

# SALEM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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## March 2010 NEWSLETTER

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.” (1 Chronicles 16:34, NKJV)

### SCHOOL NEWS

- *School Office Hours* are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### WOMEN'S HISTORY QUIZ

Teachers have been encouraged to expose students to women who have made major contributions to society. These women come from all walks of life. Please take the time to share more information with your child/ren about influential women.

Who are these famous women?

1. She is the first African-American First Lady of the United States.
2. She was the first African-American senator.
3. She was the first woman elected to the Baseball Hall of fame.
4. She became Spelman's first female black president in 1987.
5. She became the first African-American female Secretary of State.
6. She became the first African American federal judge.
7. She became the first woman to graduate from dental school, the Ohio College of Dental Surgery.
8. She became the first woman admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.
9. She becomes the first African-American woman to receive a patent for a bed that folded up into a cabinet.
10. She became the first Black woman to receive an M.D. degree. She graduated from the New England Female Medical College.

### No School



- Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Pulaski Day
- Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Teacher In-Service

**Returning Student Registration begins Tuesday, March 2, 2010.**  
**All students must re-register.**

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



By Dr. Marguerite Jackson

I received two anonymous letters. The first asked about the guidelines for both the science fair, spelling bee, and the Who Am I? contest. Our judges for the science fair came from various fields. We had someone from Chicago State University, several retired principals, former teachers, and a couple of college students who were winners in the city-wide science fair. Our judges were pleased with what they observed. They did make constructive comments so that we can make our annual fair an even bigger and better one. Look for changes for the 2010-2011 science fair format.

The other letter addressed a number of issues. The answers to these concerns are reflected below:

- Students who do not qualify for Title I are able to participate in the RTI (**R**esponse to **I**ntervention) Program.
- Many teachers choose email to inform their parents what takes place in the classroom. Again, the teacher notifies the parents how s/he wishes to share and receive information on a particular child.
- Due to a lack of space, there is no room for lockers for the middle school students.
- Classes usually go on four field trips during school year. These trips must reflect what is being taught and discussed in the classroom. To go on a trip that is not meaningful does not support the academic program.
- We had several staff members who judged both the Spelling Bee and the Who Am I? contest.

**RTI** is being embraced by both students and volunteers with great enthusiasm. Our volunteers come prepared to work, oftentimes with their own supplies and rewards for our students. Beginning Saturday, March 6, S. C. A. will conduct a 7 week program for students in the RTI program. Sessions will meet from 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

### WRITING PROGRAM

Classes are required to submit writing samples to Dr. Jackson each month. These published writing packets may contain spelling or grammatical errors. Remember: with practice, errors will diminish. Our goal is to create students who love to write. Please check your child's book bag.

## FAMILY READING NIGHT

Please join Dr. Marguerite Jackson and the Salem Christian Academy Staff for a Family Night you don't want to miss! Students grades N3 – 8th will enjoy "Reading Under the Big Top" story time with S. C. A. ringmasters while parents attend the parent reading workshop. Come out Tuesday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m. for free food, and fun activities at Salem Christian Academy, 11816 S. Indiana. See you there!

Fun for the whole family!!!

Games Raffle Prizes Free Books Popcorn  
Face Painting Hot Dogs Chips and Juice

- Read a story with one of our ringmasters
- Parents learn exciting new ways to read with your child
- Sign up for a Chicago Public Library Card
- Sign up for the Six Flags Six-Hour Reading Club (K-6<sup>th</sup>) and earn free Six Flags tickets
- Make and take activities

### **Reading Under the Big Top – Book Drive**

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Please donate **new or slightly used children's books** to Salem Christian Academy for Family Reading Night. Your donation will place a book in the hands of children attending our "Reading Under the Big Top" extravaganza! Remaining books will be donated to hospitalized children in Chicago.

#### Book Donation Drop-off schedule

N3 – K5 students: Begins: Wed., March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ends: Thurs., March 4<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> students: Begins: Thurs., March 4<sup>th</sup> - Ends: Fri., March 5<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> students: Begins: Mon., March 8<sup>th</sup> - Ends: Tues., March 9<sup>th</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> students: Begins: Tues., March 9<sup>th</sup> - Ends: Wed., March 10<sup>th</sup>

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, we held Grandparents Day for our preschoolers. We had over 34 grandparents who spent time reading, working on a craft activity, and hand painting with his/her grandchild. A good time was had by all!

**REST AND SLEEP** – Elementary grade students need a minimum of 10 hours of sleep each day in order to be productive in school. A kindergartener requires 11 hours of sleep. Please monitor your child's rest and sleep habits.

**THANK YOU** to Mr. Jones of McDonald's on 115<sup>th</sup> Street for underwriting a portion of our *Spirit of Excellence Program* for this year.

**COMMUNITY DAY** – Thank you for your support on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> as S. C. A. participated in its first Carson's Community Day.

## WRITING OPPORTUNITY

True Star Magazine is hosting a writing contest. Students in grades 5th-6th, and 7th-8th are to enter an original poem, story, or essay of 500 words or less. The entry can be personal, hip-hop lyrics, funny or serious but most importantly, it should be creative. All original work is due in Dr. Jackson's office by Thursday, March 4, 2010.

There will be 3 prizes:

- Grand prize – Brand new laptop computer/printer
- 2nd prize: Brand new desktop computer/printer
- 3rd place: \$100 Gift certificate to Borders Books.

## FINANCE CORNER

Registration for new students began on January 25, 2010. For returning students, the registration date is March 2, 2010.

Tax statements are available, upon request (please allow 24 hours). Contact Mrs. Hicks at 773-928-0145.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES

We have begun getting acceptance information for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:

Jade Bozeman – Greater Atlanta Christian School, GA  
Quishe Branch - Rich Central High School  
Hayes Bynum, III – Marion Catholic High School  
Derek Ellington – De La Salle High School  
Jaylen Johnson – Seton Academy\*  
Betty Magana – Chicago H.S. of Agricultural Science  
Shaquan Martin – De La Salle High School  
Malik Mitchell – Marion Catholic High School  
John Oliver – Marian Catholic High School  
Nia Oliver – Marian Catholic High School  
Aliyah Qualls – Seton High School  
William Rose – Marian Catholic High School  
Solomon Taylor – Seton Academy\*  
Skyler Wells – Thornton High School

\*Jaylen Johnson and Solomon Taylor have been chosen as Seton Academy Honors Scholars. Congratulations!

This is not a complete list. We will continue to update the list as information becomes available.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY QUIZ:

1. Michelle Obama; 2) Carol Mosley Braum; 3) Effa Manley 4) Johnetta B. Cole; 5 ) Condoleezza Rice; 6) Constance Baker Motley; 7) Lucy Beaman Hobbs Taylor; 8) Belva Ann Lockwood; 9) Sarah E. Goode; 10) Rebecca Lee Crumpler

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## MARCH 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b> <i>Pulaski Day Holiday No School for Students</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Returning Student Registration</i>	<b>3</b> <i>M. O. B. I. L. E. Asthma Van</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Bronzeville Children's Museum 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Chapel at 2:00 p.m. All lunch orders for April are due!</i>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Progress Reports go home</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Family Reading Night 6 – 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Theatre @ the Center 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Chapel at 2:00 p.m.</i>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Junior Achievement</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Teacher In-Service No school for students</i>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

MARKET DAY Pickup is on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Terra Nova Testing begins the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>.