

Important Dates:

- ☺ May 1—Walk for HAWC, downtown Salem, MA, 11:00am.
- ☺ May 2—AP testing begins for Upper School AP students.
- ☺ May 4—Coffee & Conversation with Administrators (US), 7:45am.
- ☺ May 5—Coffee & Conversation with Administrators (LS), 7:45am.
- ☺ May 6—Professional Half Day, students will be dismissed at 12pm.
- ☺ May 6—Teacher Appreciation Lunch, hosted by the SFC, 12:00pm-1:00pm.
- ☺ May 10 & 11—Math MCAS, grades 6 & 8.
- ☺ May 12—Parent Networking Event, MARC educates on bullying and cyber bullying, 7:30pm.
- ☺ May 16—Meteorologist Barry Burbank visits with the 6th grade.
- ☺ May 17 & 18—6th Grade Rutland Trip.
- ☺ May 17—PTS Conferences & Pasta Dinner, 5:00pm-8:00pm.
- ☺ May 17 & 18—Math MCAS, grades 7 & 10.
- ☺ May 17 & 18—Science MCAS, grade 8.
- ☺ May 18—Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:00pm.

News and Notes

Salem Academy Students & Staff Walk for HAWC on Sunday, May 1st. Registration begins at 11:00am. Support or donate to HAWC (Healing Abuse Working for Change). To donate, please contact 11th grade students Sunilda Gutierrez, Jessica Sitnikova, Sarah Ngarambe, and Shannon Spofford.

Clean Salem Green Salem! The Salem Beautification Committee and *SalemRecycles* unite for an earth-friendly spring event on Saturday, May 7th, 2011 from 8:30am-1:00pm at the Salem Commons. For more information, please visit: saalem.com/Pages/SalemMA_EventsCal

Trip to New Orleans...

Twenty Salem Academy Charter School students and three Salem Academy staff members chose to give up a leisurely April vacation to spend this time scraping, priming, painting and improving homes in New Orleans impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Salem Academy Charter School partnered with the United Saints Recovery Project for this experience. Students were moved by the stories of the people whose homes and lives are still impacted by the devastating effects of Katrina.

team members, students rose to the occasion and stayed focused on their purpose and its relevance to the people of New Orleans.

It was not all work and no play: the team also had a little time to enjoy the charming and colorful character of neighborhoods such as the Garden District and the French Quarter and to ride a steam boat on the Mississippi River. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed local specialties such as beignets, po boys, gumbo, fried chicken and jambalaya.



They enjoyed meeting local people and short and long term volunteers at United Saints, including Ameri-Corps teams. Despite close living quarters, limited shower access, bugs, heat, lingering paint on skin and hair and the occasional misunderstanding between

Spending a day with Kelly McClure (former Deputy Head of School and founding member of SACS) and her family was a highlight for everyone. She served us the best jambalaya we had on the trip and took us on a walking tour that included Tulane and Loyola Universities and the



the best Snowball stand in her neighborhood.

Through this life changing experience, students grew a great deal both personally and collectively. Many look forward to returning to New Orleans and would like to foster a long term partnership with United Saints. In the words of 11th grade student Jefell Campos, "The low is that we don't have enough time to stay here. I wish we had a little bit longer to actually see the houses we worked on completed."



Students on the trip included Chelsea Borden, Natasha Balcacer, Honor Baslim, Karrissa Brown, Fallon Burke, Jeffell Campos, Jeremias Campos, Herby Charmant, Sarah Dionne, Jack Jimenez, Annabel Mejia, Natalie Minaya, Tasha Moise, Natalie Pena, Raquel Pena, Tyrone Rodriguez, Casey Ryan, Jackson Stevens, Alina Usmanov, and Jasmine Zablocki. Trip chaperones were Ms. St. Pierre, Ms. Brea, and Mr. Pelletier.

Important Notice to Parents and Families:

Just a friendly reminder from the Salem Academy counselors that texting your child during the school day can cause difficulties for him/her. **School policy does not allow cell phone use during the school day.** Therefore, students may receive detention for checking messages. If the contents of the message have to do with a family member's health or well being students often become overwhelmed and helpless. If you feel that you need to communicate sensitive news to your child during the school day, please remember that you can call the school counselors and we can help facilitate this conversation.

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Ms. Hunt sends her best to all for the spring!

Thank you to everyone for your support and good wishes!

We welcomed our son, August Maclay, to the family on Tuesday, April 19th. He is happy, healthy, and eager to meet the Salem Academy family.

I will be on maternity leave for the rest of the school year, but will be working closely with staff. While I am on leave, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Corbett, Academic Affairs Coordinator, with any questions. She will be sure to have the appropriate person respond to you.

Karen Corbett

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Our Upper School Form Leaders, Meg Russo (grades 9/10) and Ana Brea (grades 11/12) will be supporting teachers and students in my absence and Dean of Students, Jessica Callanan, will provide administrative support to the team. As always, Executive Director, Sean O'Neil, will provide oversight and guidance for the Upper School.

I am confident that the spring will be a productive and enjoyable one. I will miss seeing you all on a day-to-day basis.

Best, *Ms. Hunt*



ATTENTION ATHELTES!

Athletics offered this spring are:



- Softball
- Baseball
- Competitive Track



Please see the athletic director for a schedule of practices, games/meets.



Athletic Director, Ms. Brobst

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LOWER SCHOOL ATHELTES!

Lower School Athletics offered this spring are:

- **Softball Club** (*will meet once a week*)
- **Flag Football Club** (*will meet 1-2 a week*)
- **Track** (*will meet 2-3 times a week*)

The **Northeast Arc Advocacy Department** will be hosting a 3-Part workshop series for those looking to take charge of their situations and become stronger voices for their children.

*All workshops will be held at Northeast Arc
6 Southside Road, Danvers, MA 01923*

*Registration is required. Please call the Family
Support Center to register: (978) 624-2381*

*Cost is \$10 per workshop, or \$25 for the entire series.
Space is limited!*

Go Get Organized ~ Managing the clutter

Monday, May 9, 2011 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Learn how to recognize their disorganization type, strategies to help overcome & manage the clutter, and how to take control over the piles of paperwork using the tool kit provided to participants.

Go Team! - Being an effective member of your child's team

Monday, May 23, 2011 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Participants will review basic dynamics of a Team Meeting process, what the IEP means and strategies to work with the professionals on the team to find a true compromise in the best interests of the child.

Go Advocate! Know when to say when

Monday, June 13, 2011 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Participants will review basic advocacy, learn some of the 'warning signs' and 'symptoms' of when the 'Team' is no longer effective, and WHEN and HOW to find a good advocate when necessary.