

SAINTS ALIVE!



Newsletter

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THEME FOR THE YEAR: Always be prepared with an answer for the hope that is in you ... 1 Peter 3:15

Praising the Saints!

The Little Saints and Junior Varsity cheerleaders and their families took part in the March of Dimes Walk on April 26. They raised about \$2000. Giving of your time and raising funds for a worthy cause beyond yourselves is a sign of a servant leader. Congratulations, Salem Cheerleaders!

Congratulations to the following students for finishing as either the runner-up or the champion of a district PSIA competition: Lillian Benwell (4th), Cole Larsen (4th), Savannah Rucoba (5th), Daniel Gatewood (5th), Matthew Wanner (8th), and Hunter Gatewood (8th). They all participated in the STATE PSIA competition last Saturday at TCU in Fort Worth. Congratulations to Matthew Wanner for placing fifth in science, and to Hunter Gatewood who finished fourth in math and first in listening skills. This is awesome. Both boys are repeat medalists at state and Hunter is Salem's first PSIA state champion.

The Salem Beginning Band and Advanced Band have made history! Both bands placed "first" in city competition on Friday, April 24! In the history of the contest, no school has ever had both bands place first! Congratulations, Salem Saints Band members!

"...Empowering a new generation of leaders for service to Christ."

MAY EVENTS



May 6—Chapel (8:20 a.m.); Volunteer Brunch at Whistle Stop (9:00—10:30 a.m.)

May 8—Field Day (Grades 5-8)

May 13—Chapel (8:20 a.m.)

May 14—Academic and Fine Arts Fair (Grades 5-8)

May 20—Chapel (8:20 a.m.)

May 25—Memorial Day, No School

May 28—Concluding Chapel; Early Dismissal (12:00 p.m.); 8th Grade Graduation (7:00 p.m.)

May 29—Awards and Recognition for Kindergarten—8th Grade; Last Day of School; Early Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)

All current sports calendar information is located on www.salemlutheran.com

Kenyan Mission Trip

May 28-June 7, 2009

A team from Salem is stepping out in response to the command of Christ to bring the Good News of salvation to all people. The mission teams set up clinics in Kenya to provide free eye exams and to share the love of Christ. Our work supports the local churches and their outreach to the people.

Alaine Schlechte, kindergarten teacher, has received a scholarship to Kenya and will be a part of the team leaving in May.

We will look forward to hearing about her experiences when we return to school next year.

Essay Contest Winner

Hunter Gatewood from Salem took first prize in the regional contest of the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest.



His essay is being forwarded for consideration in the state contest. Hunter and his family will be guests in May at the annual banquet of the Daughters of the American Revolution San Jacinto Chapter. Congratulations to Hunter for this outstanding achievement!

Salem Band News

Congratulations to the Salem Bands!



On Friday, April 24th, the Salem bands competed at the Annual Bravo Band contest. And this year we swept the contest.

Both the Salem beginner band (5th grade) and the Salem Intermediate Band (6th-7th grade) came in 1st PLACE! WAY TO GO SALEM BANDS!

The bands are now preparing for the Annual All City Spring Concert, which will be on Saturday, May 9th at 10am. Location is St. Pius X HS auditorium.

This year's All City Spring Concert will be presented in memory of Marilyn Swindler, who passed away on Jan. 2, 2009.

Marilyn was the mother of Debbie Swindler, our Salem band director. The Salem Band and Ms. Swindler would like to invite everyone to attend this special concert.



Summer Olympic Reading Program

Please check the website in May and the folders of your child for Summer Olympic Reading information. We will begin reading on June 1st and continue to the first day of school. We want to make reading a habit that will last a lifetime. Just turn off the technology for 15 minutes a day and see how it can enrich your life! Fifth, sixth and seventh graders, remember that this is an activity that shows leadership and organizational qualities. It is a good thing to put on a National Junior Honor Society Application! Readers are Leaders!



Writing Awards & News

Essays written by Emily Brooks and Hunter Gatewood for a regional writing contest, Creative Communication: A Celebration of Today's Writers, found at www.poeticpower.com, have been found worthy of publication in the anthology, *Celebrating What Is Important to Me*. Only the best essays were selected for the honor. Their essays will now be judged to determine if they will receive an award as a "Top Ten Essay," thus eligible for a monetary award and a complimentary copy of the anthology. Thousands of entries were submitted; only a few were chosen for publication.

Congratulations to both Emily Brooks and Hunter Gatewood for this outstanding achievement and honor!

Resale Shop News

I want to first thank all of our resale volunteers this year. Tammy Williamson, Sheryl Campbell, Regina Farrelly, Debra Cooper, and Melanie Bell – you gals are the best!!!!

Also we want to invite anyone who would like to be part of our resale shop next year to please let us know. Because of changes in people's schedules, we definitely need some of you to join with us next year in keeping our resale shop going. We look forward to hearing from some of you who would like to be part of that!!!!

Following is some information that we would like for all of you to know:

Please make sure that any clothing brought in for the resale shop is in good shape and has come from Lydian or Parker. Any clothing brought in that is not from them, will be donated to a local organization or charity.

If you would like for us to keep track of the clothes you bring in, please make sure you CLEARLY mark the bag you bring them in with your name. If we do not see a name, we will assume you want to donate them and they will go directly to resale and all proceeds will go to the school.

For those of you who may not know, I want to let each one of you know how the resale shop works. When you donate clothes to the resale shop, all of the proceeds go to the school to help families who may not be able to purchase uniforms. When you mark clearly your name on the items you bring in, we will make a page for your clothes and we will sell them for you. 20% of the sale goes to the school and the rest of the sale goes to you. At the end of the school year, if you have at least \$25 coming to you, the school will cut you a check for that amount.

Thanks for your support of the resale shop. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us.

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2 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER when the Resale Shop will be open:

August 12 is Final Registration Day 10 AM until 7 PM

August 19 is Family Orientation Day during Orientation times