: \$20 Salem Gift Card & \$20 to Salem Wine Imports*

Sunday, December 25th — **Tomas J.**

*Prize: Dinner at Nathaniel's at the Hawthorne Hotel*

Monday, December 26th — **Haydee R.**

*Prize: Blue Ribbon Cakes Gift Basket*

Tuesday, December 27th — **Felix G.**

*Prize: \$25 to Roost/Beehive/Scrub & \$20 to Salem Car Wash*

Wednesday, December 28th — **Kassie H.**

*Prize: Wash/cut/blow dry with stylist Janelle at Aqua Salon*

Thursday, December 29th — **Jeanne V.**

*Prize: \$20 to Howling Wolf & \$20 to Coon's Card & Gifts*

Friday, December 30th — **Becky H.**

*Prize: \$25 itunes gift certificate*

Saturday, December 31st — **Maria M.**

*Prize: Apple IPAD 2*

**ATTENTION: Students interested traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana for a service trip in May 2012...**

There will be an informational meeting for any interested families on **Wednesday, January 4th, 2012 at 6:30pm** at Salem Academy. The session will cover topics of transportation, food, and lodging and what learning and service opportunities the students will have on this trip.

If you have not already turned in your letter of interest, please see Ms. Hunt when you return from Winter Break.

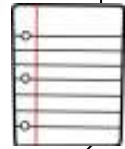


**Student Reminder:**

Please take time to replenish school supplies over the Winter Break.

Students may need:

- Lined paper
- Pens/pencils
- Batteries for calculators
- Other daily supplies!



**ALS Awareness Benefit**

Salem Academy Charter School and the Grace Church are hosting an event at *CinemaSalem* to raise awareness about ALS and to support the Aroko family. Mr. Aroko was diagnosed with ALS and is battling the disease.

The event will take place at *CinemaSalem* on Wednesday, December 28th. The evening begins at 8:00 pm with food sales and a raffle followed at 9:00 pm with a viewing of *The Lion King*.

Tickets are \$12 (including one raffle ticket); \$20 (premium, including three raffle tickets); \$60 (family of 4 or more and each family member gets a raffle ticket). Tickets are on sale before school and during lunch or at the front desk.

Contributions may be made even if you can't attend the event, and we are also asking for contributions of bake sale items! Food items can be dropped off at *CinemaSalem* between 4 and 8 p.m.

Please make checks payable to Salem Academy or donate online at: <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/salemacademy-charterschool/alsawarenessarokofamilybenefit>

**Just what is ALS?** Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

(ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually lead to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

