

Important Dates:

- ☺ March 12—AP English Study Session, Salem HS, 8am-3pm.
- ☺ March 16—Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:00pm.
- ☺ **March 18—Half Day, Dismissal 12pm.**
- ☺ **March 18—End of Trimester II.**
- ☺ March 22—Grade 9 field trip to MFA in Boston.
- ☺ **March 22, 23, 24—MCAS grades 7 & 10. English, Language Comp., & Reading Comp.**
- ☺ March 24—Winter Athletics Banquet, 6:00pm.
- ☺ March 29—College Admissions Information Session, 7:00pm.
- ☺ **March 29 & 30—MCAS grades 6 & 8. English, Language Arts, and Reading Comp.**
- ☺ *April 1—Trimester II Assessment Reports Sent Home.*
- ☺ April 2—AP Science Study Session (Salem HS), 8:00am-3:00pm.
- ☺ *April 5—Make a Difference Youth Conference (selected Second Form students).*
- ☺ **April 6—SFC meeting, 5:30pm. All parents & families are invited to attend.**

News and Notes

The Mid-Year Parent Satisfaction Survey has been sent to all parents and guardians by email and U.S. Mail. The survey asks only ten questions and should take only a few minutes to complete. Replies may be emailed, mailed, or delivered to the Trustees' mailbox at school. This survey is important to the school as it plans for the 2011-2012 year, and it is taken very seriously by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as part of the school's ongoing evaluation and accountability. Parents can also take the Family survey online at SurveyMonkey.com. See the Salem Academy homepage, www.salemacademycs.org, for details and a link to the survey.

MCAS Exams begin on March 22nd for grade 7 & 10 with English and Language Arts Composition and Reading Comprehension. The following week grades 6 & 8 will take the English Language Arts and Reading Comprehension.

The next meeting of the SFC will be Wednesday, April 6th, 2011 at 5:30pm. All parents and families are invited and encouraged to attend.

Enrollment Lottery 2011 Invites Salem Residents and Non-Residents to the Charter School Community

Enrollment Lottery for new students hosted by the Salem Academy administrators took place Wednesday evening with guest John Keenan. Salem Academy received over 140 applicants for grades 6 through 9 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Salem Academy Charter School is a public school and enrolls students from Salem and the surrounding communities in grades six through twelve. The enrollment process is not selective and is non-discriminatory. There is no tuition. Salem Academy admits students on a space available basis in the following order, as required by law:

- 1. Siblings of currently enrolled students who reside in Salem.**
- 2. Siblings of currently enrolled students who reside in other MA cities or towns.**
- 3. Students who currently reside in Salem.**
- 4. Students who currently reside in other MA cities or towns.**

The school determines the number of available spaces by grade level each year. The enrollment season is from early Fall through early March. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available spaces, a lottery is held at the school to determine enrollment and waiting lists for each grade.

Thank You to all applicants and families for your interest in Salem Academy Charter School. Please send any questions or feedback to: info@salemacademycs.org.



Important Notice! Please take a moment to fill-out Salem Academy's
Mid-Year Parent Satisfaction Survey

The Survey is available online at SurveyMonkey.com or by visiting Salem Academy's homepage at:
www.salemacademy.org. Surveys were also mailed home and sent through email to parents.

Hard copies are available at the front office and completed surveys can be dropped off at the Trustee's mailbox
at the front desk. Please send any additional questions or comments to:

Trustees@salemacademy.org

We appreciate your taking this time to make a difference at Salem Academy!

The Family Center
is hosting a Workshop Series for
Parents and Professional

Understanding the IEP and Section 504 Accommodations

Presenter: Colleen Dolan, Executive Director, Northshore Education
Consortium

March 23rd from 10:00-11:30 AM

Transition Planning

Presenters: Patrice Grande & Deb Morrison, Northshore Education
Consortium, Department of Developmental Services, Mass
Rehabilitation Commission

April 5th from 10:00-11:30 AM

**Worried No More: Strategies to Help Children Cope with
Anxiety & Stress**

Presenter: Dr Aureen Pinto Wagner, Anxiety Wellness Center,
Cary, North Carolina

April 14th from 7:00-9:00 PM

The Family Center
112 Sohier Road, Beverly, MA 01915
Phone: 978-232-9755

News from the Nurse!

Iron deficiency anemia is the most common nutritional deficiency in children, affecting 9-11% of adolescent females and 1% of adolescent males. It can occur for several reasons -- an increase in internal demands for blood production (rapid growth), heavy menstrual bleeding, or poor nutritional intake. Anemia may cause kids to feel tired or weak, become irritable and distractible, or even become short of breath during exercise. Physical



signs may be pale skin, nail beds or gums. Sometimes, kids may require an iron supplement as prescribed by their pediatrician, but increasing iron-rich foods in the diet is something that can be done preventatively. Meat, eggs, dried beans and peas, dark leafy greens, raisins and iron-fortified cereal are all rich in iron. Also remember that vitamin C helps the body absorb iron, so

coupling an egg or fortified cereal with some orange juice in the morning goes a long way!

Coming up: Postural Screenings for grades 6 through 9! More information to come!

Winter Athletics

Banquet

Thursday, March 24th
at 6:00pm

All winter athletes and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend!



6th Grade Poetry Outloud Winners



The winners of the Grade 6 'Poetry Outloud' contest in 6th grade are: William Tuttle, Madison Borden, and Alicia Marchand. Congratulations students!