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CITY ACADEMY

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Find City Academy Online

You can find out more about City Academy online by visiting our Facebook page, where you can join the many supporters who “like” us, or read detailed updates about current events at [www.cityacademyslc.org](http://www.cityacademyslc.org)

## Come and Volunteer at City Academy!

Come and volunteer your time and talents to help make City Academy even more wonderful! Please take this survey to help City Academy know how we can best utilize your many talents. The link is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MDS8QD6> Contact Gina for more information. [gina@vigor.nu](mailto:gina@vigor.nu)

## A Note From the Director: The Common Language of Mathematics

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In thinking further about our City Academy community discussion last Thursday on what is to be learned from the events of September 11, 2001, and as a mathematician of sorts, I was intrigued by a recent note in *Science News* magazine from the editor. Tom Siegfried, Editor in Chief, commented on a recent conference he attended in Qatar, an international gathering of science journalists. He said, “Unified by the common language of mathematics and the unwavering lawfulness of natural phenomena, scientific findings transcend the cultural divides that typically permeate politics, religion, social mores and national customs. Everyone on Earth shares the same physics, the same chemistry, the same biology, the same planet.” He suggests that, at least in principle, scientific knowledge provides a common ground for the peoples of the world to live peacefully together.

Our student advisory groups and our evening dialogue last Thursday elicited some related ideas about being more globally aware and finding common ground. We also talked about directing our focus toward sharing, discarding the language of violence and uplifting each other. Possibly, we can draw on the science based-commonalities we all share as humans on this planet as a way to begin our quest for learning to live in respectful peace with growing understanding of our deepest differences. I urge you to continue the dialogues begun at school during this past week at home with your children and families.

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

- *September 22, College Night*
- *September 23, Mid-term*
- *September 26-27, Parent-Student-Teacher Conference*

## Parent Teacher Conferences, Volunteers Needed!

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Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on September 26th and September 27th. The PTO is asking for volunteers to bring food for the teachers and staff who will be working through dinner time. Main dishes, side dishes, drinks and even dessert will be very much appreciated. We do have some vegetarian staff members. If you are planning to bring food please email [volunteer@cityacademyslc.org](mailto:volunteer@cityacademyslc.org) and let Gina know what day and what item you plan on bringing. Thank you!



## Green School in Need of Volunteers

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October 8th Green It:

The green School Committee needs some volunteers to help with the Green It Event which City Academy is hosting. Contact [volunteer@cityacademyslc.org](mailto:volunteer@cityacademyslc.org) if you are interested in helping with this event.



## Learning Progress is Important

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If you believe your student is not making satisfactory progress in their school work due to undiagnosed learning disabilities, you can follow up with your child's health care provider for more information. If your child is a student at City Academy you can also refer your concerns to Ms. Deanna Taylor, our Educational Support Services Director. Ms. Taylor will then begin a process of dialogue with you and your student's teachers, as well as classroom observation, and possibly testing to gather more information about how your student's education is progressing.

## Charter Chase (October 15th)

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The City Academy Charter Chase is coming up and we need volunteers to help out at aide stations, timing and giving out awards. Also if you are a medical professional we could use your help on that day making sure everyone is ok if something happens. Contact volunteer@cityacademyslc.org if you can help out.

## Bringing Your Valuables to School

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Students should report lost or missing items to Lindsey or Mr. Stoughton . Most frequently reported are cell phones and iPods, each expensive electronic devices. While these items are usually found and returned within a day, it is very troublesome for parents to replace permanently lost or stolen electronics. When sending your student to school with these devices, please consider how easy it is to drop or misplace small electronics, and how quickly they might be stolen if left unattended. City Academy cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items, though we do follow up on any accusations of theft. Because these items are not to be used during class time, City Academy recommends that students store valuables in their lockers during the school day, or leave them at home! Please use your best judgment when allowing your student to carry expensive accessories.

**Saturday  
October 8, 2011  
From 9-noon**

**Register On Facebook  
Through October 6th  
At City Academy Salt Lake**



## **Jane's Walk and Workshop**

Where High School Students Share With Peers  
Ways To Green Up Their Space  
And Clean Up The Urban Environment

### **Take The Initiative**

- Start Your Own Project
- Tell Us Who It Helps And How It Makes A Difference
- Compete for Project Seed Money \*

\* project seed money details  
available at the GreenIt! event

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