



City Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 19, 2011

Congratulations!

Our own CA Boys' Basketball team had their first win of the season against the Beehive Academy on January 14th. We are so proud of them and look forward to watching them vie for their next victory tonight!

Science Fair Judges Still Needed

The CA Science Fair takes place on February 25th. We are in need of about 5 guest judges. If you have a background in science and could volunteer, please contact d.vala@cityacademyslc.org

Spread the Word!

Please bring a family member or friend to one of our Making a Difference information hours. The next information hour will take place on **Tuesday, January 25th**.

Find out more about about these events on our website:

www.cityacademyslc.org

Find CA Online

Blog: <http://cityacademy.wordpress.com/>

Tweets: <http://twitter.com/CityAcademySLC>

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Website:

www.cityacademyslc.org

Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/cityacademyslc>

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Today officially marks the start of the 3rd Quarter. Help establish good study habits at home by asking about your student's school day and providing a quiet place for them to work on any homework.

Sundance Film Festival

A few of City Academy's English classes will have the privilege of experiencing the Sundance Film Festival firsthand this year! Select 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade classes will be viewing a documentary approved for high school audiences about the ways in which the Library of Congress selects films to be included in the National Film Registry for being considered "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant." These classes will be viewing the film with several other area high school students at the Rose Wagner Theater on the morning of Thursday, January 27th.

IMPORTANT DATES

JAN. 19

Basketball Games vs
Beehive Academy

JAN. 20

Abe Lincoln Event at
City Academy:
Featuring Our A-
level Historians

JAN. 25

Making a Difference
Info Hour at City
Academy



City Academy Parents

For your convenience, we are sending home envelopes that you can put up on your fridge for collecting "Labels for Education" and "Box Tops". Please ask your students for them. They will tear if they remain in backpacks for too long. Below are the links to products that participate in the program.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn/participating-products.aspx>

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/image.aspx?id=2164>

We appreciate your help in earning easy cash for the school.
Fund Raising Committee

You Can Sponsor a Student Abroad

You can help a teen from Utah, age 15-18, spend a year abroad on this prestigious scholarship program from the US State Department. City Academy has been fortunate to host exchange students from programs like this. For the year 2011-2012 YES Abroad scholarship is available for the following countries.

Egypt
Ghana
India
Indonesia
Mali (semester only)
Malaysia
Morocco
Oman
Thailand
Turkey

For more information go to: <http://yesprograms.org/yesabroad>

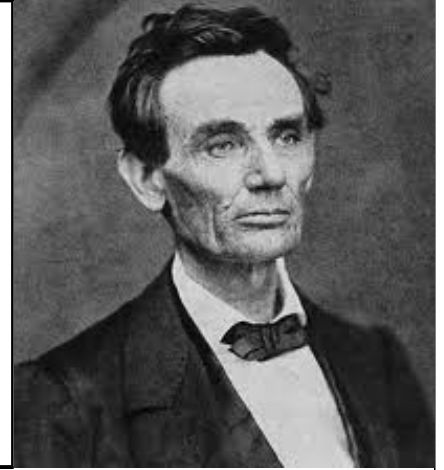
Unfortunately, the application deadline is coming up very quickly, January 12th, 2010. Please note that the application is long and can be very time consuming. Anyone interested in this wonderful opportunity should start the application process right away. They should put down PAX if they want me to interview them.

Copy and paste the link below to hear what the first batch of YES Abroad students (2009-2010) have to say about their experience:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JExtfjm-RIU&feature=player_embedded#



**Honestly, Abe,
what should
we make of
you?**



“There's a Lincoln for all seasons in America. There are dozens of Lincolns. There's Lincoln the atheist, the Northern Lincoln, the Confederate Lincoln, Lincoln the war criminal, Lincoln the savior of the union, Lincoln the humorous, Lincoln the melancholy, Lincoln the white supremacist, Lincoln the Great Emancipator...”

Henry Gates Jr., Harvard University

An Evening of Presentation and Discussion Interpreting Abraham Lincoln

**Hosted by City Academy's
Advanced US History Class of 2011**

Thursday, January 20th

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Refreshments

"No other American story is so enduring. No other American story is so comforting. No other American story is so false."

Lerone Bennett Jr., "Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream"



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Habitat for Humanity Service Project

The service learning committee had a great success completing a project and learning about an important organization on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that provides homes for the needy. They don't just give out houses, building them anywhere. They preview the families' status and economic situation first. Once they have done this, they build houses in an area where other Habitat families will live. In other words, they create communities for the Habitat for Humanity families.

You must be wondering where Habitat gets the money for building all of these houses. Well, some of it comes from their store, where they sell re-usable or donated home items. Think of it as the DI of the Lowe's and Home Depot world. That money goes directly into building homes. Of course, this money doesn't pay for the full building; the families have to put in money or show that they can pay for some of their new homes. Their putting in money gives them a feeling that they aren't just receiving their homes – they are earning them. The labor that the families put in to actually constructing the homes increases this feeling.

Nine students and two adults attended the service learning project. We started off with the idea that we would be stuffing stockings for families working with Habitat, but when we arrived at the store, we didn't see any stockings. Instead, we saw glitter, light bulbs, candy, and paint. The project had changed. We were surprised, but no one complained because we were there to help in any way that we could. Instead of stuffing stockings, we created ornaments and decorations by reusing light bulbs. (Cool idea, huh?)

Looking around the room, you could see the joy and happiness on all the students' faces. They were highly creative, not to mention energetic. They produced many different ornaments: some glittery, some blue, some white, some with penguins, others with flowers, and a few with polka dots. All of the ornaments we made were given to Habitat families in the Salt Lake Valley to help decorate their homes.

Thanks, students and teachers, for your participation and volunteer work! It was our way of giving during the holiday season!

(Special thanks to Viviana, who arranged the outing and wrote the above article)

ACT Test Prep for 11th Grade Students

We are very pleased to offer you an outstanding test preparation opportunity. Higher Ground Learning (HGL), one of the premier test preparation organizations in Salt Lake City, will offer ACT prep classes at City Academy in February to help students be ready for the March 1 test date that all juniors will be taking. Please see the following link for more information. If you have an 11th grade student and did not receive a letter about the ACT from our counselor, please contact l.mcgrath@cityacademyslc.org.

Parents of Students with Disabilities

The Utah Parent Center will be offering another IEP class at Paradigm High School on January 20th (see details below). Please consider attending if you were unable to make the class held at City Academy in November.

Title: "The IEP Process"

When: January 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Paradigm High School, 11577 South 3600 West, South Jordan

Who: All charter school staff, parents, and students

RSVP: by January 15, 2011 to: Kathryn Vigil: 801.676.1018

Screamin' Daily Deals School Rewards Program

We are pleased to offer the Screamin Daily Deals School Rewards program to local schools. With our School Rewards program your school will earn 5% to 10% of our proceeds from each sale every time a member from your school purchases a deal from our site.

We are participating in a fundraiser which will give us a dollar per person who signs up. Please take a moment to sign up.

Directions

Go to <http://www.screamindailydeals.com/r/44U0XN2AFW>

Follow the prompts and be sure to choose City Academy as your primary school to support.

During the next 45 days we will get a dollar for every person that signs up...

The Fundraising Committee