



Looking Forward

February 9, 2024

From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

Did you miss us last week or did you even notice? Mrs. Gardner and I had the privilege of attending an education leadership summit in the Dominican Republic last week. Yep, we were in the DR while you had 7 inches of snow on Monday! I'd like to say that we were thinking of you shoveling while we were on the beach, but it's hard to think about snow when you're standing on sand! Ok, I've rubbed it in enough! It was a great summit sponsored by the Atlantic Union for all of the Union's education leaders and it was very informative.

We're starting to approach that busy time of the school year where you blink and it's graduation. Keep in mind, when we open enrollment for next year, we will have classes that will max out, so please take advantage of early enrollment so that you don't lose your spot.

One week to winter break! Have a lovely Sabbath!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

David Branum
Principal



Last Monday's snow has lingered and students have had a great time building snowmen and sledding!

Upcoming Dates

- Feb 11 - ACT Testing
- Feb 14 - Elem Spirit Day, Celebrate the Heart
- Feb 19-23 - Presidents Day & Winter Break - NO School
- Feb 29 - Constituency Meeting 7 pm
- March 2 - Children's Church
- March 10 - Robotics Competition
- March 10 - SAT Testing
- March 11 - Teacher In-service - NO School
- March 14 - Experience SLA
- March 14 - Science Fair
- March 15 - Visitation/Step Up Day

HAPPY
Valentines
DAY





Basketball Jersey Still Missing!



Ski Club



Several weeks ago, a girl's basketball jersey was lost on the bleachers in the gym during an evening of boys' basketball games. The jersey was no longer there at the end of the games. It is reversible - purple on one side, and white on the other, and has the number 23 on it. If you have it, or know where it is, please return it, as one of the players ability to play is not guaranteed on a game to game basis until she gets her jersey back. Thank you.



Snow Days



PARENT ALERT is a mass notification system consisting of text messaging, voice calls and email. It is designed to send messages to thousands of individuals in minutes. In cases of emergencies, Parent Alert provides instantaneous communication to the school community. It is very important that you keep your information updated at the school. **Please do not call the teachers, administrators or staff.**

In bad weather when it is unsafe to drive to school, parents can expect teachers to conduct class remotely and/or provide "blizzard packs." Communication is very important to keep learning uninterrupted.

Please be aware that "Snow Days" are automatic "Remote Days," and are Half Days. All grades, will meet virtually whenever weather prevents safe travel to school and a snow day is called. If a delayed start is called, then Preschool and PreK students will have no school.

Teachers will be in contact with you regarding the details of blizzard packs, and virtual meeting times and links when a snow day is called.



Kindergarten and 7th Grade Reading Partners



Kindergarten and 7th grader try to meet up to read together on Fridays. Although they don't get together every Friday, they always have a good time when they do.



LOST & FOUND



Lost hoodies, sweaters and winter coats are filling our Lost and Found racks! Please stop by and look through the Lost and Found collections.

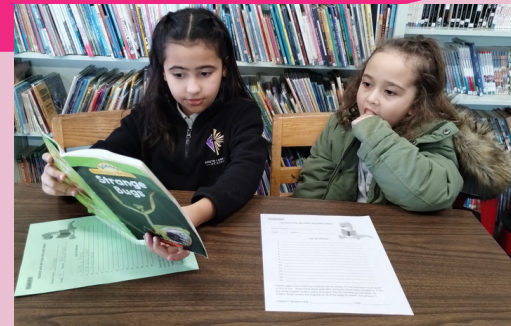
Elementary Lost & Found is in the hallway to the right, by the library and bathrooms.

High School Lost & Found is just up the stairs to the right.

Please LABEL SCHOOL SWEATERS! Items that are not labeled might get taken by someone else, as nobody has any way of knowing who the rightful owner may be. If items are labeled, they can easily be returned to their rightful owners. **Names can be written on the labels inside the left hip, on the inside of the logo, or along the red and white stripes at the neck.**



4th and 1st Grade Reading Partners



Sports News



- **Crusader Gear Available for Sale**

- \$15 Shirts, sizes: Youth Small - Adult Large
- \$15 Crusader Beanies
- **Wear Crusaders' Gear to home games and get in for a discounted rate!**
- Support the Crusaders in style!

- **SLA Athletics Instagram Page**

- Stay up to date with clips and stats on the SLA Athletics Instagram Page:

[@sla.athletics](https://www.instagram.com/sla.athletics)



- Basketball games are coming to an end soon, but the boys volleyball season is just around the corner! Stay up to date with all the game schedules on Arbiter Live. Find game dates, times, locations, and records of wins/losses on **Arbiter Live:**

[https://arbiterlive.com/Teams?](https://arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=21380)

[entityId=21380](https://arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=21380)



- **Players, be sure to stay on top of your grades so you can continue participating with your team!**

Student Athletes are not allowed to play games if good grades are not maintained.



SLA Media



- Where you can watch and read all the latest SLA News!

- This site has the latest high school news that is written, filmed, and edited by mostly the high school students!

- <https://mysla.media/>

- **Gym Doors Open**

- Watch Gym Doors Open - Senior, Valeria's reality TV series! **The second episode is here:**

- <https://mysla.media/2024/01/23/gym-doors-open-episode-2-drops-during-chapel/>





SWAU Texas Basketball Tournament



The varsity basketball teams have returned from Texas, where they played in the Southwestern Adventist University Hoops Classic Basketball Tournament. The boys won 3rd place in the small school division, and the girls won 1st place in the small school division! William Fernandes was the boys MVP, and Karleigh Collins was the girls MVP.

The students and staff in the high school building celebrated these accomplishments on Thursday with a [slideshow of the tournament photos](#) and donuts for everyone! What a sweet victory! Congratulations SLA Crusaders!



If you missed watching the tournament games live, you can still watch them on the SWAU YouTube Page: [SouthwesternAU Athletics - Official - YouTube](#)



Some of the games also streamed on the Southwestern Adventist University channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SouthwesternAU/streams>



Another Victory for the Girls!

SLA's Grades 4-6 Basketball Team won against Athol in an away game this past Sunday, January 21. Congratulations girls!



Karleigh Collins Scores 1,000 Points!



Last Wednesday, on January 31st, Karleigh scored her 1000th career point during the SLA's varsity game against Trivium! She is only the 4th player in SLA history that has reached this milestone, and only the second female player to do so - and it's only her Junior year! Congratulations Karleigh!!!



Eighth Grade Fundraiser



Help the 8th grade class fund their Class Trip to Washington DC!

Buy a Handmade Crochet Octopus Keychain for sale by the 8th grade class. \$6 each.

Availability is limited, and they are being sold on a first come first served basis.



\$6 each

8th Grade Class Fundraiser

CROCHET KEYCHAINS

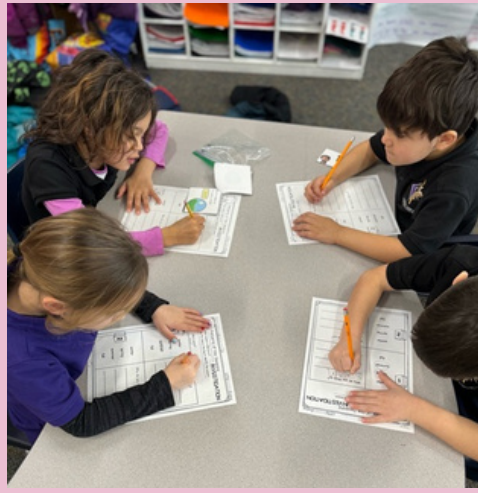
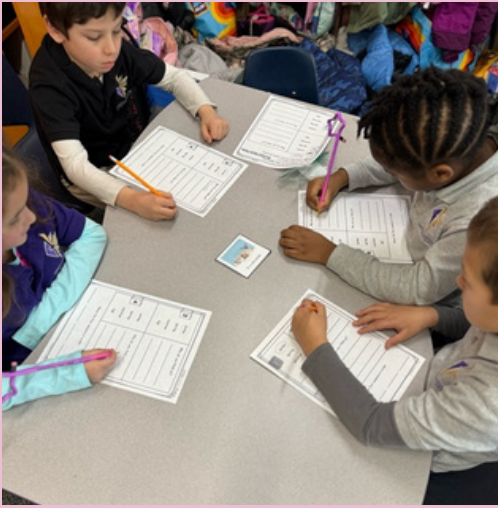


Handmade by Damarie Olivera, in a variety of colors. Quantities are limited, and sales will be on a first come, first served basis.

\$6 per Octopus Keychain

The Long Aaa Sound

The 1st grade class was learning about the Long A Sound this week.



Sick? Stay Home!

If your child is exhibiting illness symptoms **PLEASE KEEP HIM/HER HOME.**

If your child has a fever/vomiting/diarrhea, he/she cannot return to school until 24 hours have passed **without a fever/vomiting/diarrhea (without the aid of medication)**. Your cooperation helps keep kids and teachers healthy.

We would like to thank all the parents that are complying with the illness guidelines in order to make our campus safe. Please continue to monitor your child if he/she shows signs of illness (runny nose, cough, fever, etc.)



Absences and Tardies

Phone calls **DO NOT** count towards excusing a tardy or absence, the excuse must be in writing, thank you.

Please Email:

Elementary & High School:

dargueta@mysla.org



Kindergarten is Too Cool on 2-2

On February 2, Kindergarten celebrated with tutus and ties. Don't they all look so fancy?!



Dress Warmly!!!

Elementary parents, please send your child to school with sufficiently warm clothing. Children go outside for recess unless it's raining or the temperature or wind chill is 20 degrees or lower.



What's for Lunch?

- Monday - Vegetarian Hotdogs
- Tuesday - Cheese Pizza
- Wednesday - Pasta with Sauce
- Thursday - Cheese Pizza
- Friday
 - 2 Cheese Empanadas
 - OR 2 Pizza Empanadas



CHRISTON CARNEY
FEBRUARY 10, 2024 | 7PM
TENOR

SEASON 3 2023-2024

FREE CONCERT SERIES COLLEGE CHURCH

Tomorrow

Free Concert Series

This Saturday at the College Church, come to hear tenor Christon Carney and pianist Leonardo Ciampa perform "Langston Hughes: a Musical Inspiration," featuring works by Price, Bonds, Ciampa, Weill and more! This Saturday at 7pm.



KINGDOM VOICE & MUSIC AND COLLEGE CHURCH PRESENT:
 A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

COURAGE TO PERSEVERE

FEBRUARY 17 5:30 PM
 College Church
 337 Main St. South Lancaster MA

KIROSHA

LOIS DWIRA

UNITY CHOIR **KING'S KIDS** **K.V.O.G.**

JASPER

ART SHOW	CONCERT	FOOD TASTING
5:30 PM Featuring Local Artists/ Children	6:00 PM Featuring Music, Dance Theater and Spoken Word	7:30 PM A Delicious Cultural Food Tasting

KINGDOM VOICE & MUSIC
 CREATE • CONNECT • CONTRIBUTE

COLLEGE CHURCH
 — of Seventh-day Adventists —

NEXT WEEK