Mission

Educating girls since 1772, Salem Academy fosters compassionate and creative leaders, prepared for college and life, who chart their paths with character, curiosity, and courage.

Honor Pledge

All students sign the Honor Pledge prior to coming to Salem. It is each student’s intention to uphold the pledge to the best of her ability.

1. I will accept responsibility for my actions and accept their consequences while at Salem Academy and in the community. This means that I will obey both the rules of the school and the laws of the land.

2. I will not lie or deliberately make a false statement with intent to deceive.

3. I will not cheat. Cheating is the giving or receiving of information that leads to an unfair advantage over others.

4. I will respect the property of others. I will not take another’s property without her permission. I will not steal, damage, or destroy property that does not belong to me.

5. Salem Academy students have the privilege of self government. I must support and manage that system. Should a violation of Salem rules occur, it is my responsibility to uphold the system by either confronting the violator or by reporting the violator to the appropriate person through any of various means designated by the Academy.

6. I will be honest and considerate in all of my actions.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Salem Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, *sex, *gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, or any other category protected by applicable law in the administration of its educational programs and student activities and services. *As an all-girls school, Salem Academy admits only female students as permitted by law. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination statement: Erin Jones Adams, Title IX Coordinator and Assistant Vice President for Administration Inspector’s House, 601 South Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 (336) 721-2702, erin.adams@salem.edu
Dear Salem Academy Students –

You are holding in your hands a gold mine of information! The 2019-2020 Student Handbook has been revisited and edited to make certain that you are provided with the expectations of being both a student and a member of the Salem Academy Community, and it is our responsibility to know what is included in these pages and to abide by these expectations every day.

If you look on the inside cover opposite this page, you will see three (3) important aspects of Salem Academy: Mission, Nondiscrimination Statement, and The Honor Pledge. These are the backbone of everything that we do here, so knowing that you now possess these attributes as a Salem Academy student automatically puts you ahead of many of your peers across the country and across the globe.

My advice to you, especially if this is a lot of information for the beginning of the school year: Read the Table of Contents, and then read it again. You will undoubtedly be curious about some of these topics, and you need to make certain that you aren’t caught off-guard with a holiday or tradition, a required event, or a dress code infraction. As I always say – it is easy to follow the rules when you know what they are, and inside these pages is where to find them.

I want to welcome you to what promises to be an exciting year ahead! The Academy Faculty and Staff are ready to teach you, advise you, support you, and help you in your classes and activities, and as I stated above, this Student Handbook will provide guidelines and explanations for you when you need a quick answer to a question. (And if you cannot find the answer here, let us know so that we can add it!)

Far may our song ring clear,
Carol Killebrew
Head of School
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THE HONOR TRADITION

The Salem Academy community is based upon the Honor System which is the backbone of our life together at Salem. It is a system that fosters trust, responsibility, and a sense of the value of each individual member. This trust permeates all facets of our life and is an integral part of our Salem family. Each individual member must recognize the importance of the Honor System and accept it as her basis for citizenship at the Academy.

THE HONOR CABINET

The Honor Cabinet is the top branch of Student Government, coordinating all other branches of government within it. Matters relating to integrity in academic areas in classrooms, study halls, language labs, science labs, computer lab, and the library, and in social areas in the dormitory, on school trips, and within school activities, are handled by the Honor Cabinet. Its chief function is to advise and guide through constructive counsel and leadership. It is concerned primarily, not with the rules themselves, but with the spirit behind the rules. It does deal with actual rules when necessary.

The Honor Cabinet endeavors to recognize social problems that are surfacing and begins to try to correct the situation. It hears cases and recommends disciplinary action to the Administration.

The Honor Cabinet is composed of the following members: the Honor Cabinet president, the Student Council and House Council presidents, 2 elected members (1 day and 1 boarder) from each class, and 2 faculty advisors.

THE HONOR PLEDGE

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5. Salem Academy students have the privilege of self government. I must support and manage that system. Should a violation of Salem rules occur, it is my responsibility to uphold the system by either confronting the violator or by reporting the violator to the appropriate person through any of various means as designated by the Academy.
6. I will be honest and considerate in all of my actions.

HONOR CABINET PROCEEDINGS

1. A student who must appear before the Honor Cabinet first meets with a faculty advisor of the Honor Cabinet. The advisor explains the Honor Cabinet meeting procedure, states the allegation(s) made against the student, and informs the student that she has the opportunity to defend herself against the allegation(s) and to answer questions asked by the Honor Cabinet and/or the faculty advisors to the Honor Cabinet.
2. The student is responsible for notifying her parents at this point. (She will be given the opportunity to do so).

3. Once the meeting starts, the student is reminded that she is under the Honor Code. She is questioned by both student members and faculty advisors of the Honor Cabinet.

4. The meetings are recorded and notes are taken.

5. The student cannot return to class, etc. until all proceedings are completed. She may be asked to appear before the Honor Cabinet more than once.

6. The Honor Cabinet presents recommendations to the administration. The administration makes all final decisions on the case.

7. After a decision has been reached, the Head of School or dean of students will contact parents.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

The administration reserves the right to explore allegations or charges made against students, to determine guilt or innocence, and to impose penalties without referral to the Honor Cabinet. This right is most likely to be exercised concerning charges that a student has broken state or federal law, but may be used for any infraction.

The administration reserves the right to search student rooms, electronics and digital devices, lockers, cars, and personal belongings at any time that the school has suspicion that a student is in possession of illegal, stolen, or dangerous materials.

The administration reserves the right to discipline any student who engages in behavior which endangers her own life or who engages in behavior that is a direct threat to the health, safety, or lives of others. Such discipline may include suspension or dismissal, depending upon the circumstances.
MAJOR RULES

ACADEMY JURISDICTION

All members of the school community representing the Academy are accountable to the rules and regulations as outlined in this handbook. For the resident students, Academy jurisdiction is in effect at all times, including travel to and from the Academy, except: (1) during scheduled vacations off-campus, (2) when a student is in the presence of her parents or guardian off-campus.

For non-resident students, Academy jurisdiction is in effect while a student is on campus, while she is participating in Academy-sponsored activities, and when she is in the company of resident students. It should be noted, however, that non-residential students will be held accountable for behaviors that the Honor Cabinet and Head of School deem to be detrimental to the reputation of the school. This includes inappropriate use of social media.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

While under the jurisdiction of the Academy, no student shall possess or consume alcohol or other intoxicants.

No student shall possess or consume drugs except by a doctor’s prescription and under the supervision of the school nurse or dean of students. Possession and/or consumption of illegal drugs will result in dismissal. Further, substances that appear to be illegal or controlled (by virtue of sight, smell and other contextual factors) will be treated as such and are prohibited under this policy. The abuse of any legally obtained drug or controlled substance is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action, which may include dismissal. Possession of drug paraphernalia and the action of giving or selling of drugs or alcohol to other students also results in disciplinary action, which may include dismissal.

For vaping, juuls, cigarettes, and electronic smoking devices, see the section below.

ABSENT WITHOUT PERMISSION

Students must be accounted for at all times in order to ensure their safety. Students may not leave the building or the campus without going through proper permission procedures. Leaving without permission falls into two categories:

1. Failure to comply with procedure: forgetting to sign-out or get parental permission. Handled by the dean with a demerit penalty.

2. Intent to leave without proper permission: leaving with the intent to break the rules of permission procedure. For example: sneaking out of the dorm at unauthorized times, running away, and hiding from school or parents, going to an unauthorized destination, leaving and intentionally not signing out. Automatic disciplinary action will be taken.
SMOKING/VAPING
No student is allowed to smoke, vape, juul, or use any type of electronic cigarettes, hookah pipes, or smoking apparatus while under the jurisdiction of the Academy for their health and well being. Consequences for this infraction range from demerits to suspension.

BRINGING UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS ON CAMPUS
Automatic disciplinary action will be taken.

HARASSMENT
The Honor Pledge includes the promise to be honest and “considerate in all my actions.” Mutual respect and consideration are essential to a positive sense of community within the school. Therefore, no harassment in any form, one student to another, will be tolerated. Harassment includes any action which deliberately attempts to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for another student. Examples of harassment include but are not limited to: sexual harassment, use of racial or ethnic slurs, physical assault, written notes or letters intended to embarrass or offend another student, the creation of inappropriate websites, sending inappropriate emails or text messages, or posting or forwarding inappropriate comments on social networking sites.

PLAGIARISM
According to the *MLA Handbook*, ”To use another person’s idea or expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source is to plagiarize. Plagiarism, then, constitutes intellectual theft” (30). While plagiarism is a moral and ethical offense, it may also be a legal one. As the *Handbook* of the Modern Language Association indicates, ”Because of the omnipresence of the Internet and the ease with which it is possible to download and duplicate Internet publications, many people think online materials are free to be reproduced and distributed at will. The truth is that most materials on the Internet, like most printed works, are protected by copyright law” (34). At Salem Academy, plagiarism will be viewed as deliberate, not as a misunderstanding of citation requirements or as the result of ignorance of the rules. Such a deliberate offense, therefore, can merit serious consequences. For a student’s first plagiarism offence, she receives a “0” on the work and is charged with an Honor offense. A second offense results in an honor offense, a zero on the assignment, and suspension. The third offense results in dismissal.


GENERAL BEHAVIOR
When students enroll in Salem Academy, they and their parents/guardians agree to support the spirit and the intent of all school rules and regulations. This understanding is part of the enrollment contract and the Honor Pledge. Parents delegate to the Academy the responsibility for the authority over students while enrolled. In return, the Academy agrees to do all in its power to care for the students’ well being in a healthy, safe, and wholesome environment.
We expect students to display good manners, use proper language, be polite, and observe the most basic rules of common courtesy. This expectation includes everything from being attentive to speakers on our campus to sending thank you notes when appropriate to not chewing gum, eating, or drinking at inappropriate times. Students greet each other and faculty members when they meet on campus or in town. Students should offer assistance to visitors on campus. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times both on and off campus.

A student’s conduct, whether a day or boarding student, contributes significantly to how the Academy is perceived. As a guiding principle, students should keep in mind that they are never free to do anything that detracts from the good name of their families or that of Salem Academy. Students do not have license to compromise the spirit of the Academy’s philosophy or the intent of its rules, their own personal safety and well being, or that of others. Students may not break federal, state, or local laws, or be an active or passive participant while those laws or school rules are being broken.

1. All students stand for adults wherever they meet on the school grounds as an act of courtesy. The only exceptions are the auditorium for assemblies, the computer lab, and an adult passing through one of the lounges. However, if an adult approaches a student in one of the lounges to engage in conversation, then the student must stand.

2. There are always limits to acceptable behavior. Excessive displays of affection often create unfavorable impressions about those involved, detract from the standards of the Academy, and make other students and faculty uncomfortable. Public displays of affection are deemed inappropriate and therefore are prohibited.

3. All members of the community must show respect for the property at all times. No abuse of furniture, walls, doors and no writing on furniture, walls, doors or any part of the building is acceptable and no litter will be tolerated.

**FAMILY EXPECTATIONS**

Parental/guardian behavior should be supportive of Salem’s mission, requirements, and expectations.

In such rare cases as parents, guardians, or grandparents are found by the School to be unsupportive of the School’s mission and policies or are otherwise uncooperative with the School, students may be suspended or withdrawn. Parental behavior that could lead to a student being suspended or withdrawn includes, but is not limited to, the following: failure to pay/habitual lateness in tuition payments, failure to complete required forms including the child’s immunization records, and any threatening, verbally abusive, or continued inappropriate behavior directed towards administration, faculty, coaches, or staff.

**SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES**

By signing the Honor Code, students accept the responsibility of representing Salem Academy in the community and serving as ambassadors for our school. This includes the online community. In all text, email, and social media interactions, an Academy student must:

1. Show respect for the diverse culture of our student body and for that of the greater community. Absolutely no slurs against any race, color, religion, gender, ethnicity, financial
status, sexual orientation, or disability will be tolerated.

2. Express personal opinions confidently, but respectfully.

3. Wear appropriate clothing.

4. Use appropriate language at all times.

5. Refrain from posting content related directly or indirectly to alcohol, smoking, or illegal drug use.

6. Refrain from posting negative comments about other students or faculty members; even if the person’s name is not mentioned (i.e. “subtweeting”).

7. Refrain from using any form of social media during class unless authorized by the teacher.

8. Note: The above guidelines apply to all forms of social media, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, Tumblr, blogs, dating applications/ websites, and other related sites.

Consequences for violating these guidelines will range from demerits to expulsion, depending on the severity of the violation. If a member of the school community witnesses any misuse of social media, she should report it to faculty, staff, or school administrators. In certain cases, the Head of School may refer the reported incident to the Honor Cabinet.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Some disciplinary actions are imposed by the dean of students, the house staff, faculty, or prefects. Actions of a more serious nature are handled by the Head of School.

Levels of disciplinary action include:

1. Work detail, extra study halls, loss of privileges
2. Campusing — either to building or historic district
3. Suspension and probation (suspension includes a daily 2-point quarterly grade reduction in each class)
4. Dismissal — When a student has been dismissed, she may not return to campus until after her graduation date.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR INFRACTIONS OF MAJOR RULES**

Each case heard by the Honor Cabinet is reviewed individually and recommendations made based on the circumstances of that case. The following consequences are a guide to be used; however, consequences are not limited to those listed, and each case will be considered on its own merits. The final decision rests with the Head of School.

**DRINKING** — suspension or dismissal, depending on the circumstances. Bringing alcohol on campus carries a more severe penalty than consumption or possession off-campus.

**DRUGS** — possession or consumption of illegal substances – automatic dismissal. Abuse of medications – dismissal or suspension depending on circumstances.
**SMOKING, VAPING, AND/OR ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES** — 1st offense – work detail and notification of parents; 2nd offense – suspension.

**LEAVING WITHOUT PERMISSION** (Sneaking Out) — suspension or dismissal, depending on the circumstances.

**STEALING/SHOPLIFTING** — automatic dismissal.

**HARASSMENT** — handled administratively by the Honor Cabinet, and consequences determined depending on the circumstances of the case.

**CHEATING and/or PLAGIARISM** — 1st offense – appearance before the Honor Cabinet and a “0” on the work; 2nd offense – suspension; 3rd offense – dismissal.

The administration reserves the right to discipline any student who engages in inappropriate behavior, including behavior which endangers her own life or is a direct threat to the health, safety, or lives of others. Such discipline may include suspension or dismissal, depending upon the circumstances. In the event that a college or university asks, suspensions and dismissals will be reported.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

The term confidentiality implies that information will not be shared. However, students and teachers need to clearly understand what is appropriate and ethical in exchanging confidences.

**SELF-REFERRAL**

Students with personal problems of any kind may seek counseling and advice from either the school counselor, the chaplain, a member of the nursing staff, or another faculty or staff member. It is important that the student understand there are differences in the way that each of these persons handles information of a confidential nature.

1. We want to encourage students to self-refer and not punish them for voluntarily seeking help. Students who discuss personal problems of any nature with the chaplain, the school counselor, a member of the nursing staff, or a licensed mental health provider outside of the school are guaranteed strict confidentiality, as prescribed by law, between them and the adult whose counsel they have sought.

2. Students who reveal a problem to a faculty member should understand that appropriate school officials and parents will be notified of the problem on a need to know basis. Students should understand that although they will not be dealt with according to the letter of the disciplinary code (as if they had been caught), they will be expected to show serious commitment to overcoming the problem by engaging in appropriate strategies as prescribed by school officials and parents. Students in this category should understand that any further violation of the major school rule would likely result in dismissal.

3. No student **discovered** violating any school rule has any claim on the principle of confidentiality. All such incidents must be handled through established disciplinary procedures.
REFERRING ANOTHER STUDENT

If you are concerned about the behaviors, decisions, or habits of a roommate or friend, then you may be able to help the friend without triggering a disciplinary response. The procedure is as follows:

1. Bring your concern to the attention of one of the following adults: the chaplain, the school counselor, or a member of the nursing staff. To avoid an immediate disciplinary response for your friend, it is important that you speak only to one of the above-mentioned adults and NOT to another member of the faculty or staff (see “Important Note” below). If you speak to one of the above-mentioned adults, then your conversation will remain confidential, as prescribed by law.

2. The adult that you confided in will talk with your friend and encourage her to begin seeking help. Your name will not be brought up as the source of information without your prior consent.

3. If your friend is ready to seek help, then she may enter into a confidentiality agreement as prescribed in #2 of the Self-Referral section above.

4. If your friend is not interested or willing to seek help, then no further action will be taken. Still, your friend will know that someone was concerned enough to speak to an adult and that her behaviors, decisions, or habits are being noticed.

Important Note: In some cases, students will reveal confidential matters about other students to faculty members. If the student reveals first-hand or verifiable information to a faculty member about a potential dismissal offense that faculty member must intervene and investigate directly, and when appropriate, report the matter to the dean of students. When possible, teachers will protect the name of the student who reported the suspicion or offense. Teachers are obligated to report and discuss such matters with the dean of students.
ACADEMIC LIFE

Students of Salem Academy are expected to commit to a lifetime of learning by pursuing a mastery of their subjects, by developing effective study habits and mature attitudes toward work, and by thinking critically and creatively. Salem expects students to look within as well as to look outward towards their place in a global society. Simply stated, Salem expects students to be in class, on time, prepared, attentive and cooperative, willing to participate, and respectful of all the rules in the classroom and of the school.

THE CLASS DAY

THE CLASSROOM
1. All students are expected to be on time to all classes. Demerits will be given for late arrival. Four tardies result in an unexcused absence, which carries a demerit penalty.
2. If a teacher is not in her classroom after the time for the class to begin, the class is to have an honor study hall until she returns. Should the teacher not return, students remain in the classroom until dismissed by another faculty member or the end of the period.
3. Students stand when a teacher enters the room.
4. Students may not chew gum or take food or drinks (except water) anywhere in the classroom building. Water is not allowed in the computer lab.
5. Cell phones must be turned off when in the classroom building.
6. Personal electronics (smart watches, etc.) may not be worn while taking class assessments.

ASSEMBLIES
1. Students should be on time and sit in their assigned seats.
2. No books, papers, etc. are to be taken into the auditorium. Cell phones are to be turned off.
3. Students may not chew gum or take food or drinks (including water) into the auditorium.

CLASS DAY STUDY PERIODS
1. New students are automatically assigned to library study hall during unscheduled periods until the end of first quarter. New boarders are additionally assigned to evening study hall until the end of first quarter. Returning students have free campus during unscheduled periods unless otherwise assigned.
2. Students may lose their free campus status for abuse of the privilege. Abuses include: excessive noise, being in unauthorized areas, failure to use time effectively, being late to following classes, excessive demerits.
3. The director of studies or the dean of students may assign individual students to a particular place, such as the library or the learning center, for study periods. A student is not allowed to sign out of her designated location unless she submits a note signed by a faculty member who will assume responsibility for her whereabouts. Students
should arrive promptly and use their study time profitably.

4. “Free Campus” areas include: front and back yards of the Academy, rec room, other student lounges, library, computer lab, and student rooms (boarders). Students may not “hang out” in offices, tag room, or hallways in any part of the building.

5. The study hall room, learning center, and library are always available for quiet study. Study rules are in effect at all times.

6. Students may not leave the immediate vicinity of the Academy. Should a need arise, special permission must be obtained from the dean of students or one of her staff.

7. A student will not be dismissed early from school because she has a free period at the end of the day.

**ACADEMIC POLICIES**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**
Twenty course credits are required for graduation.

- English: 4 credits
- History: 3 credits (U.S. History required)
- Math: 4 credits (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II required)
- Science: 3 credits (Biology and Chemistry required)
- World Language: 3 credits
- Fine Arts: 1/2 credit
- P.E.: 1 credit and 1/2 credit for Health
- Religion: 1/2 credit
- Chapel Talk: Each student must deliver a chapel talk.

**CLASS ASSESSMENTS**
Quick Check: If students engaged in class and did their homework, they should be successful. Regular review is always essential to student success.

- Skill review/homework accountability/memorization
- 15 minutes or less for students without an accommodation
- Does not need to go on testing calendar
- Worth no more than 15% of a test grade

Quiz: Assesses conceptual understanding, application of material

- 25 minutes or less for students without an accommodation
- Scheduled on testing calendar
- Worth between 25% and 50% of a test grade

**CLASSES AT SALEM COLLEGE**
Academy students are by no means guaranteed the opportunity to take classes at Salem College, and any request to take a Salem College class is considered on a "space available" basis. Students may not take a College course in lieu of the same offering at the Academy or a course that is an Academy graduation requirement.

Seniors may take introductory level college classes on a space-available basis, provided
that they have an overall B average in their morning/academic classes at the Academy and the course is approved by the appropriate Academy department chair. The required average must have been obtained in the semester prior to their enrollment in the course.

The only college courses juniors may take are upper-level language courses or courses in a language not offered at the Academy. Juniors also must have an overall B average in their morning/academic classes at the Academy in the semester prior to their enrollment in the course, and the course must be approved by the appropriate department chair.

Students are subject to Academy rules for attendance, tardiness, dress, and behavior while they are taking college classes.

Any rare exceptions to these rules may be made with the approval of the student’s advisor, the department chair, the director of studies, and the head of school.

International students are not allowed the use of translators for any test, quiz, in-class essay, or exam. Only dictionaries in book form are acceptable.

**DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES**

Seniors have the opportunity to take dual enrollment courses: college courses taught by Salem Academy faculty members for Salem College credit. Students enrolled in these courses will receive a progress report at the midpoint of the semester but may not receive a quarter grade. Detailed grading information for each semester will be provided in the course syllabus. Students who take these courses may not exempt the semester exam.

**VISNET (Virtual Independent School Network) ONLINE COURSE POLICY**

1. Students and their parents must sign a contract agreement/application and follow the code of behavior.
2. All virtual classes are subject to the Salem Academy Honor Code.
3. VISNET classes are open to all students who feel capable of independent learning.
   a. A B overall average is required for students interested in taking an AP class
   b. Students must have the approval of the department chair, their advisor, and the Director of Studies
4. Students may not take a virtual course that is already offered at Salem Academy.
5. Students may not fulfill a graduation requirement through a virtual course.
6. Students are required to meet on a regular basis with their Academy on-site facilitator.
7. Students will be limited either to one single full-year course or two single semester classes in a given school year.
8. Students may select classes only from the Academy list for 2018-2019 which is posted on the Academy website (Academics/Course of Study).
9. Grades for any online class will be averaged as 20% for progress and 80% for course work.
10. Courses will factor into the GPA and Advanced Placement classes will receive 2.0 quality points.
   a. Courses will appear on the transcript as an online virtual class.
   b. The School Profile will explain the VISNET Consortium and indicate which AP classes are taught online.
11. Salem Academy tuition does not include the cost of any online class.

12. VISNET courses do not allow Salem Academy faculty to serve as tutors or teachers for virtual classes; students must use their online teacher and resources available to answer questions or seek assistance.

**GRADING SCALE**

| Grade | Range  
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|        |
| A+    | 97-100 | B+     | 87-89  | C+     | 77-79  | D+     | 67-69  |
| A     | 93-96  | B      | 83-86  | C      | 73-76  | D      | 63-66  |
| A-    | 90-92  | B-     | 80-82  | C-     | 70-72  | D-     | 60-62  |

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE CALCULATION**

| Grade | GPA  
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|      |
| A+    | 4.3  | A    | 4.0  | A-   | 3.7  |      |      |
| B+    | 3.3  | B    | 3.0  | B-   | 2.7  |      |      |
| C+    | 2.3  | C    | 2.0  | C-   | 1.7  |      |      |
| D+, D, D- | 1.0 |      |      |      |      |      |      |

Advanced Placement (AP) courses will receive 2.0 quality points added to the GPA, and honors courses will receive 1.0 quality point. Salem College courses and VISnet learning AP courses also receive 2.0 quality points. The five core academic classes, fine arts classes, and religion are calculated in the GPA. Only Salem Academy/College courses and VISnet courses are factored into the official cumulative GPA.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM POLICY**

1. AP exams may be taken only by students enrolled in the official College Board approved AP course at Salem Academy for that subject.

2. Students enrolled in an AP course are not required to take the exam.

**EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY**

For seniors enrolled in a year-long course, exemption from the final exam is a privilege. Seniors may exempt the final exam in a year-long course if they have at least an 83 average for the year and have no unexcused absences or penalty absences during the second semester. Juniors enrolled in AP courses who meet the above requirements are eligible to exempt the spring exam if they take the national AP exam. The final decision on spring semester exam exemptions belongs to the academic department. Exemption from an exam does not mean that a student may adjust her remaining exam schedule from the published dates and times of exams.

**THE LIBRARY**

1. The library is used primarily for research, word processing, studying, and reading.

2. In order to check out library materials, all students must have a Salem barcode picture ID.

3. While students may check their school related email, no talking, texting, instant messaging, or other forms of social media should be used during library study hall.

4. Students are allowed to check email during breaks, free assembly time, and before and after school. Students observed using their phones or laptops for email or social media during regularly scheduled class time will receive demerits.
5. Reference materials, periodicals, and books should be left on the study tables, at the circulation desk, or in the book drop to be returned to their proper location by the library staff. The library should be kept neat and clean at all times. Periodicals, reference books, reserved items, and AV materials should never be removed from the library.

6. No food, drink, or gum chewing is allowed in either the library or the computer area. Cell phones must be turned off when in the library. No personal items may be left in the library.

7. Computers, printers, and other equipment are for use by the faculty, staff and students at the Academy. Abuse of any equipment and/or furniture will result in the loss of privileges. If a student is unsure how to use any equipment in the library, the library staff should be asked for assistance.

8. All students must have current and up-to-date Electronic and Computer Lab Use Form signed by a parent or guardian on file with the dean in order to access the Internet.

9. Library hours are: Monday-Thursday - 7:00 am-10:00 pm, Friday - 7:00 am-5:00 pm; Saturday - 1:00 pm-5:00 pm; and Sunday - 3:00 pm-10:00 pm.

ACCEPTANCE USE OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY

As in all aspects of life, a user of computing facilities should act in a manner consistent with ordinary interpersonal and ethical obligations. Cheating, stealing, making false or deceiving statements, plagiarism, vandalism, and harassment are just as wrong when done using technology in the context of computing as they are in all other aspects of conduct. Individuals should use only those computing facilities they have been authorized through ordinary channels to use. The complete usage policy of the school is on file in the dean’s office and with student forms on the website in the Magnus Portal. Use of internet materials without proper citations is considered plagiarism. (See Major Rules section).

GENERAL ACADEMIC POLICIES

1. Only courses previously failed at the Academy may be made up in summer school. Any summer school program must be approved by the Academy.

2. Salem does not give credit for courses completed under a tutor during the summer.

3. Every student must take five major courses for credit each semester.

4. If a student drops a course after ten weeks, her grade will be recorded as Withdrawn/Failing unless deemed otherwise by the head of school. This grade will not affect her class rank.

5. Specific policies for individual departments are on the website (Academics) and are communicated to students at the beginning of school.

6. Salem Academy does not offer a “semester away” program. While a student is enrolled, she is required to take all courses for credit at Salem Academy and College. The only exceptions to this rule are summer school classes when a student has failed a class and electives taken during summer school in order to compensate for a deficit in graduation credits. In rare cases, a student may be approved to attend an accredited program in the first semester of her sophomore year. Such an approval is made by the Head of School, the dean of students, and the director of studies.

7. International students are not allowed the use of translators for any test, quiz, in-class essay, or exam. Only dictionaries in book form are acceptable.
ABSENCE POLICY

EXCUSED ABSENCES
An excused absence is one in which no academic penalty is imposed. Excused absences include:

- Illness
- Family emergency
- Field trips, sports team events, school-sponsored trips

Scheduled absences – an absence where a student and her family have prior knowledge of the absence. A request form must be completed by both the student and her parents. It is the student’s responsibility to request this form from the dean of students. A student takes the form to each of her teachers for a signature. **This procedure must be completed one week in advance of the absence.** Failure to do so results in a warning for the first offense, and the absence becomes a penalty absence for the second offense.

Examples:
- College days*
  - Medical appointment (an entire day of school)
  - Religious observances
  - Family obligations

*College Days – a pink form must be received from the dean of students and completed a week in advance of the absence. The completed form is returned to the dean of students. College days may not be taken during December or May. Students are required to provide evidence of each college visit.

PENALTY ABSENCES*
A penalty absence is one in which a penalty of Saturday morning study hall, loss of free campus, and/or work detail is imposed as a consequence of the absence.

Examples:
- Oversleeping – 1st offense (Friday night detention)
- Excused absences not cleared by the end of the quarter of the absence
- Scheduled absences not cleared a week in advance
- Missing of required events

*The school reserves the right to designate penalty absences.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES*
An unexcused absence results in a 6 demerit infraction assigned by the instructor, and in the case of a suspension, it will hold the academic penalty of a 2-point grade deduction for the quarter.

Examples:
- Cutting of class
- Oversleeping – 2 or more offenses
- 4 tardies accumulated in any one class (late for more than 1/2 class
time means an unexcused absence)
Suspension – carries the Academic Penalty and probation for the remainder of the school year.
Leaving early or returning late from a vacation
*The school reserves the right to designate unexcused absences.

**ABSENCE LIMITS**

When a student misses the maximum class periods per semester in any given class, whether excused, unexcused, or penalty absences, she may lose credit for the course. When a student becomes in danger of reaching our absence limits, her advisor will reach out to the student’s teacher to propose strategies and a calendar for making up missed work. She may either write a letter or appear in person. A warning letter will be sent to parents once a student’s absences approach the limit of class periods. Absences will be recorded on student grade reports.

- Limits: 1st and 2nd semesters – 9 absences per semester
  - Jan Term – 2 absences for Jan Term
  - Classes which meet twice a week – 3 absences per semester
  - Classes which meet four times a week – 6 absences per semester
  - Classes which meet once a week – 2 absences per semester

Excessive absences for long-term or chronic illness or injury that necessitate a student’s missing more than 20 days consecutively or nearly consecutively require that a family arrange for home-bound tutoring. The student may not return to school without written approval from the physician and a parent conference with the school. Credit will be given only if the school determines that the requirements of the course have been met.

**GENERAL CLASS DAY ABSENCE PROCEDURES**

1. **Day Students** should have their parents call or email the Dean of Students by 9:00 a.m. on mornings they do not attend school. If a student’s parent does not call or email, the student must bring a note from her parent when she returns to school. All absences not excused by the end of the quarter will be marked as unexcused.

2. **Boarders** who are too ill to attend classes should report to the dean’s office between 8:15 a.m and 8:30 a.m., and they will be taken to the student health center on the college campus.

3. A student who is absent from school may not participate in any co-curricular activities that day (theatre, sports, etc.). Exceptions to this may only be granted by the Head of School or the Dean of Students.

4. If a student misses a class which was not previously excused, the student should report immediately to the dean of students and her teacher. The absence is unexcused and demerits (6) should be assigned.

5. If a student becomes ill during the day, she must receive permission from the Dean’s office before missing any classes. If she fails to obtain this permission, it is an unexcused absence and points may be deducted or demerits given.
6. A partial day absence is when a student either arrives at school late or leaves early. These absences must be cleared (note, email, or phone call from a parent) by the end of the quarter of the absence. Failure to do so will result in absences becoming unexcused. A reminder: students who do not attend classes on a particular day are not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities that same day.

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES**

1. Although Salem Academy does not offer a special program or specialized instruction designed for students with learning differences, any student diagnosed as having a learning disability and/or attention deficit disorder at Salem Academy is eligible to receive reasonable accommodations if the school has a current psycho-educational assessment on file. This assessment (completed within the last three years) must be administered by a certified psychologist. This diagnosis should indicate a learning disability and/or attention deficit, and the psychologist must indicate a need for accommodations in the classroom.

2. As early as possible, but certainly before the first interim grading period, a student’s diagnosis and assessment should be on file in the office of the Academy’s learning specialist. The learning specialist will summarize and highlight test results, recommendations, and current needs and will work with Salem Academy teachers to determine what accommodations seem appropriate for each individual student.

3. The file of the student’s assessment and diagnosis, as well as the list of accommodations, will be housed in the office of the learning specialist.

4. In order to receive accommodations on standardized tests such as the SAT or ACT, the student must meet the guidelines specified by the College Board and ACT programs, and **apply separately to those organizations**. The learning specialist assists students with these applications. Information and applications are available in the college counseling office.

5. At any time during the year, parents or outside tutors may schedule a meeting with the learning specialist, the director of studies, and the student’s advisor to communicate the student’s individual needs, but the final decision concerning any accommodations will be made by the teachers involved in collaboration with the learning specialist.

6. Requests for changes in accommodation should be presented to the Director of Studies.

7. Salem Academy considers the following to be among possible reasonable accommodations for students with a learning difference:
   - Preferential seating in the classroom
   - Taped lectures by the student
• Meetings with the teacher outside of the class
• Syllabus of class content/requirements
• Use of a word processor
• Use of a calculator
• Extended time on tests and exams as recommended by documentation
• Tests and exams taken in a distraction-free environment
• Oral test responses in modern foreign language
• Notes from a classmate and/or notes provided in advance by the teacher
• Test responses recorded on word processor
• Interim parent/teacher reports

REQUIRED EVENTS

1. Weekends are closed to the members of a class that is sponsoring a major weekend project. All class members must attend. Class sponsors may make exceptions.

2. The following events are required for all students. Failure to attend will result in penalties.

   Opening Chapel  August 30, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
   Athletic Picnic    September 2, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
   Saber Supper      October 24, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
   Senior Vespers    December 8, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
   Christmas Concert December 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
   Saber Supper      February 12, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
   Founder’s Day     April 24, 2020, 4:15 p.m.
   Alumnae Day       April 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
   Saber Supper      May 19, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
   Baccalaureate     May 29, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
   Recognition      May 29, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
   Graduation        May 30, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

3. All students are required to attend one performance of all Academy productions including theatre, music, and art: the Christmas and Spring concerts, the main-stage productions in the fall and spring, and the Spring Art Show.
There will be a special “Speaker's Schedule” for special events. Use of that schedule will be announced as needed.
### Before and After the Academic Day

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EXAM SCHEDULE 2019-2020

1st Semester – December 2019

Friday, December 13  12:40 p.m.  Exam
Saturday, December 14  12:40 p.m.  Exam
Sunday, December 15  Reading Day
Monday, December 16  12:40 p.m.  Exam
Tuesday, December 17  12:40 p.m.  Exam
Wednesday, December 18  12:40 p.m.  Exam

2nd Semester – May 2020

Saturday, May 23  12:40 p.m.  Exam
Sunday, May 24  Reading Day
Monday, May 25  12:40 p.m.  Exam
Tuesday, May 26  12:40 p.m.  Exam
Wednesday, May 27  12:40 p.m.  Exam
Thursday, May 28  12:40 p.m.  Exam

Students are expected to be on time for exams. All students will report to the auditorium to begin the examination period. Additional time will not be given to students who are tardy.

Students who have an unexcused absence from an exam may make up the exam at another time; however, a penalty point deduction will be charged.
August
1 All forms due
19 Pre-season sports practice begins for returning athletes (pre-registration required)
20 Prefects arrive
21 International Student Orientation (required for new international students)
22 Orientation committee arrives
24 New students arrive (required)
25 Returning Boarders arrive
26 Returning Day students – all-school orientation begins (required)
31-1 Closed Weekend for boarding students

September
2 Athletic Picnic, 4:00 p.m. (required for all students)
7-8 Freshman Retreat (required for all ninth graders)
10 Ring Banquet
11 Senior Day
27-28 Parents Weekend

October
10-14 Fall Break (begins after 12:30 p.m. on October 10)
15 Classes resume
16 PSAT (required for all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade)
24 Saber Supper, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

November
14-17 Fall Theatre Production
22-2 Thanksgiving vacation (begins at 3:45 p.m. on November 16)
26 Boarders return by 9:00 p.m. (may not return earlier)
27 Classes resume

December
2 Boarders return by 9:00 p.m. (may not return earlier)
3 Classes resume
8 Senior Vespers 5:00 p.m. (required for all students – dinner following event open to all families)
12 Last day of classes
13-18 Exams
18 Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. (required) Christmas Break begins after concert.
2019-2020 SALEM ACADEMY CALENDAR

January
5 Boarders return *(may not return earlier)*
6 January Term begins
20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no classes)
24 Jan Term ends
27 No classes – Boarders return by 9:00 p.m.
28 2nd semester begins

February
5 January Term Sharing Day
12 Student-Faculty Basketball Game with Saber Supper, 4:15-6:30 p.m.

March
20-30 Spring Break (begins at 3:45 p.m. on March 20)
30 Boarders return by 9:00 p.m. *(may not return earlier)*
31 Classes Resume

April
4 Junior-Senior Prom
9-13 Easter Break (begins at 12:30 p.m. on April 9
23 Classes Resume
23-26 Spring Theatre production
24 Founders Day *(required 4:00-5:30 p.m.)*
25 Alumnae Day *(required for juniors and seniors – 10:00 a.m.)*
30-2 Spring Theatre production

May
19 Saber Supper, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
22 Last day of classes, Closing Chapel 1:20 p.m.
23-28 Exams
30 Graduation 10:00 a.m., May Dell *(required for all students)*
STUDENT LIFE

THE ADVISORY PROGRAM

The advisory program encourages and supports students at Salem Academy as they reflect on who they are, where their passions lie, and which goals they plan to pursue. The advisor will connect with, and also be the main point person for, the student’s family. An integral part of the program involves the regular meeting scheduled with the advisee group as well as individual meetings between student and advisor.

A strong advisory program is the backbone of Salem Academy’s student experience. For students, it provides: personal connections, academic monitoring and support, a positive school culture, career awareness, social-emotional development, personal growth, healthy living, self-awareness, self-advocacy, and team building opportunities. Beyond student growth and development, this program also serves as an avenue to promote dynamic and long-standing connections to campus life beyond academic and residential programming.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student government assumes that each student will respect and uphold the rules and regulations as best she can and assume responsibility for her own actions. In the atmosphere of mutual trust fostered by the honor tradition, allowing students to enjoy a great degree of freedom and privilege, each girl feels a sense of responsibility for her fellow students as well. It is absolutely necessary that all girls understand and comply with this aspect of the honor tradition.

The purpose of student government is to develop responsibility and democratic self-government among the students for the good of the community. Our government is one of mutual trust and respect, based on the honor tradition. We assume that Salem students are truthful at all times, respect the property of others, and are honest in tests, examinations, term papers, and all other academic assignments.

All students are members of student government, and it is through each student’s own individual support of our honor tradition that we have a successful self-government.

THE HONOR CABINET

The Honor Cabinet is the top branch of Student Government, coordinating all other branches of government within it. Matters relating to integrity in academic areas in classrooms, study halls, language labs, science labs, computer lab and the library, and in social areas in the dormitory, on school trips, and within school activities, are handled by the Honor Cabinet. Its chief function is to advise and guide through constructive counsel and leadership. It is concerned primarily, not with the rules themselves, but with the spirit behind the rules. It does deal with actual rules when necessary.

It endeavors to recognize social problems that are surfacing and begins to try to correct the situation. The Honor Cabinet hears cases and recommends disciplinary action to the Administration.

The Honor Cabinet is composed of the following members: the Honor Cabinet president, the Student Council and House Council presidents, 2 elected members (1 day and 1 boarder) from each class, and 2 faculty advisors.
THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council deals with student relations, activities, and concerns. The student council is also involved in service projects both in school and in the community. It is composed of the student council president, the honor cabinet and house council presidents, the 4 class presidents, one elected representative from each class, and one faculty member.

THE HOUSE COUNCIL

The house council is responsible for all aspects of life in the dormitory. The council is composed of the house council president, the prefects from each hall, and the director of residence life.

THE PREFECT SYSTEM

Residence Hall prefects assist the dean, the director of residence life, and house counselors in promoting good student relations and addressing issues related to the individual residence halls. Students are invited to apply to be prefects. Final selection of prefects is made by the dean of students and the director of residence life.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

The criteria for elected office are:

- Academic: At least a "C" average with no failures.
- Citizenship: No major rule infractions during the school year of the election, no excessive demerits, not on social probation at the time of the election.
- Willingness to serve: Must be willing to hold the office. Must obey all rules and regulations at all times during her term of office. Any student holding an elected office who is suspended for infractions of rules must relinquish her office.
ELECTIONS SYSTEM

There are many opportunities for students to become involved and to participate in activities and organizations at Salem. Students who take advantage of these activities and organizations learn to accept responsibility as well as make their years at Salem more enjoyable. Organizational responsibility is divided into these groups:

**Group A**
A student holding an office in Group A may hold one other leadership position.
- Honor Cabinet President
- Student Council President
- Senior Class President
- Junior Class President
- Fellowship Council President
- Quill Pen Editor
- House Council President

**Group C**
If a student holds an office in Group C, she may hold 3 other offices. No student may hold more than one elected class office.
- National Honor Society President
- Academe Editor
- Honor Cabinet Members
- Student Council Members
- Hall Representatives
- Fellowship Council Members
- Class Presidents-Freshman & Sophomore
- Class Vice-Presidents
- Class Treasurers
- Class Secretaries
- Gold & Purple Heads
- Theatre Vice-President
- Thespian President
- Ecology Club President

**Group B**
If a student holds an office in Group B, she may hold 2 other offices in either Group C or D.
- Grassroots Editor
- Glee Club President
- Theatre President
- Athletic Council President
- Key Club President

**Group D**
Any one student may not hold more than four positions in Group D. No student may hold more than one elected class office.
- Quill Pen Staff
- Grassroots Staff
- Spirit Stick Holder
- Saber/Baby Saber
- Thespian Vice-President
- Athletic Council Members
- NHS Officer (VP, Sec., Treas.)
- Ecology Club Officers
- Mu Alpha Theta Officers
- Language Club Officers
- Art Exhibition Committee Members
- Model U.N. Officers
- all other club offices
ORGANIZATIONS

**ACADEME** is open to all girls who wish to express themselves in some creative manner — through prose, poetry, or visual art. The staff publishes *Academe* annually.

**ADULTING 101** develops skills for life beyond school, including skills like sewing, ironing, baking, and managing money.

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL**, an elected group of girls responsible for school spirit, Purple/Gold days, and special athletic events.

**BLACK STUDENT UNION** is an organization that educates students (including those who are not black) about the African-American community, debates topics, and works to find solutions. This group creates a safe space for students to feel welcome to discuss their issues.

**CHINESE CLUB** promotes student engagement with the Mandarin language and Chinese culture.

**DEBATE CLUB** trains students to participate in formal, persuasive debates using a pro/con argument structure.

**DIVERSITY CLUB** provides a space for everyone in the Salem Academy student body to share their different backgrounds and cultures and facilitates an environment in which students can discuss and share their opinions on global, social, and local issues.

**DRAMA CLUB** is open to all theatre students. This organization promotes activities for all Salem students such as the Christmas and Halloween parties, and some specialized events for theatre students.

**ECOLOGY CLUB** strives to build a community of like-minded individuals who are interested in protecting the environment, to increase awareness of ecological issues, and to work to improve our own environment at Salem Academy.

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**, composed of elected students and a faculty advisor, goes over the nominations for the major offices received through straw vote to determine the willingness and eligibility of the student to serve. The Committee gives the resulting names back to the student body for a final vote. The Elections Committee monitors the elections system.

**THE FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL** promotes an atmosphere of goodwill, friendship, service to one another and to the larger community by sponsoring campus activities, devotional services, parties and community services. The Fellowship Council also serves as the Student Activities Planning Council, working with the Director of Student Activities. Members are elected each spring, with two appointed in the fall.

**FINE ARTS COUNCIL**, composed of student leaders from each fine arts discipline, supports and celebrates our Fine Arts programming and initiatives.

**FOOD COMMITTEE** is an organization which works with the food service director to make the students’ opinions known. The House Council President is the head.

**GARDEN CLUB** makes flower arrangements for special events on the Salem Academy and College campus. Club members are also expected to attend and assist the annual Greenery Workshop before Christmas. Students gather for flower arranging clinics regularly.

**GRANGER DANGER** is essentially a Harry Potter club. Members meet to discuss their love for Harry Potter and learn more about the Wizarding World.

**Girl Up** seeks to empower girls and bring more awareness to girls’ education in our community and developing countries.

**GRASSROOTS** is Salem’s newspaper. Students who can set and meet deadlines and who enjoy writing, photography and design may participate.

**KEY CLUB** is a service organization for high school students, which operates under school regulations and draws its membership from the student body. Key Club is unique because it is sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club, composed of the leading business and professional people of the community. Key Club’s objective is the development of initiative, leadership ability, and good citizenship practices. Each member pays dues, and membership is open to members of the student body by application.

**MAJIC – THE MAGIC OF ART AND BEAUTY** focuses on promoting the idea and knowledge of trending art, including fashion, jewelry, design and marketing, architecture, and makeup tutorials.
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB exposes students to the world of international relations through in-depth research of countries policies regarding domestic and international jurisdiction. Students are then exposed to United Nation fora at competitions.

MU ALPHA THETA encourages an interest in math, develops sound scholarship, and promotes enjoyment of math among high school students.

OUTDOORS CLUB encourages students to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB promotes learning about psychology through fun and engaging activities.

QUEER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE supports and welcomes LGBT+ students and their allies. We serve as a forum for open-minded discussion.

ROBOTICS CLUB Academy students from all classes build a robot and program it to complete specific tasks. Students will work in teams to prepare for competition.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB teaches American Sign Language and performs the language through song and spoken word.

SOCIAL MEDIA CLUB assists the Admissions office with social media duties that share and celebrate the Salem Academy experience through: snapchat take-overs, instagram stories, and learning marketing methods.

SPANISH CLUB promotes student engagement with the Spanish language, Hispanic and Latino cultures, along with celebrations and political awareness.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS welcomes students to discuss current politics and social justice issues in society.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS meets to discuss current events, politics, and it is a forum for sharing opinions.
SPECIAL EVENTS

FALL

New Student Party — a party held before school starts for old and new students. An excellent way for new and old students to become acquainted.

Athletic Picnic — held during the first full week of classes. New students are chosen to be members of either the Purple or Gold team. It is required for all students.

Opening Banquet — celebrates the birthday of the Academy and opens the school year, fondly known as the “Smoosh Cake” banquet.

Freshman Retreat — a retreat held during a weekend in September to promote fellowship and cohesion among the freshman class. It is required for all freshmen.

Senior Day — The seniors are entertained at a breakfast by the faculty, teach classes, and receive their rings at an all-school banquet, the Ring Banquet.

Parents’ Weekend — a series of activities for parents to enable them to meet the teachers and to provide a time for them to talk with their daughter’s advisor.

Saber Supper — celebrates fall with a special dinner program.

Halloween Party — sponsored by the Fellowship Council and the Theatre Department for foster children in Winston-Salem.

Fall Dance — dance sponsored by the dance committee. A boys’ school is invited to come and girls may invite their own dates.

Fall Theatre Production — main-stage play presented by the drama department.

Fall Athletic Banquet — to give out athletic awards in the fall sports.

Dance Saturday — Girls travel to a boys school for an afternoon athletic event, dinner, and a dance.

CHRISTMAS

Candle Tea — is held in Old Salem at the Single Brothers’ House. New students are given free tickets to attend.

Senior Vespers — the Moravian Lovefeast and Candle Service carried out by the senior class. All students are required to attend and family and friends are invited to come. There is a special Christmas dinner after Vespers in the dining hall.

Choral Christmas Concert — is held the day the students leave for Christmas vacation. It is required for all students.

WINTER

Saber Supper — celebrates winter with a special dinner program.

Fabulous February — special events during the month to brighten the time before Spring Break.

Cupids and Mortals — held immediately before Valentine’s Day and sponsored by the Fellowship Council. For several days cupids do secret little things for their mortals. The cupid is revealed on the last day.

Winter Athletic Banquet — to give out awards in the winter sports.

SPRING

Spring Musical or Theatre Production — a musical presented by the music and theatre students or a play presented by the drama department on alternate years. The production is presented in late April or early May.

Dance Saturday — Girls travel to a boys school for a spring festival.

Moravian Easter Service — All boarders attend the sunrise service when staying on campus over Easter.

International Day — a celebration of the customs and culture of the various countries represented in the current student body.
Junior-Senior Prom — a formal dance sponsored by the junior class and given for the seniors. Faculty-Senior Breakfast — The seniors entertain the faculty, administration, and joint Academy/College personnel at a formal breakfast.

Founders Day — celebrated in April to recognize the founding of the Academy and College. Both schools participate in a convocation and picnic. Attendance is required for all students.

Spring Athletic Banquet and Saber Supper — held late in May to give out athletic awards for spring sports and celebrates spring. Sponsored by the Athletic Council.

Spring Fling — an outdoor festival to celebrate the conclusion of the spring semester with music, food, and fun.

Baccalaureate — religious service held the Friday preceding graduation. The Seniors receive Bibles as a gift from the school. All students are required to attend.

Commencement Weekend — a program of events leading to the graduation exercises including a Recognition Program, the Head of School’s Dinner, and the Spring Music program, Senior Art Show, and Senior Fest. Recognition and Graduation are required for all students.

Closing Chapel and Publications Assembly — held in May to celebrate the closing of the academic year and inducts incoming major officers. The yearbook, newspaper, and literary magazine are unveiled and shared with the student body at the conclusion of this program.

HONORS AND AWARDS

HONOR GRADUATES are the two seniors, enrolled continuously since the start of sophomore year, who have maintained the highest cumulative academic average in their class.

THE OAK AWARD is Salem’s highest award presented each year at the Founder’s Day Convocation to a four-year senior who has exemplified quality leadership and has made a notable contribution to the quality of life at the Academy. Nominations are made by faculty, staff and students; and the final selection is made by the Academy Committee.

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS are the students who have the highest cumulative academic averages in their class. Two freshmen, two sophomores, and four juniors who have been enrolled since the start of sophomore year, are chosen each year to serve. The Chief Marshal is the junior with the highest cumulative average.

FACULTY AWARD is given at graduation to the senior whose qualities of character, personality, and service most nearly exemplify those of the ideal Salem student. The recipient is selected by the faculty.

CITIZENSHIP HONOR is bestowed upon those girls whose fellow students feel they have lived up to all the characteristics of a good citizen in the Salem community. In order to receive this honor, a girl must be elected by at least 1/3 of her boarder or day group, at least 1/2 of her class, and at least 1/4 of the student body.

ZANNE MEADS AWARD is presented to the student whose fellow athletes feel has exemplified good sportsmanship on and off the field. The award is given in memory of a former Salem student known for her sportsmanship in all phases of life. The award is voted by the members of all of the athletic teams of the year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY membership is based upon outstanding scholarship, leadership, service and character. Selection is an honor accorded by the faculty to qualified juniors and seniors who have been enrolled at Salem Academy for at least one semester and carry a full academic load of five classes. To be considered for membership, a student must first meet the scholastic eligibility requirement. A senior must attain an overall cumulative unweighted average of 3.40 or above for both the junior and senior years, and a junior must attain an overall cumulative unweighted average of 3.40 or above for the junior year. If the scholastic eligibility requirements are
met, the student may then be considered for membership on the basis of her outstanding leadership, service and character.

**NATIONAL LATIN HONOR SOCIETY** is for students in their fourth semester of Latin at the Academy who have maintained a B average in Latin for three semesters and an A- average in the fourth semester. Students must have a B average overall in all other courses with no failures in any course. Following induction, each member of the Latin Honor Society is to tutor an Academy student in Latin 8 hours per academic year.

**NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY** is for students in their fourth semester of Spanish at the Academy who have maintained a B average in Spanish for three semesters and an A- average in the fourth semester. Students must have a B average overall in all other courses with no failures in any course. Following induction, each member of the Spanish Honor Society is to tutor an Academy student in Spanish 8 hours per academic year.

**THE BARBARA BARNES HAUPTFUHRER SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD** presented to a senior who has maintained at least a “B” average while participating in athletics while at the Academy.

**SERVICE TO SALEM AWARD** presented to one or more seniors, selected by the faculty. The award recognizes students’ special service to the Academy.

**MU ALPHA THETA** the national high school and junior college mathematics club. This club’s purpose is the promotion of scholarship, enjoyment, and understanding of math. Requirements for membership are completion of five semesters of college preparatory math and an overall B average in those courses.

**HONOR ROLL** is determined at the end of each grading period, semester, and end of the year. For a student to be named to the Honor Roll, she must have A’s and B’s in all of her subjects. To be named to the Headmaster’s List she must have all A’s in her subjects.

**INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY** is for theatre students who have completed 100 hours of service to the theatre department. This is a lifetime membership.

**ARTS COUNCIL PURCHASE AWARD** is selected from student pieces completed during the current year by a committee of jurors. The chosen piece is framed and displayed in Salem Academy’s permanent collection and the artist receives a monetary gift.

**DANCES**

The following rules apply for dances held at the Academy.
- At Rec Room dances, girls may go out on the loggia, weather permitting; however, they may not leave the loggia or go out on the campus.
- Students may not be in cars or the parking lot during dances.
- At Bryant Hall dances, students may go out on the patio but not into the May Dell or elsewhere on campus. Once a student has left the Commons area, she may not return to the dance.

For dances held at other schools, all Salem rules apply and specific information for each occasion is given by the trip chaperones.

**DRESS**

Salem Academy does not have a rigid code of dress but each girl is asked to be neat, clean, and modest, and to dress in a fashion which complements her as an individual. Students are asked to dress neatly and look nice for classes. Following is a list of clothing that may **not** be worn during the class day:

1. Hats, including hoodies.
2. Short shorts (shorts must come to mid-thigh), cut-offs, jeans that are ragged, torn, or have holes. Shorts must have an inseam of five inches.
3. Athletic clothing — sweat pants, athletic shorts, sports bras without a shirt. Exception: P.E. uniforms may be worn to G and H periods on days a student has a P.E. class during one of those periods.

4. Any clothing with an alcohol, drug, or offensive motif.

5. Pajamas or clothing that resembles pajamas.

6. Any clothing worn must completely cover underwear and appropriate underwear must be worn. No bare midriffs or strapless items of clothing may be worn to class or out in public.

The final decision on the appropriateness of clothing rests with the faculty, staff, and administration. A student may be asked to change clothes or be given demerits for inappropriate attire.

A student may never go to class, be in the Mary Patterson area of the building, or the dining room with bare feet.

Appropriate dress for school trips will be decided upon by the trip chaperones depending upon the nature of the trip.

CELL PHONES

Free time: Students are considered to have free time when they are not participating in Salem Academy activities. These include (but are not limited to) classes, advisor meetings, organized meetings, assigned study hall, assembly.

Locations: Students may use their phones on the Salem campus during free time (subject to specified restrictions), EXCEPT in the following locations, where student phones must be turned off at all times: auditorium, library, dining room, Critz Hall (except when teachers authorize their use for instructional purposes).

When the campus emergency notification system sounds an alarm, students may turn on their phones in these locations to facilitate emergency communications.

Monday-Friday students may not use their phones in the main office area between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Student phones must be turned off in all campus locations from 7:00-9:00 p.m., the evening study period. Boarders may not use cell phones to make or receive calls after their designated lights-out time. This includes texting.

Consequences for unauthorized phone use:

1st offense: confiscation of phone for at least 24 hours.

2nd offense: confiscation and assignment of work detail.

3rd offense: confiscation and loss of all cell phone privileges for X days.

The number of days of lost privilege will be based on the circumstances of the infraction. Demerits may also be assigned.

SENIOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Seniors must set a positive example for the student body in leadership, action, and words. The underclass students look to the seniors to set the tone of the school, and it is important that seniors view themselves as school leaders. Along with privilege comes responsibility.

Students may:

1. Keep a car on campus. This privilege may be revoked at any time for academic reasons, disciplinary matters, or excessive demerits. Seniors must maintain a “C” average for use of the car.

2. Use the Senior Lounge. Underclassmen may not use or occupy the lounge for any reason.

3. Break in line at meals when buffet is served.

4. Return at 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

5. Exempt final exams at the end of the year in accordance with the faculty policy.
6. Proctor study halls or take roll when necessary.
7. Have special senior privileges after Spring Break each year. Sometime prior to Spring Break the status of seniors will be reviewed with regard to privileges. Grades and citizenship will be considered. No senior on probation will receive the privileges.

TRAVEL POLICY

Salem reserves the right to evaluate the potential danger for Academy students on Salem-sponsored trips and to cancel the trip if deemed prudent. Salem will give as much advance warning as possible to travelers when a trip is cancelled. Salem does not issue student refunds for cancelled trips. Salem maintains handbooks for student travelers and a separate handbook for program directors, and both include extensive information about travel guidelines and policies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Girls may not chew gum in any class, on the first floor of Mary Patterson, in front of the building, in the library, or in the auditorium.
2. No food may be eaten in any class, on the first floor of Mary Patterson, in front of the building, in the library, in the auditorium or in the Tag Room.
3. Sunbathing is only permitted on the sun deck during early fall and spring. One enters the sun deck only through the 1CS bathroom. Students must clear up any litter. They must not leave their possessions on the deck, and they must never take glass articles on to the deck. Students may study on the front lawn but swimsuits may not be worn.
4. Money and valuables are not to be left lying around in obvious places, and any missing articles should be reported immediately to the dean of students.
5. Bare feet are not permitted in the dining room at any time. This is a health department regulation.
6. Students are not permitted to bring televisions, toaster ovens, microwaves, crock pots, instant pots, or other appliances. Only electric kettles, fans, mini-fridges and coffee makers are allowed in dorm rooms. Air conditioners are permitted in EB and CS with the dean’s permission. Window units are not permitted in rooms that face the front of the building.
7. Students may not watch any on-line entertainment during the school day or in the evening during study hall hours.
8. The Tag Room desk is off-limits to students. Students may not open drawers or use the telephone without permission. Students may not sit behind the desk.
9. No boarding student may have an outside job unless it is cleared with her parents, advisor, and the dean.
10. Students may not keep pets at school.
11. No food or utensils may be taken from the Dining Room. Fresh fruit may be removed, but there is a limit of 2 pieces per person per meal.
12. Change of student status from day to boarder or boarder to day must be cleared through the dean of students’ office.
13. Food may only be prepared in the boarder kitchen, never in dorm rooms.
14. Headphones, airpods, or any device that covers your ears are not to be worn or used when students are moving through the building.
15. Students who observe a problem with the building, plumbing, heating/air conditioning or other installed system should report it to any faculty or staff member for correction by maintenance personnel.
16. In the interest of being good stewards of school resources, students are to use electricity and water responsibly. This includes turning off lights and appliances in unoccupied rooms, hibernating unused computers, and closing windows when heating or air conditioning is operating.
BOARDER REGULATIONS

ROOM POLICIES
1. Weekly inspection of rooms is made. A check list of orderliness is posted on each closet door. Demerits are given for failure to comply. A room inspection form is placed in each room after inspection.
2. **No girl shall enter another’s room without the explicit permission or the presence of the occupant.**
3. If a student wishes not to be disturbed, she may place a white flag on her door. Only a prefect, a house counselor, or the dean of students may break a “white flag.” Demerits will be given to those breaking without permission. No loud music or noise is to come from a room using a white flag.
4. At 10:00 pm every girl goes to her own hall and checks in with her house counselor and hall representative. She must do this before going on a study cut. Friday and Saturday nights, boarders must check in at the switchboard between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m.
5. “Lights-Out” — Sunday-Thursday: freshmen, 11:00 p.m.; sophomores, 11:30 p.m.; juniors, 12:00 a.m.; seniors, 12:30 a.m.
6. Any girl leaving her hall after 10:00 p.m. must get permission from her house counselor or prefect and sign-out on the sheet.
7. Each student’s room will be evaluated when the student arrives on campus and a second evaluation will be made when the student leaves. A fee schedule for damages is listed on the Room Condition Form. Rooms must be left as they were found when the student checked in.
8. Male visitors are not allowed on dorm halls at anytime. Exceptions may be made for fathers and brothers with permission from the dean or counselor on duty.
9. No showers may be taken in EB or CS after 10:00 p.m.
10. No containers or posters of alcoholic beverages may be displayed in dorm rooms or on the door of dorm rooms.
11. Boarders will be issued keys at the beginning of the school year at their request. The key is the responsibility of the student. Keys will be turned in at the conclusion of the school year and failure to turn in the key will result in a $75.00 charge.

MEALS
1. Lunch and supper are required Monday through Friday lunch. Meals are served buffet.
2. Weekend meals are served buffet and the serving line remains open for 1 hour from the beginning time. All students must leave the dining room at the end of the meal hour.
3. While breakfast is optional, it is strongly recommended that each student start the day with a nutritious meal.
4. Appropriate dress for meals is always required. Appropriate dress is the same as for classes. No pajamas are allowed in the dining room. Slippers and other lounging shoes are not permitted.
5. Students should arrive promptly to be checked in by house staff.
6. No food except for fresh fruit (limit of 2 pieces) may be taken out of the dining room. This includes ice cream.
RISING REGULATIONS

1. Radios and stereos may be turned on at 7:00 a.m.; however, they must not disturb other people.
2. No students may leave the campus until the end of the class day without the permission of the dean of students.

EVENING STUDY PERIODS

1. All students have room study from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Mondays – Thursdays and study rules are in effect. However, all new boarders are assigned to proctored study hall for the first quarter. On Food Run evenings, study hall is from 7:30-9:30 p.m.
2. Study rules
   - Girls must be in their rooms ready to study at the beginning of study hall.
   - Girls may obtain materials or assignments from a girl studying in another room.
   - Showers may not be taken in CS and EB during evening study hall and not after 10:00 p.m
   - There should be no audible music on the halls.
   - Phones cannot be used during study hall.
   - If a student is going to study in a location other than her own room, she must sign her location on the sign-out sheet beside her door.
   - Laptops may only be used for the purpose of doing assigned schoolwork.
   - Girls may use the computer lab during study hall for homework. Students are prohibited from using the lab for social or recreational on-line activity.
   - If a student is found using her cell phone or computer for the purpose of watching movies, playing games or using the Internet for any reason other than academics, her laptop and or cell phone will be taken and returned at a later time.
   - The fitness center located off the new student lounge is off limits during evening study hall.
   - Laundry facilities are off limits during this time.
3. Library Use at Night
   - Students may use the library whenever they need during the evening. Study rules are always in effect.
   - Students wishing to go to the college library or the Wake Forest library must clear it with the dean before study hall begins.
4. At The Front Desk
   a. A study cut is when a student can request an extended evening curfew to study. All students may take study cuts from 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. **This period of time may only be used for study.**
   b. Permission for a study cut must be obtained from the house counselor on night duty at the front desk by 10:30 p.m.
   c. Underclassmen may only take two study cuts during a week.
   d. A student taking a study cut out of her own room must sign her location on the study cut sign-out sheet, both on her own hall and on the list at the front desk. She may not go to another location.
e. If a student is found abusing a study cut for any reason, it will be revoked and the student will be required to honor her lights-out time.
f. If a student is found using her cell phone or computer for the purpose of watching movies, playing games, or using the internet for any reason other than academics, her laptop and or cell phone will be taken and returned at a later time.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Students may take a taxi to and from the bus station or airport. Students going to the Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro may use the Airport Transportation Service.
2. Students who request school transportation for early departure or late arrival (i.e. when classes are in session) will be charged a fee of $100. School transportation for early/late vacation plans is not guaranteed.
3. Students who have permission may go around town unchaperoned in groups of two or more either by city bus, cab or on foot (during the daylight hours).
4. Students may ride in cars only with permission from their parents indicated at the beginning of the year on their permissions questionnaire form.
5. Academy transportation is provided to all medical appointments. Recreational transportation is provided when possible, such as mall trips on weekends.
6. The Academy does not provide transportation during inclement weather.
7. Students under the age of 18 are not permitted to use Uber or Lyft.

Boarding students may ride with a young driver in Winston-Salem only under the following conditions:
- A student with filed written permission from her parents may ride with a licensed Salem Academy day student when traveling to and from the day student’s home to which she has been invited as a guest.
- Students with filed written permission may ride with a licensed Salem Academy student to activities or places in Winston-Salem or out-of-town with approval of the dean of students.
- Students may ride with young drivers who are not Academy students with specific filed written permission from a parent.
- International students are not allowed to apply for driver’s licenses while enrolled at Salem Academy.

CARS ON CAMPUS

1. Senior students are allowed to keep a motor vehicle on campus provided parking space is available and the vehicle is checked in properly with the dean of students. Tickets will be issued for parking violations. Seniors must maintain a “C” average with no failures to use their cars at Salem.
2. No students, other than seniors, may keep a car in the Winston-Salem area.

PERMISSIONS TO LEAVE CAMPUS

1. Any time a boarding student leaves the campus she must sign out on Boardingware, as well as turn her tag. When signing out, a student must record not only the time of departure and her estimated time of return, but she must indicate what her
destination is as well. Any false information given during signing out could be considered an honor code violation, as it is lying.

2. Overnights
   - An overnight may begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and end at curfew on Saturday, or it may begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and end at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Two overnights may be taken consecutively.
   - A girl returning by public transportation must plan to arrive in Winston-Salem in time to return to the Academy by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Necessary exceptions can be made but must be cleared with the dean of students ahead of time. School transportation will be provided from 7:00 a.m. on the day of departure and 10:00 p.m. on the day of return. Students traveling at other times must make their own arrangements.
   - No overnights may be taken by new students during September. Under unusual circumstances, new students may be granted permission upon petition to the dean of students.
   - Boarders may take overnights in Winston-Salem with day student families. Parental permission is necessary, as well as a call or a written invitation from the adult hostess to the dean of students.
   - Overnights may not be taken at motels (unless with parents) or school campuses within Winston-Salem.

3. Weekend Day Cuts
   - Day cuts, a period of time spent outside the city limits of Winston-Salem, are unlimited.
   - Girls taking day cuts may not leave the school earlier than 8:00 a.m. unless they have special permission.
   - Girls must have written, fax, or telephone permission from their parents for day cuts. Students apply for day cuts whenever they plan to be off campus for four hours or longer.

4. Weekend Permissions
   - It is necessary that a parent or guardian send a permission form through Boardingware before a student leaves for a day cut or overnight. These permissions should be completed by 9:00 p.m. Thursday evening.
   - No person, other than a parent or guardian, may write permission for a girl unless the parent or guardian has sent to the dean of students written authorization for that person to do so.

5. Free Time
   - Students who have permission must sign out for activities in town on weekday afternoons, Saturday, and Sunday.
   - No student can sign out for a period of more than four hours. Should they wish to remain longer than four hours, prior permission and arrangements must be cleared with the dean of students or house counselor on duty. Students who wish to spend more than four hours off campus must have parental permission to take a day cut.

6. Curfews
   - Weekdays — 6:45 p.m. during daylight savings and 6:00 p.m. in the fall and winter months. Students who have a sports game have a 7:00 p.m. curfew.
   - Friday and Saturday — freshmen and sophomores — 10:30 p.m.; juniors — 11:00 p.m.; seniors — 11:30 p.m.
   - Sunday — 9:00 p.m. for everyone
   - Late cuts — freshman, sophomores, and juniors may request 3 late cuts each semester to extend their curfew by 30 minutes on Friday or Saturday nights. No late cuts may be taken on Sunday nights.
DATES

1. There are two kinds of weekend dates:
   • On Campus (for all classes) — dates may be entertained only in the reception room, the recreation room or the new lounge. The college student center is off limits for Salem Academy students to meet for dates. In the spring and fall they may be entertained during the day in the area of the campus. All visitors must be signed in at the switchboard when they arrive on campus and signed out upon leaving.
   Dates are welcome at the Academy during the following hours:
   Friday — in the afternoon and evening from 4:00 — 10:00 p.m.
   Saturday — between the hours of 10:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m.
   Sunday — from 10:00 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.
   • Off Campus — if junior and senior girls have specific, filed written permission, they may leave the campus with their date.

2. Girls are requested to inform their friends that dating is limited to the weekend. If, however, friends should drop by during the week, girls should notify the dean of students. They may visit briefly in the Reception Room.

3. Girls should introduce their dates to the dean of students or director of residence life.

4. Dates may not smoke on campus.

5. Freshmen and sophomores may not date off campus except with permission of their parents in special circumstances.

6. Male friends or dates are never permitted in the residence hall area.

7. Students may not visit with male friends or dates in cars in the parking lot.

8. Academy students are responsible for the behavior of their guests the entire time they are on campus.

GUESTS

Salem Academy is glad for boarders to have guests either overnight or for meals. They must let the dean of students or director of residence life know that their guest is expected.

• There is a charge for any meals eaten at the Academy by guests.

• Salem College students are not allowed to spend the night in the residence hall at the Academy and Academy students are not allowed to spend the night at the College.

• Any student having a guest in the residence hall, either day or overnight, must receive permission from the dean of students or director of residence life. This applies to both Salem Academy or Salem College students and visitors, including members of a student’s family.

• Any visitor must abide by all Salem rules. The student hostess entertaining the guest is responsible for her guest at all times.

• All guests must be registered at the front desk.
VACATION ARRANGEMENTS

1. The school will be closed at 6:00 p.m. on the day a vacation begins. Any student leaving after 6:00 will have to make arrangements with the dean prior to the departure date. The Academy will open at 11:00 a.m. the morning that boarders are to return from a vacation. Exceptions must be cleared with the dean prior to the vacation.

2. When a student uses public transportation leaving and returning during a vacation period, her parents must provide the dean of students detailed information a week before the vacation departure date.

3. If a student is going to be late or is not going to return either on a weeknight, weekend, or vacation, she must notify the dean or one of her staff at the front desk, before 9:00 p.m. of the night she is expected.

4. Transportation is provided to the Winston-Salem and Greensboro airports, the bus station, and the Amtrak Connector in Winston-Salem, from school dismissal time on the day of departure to 10:00 p.m. on the day of return.

5. Early returns from Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break cannot be accommodated.

6. Early leaves and late returns from a vacation are unexcused absences. Students who request school transportation for early departure or late arrival (i.e. when classes are in session) will be charged a fee of $100. School transportation for early/late vacation plans is not guaranteed.

7. Boarding students may remain at school overnight on the day a vacation begins, to facilitate public transportation travel. The building closes at noon the following day.

8. For an additional cost and when drivers are available, transportation may be able to be arranged outside the hours that the Academy provides transportation. Transportation to the Charlotte and Raleigh airports may also be arranged for an additional cost. Both of these instances are dependent upon the availability of drivers and with prior arrangements made with the dean of students.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The Academy is a Moravian school and adheres to Moravian customs. All of the religious services at the Academy are celebrated in the Moravian tradition. There are three services each year that are required for all students, regardless of religion. We feel that each of our students should experience the tradition on which the Academy was founded.

All students are encouraged to attend the church or house of worship of their choice. Transportation is provided to all of the downtown churches, which covers the major denominations. This transportation is available for early services, Sunday School, and the late morning services.

Although it has a Christian heritage, Salem Academy is non-proselytizing and is respectful of students’ religious freedom. Parents may give specific instructions to the dean of students about religious observance for their daughters should they wish to do so.
DAY STUDENT REGULATIONS

PARKING

Because of limited space on the Academy campus, day students who drive must park their cars in spaces designated by the Academy or in the Fine Arts parking area. **Students may not park around the faculty circle at any time.** Tickets will be issued for parking violations.

TAGS

Every day student must turn her tag on the board inside the Tag Room, white upon arrival at school and blue or green before leaving. Day students must also sign out on Boardingware if they leave the Academy during the school day or at times that they are staying at the Academy. They must have permission from the dean and sign in person in the Tag Room for such leaves. **Day students must also sign in on Boardingware if they arrive at school late.** They must inform the dean of students of the reason for being late. These tardies must be cleared with a note or call from the parent, or they will be marked unexcused.

LEAVING EARLY OR MISSING CLASSES FOR APPOINTMENTS

In order to leave school early or miss class, a student must bring a note from home and **get permission from the Dean of Students.** Missing classes is discouraged, as it disrupts classroom activity. If a student becomes ill during the school day, she should report to the dean of students. She will be allowed to go home in accordance with her permission form.

A day student may leave campus during the school day only with permission from the dean of students. She must sign out upon departure and sign back in upon her return to school. Exact times must be noted on Boardingware.

GUESTS

Day students may invite guests to school for special programs or to have lunch with them in the dining room. Permission must be obtained from the Dean of Students for such visits, prior to the time of the visit. All guests must leave at the end of the lunch period or the program, with the exception of parents. Students will be charged for meals eaten by their visitors.

ENTERTAINING BOARDERS

If a day student wishes to take a boarder out, one of the day student’s parents must contact the dean of students about the plans. The parents of the day student are responsible for the boarder’s safety and well being while she is under their care.

MEALS

Lunch is required for all students every day. Day students are welcome to stay for dinner and may also eat breakfast at the Academy. All additional meals must be signed for on the dining room clipboard. Bills will be sent to parents.

SPENDING THE NIGHT AT SCHOOL

Any time a day student spends the night at school her parents must call and she must have permission of the dean. A day student must inform the dean where she is staying in the dorm by signing on Boardingware. While at school, she follows all boarder rules and
may participate in boarder activities.

There is no cost for students spending the night with friends. There is a charge of $25 per night plus meal costs for students whose parents are going away and are leaving their daughter in the care of the school.

STUDENT LOUNGES

Lounges should be kept neat at all times. Personal belongings should be kept in lockers. Any trash or litter should be placed in the trash cans or recycle bins provided before leaving the room. Lounge doors are expected to be open at all times.

The lockers are located in the new lounge and each day student is assigned a locker at the beginning of the school year. The use of the lock is recommended for lockers.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Day students may arrive at school as early as 6:45 a.m. They may use the library or the lounges. No noise may be made on the dormitory halls, and this includes the senior lounge. Day students may remain until the dorm closes (10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Any day student being picked up after the dorm closes must notify the person on duty in the Tag Room and must remain in the area around the front door.

SCHOOL BREAKS

Day students are not allowed on campus during school breaks. Instead, they are encouraged to invite boarders to their home while school is on break.
HEALTH AND SAFETY

MEDICAL INFORMATION

DAILY MEDICAL NEEDS
• Students who become ill are to report to the dean of students.
• All prescription medication used by students must be registered upon arrival with the dean of students. This record is kept at the Academy and at the Health Center.

HEALTH CENTER
• Students too ill to go to class and those requiring further treatment will be taken to the Salem Health Center at 8:30 a.m. each weekday. They are cared for by the schools’ medical staff.
• Emergency situations are taken care of at any time, day or night.
• Ill students will see the school nurse as needed during clinic hours at the Health Center.
• Students taking allergy vaccine may receive their injections from the nurse at the Health Center.
• Special fees are charged for laboratory tests, prescription medication, and allergy injections. The student or her parents will be billed.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
• All prescription medications that a student will use at school must be registered by parents prior to arrival at the Academy. The drug registration form will be kept on file in the dean’s office and at the Health Center. Changes may be made at any time by parents.
• Any controlled substance medications must be in the possession of the dean of students and will be dispensed by her each day. No student may self-medicate a controlled substance (eg. Ritalin, Dexedrine, Prozac, Tylenol #3, etc.).
• Abuse of prescription or non-prescription medications results in disciplinary action.

GENERAL SAFETY REGULATIONS
1. Sun lamps are never to be used and are not to be kept at school.
2. Students are not to lock their doors at any time that they are in their rooms. This is a fire regulation.
3. All students must exit for fire drills.
4. Matches, candles, incense, and lighters are not to be used in the building at any time. Those items may not be kept at school.
5. Parents and guests may not smoke in any Academy building.
6. Bicycles and roller blades are allowed at school but helmets and protective padding must be worn when participating in these activities.
7. There is an alarm system on all outside doors at the Academy. These alarms are turned on at 7:00 p.m. in the evenings in the fall while Daylight Savings Time is in effect. They are turned on at 5:00 p.m. during the winter and again at 7:00 p.m. after Spring Break. The alarms are removed at 6:45 a.m. each day.
8. Hoverboards are not allowed on campus.
WEAPONS

No student is allowed to bring or possess on campus a weapon of any kind or to possess a weapon while under the jurisdiction of the school or in the course of school related events.

TRESPASSING

The campus of Salem Academy and College is private property. The facilities of Salem Academy and College exist for the benefit and use of its students, faculty, staff and guests. Accordingly, Salem Academy has the right to require individuals who do not have permission to be on campus to leave the campus and, if necessary and appropriate for the best interest of the institution and its students, faculty, and staff, to charge such individuals with trespassing. On occasion, individuals have been charged with trespassing.

The Salem community or certain members of that community may from time to time be informed about trespassing incidents when that is considered necessary or appropriate. All members of the Salem community are required to cooperate with and adhere to the policy on trespassing. Accordingly, members of the community are required to inform the Public Safety Office promptly should they learn of individuals on campus who have been required to leave or charged with trespassing. Community members should act responsibly in such a case. No community member should engage in any dispute or argument with such individuals or try to force them to leave; rather, community members should contact the Public Safety Office immediately. Likewise, no member of the Salem community should offer any assistance to an individual who has been required to leave the property owned or controlled by the Academy or College or charged with trespassing. Accordingly, conduct by any community member contrary to this policy will not be tolerated by the Salem administration and will be subject to administrative review and action.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Since the Academy is a boarding and day school, every effort is made to hold classes on time unless weather conditions are so severe that businesses and other residential schools (such as local colleges and universities) find that closing is necessary. This policy may mean that the Academy will remain in session when the public schools or other private day schools are closed. If classes at the Academy are canceled, notice will be given as early as possible to local television and radio stations. Also, students may call the tag room number (721-2775) where the attendant or recorded message will indicate any delay or cancellation. Cancellation information will also be given via text and email.

For students who commute to school from outside Winston-Salem, the school is willing to make provisions for students to spend the night at school, should the need arise.

Of course, no parent or student should take unnecessary risk to get to school on time. Family judgment will have to be the measure of the severity of weather conditions in any case, and the school will respect a family’s judgment.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Emergency procedures are in place for weather-related, fire, medical, active shooter, and other potential threats to the safety and well-being of the community. Students, faculty, and staff will receive training (example: fire drills) at the beginning of and throughout the school year.
DEMERIT SYSTEM

Salem Academy expects its students to conduct themselves with honor and integrity and to obey the rules to the best of their ability. Students assigned to Saturday morning study hall are not allowed to leave campus on Friday night. However, sometimes a student will fall short of the expectations and rule infractions will occur. When these infractions are of a minor nature, and not in violation of a major rule, then the infractions are handled with demerits. A few demerits during the period of a week or a grading period (quarter) is not a major problem. If a student has a question about her demerit penalty or would like to discuss their demerit penalty, she is welcome to follow up with the faculty or staff member who assigned the demerits. However, a pattern of demerit accumulation for the same infractions or numerous infractions indicates a more serious problem and carries more severe consequences.

Faculty and staff will notify students when demerits are being given and the demerits will be reported to the director of residence life. It is each student’s responsibility to keep track of her demerits so that she knows her standing. Parents may inquire about their daughter’s standing at any time. Parents will be sent written notification of demerits when their daughter’s accumulation is excessive.

Demerits are assigned for minor infractions which are not automatic Saturday morning study hall offenses. The demerit week runs from Thursday until the following Wednesday. Detention study hall will be assigned for Friday evening or loss of free campus for the following week. A Friday evening detention can be rescheduled only with the permission of the dean or director of residence life. It is the student’s responsibility to petition for the change of date for the study hall.

DEMERIT LIMITS AND CONSEQUENCES

Students who accumulate 6 demerits in a week will have automatic Friday evening detention. Students assigned to Friday evening detention are not allowed to leave campus on Friday night.

Students who accumulate 10 demerits in a week will be campused, have Friday evening detention, and be assigned a work detail.

A pattern of demerit accumulation will result in notification of parents and the possibility of more severe penalties including suspension.

DEMERITS

AUTOMATIC SATURDAY MORNING STUDY HALL INFRACTIONS
(6 demerits)

- More than 30 minutes late for: curfew, class, and study hall.
- Disrespect for faculty/staff or others.
- Rude or disruptive behavior.
- Unexcused class absence (1st offense)
- Other clear and serious deviations from appropriate conduct.
- Leaving without permission and/or signing out.
- Failure to attend morning assembly
- Failure to attend required meetings (teacher appointments, hall, class, etc.)
- Failure to sign in/out.
5 DEMERIT INFRACTIONS
- More than 15 minutes late for curfew or study hall but less than 30 minutes.
- Out of room, visiting, or hosting after lights out.
- Parking violation (2nd or more times).
- Abuse of property.
- Inappropriate dress (2nd or more times).

3 DEMERIT INFRACTIONS
- 7-14 minutes late for curfew.
- Visiting or creating a disturbance during study hall.
- Failure to check in for any check-in.
- Food or drink in inappropriate places or taking from the dining room.
- Less than 15 minutes late to class or study hall.
- Parking violation (1st offense).
- Class or study hall violations (passing notes, talking, instant messaging, checking email).
- Inappropriate language.
- Sign out errors.
- Noise violation.
- Littering.
- Room inspection violations.
- Unauthorized meal cuts.
- Late to assembly.
- Inappropriate dress (1st offense).
- Chewing gum in inappropriate places.

AUTOMATIC PENALTIES FOR MORNING ASSEMBLY
- Demerits will be assigned for the first 2 tardies in a week. Demerits and Friday evening detention will be assigned for additional tardies in the same week.
- Failure to attend morning assembly results in automatic Friday evening detention.
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. **Across-Campus** — area in Old Salem generally including Gramley library and book store.
2. **Assembly Period** — period of time after B period used for announcements. Required for all.
3. **Break** — between B & C periods.
4. **Bulletin Board** — All students should check the bulletin boards daily for any announcements which may appear. (tag room, dining room, dean of students’ door, 1st CS hallway).
5. **Conference period** — time on Thursday to Wednesday when students are free to obtain extra help from teachers or to study. Conference is free time for students who do not have appointments with teachers. **Students may not leave campus during this period.** Field trips may be scheduled during this time. Students may not use their cars during this period.
6. **Critz** — the wing of the building designated for classroom use.
7. **C.S.** — the Carrie Shaffner dormitory wing.
8. **Devotions** — Special program once a week during morning assembly.
9. **E.B.** — The Emma Bahnson dormitory wing.
10. **Faculty Advisor** — Each student has a faculty advisor with whom she will meet at specified periods throughout the year. This advisor serves primarily as an academic counselor. The role of the advisor varies depending on the needs and desires of the student.
11. **Grade conference** — after each grading period, students report to their faculty advisor to discuss grades and comments from teachers.
12. **Hodges** — The Mary McCoy Hodges residence hall.
13. **Lockers** — Each day student has an assigned locker in the lounge in which to keep her books, gym clothes, etc. Use of the lock is recommended.
14. **Loggia** — back porch behind the Rec room.
15. **Mary Patterson** — the area of the building including the dean of students’ office, Admissions Office, reception rooms, and front foyer.
16. **McMichael Hall** — 2nd and 3rd floors of the Mary Patterson building used as residential space.
17. **Moravian Blessing** — This blessing is prayed before every sit-down meal. “Come Lord Jesus, our Guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Amen.”
18. **Morning Assembly** — Students and faculty meet together 3 times each week for announcements. It is required for all.
19. **Off-Campus** — any area of Winston-Salem except Old Salem.
20. **On-Campus** — the area around the Academy, the College, and Old Salem.
21. **Overnight** — any night spent away from the Academy.
22. **Permission Slips** — necessary for all day cuts and overnights, signed by parents and sent to the dean of students.
23. **Student Body Meetings** — meetings held by Student Government officials or the dean of students in the auditorium — students sit in assigned seats.

24. **Study Cut** — a period of time for extra study to be taken in a classroom, between 10:00 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Permission must be obtained from the on duty person at the front desk and signed out for in the book. Study cuts may only be taken twice in one week, Monday through Thursday nights and they may only be used for study.

25. **Sun Porch** — room located behind the new lounge used for study, meetings, and student activities. Personal belongings may not be left in the area.

26. **Tags** — If a student is out of the building at any other time than that indicated on her schedule card, her tag must show blue or green in the tag room. When she is in the building, her tag must show white.

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(Academy and College)

Strong are thy walls, O Salem,
Thy virgin trees stand tall,
And far athwart the sunlit hills
Their stately shadows fall.

Firm is thy faith, O Salem,
Thy future service sure,
The Beauty of thy heritage
Forever shall endure.

True is our love, O Salem,
Thy name we proudly own,
The joy of comradeship is here,
Thy spirit makes us one.

Chorus:

Then sing we of Salem ever,
As proudly her name we bear,
Long may our praise re-echo,
Far may our song ring clear.
Long may our praise re-echo,
Far may our song ring clear.
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INTRODUCTION
The Salem Academy Sabers are a proud member of the Piedmont Triad Athletic Conference as well as the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association. Each year Salem Academy student-athletes compete for conference and state championships in at least eight varsity sports. This handbook is intended for use by student-athletes, parents, coaches, and members of our school community who have a vested interest in the success of the athletic program. The guidelines on the following pages should be read by all participants of our program and will be helpful throughout the year.

The athletic staff is proud to serve all of you within the Salem Academy community, and we will dedicate ourselves to upholding the School’s mission and a commitment to excellence. If you have any questions or concerns about the policies and procedures as explained in this handbook, please contact the athletic director. We look forward to a successful and exciting year.

PURPOSE
The purpose of the athletic program at the Salem Academy is to promote, direct and conduct inter-scholastic athletics in a manner that will reinforce the general mission and goals of our school, to promote friendly relations with other schools, and to provide students an opportunity to benefit from a successful and meaningful experience.

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY
The athletic program is committed to providing opportunities for personal growth and development. Much is to be learned on the playing field or court that includes self-confidence, development of skills and camaraderie with teammates. Team and individual sports provide a foundation for lifetime activities. The thrill of interscholastic competition is a point of focus for school spirit.

STATEMENT OF GOALS
The primary goals of the athletic program at Salem Academy are as follows:
- To provide an athletic program that is responsive to the expressed needs, interests, and abilities of the students.
- To provide opportunities for all students to participate in sports and fitness activities.
- To promote physical fitness.
- To promote sportsmanship and school spirit.
- To provide student-athletes with qualified staff to coach and supervise the athletic program.
- To provide an athletic program which is an integral part of the whole educational program.

OBJECTIVES
- To develop an appreciation for the sport.
- To implement training and conditioning to meet the demands of the sport.
- To formulate desirable health habits.
- To learn basic sports skills.
- To develop individual skills.
- To attain knowledge of rules, and team strategies.
• To learn the values of sportsmanship, cooperation, loyalty, and self-discipline.
• To strive to attain the highest academic standards.
• To represent the Academy in a wholesome manner.
• To provide students and parents the opportunity to observe athletic contests.

SPORTSMANSHIP

According to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the ideals of good sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity permeate our culture. The values of good citizenship and high behavioral standards apply equally to all activity disciplines. In perception and practice, good sportsmanship will be defined as those qualities of behavior which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation as a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity.

EXPECTATIONS

The NFHS has outlined the following expectations for students, coaches, and fans participating in an athletic event:

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS
• Treat opponents with respect; shake hands prior to and after contests.
• Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the contest and display no behavior that could incite fans.
• Cooperate with officials, coaches, and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
• Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing school and community; display positive public action at all times.
• Live up to high standards of sportsmanship.

EXPECTATIONS OF COACHES
• Always set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
• Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the number one priority.
• Respect judgment of officials, abide by rules of the event and display no behavior that could incite fans.
• Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect. Shake hands with officials and opposing coaches.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS AND OTHER FANS
• It is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school athletics, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
• Respect decisions made by contest officials (and coaches).
• Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including the content of cheers and signs.
• Respect fans, coaches and participants.
UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND POOR SPORTSMANSHIP

- Disrespectful or derogatory language, chants, songs or gestures.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision.
- Language that antagonizes opponents.
- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.
- Fighting or arguing with game officials or opposing players.
- Athletes who display poor sportsmanship may be suspended indefinitely. Fans who exhibit inappropriate behavior may be asked to leave the school grounds and may be prohibited from attending future school events.

CURRENT SPORTS

Salem Academy is a member of the Piedmont Triad Athletic Conference (PTAC) and the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association (NCISAA). All coaches are expected to be knowledgeable about the by-laws in the league constitution which pertain to their sport.

The following sports are currently offered to students at the Academy:

FALL SEASON
Field Hockey
Volleyball
Tennis
Cross Country

WINTER SEASON
Swimming
Basketball
Fencing

SPRING SEASON
Track
Lacrosse
Soccer

SPORTS AND FITNESS COURSE OFFERINGS

Interscholastic athletics is a voluntary program. Therefore, participation in Salem Academy athletics is a privilege. Student-athletes are expected to conform to the standards established for all teams. This privilege may be revoked if the athlete fails or refuses to comply with the rules.

Salem Academy is committed to offering a variety of interscholastic athletics, residential life programs that include intramurals and clubs, as well as the following programs throughout the year:

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS TEAMS
Basketball
Cross Country
Fencing
Field Hockey
Lacrosse
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Track and Field

Intrascholastic Sports Teams
Volleyball
Archery
Backyard Games
Badminton
Bicycling
Floor Hockey
Golf
Lacrosse
Pickle Ball
Self Defense
Tennis
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball
Weight Training
Yoga

SPORTS AND FITNESS FACILITIES

GYMNASIUM AND FITNESS CENTER

Salem Academy houses two gyms, a practice gym, and a competition gym, that may be divided into two practice courts. Our facility also includes two competition volleyball courts, badminton courts, and pickle ball courts. Proper shoes with non-marking soles and athletic attire are required for participation in the athletic facilities. Additionally, the building features conditioning equipment, including strength training and cardiovascular machines, and a separate dance studio. Any individual who wishes to use the conditioning equipment must first undergo an orientation that is administered by the Athletics Department.

AQUATICS

Our aquatics program includes a regulation swimming pool for swim meets, recreational swim and Physical Education classes. Any individual who wishes to use the swimming pool must first pass a swimming test that is administered by the Athletics Department.

LOCKER ROOMS

There are three locker rooms with showering facilities in the athletic center, two for girls and one for boys. For reasons of privacy, mobile phones may not be brought into either locker room, whether or not they have picture taking capabilities (see locker room rules).
ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS

The Academy offers 12 tennis courts, a high school regulation field hockey and a soccer field. These facilities are utilized throughout the year for interscholastic team competition, physical education classes, clubs, and for recreational and leisure activities on weekends.

ELIGIBILITY, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility to Participate in Athletics

• Unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to games or team practice may result in suspension from the team. Practice is a privilege.
• In order to participate in a practice or game, athletes must attend all of their classes during the day, or be excused by a school administrator. An athlete who misses school because of illness may not participate in extracurricular activities.
• All students are permitted to try out for sports.
• As representatives of Salem Academy, student-athletes are also expected to display satisfactory citizenship and proper conduct in the classroom and in the community.
• Athletes who receive consequences for improper conduct may be suspended from a team at any time (by determination of the head coach and athletic director). Profanity, poor sportsmanship or being disrespectful to anyone will not be tolerated.
• Smoking, tobacco use, drinking alcoholic beverages, and the abuse of drugs of any kind are harmful to our health and well-being. The use of these substances is not permitted, and will result in immediate suspension from the team, and could result in dismissal from the Academy.
• Proper attire is required to away games (as established by the Athletic Department)

ATTENDANCE AND CREDIT

Coaches have the primary responsibility of monitoring daily attendance of their athletes. Athletes must inform their coach whenever they are going to miss a practice or game.

Unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to team practice may result in suspension from the team and loss of credit. In order to participate in a practice or game, athletes must attend all of their classes during the day, or be excused by a school administrator for reasons such as prescheduled medical appointments, court appearances or unforeseen emergencies.

Players who miss class due to early dismissal for games are responsible for making up all missed assignments. Students must inform teachers in advance if they have an early dismissal scheduled.

CITIZENSHIP AND ATTITUDE

As representatives of Salem Academy, student-athletes are expected to display satisfactory citizenship and display good conduct on and off the field.

Athletes who receive detention or other consequences for improper conduct may miss practice and/or games. If there is a pattern of misconduct, the athlete may be suspended from competition by the coach and athletic director.

Team members must take pride in our locker rooms and facilities by keeping them neat and clean at all times. Lockers will be provided for athletes; however, student-athletes are responsible for their equipment and uniforms. Uniforms must be returned at the end of each season.
MISCELLANEOUS DIRECTIVES AND FORMS

FORMS
All athletes must submit a medical release form signed by a parent or guardian, a physical exam form signed by a physician, and an athletic contract to be able to participate in Salem Academy interscholastic sports. These forms are available online at any time on the Magnus Health Portal.

COMMUNICATION
Students are responsible for checking daily email notices regarding game changes and/or cancellations. Coaches should notify the team as soon as possible regarding changes or cancellations. All parents and students are also welcome to call the Athletic Department at 336-721-2732 or check website postings for all up to date athletic information. All changes and/or cancellations to schedules will be updated on the Salem Academy website.

Students must also inform teachers of changes that may involve missed classwork and tests, before the day of the test or assignment. Students are responsible for missed work.

For inclement weather, cancellations may not occur until 2:00 p.m. during the school day. The Athletic Department will communicate with students as to the schedule for that day. Athletes must inform their parents regarding any changes as soon as possible. If there is an emergency, please notify your coach.

At the request of any parent, coaches must be accessible to discuss problems regarding an athlete. If these individual conferences do not satisfy the parent, then a conference involving the coach, parent, and athletic director will be scheduled. If the parent is still not satisfied, the next appeal will be to the Head of School.

PLAYING TIME AND ROSTER SELECTION
Athletics require a higher level of physical conditioning than physical education classes, and athletes should make a personal commitment to a regular fitness regime beyond their sports seasons. Athletes who do not practice continual wellness and fitness regimes are likely to increase their personal risk of injury.

In order to compete at a high level, it is imperative that our athletes enter the season with a regular fitness regime. This is in alignment with the expression, “you don’t play sports to get in shape; you get in shape to play sports.” Athletes must adhere to the training regimens as prescribed by their coaches and outlined by the Athletic Department. Athletics is viewed as honors-level physical education. Not every student may desire to make the sacrifice and put forth the effort required of interscholastic athletics. Not all students will have the physical or emotional aptitude to compete at this level.

Varsity coaches will conduct tryouts at the beginning of each sports season and players and parents are reminded that certain team roster spots and/or playing time are not guaranteed at the varsity level. Being a member of a varsity sports team at Salem Academy is not a right, it is a privilege. Playing time at the varsity level is at the coaches’ discretion and is not guaranteed.

PRACTICE TIMES AND WEIGHT ROOM ACCESSIBILITY
Practice times for all sports will generally be after school from 4:00pm until 5:45pm. However, each coach has the right to change practice times as long as they do not interfere with the academic school day. Coaches are responsible for providing athletes with a list of training times for the season.
Coaches may require players to enter the weight room at various times throughout the year and a schedule will be posted.

All students will have access to the weight room throughout the school year; however, no student is permitted in the athletic center without an adult staff member present. There will be serious consequences for students using the athletic facilities unsupervised. Hours of operation will be posted on the school calendar and will vary according to the type of program and the day of the week.

**ATHLETIC FACILITY RULES**

**WEIGHT ROOM**
- Athletic shoes and appropriate attire required
- No food or drinks (except water)
- Spotter needed when lifting free weights
- Return weights to the rack after use
- Wipe off machines after use with provided cleaning supplies
- Discard trash in appropriate receptacles
- 30-minute limit on cardio equipment when crowded
- No horseplay, fighting, or inappropriate language
- Must be at least 14 years of age to use fitness room
- No bags or computers are permitted in fitness room
- Only pencils are permitted in fitness room for recording workouts.
- Fitness room use is a privilege. Violation of any school rules could result in suspension of use

**GYMNASIUM**
- Proper shoes must be worn on gym floor (athletic shoes with non-marking soles)
- No food or drink (except water)
- All equipment must be returned to the equipment storage closet after use
- No bathing suits are allowed to be worn in the gym
- Shirts/Uniforms must be worn at all times
- No horseplay, fighting, poor conduct or inappropriate language
- No bags/clothing may be left on the gym floor
- Gym use is a privilege, violation of any school rules could result in suspension of use

**LOCKER ROOM**
- No running, fighting, horseplay or inappropriate language
- Do not bring any muddy shoes, cleats, or equipment into the locker areas
- Deposit trash in receptacles
- No dirty gym clothes or wet bathing suits should be left in the locker room.
- Assigned lockers will be cleaned out on a regular schedule.
- No video cameras, camera phones or cell phones of any kind may be used in the locker rooms
- Locker room usage is a privilege. Violation of any school rules could result in suspension of use.
- There will be strict standards of hygiene and cleanliness in the locker room
SWIMMING POOL
• No running or inappropriate behavior is permitted
• Lifeguards must be on duty for use of the pool
• Appropriate swim apparel is required at all times
• No wet bathing suits should be left in the locker room
• All locker room rules apply
• For specific rules during classes or programs, please refer to the course guidelines and follow all of the specific safety guidelines as determined by the Aquatics Director

AWARDS
Award programs are typically held at the conclusion of each season but may vary from year to year. The Athletic Department awards are presented annually at the conclusion of the school year during the Recognition Program, and these are also listed in our honors and awards section of Student life in our general student handbook.

TEAM
The athletes, coaches and athletic directors will nominate and vote for the candidates for the following awards:

Most Valuable - Presented to the most outstanding athlete on the team, that demonstrated outstanding skills leadership abilities and good sportsmanship.

The Coaches Award - Presented to the most dedicated player who symbolized the true spirit of competition and the spirit of Salem Academy athletics

Most Improved Athlete - Presented to the athlete that has demonstrated a willingness to improve their skills and take their game to a higher level of performance and competition.

Coaches have the ability to add or change their team’s awards based on that year’s results and accomplishments.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
Zanne Meads Sportsmanship Award - A sportsmanship award voted on by her peers. She must have participated in at least two sports and was the epitome of sportsmanship both on and off the athletic fields.

Barbara Barnes Hauptfuhrer Scholar-Athlete Award - The student-athlete who has the highest GPA while participating in at least two or more sports.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION
Salem will provide transportation to all away games. Day students may drive themselves to contests if their home is near and they have written permission from a parent or guardian. Players are not permitted to drive separately from the team unless they have written permission from a parent, dean of students or athletic director’s consent. Only team members that are eligible to compete are permitted to travel on the bus to games unless permission is given by the athletic director. It is imperative that players communicate to parents when and where they should be picked up from a game or practice (see transportation schedule).

Coaches are required to accompany the team on the bus unless there is an emergency. Proper etiquette is expected from all students while traveling to and from events.
Updated directions and phone numbers to area schools may be obtained from the website, located in the athletics section, at www.salemacademy.com. Also, all updated game and transportation information can be accessed by calling the Salem Academy athletic office at 336-721-2732.

THE SALEM ACADEMY ATHLETIC CONTRACT

SPORTSMANSHIP

Each athlete at Salem Academy is expected to uphold the guidelines for good sportsmanship as outlined in the athletic handbook. All athletes should represent Salem Academy, the PTAC and the NCISAA with class and dignity at all times.

The National Federation of State High School Associations has outlined the following expectations for students, coaches, and fans participating in an athletic event:

- Treat opponents with respect; shake hands prior to and after contests.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by the rules of the contest and display no behavior that could tarnish the reputation of the School.
- Cooperate with officials, coaches, and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing school and community; display positive public action at all times.
- Coaches and players should always set a good example for other participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.

CITIZENSHIP AND ATTITUDE

- As representatives of Salem Academy, student-athletes are also expected to display satisfactory citizenship and proper conduct in the classroom and in the community.
- Athletes who receive consequences for improper conduct may be suspended from a team at any time. Profanity, poor sportsmanship or being disrespectful to anyone will not be tolerated.
- Smoking, tobacco use, drinking alcoholic beverages, and the abuse of drugs of any kind are harmful to our health and well-being. The use of these substances is not permitted, and will result in immediate suspension from participation in athletics, and could result in expulsion from the Academy.
- Punctuality is demanded by all. Tardiness to practice or team functions is unacceptable. Practice is a privilege, not a right.
- Proper attire is required to away games (as established by the head coach).

ELIGIBILITY

- Missing a game or practice without notifying the coach ahead of time is unexcused and could result in immediate suspension.
- Unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to class or team practice may result in suspension from the team.
- In order to participate in a practice or game, athletes must attend all of their classes during the day, or be excused by a school administrator. A student that misses school due to illness may not participate in after-school sports activities.
- All students are permitted to try-out for sports.
- Students must be in good academic standing to participate in sports.
- Students-athletes must have participated in 90% of practices and athletic events to receive credit.