

Important Dates:

- ☺ **March 4—Yankee Candle orders due by 2pm!**
- ☺ March 7—6th Grade Family Breakfast, 8:00-8:30am.
- ☺ March 7—Mentorship Breakfast, 8:30-8:50am.
- ☺ *March 7—Admissions Enrollment Forms Deadline.*
- ☺ March 8—(US) New Orleans Service Trip “Fat Tuesday” Fundraiser.
- ☺ March 9—Student Government Bake Sale.
- ☺ *March 9—Enrollment Lottery, 6:00pm.*
- ☺ March 11—8th Grade Course Selection Forms Due!
- ☺ 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 24—Winter Athletics Banquet, 6:00pm.

News and Notes

TODAY, Friday, March 4th is the last day to turn in Yankee Candle orders. The SFC will announce the top sellers next week. Please contact the SFC with any questions.

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.

Enrollment Forms due Monday, March 7th, 2011—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 9th.

ADMISSIONS LOTTERY for 2011-2012
March 9, 2011
Enrollment Forms Due by March 7, 2011
Siblings Must Submit Enrollment Forms to Save Spaces

The Enrollment Lottery will take place Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00pm.

Reminder to 8th Graders: Course Selection forms are due back to your Connections teacher by Friday, March 11th, 2011. If you have any questions, please speak to one of your teachers or Ms. Callahan.

12th Grade, Chelsea Borden charms her peers with poetry.

This past Tuesday the cafeteria rang with the words of Langston Hughes, Emily Dickinson, Shakespeare and many other lesser known poets as 30 students competed in ‘Poetry Outloud’. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, this national competition encourages students to really feel the meaning of great poetry by memorizing and performing the words. The competition started weeks ago as every high school student at Salem Academy was asked to choose, memorize and recite a favored poem in class and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and commitment on display Tuesday morning by all the participants. Congratulations

to Chelsea Borden, our POL winner, who will represent Salem Academy at the regional competition. Congratulations are also due to 1st runner up, Sarah Dionne, 2nd runner up Sam Teatum and 3rd runner up Herby Charmant.



Winner: (above) Chelsea Borden
2nd Runner-up: (left) Sam Teatum
3rd Runner-up: (right) Herby Charmant

~Winter Weather Advisory Information ~

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. We do not call the 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”.** Call to confirm at: (978) 744-2105.



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 9.

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 7!

Transitioning to High School

8th grade students met on Wednesday afternoon to learn about transitioning into High School at Salem Academy. Students heard from Ms. Tully about entering 9th grade and the high school curriculum, from Ms. Welbourn (*below*) about College planning and finding a career through further education, and Ms. Brobst about High School athletics and involvement in sports as a motivator in the Upper School.

The 8th graders were also privileged to hear from a panel of Upper School students, Jefell



Campos, Fallon Burke, Casey Ryan (*left*), Erica Garcia, Liz Harten, and Jackson Stevens, on why

they had chosen high school at Salem Academy. Jefell opted out of a private high school, while Fallon and Casey found a voice amongst their peers and leadership roles in student government. Erica, Liz and Jackson found that support from the teachers and peers and the smaller class sizes the Salem Academy offers, make a difference in their high school experience. Jackson is also excited to be attending the trip to New Orleans this spring that Salem Academy has developed through its Extended Learning Opportunities (or, ExLOs).

While some students are applying to private or vocational schools, many have found a home at Salem Academy and look forward to continuing their studies here.

8th graders received course selection forms that are due back to their Connections teachers by Friday, March 11th, 2011.



6th Grade Indoor Schooner Adventure

In connection with the 6th grader's reading of Captains Courageous, the Gloucester "Schooner Adventure" educational department on Tuesday. Able guide of Beth, shared information and

artifacts about this extraordinary era in American history. Fisherwomen, Ashley DiBona and Katie Walkama worked the dory surviving the dangerous trip on the Grand Banks.



Winter Athletics

Banquet

Thursday, March 24th
at 6:00pm

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



Upper School Basketball Schedule

March 5—girls **HOME*** vs. Phoenix Charter, 10:30am

March 5—boys **HOME*** vs. Phoenix Charter, 11:45am

March 6—girls **AWAY** @ South Shore Charter, 5:30pm

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***HOME games will be played at the Jewish Community Center, 4 Community Road, Marblehead, MA 01945.**