

Salem Oak Leaves

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Rams Take Charge!

Dates to remember:

- November 14—1 pm – Football game
- November 17– End of first marking period
- November 10-24—Interact Food Drive
- November 19– Open House
- November 26 and 27— Thanksgiving Break
- December 3—Fall Sports Awards Banquet
- December 11– Snowball Dance
- December 17– Winter Concert

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PBSIS stands for Positive Behavior Support In Schools. Everyone at Salem High School is expected to be Respectful, Accountable, Motivated and Successful. The PBSIS program is designed to recognize and reward positive student behavior.

Ram Charges, or reward tickets, will be distributed to students in any location throughout the school when demonstrating a school-wide expectation. Some of the behaviors expected are being on time and on task, and displaying courtesy and respect to others. All staff members will have the opportunity to distribute Ram Charges throughout all school activities, and are asked to be alert and creative in recognizing these opportunities.

Students are responsible for writing their name on the



'Ram Charges' and placing them in the lunch bin on the stage in cafeteria. Also, students must be present to receive their prizes. Prizes will be awarded weekly and monthly. Weekly prizes will be held each Friday during homeroom. Monthly drawing will be the last Friday of the month during 11th period as a live broadcast. There will be three opportunities for prizes. All tickets for the week must be placed in the lunch bin by Thursday.

Contacts for the program include:

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Fressshhhmmeeennnnn!!!!!!!

By Mackenzie Johnson

The freshmen class of 2019 is the most highly populated class as of today. This class is chock-full of active members in clubs and sports. Students at Salem High come from all over the county. The question is; where are all of these freshmen coming from? The answer: Salem, Quinton, Elsinboro, and even different states across the U.S.

Below are some questions and answers given by fellow freshmen during individual interviews:

Q. Why did you choose to attend Salem High School?

My parents agreed that it was the best choice for me.

Q. Are you in any sports and/or clubs?

Yes, I play basketball and I am in choir.

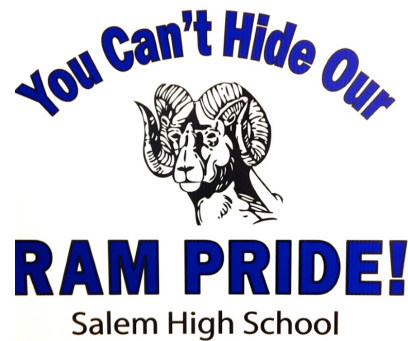
Q. Are you enjoying your time, so far, at Salem High?

Yes, because I have a lot of great friends and tons of fantastic teachers.

Q. What has changed from middle school to high school?

There are way more people, harder studies, and the workload is a lot, too.

As you can see, there are varied opinions about the transition into high school. There are also many differences from middle school. What do you have to say about the change?



Welcome Ms. Pla!

By Anthony Melendez

Oscar Wilde said "You can never be overdressed or overeducated." Mrs. Pla, our newest administrator, uses this quote to describe herself and represent her in life. Mrs. Pla has a lot of hobbies. She likes to spend time with her husband and her child. She enjoys travel, and has visited France,

Italy, Germany, and Switzerland. She also said she would like to visit Hawaii, Spain, and Australia. Ms. Pla went to college in Rutgers University in New Brunswick in New Jersey, where she received her bachelor's degree. She earned her administrative master's from Georgian Court University. She is currently not working on any

more degrees. Ms. Pla does not have a nickname. Lastly, she worked in Vineland schools for 12 years, has a 3 year old daughter, and she like the Philadelphia Eagles just like I do.



A new face in Salem High

By Hy'Zaria Walker

Salem High School's Head Football Coach *Montrey Wright*, also known as *Coach Wright* is the bright new face in Salem High School.

Mr. Montrey Wright started as an assistant coach for the Salem Rams football team back in 2014. He and coach Mr. Dennis Thomas led the team to Group 1 State Championships. Unfortunately the team did not get a victory, but as assistant coach Wright considered the loss as a "minor setback for the Rams major comeback."

Coach Wright was an assistant coach for only a year but he moved to the head coach position when Mr. Dennis Thomas went to Millville as coach for the Millville Bolts.



As head coach, Wright started the team off with a 42-0 win against Pitman Panthers.

After the Rams first win I sat down with Coach Montrey Wright and interviewed him about his life and coaching the Rams.

What comes easiest to you as a coach? *"Being from Salem and knowing the kids."*

How do you motivate your team? *"BE Great!"* Coach Wright states with excitement.

What goals do you have for your team? *"Maintain a high GPA."*

Do you have any other special training that has prepared you to be



a better coach? *"No coach works as hard as ME!"* Coach Wright says, being so humble.

Coach Wright hopes that he can coach the Salem Rams into another state championship and bringing a win back to this small town. The team remains humble and is undefeated, aiming for Group I Division I South Jersey Championship title.

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The Salem Oak Leaves club meets during every ACER period in room A61. We are always open to new members and to new story ideas.

If you are interested in joining the club, or have a story idea or press release, please contact Ms. Lamont:

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935-3900 x3161

Interact Club

The Interact Club needs your help for their Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

This week and next week, Interact members will be visiting homerooms asking students to donate to the food drive. Different grades are assigned different items to bring in, but all donations will be accepted.

9th Grade - Drinks and Desserts

10th Grade - Potatoes, Stuffing, Pasta

11th Grade - Canned Goods

12th Grade - Gravy, Sauce, Mac& Cheese, Rice

Contact Ms. Vengenock in Room C-24

Walnut Street Journal

The Walnut Street Journal is an artistic magazine published once a year in the spring. We include photography, poetry, short stories, essays, drawings and paintings. We encourage both staff and students to submit their work to Ms. Lamont in Room A61.

If you are interested in joining the Walnut Street Journal Club, please sign up with Ms. Lamont.

Student Council

Officers:

The Student Council meets each ACER period in room A-50 and is advised by Ms. Bartlett.

Abby Sharp
President

Paige Cherry
Vice President

Reanna Dorsey
Treasurer

Allan Stanback
Secretary

Fabriana Taranto
Public Relations Director

"Have your say, be heard and join Student Council today to make a difference!"

Sign up with Ms. Bartlett in A-50, if you're interested in making a positive change at SHS!