



# looking forward

DEC. 17, 2021



## From the Vice Principal

And poof, we're at Christmas Break! I have no idea how we've gotten here so fast. There's no question that 2021 has been yet another year for the record books. Who ever thought we'd still be under COVID ruling so much of our lives? Yet, here we are, but God has still blessed us richly, and I'm so grateful!



My hunch is that for many of us, anxiety levels may be skyrocketing about now, perhaps dealing with the first holiday season without a loved one or stressing about finding the last items on the Christmas shopping list, decorating, concert preparations, baking, attending parties, and/or the dreaded task of wrapping all of those presents. Breathe! Break is only 1 1/2 days away. Whew! Be sure to set aside the stress and actually carve out some fun time for loved ones! So what if the gift aren't wrapped with perfect corners and stunningly curled ribbons or the cookies are a little extra crunchy! Christmas is about sharing love and laughter together! Besides, let's be honest. Some of the best memories are of tipping Christmas trees and smoke alarm Christmas dinners, right?

Jesus left Heaven to bring peace, love, joy, and most importantly, salvation to all. Don't get caught up in the stress and miss out on the Reason for the Season. In the Garden of Eden - the Promise was given; in the Manger - Hope was born; at the Resurrection - Assurance was gifted. Be wrapped up in those, not the hustle and bustle stress or loneliness of Christmas.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and we'll see you back on Monday, January 3 to close out the first semester of this school year! Let's finish strong!

Blessings,

*Ginnie Hakes*



## Upcoming Dates



- December 17- Lessons & Carols 7 pm
- December 21- Half day for all, start of Christmas Break
- January 3- School Resumes
- January 4- Ski Program Begins
- January 7- End of 2nd Q & First Semester
- January 10-21- MAPS Testing
- January 17- MLK Day No School
- January 20- SLA Board Meeting



SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS:

# Calling All Angels Lessons and Carols

GRADES P-6

GRADES 7-12

COLLEGE CHURCH

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DECEMBER 10, 7PM

DECEMBER 17, 7PM

## GRADES 7-12

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

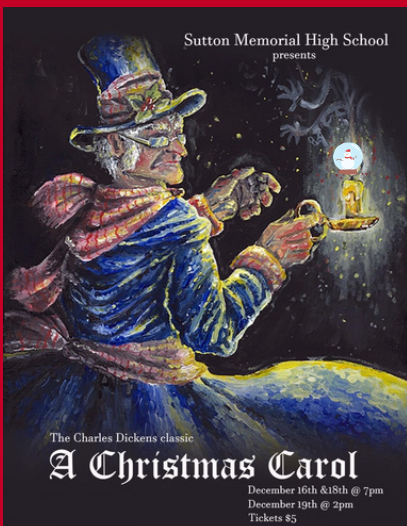
COLLEGE CHURCH 7 PM

### Concert Attire:

- 7th & 8th Grade Girls: Sabbath dresses/skirts - no slacks
- 7th & 8th Grade Boys: Sabbath attire, slacks, button down shirts with ties, sweaters or jackets (no jeans)
- SLA Choir Ladies: Long Black with a touch of red - no slacks
- SLA Choir and Bell Men: Sabbath attire, slacks, button down shirts with ties, sweaters or jackets (no jeans or sneakers)
- Vocé and SLA Bells: Concert attire

### Warm up & Tuning Times:

- Voce/SLA Choir 5:30 pm
- 8th grade 6:00 pm
- SLA Bells 6:15 pm
- SLA Band 6:30 pm
- 7th grade 6:45 pm



## Help Give the Vega Family Christmas



Our former Student Inigo Vega is suffering from cancer and the Women's Ministry at College Church is raising money to help give their family a wonderful Christmas.

"The College Church is sponsoring the Vega family this year. We are collecting monetary donations and would like to open it up to the SLA community as well. They have experienced a lot of emotional and financial strain during this difficult time. If you would like to donate you can go to the College church website ([wearecc.net](http://wearecc.net)) and there is a giving section - just mark it as other - WM Christmas family. Thanks in advance for joining us in this endeavor. Kari Radford"

## Student Spotlight

This week we are getting to know

brothers: Matheus (12) & Benjamin (K)

Q:What is your favorite food?

M: Any type of pizza: sicilian, brazilian, chicago, new york, etc.

B: Fruits and vegetables

Q:What's your favorite SLA memory?

M: Messing around with friends and pulling all nighters doing projects

B: Playing on the playground

Q:Who is your favorite Bible character?

M: Moses since his story is pretty fascinating

B: Jesus

Q:What do you want to be when you grow up?

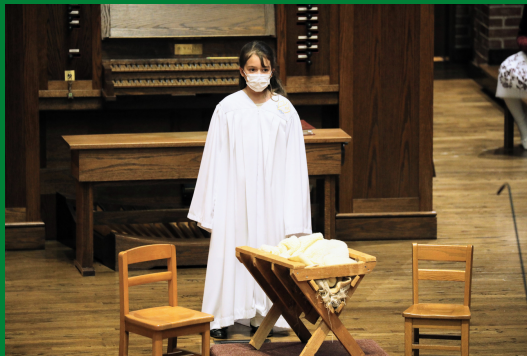
M: A filmmaker of some sort

B: A Doctor to care for everyone in the world





# Snapshots of the happenings at SLA







How many Snowglobes can you find?

Email or come by and see Ms. ilana if you think you have the correct number & get a prize! [icady@mysla.org](mailto:icady@mysla.org)



First Graders celebrated Christmas by having a class party & parent!

# SPIRIT DAY

We invite grades P-8 to show us your Christmas spirit! Be creative!!! Remember, however, to stay within our principles of decency and modesty. If you feel that you cannot cooperate with these requirements, the school uniform is your best choice.



Thank you,  
Mrs. Larsen & the 4th Grade Class

## IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED!! TORNADO TRAGEDIES

Due to the recent devastation in the Midwest/south, the 4th grade class will be taking donations for children who have lost everything. We will be sending these care packages to a local Kentucky doctor who is on the frontlines right now, treating their wounds and bringing them cheer. Please help us to share a little bit of Christmas with these children in their season of loss.

Deadline: Monday, December 20, 2021

Drop-off place: SLA Elementary lobby or the 4th Grade Classroom

The following are a few ideas that you may donate, but anything light and easily mailed will be welcomed..(No liquids please)

- New Clothing: socks, underwear, pajamas, shirts
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, band aids
- Small toy/gift
- Flashlights
- Coloring book/books



## FREE PIANO LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME



This piano is ready to go to a good home, for free. You only need to pay the moving fees. Piano is in okay condition, great for young students. Needs to be tuned.

Donate a book  
Change a life


### BOOKS FOR UGANDA

NOVEMBER 15-JANUARY 8

BRING IN YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS OF ALL KINDS:

- FICTION
- NONFICTION
- CHRISTIAN
- STORY BOOKS
- BOOKS FOR ALL AGES

COLLECTION BINS LOCATED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LOBBY



**COATS FOR KIDS**  
South Lancaster Academy

Donate coats to cold kids in need! Drop them off in the boxes in the high school and elementary lobbies.



**FINAL DAY TO DONATE IS DECEMBER 21ST!!**

Organized by the National Honor Society at SLA

