

## Important Dates:

- ☺ December 5—Service Learning Half Day. Dismissal at 12:00pm.
- ☺ **December 10—SFC Meeting, 6:00pm in RM 124 (note location change for the meeting). All parents are invited and encouraged to attend!**
- ☺ December 15—Board of Trustees' Meeting, 6:00pm in RM124.
- ☺ December 17—UNOs dough-raiser for Salem Academy Athletics at UNOs in Swampscott.
- ☺ December 20 through January 4—NO SCHOOL—Winter Break!
- ☺ January 5—Professional Day 8:00am-4:00pm. No School for Students. *Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 6th.*
- ☺ **January 14—SFC Meeting, 6:00pm in the Learning Common. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend!**
- ☺ January 15 through 22—Upper School Reading Week!
- ☺ **January 22—Admissions Information Session, 6:00pm at SACS.**

## News and Notes

**MEFA sponsored Financial Aid presentation** on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm at Salem High School. The presentation will be in English and Spanish. All parents and students are invited to attend.

**SFC Meeting... Wednesday, December 10th, 2014 at 6:00pm.** *All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. PLEASE NOTE: We have moved the meeting to room 124 (come through the main entrance and take a right).*

**Admissions Information Sessions** for prospective students will be held **Thursday, January 22nd, and Tuesday, February 10th.** All sessions are at **6:00pm** at Salem Academy. Enrollment forms for the 2015-2016 school year are due by the end of February. The Enrollment Lottery will be held on Wednesday, March 4th, 2015. Please contact the school with questions: (978) 744-2105.

**IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE:** The Lower School staff IDP session on January 30th has been moved to January 23rd! **There will be no school for Lower School students on Friday, January 23rd, 2015.**

**FAFSA DAY—DATE CHANGE—NOW** January 24th, 2014 from 10:00am-3:00pm at Salem Academy. Please contact Ms. Lassen with any questions, [mlassen@salemacademycs.org](mailto:mlassen@salemacademycs.org).

## Cummings Properties Gifts

## Support Salem Academy Charter School

Salem Academy Charter School became the beneficiary of three gifts of \$1,000 each from Cummings Properties this week. Through its Employee Directed Giving program, Cummings Properties invited its valued full time employees to designate a local charity of their choice to receive a \$1,000 gift in the employees' honor. Cummings distributed \$326,000 through this program to non-profits that are making a meaningful difference in the communities where the employees live.

Salem Academy Charter School received these gifts at the recommendation of Ana Pinto, Carlos Soto, and Ryan Copley. With Cummings Properties approval to use the gifts in the area of greatest need, the school has applied them to the current fund raising effort to furnish the new Physical Education Annex. With the Salem Boys and Girls Club suddenly moving from its nearby location, Salem Academy was left in September with no physical education facilities. Shetland Park came to the rescue with a 9,000 square foot warehouse space, but the school now needs to furnish the new facility with all forms of athletic, fitness, physical education, and dance equipment.

This new need coordinated nicely with the purposes of the Reach the Beach fund raiser, and so the Annex effort began with \$7,500 in hand toward a \$20,000 goal. The Cummings gifts brought the total to \$10,500, and new gifts in response to the on-line Annex fund raising effort on the school's web site have brought the total to \$12,000 toward the goal. The on-line Annex fund raiser offers donors the opportunity to choose a gift such as a dodgeball at \$6, a basketball at \$7.25, a yoga mat at \$61, a floor hockey goal at \$65, or a ballet barre for the dance studio at \$110, place it in a shopping basket, go to check out, and make the gift with a credit card. All investment in the Physical Education Annex will be moved to the new Arts and Athletics Center when it is completed next year.



*Carlos Soto presents Cummings Properties gift to Executive Director Sean O'Neil*

## 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 4th, 2015.**

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 February 27th!**

**Salem  
Academy  
is hosting  
Admissions  
Information  
Sessions at  
6:00pm on  
the following  
dates...**

**Thursday,  
January 22nd, 2015**

**Tuesday,  
February 10th, 2015**

Salem Academy Charter  
School is currently  
accepting Enrollment  
Applications for the  
2015—2016 school year!



The enrollment deadline for  
the Lottery is **February 27th.**

The admission lottery will be  
held on **March 4th, 2014**

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

## A Thankful Day of Service at the Bentley School



Salem Academy's 10th graders traveled to the Bentley school in Salem last week to learn why the students there are so thankful! Our students helped the Bentley kids make hand-turkeys and read Thanksgiving themed books together in their classrooms.

# MIT Leadership Training Institute

Leadership Training Institute (LTI) is a mentoring program founded and run by undergraduate students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The program is specifically geared towards students who have strong leadership potential, self-motivation, passion for learning, and capability to overcome adversity. The institute is held on Saturdays during the Spring semester at the MIT campus and will involve creating and implementing a community service project.

**Applications are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please contact Mrs. Lassen with any questions, [mlassen@salemacademycs.org](mailto:mlassen@salemacademycs.org).



The INSPIRE student group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is pleased to invite students to participate in [MIT INSPIRE](http://getinspired.mit.edu), a new national research competition in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, organized by MIT students exclusively for high school students.

The first of its kind on a national scale, INSPIRE will enable students to showcase and present original research in one of thirteen fields, ranging from anthropology to music, economics, and philosophy. Expert judges will award prizes for the most outstanding work in each category.

**Students can participate by submitting entries and competing for awards. The final round of the competition will be held at MIT's campus in Cambridge, MA from April 7-9, 2015.** Information regarding deadlines, eligibility criteria, application and student application handbook is available at <http://getinspired.mit.edu>.

**The first deadline, for abstract submission, is January 7, 2015.**

Questions? Please contact MIT INSPIRE's Outreach Coordinator, Kirby Ledvina, [inspire-ask@mit.edu](mailto:inspire-ask@mit.edu).

## SACS WEATHER ALERT ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Since our students use the Salem Public School busses, 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". In addition, delays and closing are announced on our website and facebook page.



## FREE WINTER CONCERT

Please join SACS Senior, Roy Galang, and the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestra on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for a Free Winter Concert at the Ipswich Performing Arts Center. There are performances at 2:30 and at 5:00. For more information, you can go to

[www.nmyo.org](http://www.nmyo.org),



## WINTER OPEN MIC EVENT!!!

As 2014 comes to a close, Mr. Lee-Ro and the music department would like to celebrate with everyone at the first annual **Winter Open Mic** at **4:30pm**



Come join us as we sing songs, play music, eat snacks, and have a good time before the New Year!

All students (Lower AND Upper School) can sign-up. Instrumentalists and vocalists are encouraged!

Please see Mr. Lee-Ro to approve your song choice before Dec. 11th!

**Salem Academy is now an official FAFSA Day site! We will hold FAFSA Day on January 24<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**(PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FROM THE 25<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of January!!!)**

Families, please SAVE THE DATE! We will have volunteers working directly with students and their parents to fill out the FAFSA form in real time. Families, please SAVE THE DATE!

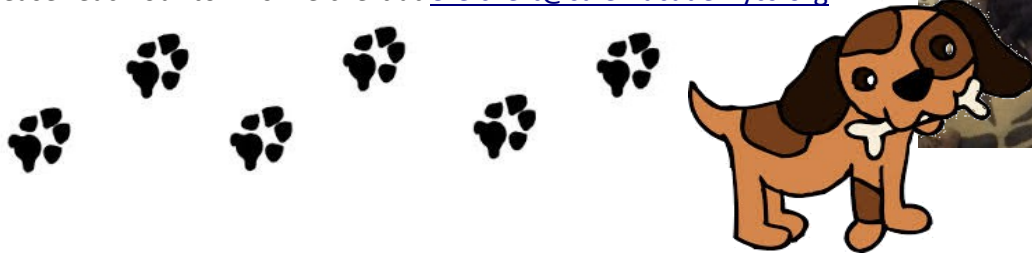
For additional details, please visit <http://www.fafsaday.org/>

### **FREE Help Applying for Financial Aid for College!**

FAFSA Day Massachusetts, a College Goal Sunday Program, is a non-profit, volunteer driven program providing free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. If you have questions, contact us at [massinfo@fafsaday.org](mailto:massinfo@fafsaday.org).

## A Little Bit of Pet Therapy Here at Salem Academy!

Upper School Adjustment Counselor, Mrs. Reickert has organized pet therapy sessions here at Salem Academy! Upper School students have the opportunity to meet spend time with a therapy dog for 15 pre-scheduled minutes during their Bonus Block class period. The sessions offer the opportunity for some much needed stress relief during the day. If you have questions about the pet therapy program, please reach out to Mrs. Reickert at [ereickert@salemacademy.org](mailto:ereickert@salemacademy.org).



## Lower School Trifecta!!!! No Recess Homework Centers / No Discipline Events /and Significant Achievement

**Grade Six:** Luke Anderson, Kleve Asuncion, Willa Hayward, Robert Jellison, Paige Ryan, Kalynda Santana, Peter Sargent and Brendan Sheehan.

**Grade Seven:** Diana Alushaj, Abigail Clark, Dylan Higgins, Morgan Mackey, Ava Mahoney, Lilliana Malioneck, **Owen Murphy**, Adam Pinto, Summer Prentiss, Julia Roche, Nash Rougvie, Lyndsey Russell, Yusuf Sarhan, and Lour Drick Valsote.

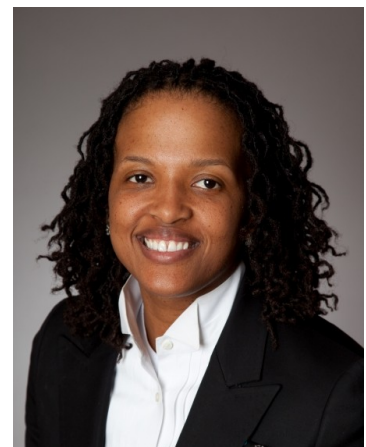
**Grade Eight:** Summer Abusharkh, Jessica Atwood, Janae Beaver, Madisyn Dowling, Aaron Fournier, Alisa Grishin, Connor Mackey, Luis Matho, Christine McLaughlin, Shannon Murphy, Joseph Thongsythavong and Madeline Wynne.



## Attention 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Girls:

On Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Salem Academy will be hosting a Women's Leadership discussion with Thaly Germain, Executive Director of the Lynch Leadership Academy at Boston College. Thaly has a compelling personal success story and has worked to change the lives of students through her work in public education. This conversation will take place during 4<sup>th</sup> period and is open to **girls in grades 8-10**. Sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis and preference will be given to students in good academic standing who have demonstrated an interest in student and women's leadership.



*Thaly Germain, Executive Director of the Lynch Leadership Academy at Boston College*



Mr. Desmond and Mrs. Shiels took a group of 10th graders to Bentley school last Wednesday, November 26th. The group read Thanksgiving themed books and helped the kids create hand-turkeys that displayed what they were thankful for during this holiday season!

# Service Day at Salem Academy



Final Form helped out at the Salem Food Pantry sorting goods, stacking boxes and loading trucks.

*Top Left:* Samantha Griffin. *Top Middle:* William Lewis and Ben Craven. *Top Right:* Jack Emerling, Vadim Ayetkulov, Isaac Vural, Hannah Elmi and Robert Nguyen. *Bottom Right:* Tanya Schoelles, *Bottom Left:* Alex Pasquale and Evan Aroko.

