

Looking Forward

August 21, 2022

From the Vice Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

It is amazing how quickly the summer has gone by and we find ourselves back in school! It has been wonderful to see all the shiny faces and happy smiles for these first 3 days. Most of those smiles may be from you, the parents, but there are a large number of students who are happy to be back too!

There have been a lot of changes that have taken place this summer with the new floors in the High School building, new teachers, many new students and families, new administration, and new policies. All of which points toward our school's growth and enhancement.

The Lord has been truly good to all of us by unnumbered blessings and the growth of His school. I saw a sign here recently that said "Fresh Start", and it has been my focus to see this year as a fresh start for all of us. I have even stated that it is a fresh start with all that we do to be positive. The administration and staff all want this year to be a positive experience for all, and are doing what we can to make that happen. I truly believe the Lord has us all where we are supposed to be and that He will help guide us through this "Fresh Start" and positive outlook.

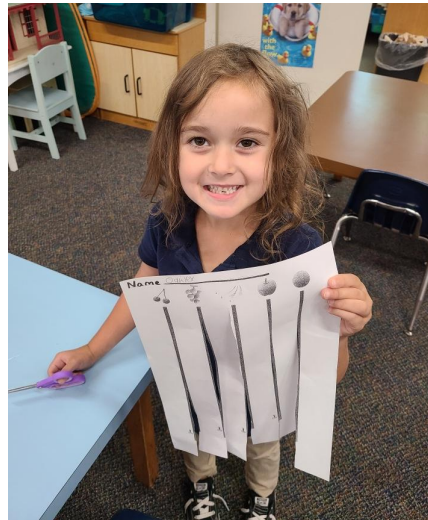
May the Lord bless us all and keep our school in the palm of His mighty hand as we work together for a wonderful school year!



Ollyce Gardner

Vice Principal, Registrar

Having some fun on the Frist Day of School!



In
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classroom
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7 Keys to a Successful Year

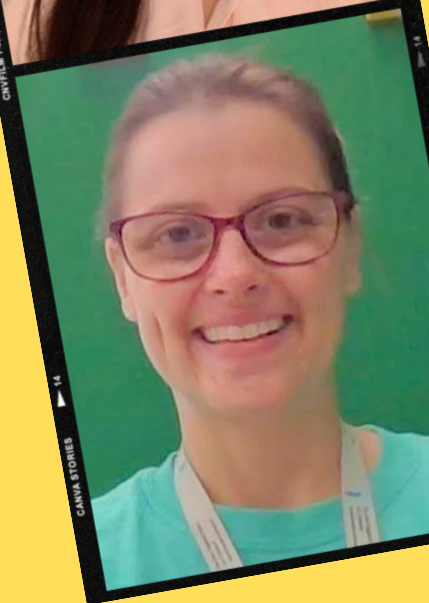
1. Sometimes it's about who you know, not what you know. Make time to know Jesus.
2. Try to do your best in all you do (Eccles. 9:10, Col. 3:3, 1 Cor. 10:31).
3. Your teachers are here to help. You can always go to them when you need to.
4. The world is full of distractions from what's important. Consider SLA an escape.
5. Be a friend to all and encouraging to those around you.
6. Never give up on yourself. After all, Jesus never gives up on us.
7. Jesus found you worth dying for. Don't underestimate your value, or that of others.

New Year, New Faces

New school years often come with new changes, and one of the most exciting changes that can happen is the new people we meet. While we certainly are glad to have a lot of our teachers back again this year, we're also happy to welcome a new vice principal, treasurer, pastor, administrative assistant, history teacher, 2nd grade teacher, and pre-school/pre-k aide.

Many people will recognize Mrs. Gardner (top left) right away, as she previously taught in the elementary school. She will now be our vice principal with Mrs. Cole-Altamirano (middle right) taking her place as 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Shaul (2nd on left) is our newest treasurer, Pastor Tom Nicholas (top right), Mr. Shelton (3rd left) is our newest administrative assistant and is taking over for Mrs. Ilana Cady. Mr. Bloom (bottom left) is our new history teacher.

Mrs. Renzi (bottom right) will be assisting Mrs. Girma in pre-school/pre-k as her new aide.



Upcoming Dates

- Aug 22: Elementary Summer Reading Due
- Sept 1: High School Add/Drop Period Ends
- Sept 5: Labor Day - NO School
- Sept 7: Open House 7-8pm



Founder's Corner



(Then)



[Now]

Not everybody realizes this, but South Lancaster Academy has been around for a long time (a lot longer than 1967 as is engraved on the high school cornerstone)! Actually, SLA was founded in 1882 by God's grace and will and led by an Adventist pioneer named Stephen Nelson Haskell (pictured above). Elder Haskell was extremely instrumental in not only founding SLA, but also the adjacent Atlantic Union College. In fact, you can still see the original SLA school building (now Founder's Hall) on the AUC campus.

*** More in the next issue.



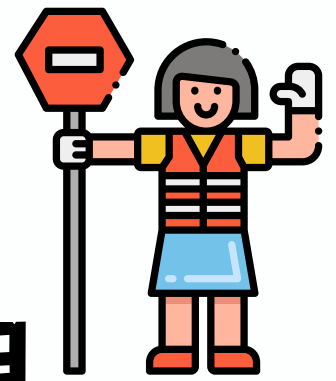
New Year, New Look

One of the first things you may notice this year is that our flooring has gotten quite the remodeling. Instead of the old, gray carpet tiles, we've opted for the much more modern-looking gray faux-wood motif. Complete with gray rubber trimming, instead of the old black trimming, this flooring transformation is durable, stylish, and... pretty cool! This new floor has helped to brighten up the place.

Special thanks to our friends at Adventist-run local business Creighton Floor Covering, who have been working tirelessly to finish this large undertaking so it can be ready just in time for school.

Pick Up & Drop Off

Elementary Building



Parents, please have your child's pick up numbers **VISIBLY DISPLAYED** when you get in line so the patrols know who to call. If the number is not visible it slows down the entire line.

If you do not have a copy, or need more copies of your child's pick up number, please stop by the elementary office for copies for yourself or anyone who will be picking your child up regularly.

Remember that dismissal begins at 3:15 Monday - Thursday and goes until 3:35, and begins at 12 noon on Friday until 12:20 pm.

***If your child does not get picked up on time, he or she will be sent to After School Care.

Academy Building

Academy doors do not open until 7:30am. Please do not drop your child off before 7:30 or they will remain locked out until then.

Traffic Flow

Remember that there are two lanes of traffic. The right lane is for drop off, and the left is for driving through.





Elementary Summer Reading

Your child's Summer Reading is due on Monday, August 22. Please help your child fill out the forms and bring them in so he or she get an ice cream sandwich on August 31st!

Vegan and Food Allergy/Sensitivity alternatives will be available. More info to follow on this.

***Forms can be found on the school site in the Student/Parents Tab > Parents > Files & Forms





Students have been doing such a great job getting and staying in uniform, even though many uniform orders still haven't come in. Thank you students and parents for doing such a great job with the uniforms despite all these shipping delays!

If you still haven't heard/read about this...

If uniform orders have not yet arrived, students can wear solid colored polos in Black, Gray, White, or Purple. Pants can be Black, Navy, or Khaki, but must be "uniform pants" and not cargo pants or leggings.

Fridays are "Crusader Fridays"

Students can wear jeans along with either a school polo or any Crusader Gear on top!



Our friends at the College Church
would like to invite you to a....

MOVIE NIGHT



Children's Ministry

DAVID LIVE WATCH PARTY!

Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. This
legendary Bible story is broadcasting live on Sight &
Sound TV. Join us for a family movie night on the
College Church lawn!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND 6:45PM @ THE COLLEGE CHURCH OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS - RAIN OR SHINE
(WILL BE HELD INDOORS IF IT RAINS)
337 MAIN ST. SOUTH LANCASTER, MA**

Register at www.wearecc.net

