



# Salmen High PTSA Newsletter

November, 2011

<http://teacherweb.com/LA/SalmenHighSchool/PTSA>

*A message from the principal, Terri Wortmann*

Spartan Family,

We've had a wonderful first quarter of this 2011-2012 school year. Our students and teachers are working very hard but still taking the time to enjoy those activities which make high school so very special. Homecoming week was absolutely wonderful with students, teachers, and administrators joining in on the festivities. The kids participated in dress-up days, a pep rally, parade, and other homecoming festivities. On the night of the game, the staff members tailgated and welcomed the 10 and 20 year alumni groups from Salmen High.

As the holidays approach, remind your children of the importance of doing their very best in all of their coursework. Attendance is starting to become an issue for many of our students. Even a passing grade in a class will not matter if the child has missed more than 5 non-exempted periods of that class. Seat time is available every Saturday and for an hour after school on Monday through Thursday. Interim reports will go home on November 10<sup>th</sup> and exams will begin on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember that exams are comprehensive from the beginning of the year and count for 20% of the student's final grade.

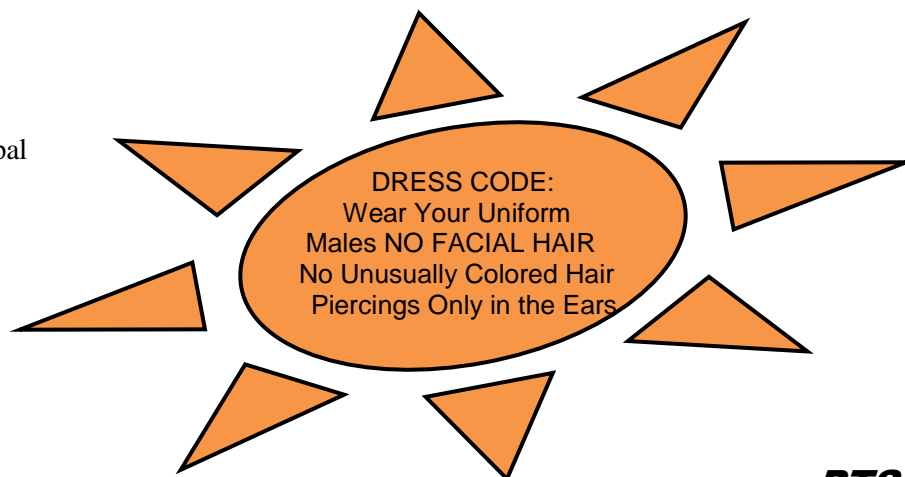
I know that many in our community are concerned about recent school performance score releases. Please know that the Salmen administration is doing all that we can to improve and to provide professional development opportunities that will assist teachers in doing the best job possible. Please remember that it's not all up to us. We need students who come to school, are well-rested, attentive and well-behaved in class. We need students to cooperate with their teachers in the learning process. If a student refuses to do their part, we are very limited in the results we can expect. Please support teachers in their efforts. If a classroom teacher calls about a discipline problem from your child, please help us to figure out ways to make things better. You know your child best, and your input is extremely important.

There are wonderful things happening in your children's lives and I encourage you to be a part of it all. We strongly encourage you to volunteer on campus and outside the school day activities. Being an ever-present part of your child's life will support them in their efforts to stay on the right track and will help you to be aware of any challenges they may be facing.

Please know that my staff and I are always available to meet or talk about any concerns you may have. We are never too busy for our parents or their children. Their success is our success and we promise to do our part to keep them moving in the right direction. It takes a village to raise a child. Thanks for letting us be a part of your village.

Sincerely,

Terri Wortmann  
Salmen High School, Principal



## *Upcoming Events:*

### November 2011

- Nov. 8 - Wendy's Night (3915 Pontchartrain Drive ONLY) 4-11 p.m. *Mention Salmen when ordering*  
Nov. 16 - Mad Swirls Night (3971 Pontchartrain Drive) - 2:30 - 9:00 p.m. *again mention Salmen when ordering*  
Nov. 21-25 – Thanksgiving Holidays  
Nov.30 – VOICE Club Talent Show – Cafeteria - 6:30 p.m. - \$5.00 advance price

### December 2011

- Dec. 16 – End of Second Grading Period & First Semester – ½ Day for Recordkeeping  
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2 – Winter/Christmas Break



*A message from the PTSA president, Cindy Boudreau:* Due to the excessive costs of mailing and printing our newsletter, the Salmen PTSA is “going green” and we will be posting the newsletter on our PTSA website only. We decided this was the best option available to spread the news regarding our school activities and to save money.

We are also accepting printer ink cartridges for our recycling program. Please send to school in a zip lock bag marked for the Salmen PTSA. Cartridges are recycled through Office Depot and all types are accepted.

Please consider supporting our Restaurant Nights at Wendy's on **November 8** and Mad Swirls on **November 16**. A portion of the sales will be donated back to the Salmen PTSA. More information can be found on our website.

Our membership drive is still ongoing and we highly encourage all parents, guardians and students to join and show their support to the PTSA. A Membership form can be downloaded from our website.

If you have any questions or need more information about the great things the PTSA does for our school, please feel free to contact me at 640-3985 or via e-mail at [salmenhighptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:salmenhighptsa@yahoo.com).

Please keep up-to-date by viewing our PTSA website at [www.teacherweb.com/LA/SalmenHighSchool/PTSA](http://www.teacherweb.com/LA/SalmenHighSchool/PTSA).



*Salmen High PTSA Membership (Dot Arnoie):* Our membership drive is still ongoing and we are slowly getting close to our goal of 425 members. Please consider joining and supporting the Salmen High PTSA. Membership forms are available in the main office and can also be downloaded from the PTSA website. A single membership (one person) is \$7.00; Double (2 people) \$10 and a Community Member is \$25.

*Student Membership Perks:* The Salmen High PTSA will hold special prize drawings throughout the school year for all Student Members. Students may become a member for only \$4.00 to be eligible for these drawings. Help us reach our goal of 200 student members by joining today! The prizes will include free tickets to football games, dance tickets, a yearbook and just for seniors a ticket to Project Graduation, Prom ticket and a senior luncheon ticket, if held. You can download the membership form from the Salmen PTSA website

St. Tammany District PTA:  
<http://sttammanydistrictpta.org>  
Louisiana PTA: [www.louisianapta.org](http://www.louisianapta.org)  
National PTA: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

### *Guidance Counselor News:*

9th Grade/10th Grade - Mrs. Echols ([Michelle.Echols@stpsb.org](mailto:Michelle.Echols@stpsb.org))  
Juniors/Seniors (A-L) - Mrs. Anderson ([cecilia.anderson@stpsb.org](mailto:cecilia.anderson@stpsb.org))  
Juniors/Seniors (M-Z) - Mrs. Lyons ([christy.lyons@stpsb.org](mailto:christy.lyons@stpsb.org))  
Guidance Office-649-7975

Salmen High School Guidance Counselors will be administering the PLAN Test to all 10<sup>th</sup> graders during the week of **November 14 through November 18**. The PLAN Test will be given during the school day. The PLAN Test is an assessment offered by the ACT College Readiness System. Its purpose is to check academic progress, provide an early indicator of college readiness, and help students understand and explore a wide range of career options available to them. The student's PLAN score is also used to enhance high school coursework that prepares them to help achieve their post-high school goals.

#### **SAT Test Dates 2011-2012**

<b>Test Dates</b>	<b>Registration Deadlines</b>	<b>Late Fees Required</b>
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012

#### **ACT Test Dates 2011-2012**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Fee Required</b>
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5-18, 2011

### *Ninth Grade Academy News*

**Free Tutoring** - The tutoring schedule is posted on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy website. Tutoring is offered before, during and after school.

**Seat Time** - Please make arrangements for your child to attend school on Saturdays from 8-12 pm if he/she has 5 or more unexcused absences. The new attendance law only allows 5 cumulative absences per semester. More than 5 will result in making up instructional time or loss of Carnegie unit credits.

### Students of the Month - October

#### **Pride Team:**

Errol Hall  
John-Peter Nguyen  
Marion Farris

#### **Power Team:**

Gabrielle Nunez  
Jeremiah Weary  
Kaylis Fayard

### *DECA*

The DECA students recently participated in DECA week by serving breakfast items in the Teacher's Lounge for the faculty and staff. Many notes of appreciation were sent by the teacher's for the goodies and snacks that were provided. DECA students were also treated to a pizza lunch to celebrate. Mrs. Wortmann signed a proclamation designating the week of Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> DECA Week. DECA students are looking forward to participating in the annual Slidell Fall Citywide Cleanup and Beautification Day on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Officers for the year are as follows:

**President – Candice Guillot**  
**Vice-President – Lewis Jones**  
**Secretary – Asia Toussaint**  
**Treasurer – Brandi Woods**  
**Historian – Jonathan La**  
**Reporter – Trenise Watts**  
**Parliamentarian – Brooke Coats**

### *Interact*

For new students to Salmen High School, Interact sponsored a Meet-n-Greet for each grade level on different Spartan Family dates. We started with all new seniors to Salmen one week, the next new juniors, the next new sophomores. We provided goodies and beverages, and allowed the new students to meet with the Interact students of the same grade. Invitations were hand-delivered to all new students. We have received lots of feedback; it was a success. It made our new students feel welcome.

We sponsored the Blood Drive at Salmen and had a great participation. Sixty five students gave blood...65 units of blood...to be used in our community.

We also had 25 participants in the Safe Harbor Run, a fundraiser for battered/abused women.

Interact has adopted two streets - Berkley Drive and Spartan Drive - in the Keep Slidell Beautiful organization. We will soon have an "official" sign. The Slidell Cleanup Day is November 12, and Interact plans to clean streets as well pressure wash the Old Gym.

Interact participated in a UNICEF trick or treat fundraiser in conjunction with Slidell High and sold wreaths to aid the Slidell Animal Shelter.

If your child is a member of Interact, please encourage them to purchase Interact t-shirts (\$10) so we can all wear them when we are servicing our community.

### *Voice Club*

Salmen High School's VOICE Club (Visions of Inner Cultural Ethnicity) will hold their Annual Talent Show in the Cafetorium on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. For more information, contact **Arlene Simmons** at [arlene.simmons@stpsb.org](mailto:arlene.simmons@stpsb.org)

### *PBS*

Winners of our PBS 1st 9 weeks drawing are: **Ronald Barnes, Demetrius Faciane, and Briante Turner**. All of them won a large treat bag filled with candy and one dollar's worth of free concessions. Ronald won a Salmen Beast shirt in addition to his treat bag.

We now have a new Leonidas' Leaders board in the lounge where teachers thank each other for helping one another out and just post general, positive (PBS) messages to each other. We also have a Spartan Army bulletin board. The students are nominated by teachers for going above and beyond what is expected of them, and those who earn a Spartan Shield will have their names posted on the board.

### *Talented Music*

The Talented Music class at Salmen High welcomed a few new faces and musical additions this year. Our freshman class includes **Gerardo Canales**, percussion, **Kaitlyn Lykes**, saxophone and violin, **Kyle Williams**, trumpet and tuba. Our new sophomore is **Karen Lopez**, vocalist and guitar, and junior **Jare'cia Cooper**, vocalist. The school was recently treated to live Spartan music at both lunches during Homecoming week. Thanks to all who came out to listen and support the music. Recent highlights of the national anthem include **Troy Crawford** and **Karen Lopez** at the school board meeting in September. They will again be performing their harmonized duet for the Veteran's Day Program. **Kevin Sanders** performed at the Homecoming game.

*Class of 2012 Slidell/Pearl River Area Project Graduation:*

*The motto of Project Graduation is*

*“If just one young life is saved, it is all worthwhile.”*

Project Graduation is an annual community-sponsored, parent coordinated, alcohol, drug and tobacco free event that allows the senior class of Salmen, Pope John Paul II, Northshore and Pearl River High Schools to enjoy an all-night celebration on the night of their respective graduations in May. Seniors are able to enjoy a safe evening of games, food, music, and prizes with their classmates before they go on their separate ways after graduation. The Project Graduation organization has been successful in preventing the needless loss of life due to an alcohol or drug related accident on graduation night. Each school has their own party following their respective graduation ceremony.

General Membership meeting dates and locations will be posted on the Salmen PTSA website and the Project Graduation website [www.slidellprprojectgraduation.com](http://www.slidellprprojectgraduation.com). All parents & guardians (freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors) are invited and encouraged to attend. The cost for the Senior to attend is \$30.00, which includes a t-shirt, food, drinks, prizes, a DVD of their party and much more. The price will increase to \$40 after April 1, 2012 and does not guarantee a t-shirt. Volunteers are needed with the planning stages and for the night of Salmen's party (May 7, 2012). Please contact the Salmen Party Chairs: Toni Gebbia Brown 985-649-4835 or Vicki Frick 985-641-0222 or the Project Graduation Director, Cindy Boudreau at 640-3985 or via e-mail at [slidellprprojgrad@yahoo.com](mailto:slidellprprojgrad@yahoo.com) for additional information.

*The faculty and staff of Salmen High School are proud to announce the 2011 - 2012 Homecoming Court:*

*Freshman Maid - Ashley Williams  
Sophomore Maids - Destinee Imbornone & Samantha Leonard  
Junior Maids - Marla Doney, Christy Ducre, & Tia Jefferson  
Senior Maids - Laura Garcia & Jennifer Nguyen  
Football Sweetheart - Deryne Rispoli  
Maid of Honor - Courtney Callihan  
Homecoming Queen - Bailey Passaro*



*Restaurant Night fundraisers:*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month** – Wendy's -- 3915 Pontchartrain Drive, **4:00-11:00 p.m.** - *Mention Salmen*  
**Nov. 16** -- Mad Swirls – 3971 Pontchartrain Drive, **2:30-9:00 p.m.** - *Mention Salmen*



**Hospitality (Vicki Gulino):** The Hospitality Committee has been busy this year. We provided a back-to-school breakfast for the entire staff, assisted with a back-to-school luncheon for the teachers, provided donut holes and drinks for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter honor roll breakfast, provided paper products for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Homecoming Tailgating event held for the Salmen staff; and provided the entire Salmen staff with Halloween treats. Many of our parents have already made donations to our events this year and we greatly appreciate your support. If you would like to help with upcoming Hospitality events, please contact **Vicki Gulino** at 960-3982.

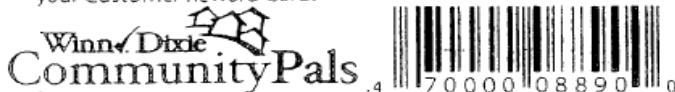
**Volunteer News (Janet Howard):** If you would like to serve as a volunteer at school, please download the volunteer form from our website and send to the Main Office. You may also contact our Volunteer Coordinator, **Janet Howard**, at 985-710-7259, or e-mail at [salmenhighptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:salmenhighptsa@yahoo.com). All volunteers are reminded that they **MUST** check in at student services and obtain a visitors pass before proceeding anywhere on campus.



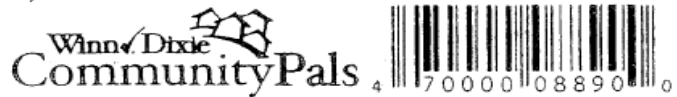
**PTSA Membership Information:** Our membership drive is still on-going. We encourage all parents, guardians and students to join and support the Salmen High PTSA. Membership envelopes have been sent home with the students on several occasions, and distributed at the Open House event as well.

**Winn-Dixie Community Pals Program:** Our quarterly proceeds from the Winn Dixie Community Pals Program are steadily declining. If you have switched to the new Fuelperks! Card, you need to re-scan that card with the designated UPC bar code for Salmen High (below). Our entire year is funded with proceeds from this program! In the past we received the maximum each quarter (\$1,800) we now received about half of this amount each quarter.

Present this coupon and your Winn-Dixie Customer Reward Card to the cashier at checkout. The cashier will scan them both to activate your account. Then every time you shop at Winn-Dixie, you can earn money for our organization when you use your Customer Reward Card.



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**PTSA OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012:**

President: Cindy Boudreau  
Vice President: OPEN  
Secretary: Tanya Dahmer  
Treasurer: Kay Hursey  
Faculty Representative: Cindy Kemp  
Student Representative: April Howard  
Hospitality Chair: Vicki Gulino  
Volunteer Coordinator: Janet Howard  
Membership: Dorothy Arnolie  
Cultural Arts: Nancy Pearson  
Newsletter: Annette DiLorenzo



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**Lunch prices:**

**\$1.25 regular/ \$4.00 reduced**

Check out [www.payschools.com](http://www.payschools.com) to pay cafeteria & other fees online.

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**Recycling:** We need your help!!! Salmen is expanding its recycling efforts this year by teaming with Waste Management. School clubs have signed on to help promote environmental awareness by collecting plastic bottles (with the no. 1 recycling symbol) and aluminum cans. Parents can drop off recyclables in the morning car line or have students drop off bagged or boxed items to **Mr. Laurent** (shop) or **Ms. Pearson** (206). It's important NOT to crush the cans and bottles—we are scanning the bar codes to keep a tally of our collection. In addition to our efforts of helping the environment, our participation in the recycling effort may earn prizes and awards for the school! This is a year long effort—so please continue to collect throughout the year!!!

**Recycling Made Easy:**



- Set aside a bin to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles (No. 1)
- Line the bin with either a plastic or paper grocery bag
- Create a routine for drop off to school
- Select a particular day of the week and stick to it
- Select a method of drop off (car line, shop, room 206)
- Make sure everyone in the household knows of the recycling plan



**The Salmen JAG Career Association is proud to offer SPARTANS by "L-E-it"** This metal art is produced by Elliot Bowser, local Artist and Industrial Designer. The piece measures 11" x 13" and can be wall hung. **Please order by check (\$30.00) made payable to Salmen High School. Orders may be mailed to: Attn: Eric DuBuisson, Salmen High School, 300 Spartan Dr., Slidell, LA 70458. Please allow two to four weeks for delivery.**



**Class Reunions:** Information for the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion for the Salmen Class of 1992 is posted on our PTSA website under "Reunion Information"

**Go Spartans!**