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NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

“Train up a child in the way he should go...” (Proverbs 22:6)

SCHOOL NEWS

- *School Office Hours* are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **K5/8th Grade Graduation Pictures** will be taken on **Tuesday, November 10th**
- **PICTURE RETAKE DAY** will be on **Wednesday, November 18th**

REPORT CARD PICKUP

Report Card Pickup for first quarter grades will take place on **Thursday, November 19, 2009**. Report Cards can be picked up in the *main office* from **7:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m.** and from **3:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** in the *gym*.



OH, GIVE THANKS!

The *Thanksgiving Holiday* is fast approaching. Here are a few dates to remember in regards to this very special holiday:

- **Thanksgiving All-School Chapel**—**Friday, Nov. 20th** at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
- **NO SCHOOL**—**Thursday, Nov. 26th** & **Friday, Nov. 27th** in observance of the holiday

NO SCHOOL:

Veterans' Day—**Wednesday, Nov. 11th**

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

By Dr. Marguerite Jackson



REAL MEN READ

Kudos and thank you to all of the men (fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, ministers) who participated in our Real Men Read Program on October 21st. They were: Rev. Dearing Jordan, Rev. Jason Reynolds, Rev. E. C. Cunningham, Rev. Elmer Harris, Mr. George Boles, Mr. Lawrence Sneed, Mr. Lafayette Gatling, Mr. Howard Brewster, Mr. Brad Barnes, Jr., Mr. Terrol Chase, Mr. Darryl Parque, and Mr. Mr. Nicholas Snipes. What an exciting day it was to see so many men take the time from their busy schedules to read to our children!

Our school theme for the year is ***“Through God, ALL THINGS are possible”*** (Matthew 19:26).

EARLY DISMISSAL

Beginning Monday, November 2, 2009, any student who leaves before 3:30 p.m. will be given an early dismissal. Please refer to page 9 of the Salem Christian Academy Parent-Student Handbook, where it states: “The school day at Salem Christian Academy begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. for all non-Afterschool students. Afterschool students may also be picked up after 3:30 p.m.

Beginning Monday, November 2, 2009, any student who comes to school after 10:30 a.m. will only be credited with a half-day attendance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school or Dr. Jackson at (773) 928-0145.

Please note:

Students who have letters/permission to be dismissed must be picked-up by 3:30 p.m. or the late fee will still be applied.

LUNCH REMINDER

The lunch program is progressing and the students are excited and really like what is being served. Students who are not participating will need to *bring a packed lunch with a beverage from home* (**do not send items to be heated up**). The school no longer has vending machines for snacks and/or drinks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is being held during the week of **November 10th**. The Book Fair will be open every day during the week of November 9th except on **Veterans' Day** (*Wednesday, November 11th*) when there is no school. This year's theme is **BOOK FAIR SAFARI!** The Book Fair is a great way to connect your kids with books they want to read! On *Thursday, November 12th* & *Friday, November 13th*, we are having an **EXTENDED-HOUR BOOK FAIR BLOWOUT!** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the school gym.

TAFFY APPLE SALE FINANCIAL REPORT

To all of the parents who participated in the Taffy Apple Sale, we salute and applaud you. Because of your efforts, we raised over \$2,900.00 to offset some of our educational needs.

\$\$FINANCIAL CORNER\$\$

Please make sure that you pay your tuition on time in order to ensure an uninterrupted school year. Your diligence allows us to operate our school efficiently. If you have not received your payment information from FACTS, please contact Mrs. Hicks in the school office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If there are any outstanding fees for tuition, BASP, NSF, late fees, etc., you will not be able to receive your child's report card. All balances must be paid in full!

FUNDRAISING

Please check your child's book-bag for important information regarding savings if you shop at certain stores. If you shop at Target, Footlocker, or Subway, please register S.C.A. as the site so that a percent of your purchases are credited to our school.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

S.C.A. welcomes volunteers! Volunteers are asked to sign in at the school office to record volunteer time. The school administration will then assign you to a classroom. Please remember that you may volunteer in any classroom except that of your child's.

REPORT CARD PICK-UP

We encourage you to come to school to pick up your child's(ren's) report card on Thursday, November 19, 2009 from 4 p.m. To 6 p.m.. Please be mindful that teachers will only be able to meet with you for about five minutes. Should you require more time, please schedule a parent-teacher conference at a later date.

WEEKLY CHAPEL

Chapel is held on Friday afternoons from 2:00-2:30 p.m. Each grade level, N3-8th, will host chapel for one month during the course of the school year. Parents are always invited to attend so please join us. The 6th grade is hosting chapel on November 6th, 13th, and 20th.

THINKFINITY

There is a website that will allow parents to obtain lessons and activities to assist their child/ren at home. The address is www.thinkfinity.com

2009 S.C.A. SCIENCE FAIR

Science Fair Info Packets were sent home. Please read over this important material with your child/children. **All 3rd-8th grade students are required to participate in the Science Fair;** however, N3- 2nd grade students are highly encouraged to participate, also. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or Ms. L. Bell (Dean of Students).

LOST AND FOUND

Please clearly label your child's clothing/belongings with permanent marker. Our lost and found bin is brimming with unmarked lost clothing items/school items. Whenever you are in the building, please check the lost and found for any of your child's misplaced items; likewise, if your child comes home with an article of clothing that does not belong to him/her, please return the item to the school.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Beginning Monday, November 2, 2009, neither S.C.A. nor FSP will accept personal checks. **You must pay by money order or cash (exact amount – as we do not have change).**

Many of you have inquired about credits for the lunch(es) your child may have missed. You should have received the letter, along with "Credit Request Slips" that was sent home on Monday, October 26th. Credits will not be automatically given. You must request them.

Please submit your order forms by the deadline indicated each month. Failure to do so will result in your child not having a lunch.

As you choose your child's menu for the month, please keep a copy for yourself. We are unable to copy and return your order form. As always, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

UNIFORMS

We are at that time of year when the temperature begins to drop. So that the students stay warm, they are allowed to wear **solid** navy blue, yellow, or black sweaters and jackets **ONLY**. Please label all of your child's(ren's) clothing with first and last names.

BASKETBALL TEAM



2009-2010 Salem Blazers Varsity Team consists of: John Oliver, William Rose, Hayes Bynum, Derek Ellington, Ronnie Doss, Cornelius McIntosh, Dwayne McNutt, Alfred Lewis, Shaquan Martin, Cleveland Tate, Malik Mitchell, Justin Burchette, and Nicholas Hunt

Managers: Jaylen Johnson and Azariah Smith

2009-2010 Salem Blazers Jr. Varsity Team consists of: James Augusta, Calvin Shields, Cameron Young, Justin Townsend, Langston McHenry, Malik Brookins, Quincy McGrew, Michael Foreman, Johnie Dunson, and Joshua Bozeman

2009-2010 Salem Blazers Jr. Varsity Girls Team consists of: Nia Oliver, Aliyah Qualls, Kiya King, Betty Magana, Jordan Smith, Jala Fouch, Takari Moore, Reyana McClain, Tia Booker, Miani Bolden, Jailin Burchette, and Alexis Horton

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

As a Christian school, we learn to serve others as God has and continues to provide for us. We are participating in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Math-A-Thon program. Participating in this program will assist your child(ren) with practice and the building up of essential math skills while raising money and awareness for children with cancer and other catastrophic illnesses. For additional information, please visit St. Jude's website at www.mathathon.org.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER by Samuel F. Pugh

"O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who
have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen."



SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

N3: Johan Payne, Camayah Hilton-McCoy, Antoine Fallie

K4: James White, Dylan Kerr, Jordin Burchett; Jaylen Thompkins, Ufuomaoghene Omene, Mya Witherspoon

K5: Journee Fox, Taylor McDonald, Myles Henderson, Cassidy Tate, Jamal Ware

1st Grade: Mikayla Wallace, Ty-Yanna Erving, Chase Kimble, Mykhai Harris, Tamara Redmond

2nd Grade: Kayla Spight, Carl Braxton, Ariana Armstrong, Kaitlyn McGary, Jabari Burgess

3rd Grade: Raven Turner, Kennedy Tate, N'Mari Ward

4th Grade: Dejanna Newkirk, Shemar Hunter

5th Grade: Olivia Douglas, Darrah Murray

6th Grade: Tianna Newkirk, Michaela Foreman, Maleit Hooper

7th Grade: Reayana Erving, Shaquan Hunter

8th Grade: Malik Mitchell, Tia Booker, Solomon Taylor

SCIENCE FAIR



January 21, 2010

Our science fair is fast approaching. We have issued a letter and packet which you should have received. We will have science fair kits available for purchase for \$10.00 during report card pick-up (4 p.m. – 6 p.m.) on Thursday, November 19th. **Cash only!** The time for preparation is now.

If you are looking for suggestions for science fair projects, please visit:

<http://www.all-science-fair-projects.com/>

<http://www.all-science-fair-projects.com/resources.php#125>

SEWING CLUB

Mrs. Harris, the Art teacher, will be conducting a sewing class beginning in January. All interested students should see her. More information will follow.





Spotlight on Success!

As a new feature, we are highlighting the work and achievement and other newsworthy items of our students.

Ms. Dynette Davis' K5 class (Room 203B) is learning about photosynthesis. The students have learned that trees lose oxygen during the fall, which causes the leaves to change colors. The students have preserved some leaves by waxing and ironing them. They are on display on the 2nd floor.

Ms. Krichbaum's 2nd grade class Room 304) is learning how to write a friendly letter.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

Our second grade class is learning how to write a friendly letter. We want to share with you all of the fun things we are doing. In the classroom we are reading chapter books, counting by fives, and experimenting with worms! Outside of the classroom we are practicing fire drills and visiting the farm/pumpkin patch! We are doing a great job of following S.C.A. rules so that we can earn links and Spirit of Excellence Awards. Thank you for being our principal and teaching us how to be followers of God!

Please visit our classroom soon.

Love,
Ms. Krichbaum's 2nd grade students

Mrs. Brooks's 2nd grade class (Room 302B) is being introduced to the writing process by writing class stories. Children learn that the writing process includes prewriting, drafting, revising, proofreading and publishing.

Ms. Keen's 3rd grade class (Room 306B) has written compositions on their perception of a perfect world.

Perfect World by Steven King, Jr. – Grade 3

A perfect world is in heaven. God is in heaven. I would like to see Him in heaven. Heaven is a wonderful place because God is always with you in heaven and He protects you there. Heaven is a perfect place because it shows you how to look like in your mind. Jesus is a good person because he died on the cross for our sins. And who will give us a perfect world.

My Perfect World by N'Mari Ward – Grade 3

My perfect world has no diseases or shots. My world has no floods or tornadoes or hurricanes to tear it apart. My world has spas and sunny days all the time. My world has no sharks and nothing to kill people. My world has no wicked people, it just has good things.

There's a Door Always Open

by Micheala Foreman (6th Grade)

You may feel as if you didn't make it. Work hard and practice every day. Life is all about surprises and there is always one waiting in front of us. Don't be scared to open the door because you're the only one with the key. There's no other path for you, but the one God has chosen for you. Don't be afraid to let your light shine and be anything you want to be!

Congratulations to James Augusta (6th grade) who has been accepted into the Saturday College Program at Chicago State University.

Mrs. Smith's 6-8 grade classes are studying Veterans' Day and the contribution and sacrifices our veterans have made. There will be several veterans who will come out and speak to her students.

PIE SALE CONTEST FOR MARKET DAY



This month (November), we have a fun and exciting contest going on with our pie sale. We are featuring your child's teacher's favorite pie. We have also changed the contest to include all of the other staff to provide you with a greater selection. What better way to add to your scrumptious meal that to serve a delicious Market Day pie(s)? Prizes will be delivered to your child's classroom on Monday, November 30th.

There will be prizes for the top student sellers.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pie</u>
Dr Jackson	Principal	Apple Cranberry Pie
Ms. Bell	Dean of Students	Pumpkin Pie
Mrs. Hicks	Finance Manager	Apple Cranberry Pie
Mrs. Williams	Admin. Asst.	Pecan Pie
Mrs. Menzies	School Clerk	Cookies and Cream
Mrs. Roper/Mrs. Thomas	N3	Apple Deep Dish Pie
Mrs. Hammons/Mrs. Blake	K4	Apple Deep Dish Pie
Mrs. Byrant/ Ms. Lyles	K4	New York Cheesecake
Mrs. D. Davis/Mrs. Holmes	K5	Chocolate Mint Pie
Mrs. Thrash/Ms. Mallett	K5	Turtle Cheesecake
Mrs. Hughes/Ms. Portis	1	Carmel Apple Tarts
Ms. Brooks/Ms. Krichbaum	2	Chocolate Turtle Saucy Cakes
Ms. Keen	3	French Silk Pie
Ms. Simpson	4	Apple Deep Dish Pie
Mrs. Nunn	5	Turtle Cheesecake
Mr. Qualls	6	New York Cheesecake
Ms. P. Davis	7	Apple Deep Dish Pie
Mrs. C. Smith	8	New York Cheesecake
Mr. Goodwin	Computers/Library	Cookies and Cream
Ms. Stallworth	Gym	New York Cheesecake
Mrs. Harris	Art	New York Cheesecake
Ms. Hibler	Music	Apple Cranberry Pie
Mr. Snipes/Mr. Johnson	Security	Apple Cranberry Pie

Please send cash payments to your child's teacher no later than **Tuesday, November 10, 2009**. These items of the month must be picked up on **Saturday, November 21, 2009**. If you have any questions, please contact *Mrs. Roberson* at (773) 505-7427.




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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3 <i>7th & 8th Grade Seton Academy Day</i>	4	5	6 <i>Chapel at 2:00 p.m.</i>
9 <i>Scholastic Book Fair 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</i>	10 <i>K5 & 8th GRADE GRADUATION PICTURE DAY</i> <i>Scholastic Book Fair 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.</i>	11  <i>Veterans' Day <u>NO SCHOOL</u></i>	12 <i>Scholastic Book Fair 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.</i>	13 <i>Scholastic Book Fair 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Chapel at 2:00 p.m.</i>
16	17	18 <i>PICTURE RETAKE DAY</i>	19 <i>Report Card Pick-Up</i>	20 <i>All-School Thanksgiving Day Chapel at 1:00 p.m.</i>
23		25	26  <i>Thanksgiving Holiday <u>NO SCHOOL</u></i>	27  <i>Thanksgiving Holiday <u>NO SCHOOL</u></i>
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MARKET DAY/PIE SALE Pickup is on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.