

SALEM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

SCHOOL NEWS

1. The school office hours are *Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*
2. Picture Day
Thursday, October 8, 2009. **DRESS UP DAY!**
Please send all money by Thursday, October 8th.



LUNCH REMINDER

S.C.A.'s hot lunch program will begin October 1, 2009. 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 **does not** have vending machines for snacks and/or drinks.

TAFFY APPLE SALE

Taffy Apple orders are due October 19th. Pick-up at S.C.A. will be October 29th.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

NO SCHOOL

Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day
Nov. 26th-27th – Thanksgiving Day

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



OPEN DOOR POLICY

We have begun the school year with enthusiasm, excitement and high energy. Our teachers attended a 3-day seminar over the summer and have begun to implement some of the strategies acquired to better prepare our students for success this school year. Our students are excited about this year. We appreciate your trust in S.C.A. and programs that we will be offering. Our school theme for the year is **"Through God, ALL THINGS are possible"** (Matthew 19:26).

I have an open door policy for parents. I do ask that you call and schedule an appointment. Your call will permit me to block out time for an uninterrupted conference. Failure to do so may cause an inordinate amount of wait time or you may have to return at a later date. Parents please schedule all teacher conferences between **7:30 a.m.-7:50 a.m.** or after **3:30 p.m.**, if the teacher is available. Teachers are not available on Tuesday mornings.

FUND RAISING

Please check your child's book-bag for important information regarding savings if you shop at certain stores. If you shop at Target, please register so that S.C.A. receives credit for your purchases.

MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURE

Walking **1st-8th grade students** to class is not permitted. Your cooperation will help us to avoid congestion/blockage of the stairwells, which is a fire code violation, and it will reduce excessive hallway/street traffic. In addition, teachers will be able to prepare students for the day without distractions and/or interruptions. We appreciate your continued cooperation.

EARLY DISMISSALS

If possible, please refrain from early dismissals as they are disruptions to the instructional program. It would be helpful if appointments were scheduled afterschool and/or on Saturdays. This will allow our students the opportunity for a **full day** of academic instruction.

SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISER

S.C.A. is gearing up for its first *traditional* fundraiser for the year. We have scheduled a school-wide **Taffy Apple Sale for Thursday, October 29th**. Information will be sent home shortly. Please check your child's book bag for this valuable information. Your participation is purely voluntary.

If you shop at Target, Footlocker, Subway, please register SCA at 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.

Item of the Month Contest for Market Day

We are asking every parent to purchase at least **ONE** of these items each month. Everyone's participation is needed to make this contest fun and exciting! Here's how the contest will work:

1. Each month we will feature the "**favorite**" Market Day menu item of one (1) or two (2) of our S.C.A. classroom teacher(s)/staff member(s) as our "**Items of the Month.**"
2. Once an item is selected for purchase, students should bring the amount for that item to school by the designated date.
3. Each teacher will collect the money for his/her class and turn it in to the office. **Please send your item purchase in an envelope with your child's name, phone number and room number and teacher's name.**
4. The *favorite items* will be delivered to each class and distributed to the students.
5. **The teacher who sells the most of his/her favorite item will receive a special classroom party and/or dress down day.**

**Our November special item of the month comes from our 3rd Grade Teacher, Meagan Keen
Item ID# \3438: Snap Pretzels
The pack includes 40-.5 oz. bags \
Cost = \$6.99**

Please send cash payments to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, October 21, 2009**. The items of the month will be sent home with your child on **Monday, October 26, 2009**. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ja'nene Roberson, the S.C.A. Market Day Coordinator at (773) 505-7427.

WEEKLY CHAPEL

Chapel is held on Friday afternoons from **2:00-2:30 p.m.** Each grade level, N3-8th, will host a chapel for one month during the course of the school year. Parents are always invited to attend so please join us. The 5th grade is hosting the chapels on Oct. 9th, 16th, and 30th.

TITLE I PROGRAM

Title I begins Wednesday, October 7th for eligible students. Please check your child's book-bag for the consent form.

THINK LINK

Many of you inquired as to the accessibility of Think Link at home. We regret to inform you that this is an in-house assessment. We will be sharing the results of your child's(ren's) progress on the test after they are given.

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

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.

ABSENCES/TARDIES

As stated at Parent Orientation, we will be closely monitoring attendance and tardiness of your students. If a child accumulated more than 9 days of unexcused absences, s/he will be required to attend summer school or be retained in the current grade. If your child is tardy 15 minutes each day, that adds up to 5 days of absences. If your child receives an early dismissal every day of 15 minutes, the number of days doubles.

SPANISH CLASSES

There has been a delay in the start of our Spanish program. The company we originally contracted with could no longer provide the services. We have begun to negotiate with another company.

LUNCH PROGRAM/FIELDTRIPS

Q What happens if my child goes on a field trip and I have paid for his/her lunch for the month?

A You will receive credit for that day on the next month's menu. In other words, the paid day will be deducted from the next month's total.

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**.

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(re) 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.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5	6	7	8 <i>School - wide Picture Day (Dress up!)</i>	9
12 <i>Columbus Day No School</i>	13 <i>Basketball Tryouts (Grades 5 - 8)</i>	14 <i>Butter Print Farm 1st - 2nd</i>	15	16 <i>Progress Reports Go Home</i>
19 <i>Deadline for Taffy Apple Orders</i>	20 <i>Siegel's Cottonwood Farm N3 - K5</i>	21 <i>Real Men Read</i>	22	23 <i>Teacher In - Service No School</i>
26	27	28	29 <i>Taffy Apples delivered</i>	30

Market Day Pick-up is Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 9 a.m.