



Looking Forward

January 27, 2023

From the Vice Principal

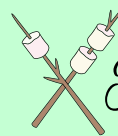
Dear SLA Family,

Last Sabbath, I was driving to church and my breath was taken away with the beauty of the snow storm we had just had on Friday. The way the trees and bushes were covered with the snow along with the clean look of the snow - it was just beautiful. I told my family that it felt like I was in one of the winter scenes from a calendar.

Looking at the beauty of it all, I began to think about how out of what was a storm that caused many issues driving, power outages, and other unknown problems on the other side there is beauty. There is the clean white snow. This of course reminded me of the hymn "Whiter than Snow" and of the verse "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow..." Isaiah 1:18. It is a true blessing that we have Christ in our lives. So that no matter what mess the storms of life throw at us, with Christ, He can take that mess and bring beauty.

Have a blessed weekend and take time to enjoy the beauty and blessings of God through His creation!

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar



Friday Night Lights



Calling all high school students! Come join us at SLA from 7-9pm TONIGHT! Veggie hot dogs and smores are provided. When the weather is good everyone meets outside by the shop. If the weather is bad everyone meets inside the SLA Chapel.



Upcoming Dates

Feb 7 - Junior's ASVAB Test

Feb 12 - ACT Exam

Feb 20-24 - President's Day & Winter Break - NO School

March 1 - Constituency Meeting

March 12 - SAT Exam 7:00 am

March 13 - Teacher In-service NO School

March 24 - End of 3rd Quarter

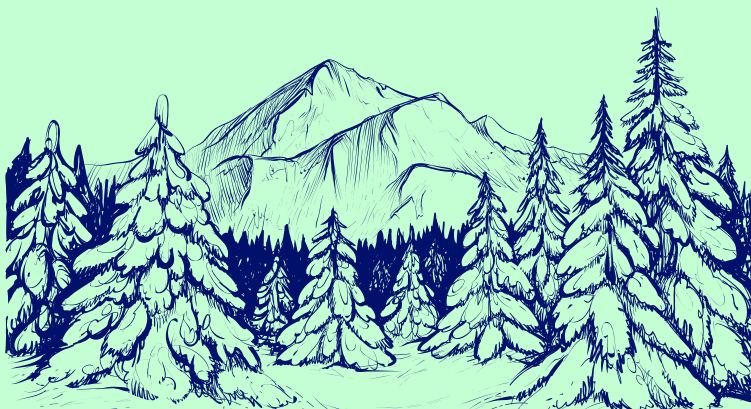
March 29 - History Fair

March 29 - Experience SLA

March 30 - Visit SLA - Half Day of School

March 31 - Elem Spirit Day - Hat Day

April 5 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Half Day



Snow Time Fun!

Freshly fallen snow always makes recess more fun!



Snow Days

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

If we call a remote snow day, a delay, or early release, you **WILL** get a triple PARENT ALERT (text, email, and phone call)!!!

If you do not receive this triple Parent Alert, then that means school is going on as usual, or the decision is yet to be made, or your contact information with the school needs to be updated.

"Snow Days" are automatic "Remote Days," and are Half Days.

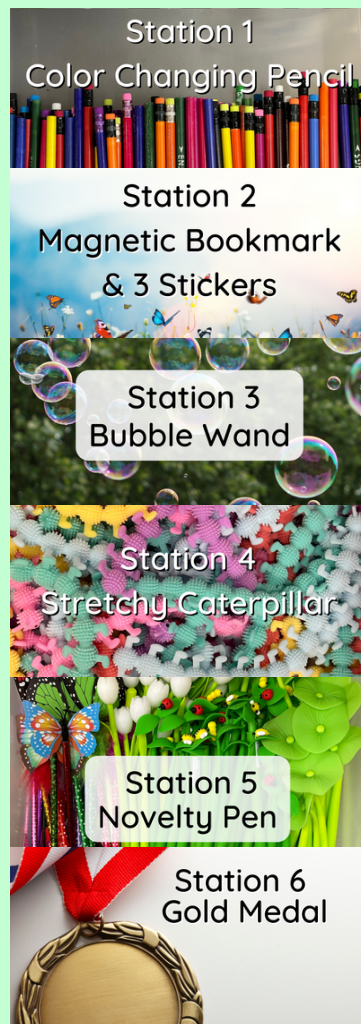
All grades, Preschool-12th grade, will Google Meet whenever weather prevents safe travel to school and a snow day is called. If a delayed start is called, Mrs. Girma's classroom will Google Meet that day. The teacher will be in contact with you regarding the details when such a situation arises.

Keep Reading!

Books and Beyond is fully underway! The elementary lobby is all ready for spring with its cheerful butterfly decorations and Books and Beyond bulletin board!

Encourage your child to read - and read with them! Every child has a marker that gets moved across the board as they proceed through the levels and earn prizes.

Mrs. Crand, our program coordinator and avid reader, dreams of the year when every student reaches Level 6 and earns a gold medal - could this be the year?



Playground Mural



Mrs. Iria, along with some high school students, have begun a mural project that will cover the wall at the far end of our playground! These butterfly wings are already brightening up the wall!



Agape Feast

Last Thursday, January 19, the high school had an Agape Feast with local pastors. An Agape Feast is a "love feast," or a meal of Christian fellowship that recalls Jesus' meals shared with his disciples during his ministry.

Pastor Tom said, "The Agape Feast was a special time for our students to gather and consider the sacrifice of Christ, to confess their sins to Jesus and receive forgiveness and cleansing. The Churches and Home & School provided soup, bread, hummus, grapes, grape juice, and dried fruit. The students and staff alike were blessed and look forward to doing it again in the future."



SLA Agape Feast 2023



A Special Thanks to churches:
Leominster English & Spanish
College
Lancaster Portuguese
Cross Walk
Village
SNEC Youth Department



SWAU Texas Basketball Tournament

The SLA Varsity Basketball teams arrived safely in Texas for the 27th Annual Hoops Classic at Southwestern Adventist University.

The teams left from SLA on Wednesday in the wee hours of the morning for the basketball tournament. All teams still play today and Saturday night, and you can watch the games live on You Tube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@swauknights/streams>

Both our girls and boys have been winning!



Congratulations boys!



Congratulations girls for winning yesterday's game!



Inigo's "Love is the Core" Cancer Journey

SLA has been following, sharing, and supporting Inigo's fight against medulloblastoma. Despite homeschooling since the start of the pandemic, Inigo will always be a part of our SLA Class of 2030 (currently in 5th Grade).

In the latest update to Inigo's Go Fund Me page on **Jan 12th**, his father wrote the following:

"Inigo was gifted by a friend the opportunity to go to a Boston Celtics game. It was his first game... Thank you, Patrick Burns! Patrick is Natalia's dad, one of Inigo's school buddies [an SLA student]. Since last summer, they'll swing by the house every once in a while to say hi to Inigo when they heard that he was home from the hospital. Our interactions only last for a couple of minutes and it's usually out on the front porch, but Inigo has been so happy to know that his school friends care about what he's going through. It's been a blessing for him every time one of them stops by. As we said, interactions only last for a couple of words or a wave out of the window, but it's meant a lot to him.

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We are so thankful that the people that support us are people that believe in loving others, truly loving people. We definitely feel the love in your actions, we have seen it and lived it in a tangible way. You are our family and we are thankful for you. There is a Proverb that says "Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God to him". You have all been the hand of God to us and we love you."

Inigo's shirt campaign is still going on if you'd like to be a part of their story and show support for Inigo: <https://www.bonfire.com/inigos-posse/>

Whether donating or not, to read more about Inigo's story and get updates, please visit Inigo's Go Fund Me: <https://gofund.me/83f0e17c>

Special Chapel with Dr. Bradley Booth

Last Wednesday, Dr. Bradley Booth, teacher, pastor, author and missionary joined grades 4-8 on Friday for a joint chapel where he told us an exciting true account from the mission field. Dr. Booth has been a missionary to several places including West Africa and Russia but he reminded us that we each have a mission field around us.

Dr. Booth is currently is a pastor in Rochester, Minnesota. In his free time he writes. He has written more than 30 Christian books such as Prince of Dreams, the God said it series and the What If junior devotional, some of which are being read in our SLA classrooms. After the chapel Dr. Booth stayed by to sign autographs and talk with the children. If you haven't gotten to read one of his books, check them out, they are online and at the Adventist Book Store.

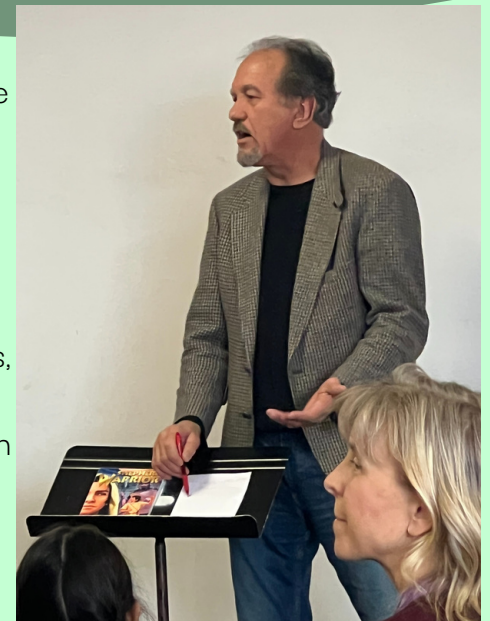
Story by Mrs. Heidi Larsen



Inigo's Posse



When students/parents purchase shirts, the shirts are sent out in batches every 10 days.



Honor Roll



Congratulations to SLA's hardest working students who have made it on the Honor Roll! Keep up the good work!

GRADES 5-8 HONOR ROLL SECOND QUARTER 2022-2023

Highest Honors (3.90-4.00)	High Honors (3.75-3.89)	Honors (3.50-3.74)
Victoria Creitz	Timiyah Brahmia	Ayn Mapinduzi
Kate Hodson	Abby Deras	Elijah Blackwell
Lianna Ruiz	Liam Manasseh	Hadassah Oliveira
Lindsay Chestaro	Emi Plowden	Maya Rodriguez
Moira Shaul	Leyah Ramos	Nomar De Leon
Edward Silva	Lydia Chen	Isaac Gouveia
Eliel Vilfranc	Annabel Argueta	Jurnee Alce
Luci Lopez	Lili Lopez	Sofia Milliron
Tomas Domicillo	Angie Leclair	Bartholomew Domicillo
Chasya Wilson	Braden McLaughlin	Danisha Velez
Jabez Altamirano		Andrew Mziray
Ellen Andreu		Samantha Wailgum
Rayanne MacMillan		Johanna Durandis
Daniel Milagre		Nyla Decene
		Jaxiel Lopez
		Janiyah Jacques
		Heloisa Reis

GRADES 9-12 HONOR ROLL FIRST SEMESTER 2022-2023

Highest Honors (3.90-4.00)	High Honors (3.75-3.89)	Honors (3.50-3.74)
Anya Neidigh	Beatriz Martins	Samuel De Oliveira
Brianna Roldan	Alana Seymour	Julie Kuquer
Camilla Moraes	Maya Thomas	Daisha Gottke
Tristan Cedeno	Isabella Brito	Jhennifer Martins
Loy Blackwell	Maya Williams	Sophia Hough
Juwan Koh	Kelsey Shuris	Gabriella Lawrence
Dion Suh	Lara Olm	Junia Alce
Kaylee Mustard		Andrea Baldwin
Grace Bravo		Emily Martins
Natalie Shuris		Lorenzo Ruiz
Nathaniel Dieujuste		Arthur Martins
Amalia Hough		Makayla Lawrence
Miguel Martins		Nikolas Mukulukuso
Valeria Mayer		Brianna Small
Julia Moraes		Jasmin DaSilva
Shaily Perez		Aidan Milliron
Sehoon Lee		Ariana Roldan
Damon Loss		Daniel Cabral
Luke Hodson		Scarlett Hernandez
Nathan Neidigh		
Mia Rodriguez		
Gabe Silva		
Brandon Small		
Jin Yoo		
Mia DeMartino		
Ashly Perez		
Matthew Seymour		

Dear Parents/Guardians of our Grades 5-12 Students,

Next week we will be presenting our SOS program to your students. We have used this program now for the past three years and have found it to be very informative for our students and has helped us to identify those students who are having mental difficulties regarding depression and low self-worth. Part of this process is the involvement of you the parent, should we identify your child as possibly having these type of issues. How we identify is a simple questionnaire that students complete after watching and discussing some SOS materials. If we need to contact you, we will do so the week of February 6.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to reach out to me and I'd be happy to answer your questions.

Be Blessed and Encouraged,
David Branum, Principal



Walk-a-thon Update

The iPads are nearly ready! They should be going into the cart and be ready for use by the elementary students by next week!



While Mrs. Velez has been getting the iPads ready, Mr. Branum has been doing research on which playground structure we should get to replace the current wooden structure that we have!



Lost & Found

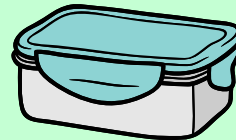


Our Lost & Found Collections are getting full of:

- Sweaters of all sorts
- Shirts
- Shorts
- Lunch box & backpack
- Water bottles
- Hats & Gloves



If your child is missing anything, please stop by and look at our collection. **Things that do not get claimed are eventually discarded/donated, and there's a lot of stuff here!**



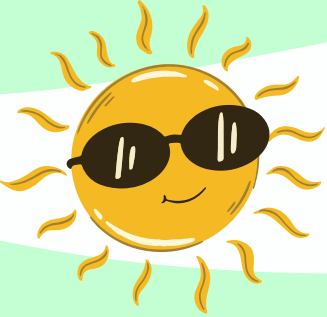
Sledding on Dexter Drumlin



This Tuesday, in celebration of the freshly fallen snow from Monday, the 6th grade class had a sledding field trip across the street at Dexter Drumlin!

Luckily, since the snow was more sticky that slippery on Tuesday, not a single student ended up anywhere near the little creek at the bottom of the mountain. It was a great morning of sledding, laughter, and fun for the 6th grade!





Camp Sunrise Planning for the Summer



Sarah Nicholas, the wife of Pastor Tom Nicholas our Religion teacher, is the new Camp Sunrise Director! Marisol Gracia will be here for two weeks at the beginning of camp to show Sarah the ropes and ensure that there is a smooth transition between leadership.

Sarah has been working with youth for many years through SNEC. She is the mother of three children, and her greatest joy in life is to connect kids with Christ. Sarah has a degree in Business Administration, has worked as a substitute teacher, Children's Ministry Coordinator in Oregon, and the Spanish Coordinator of a new church in Oregon as well. Sarah has also homeschooled her children, and been a full-time mom throughout all of this.

Pastor Tom Nicholas, Sarah's husband, is the new Assistant Director. He is also the Chaplain and Religion Teacher for SLA. Both Pastor Tom and Sarah are excited to run the camp this summer and are looking forward to helping our youth

learn more about God's love through Camp Sunrise.

When you begin making plans for your summer - keep Camp Sunrise in mind for your 5-12 year-olds. High school students can volunteer for a week at camp and earn their required hours of Community Service as well!

[Learn more about camp on our school website! Click HERE!](#)



Camp Sunrise is...

A Christian summer day camp serving the Greater Lancaster area. We provide a safe place for youth, ages 5-12, to have fun, make new friends and learn more about Jesus. Activities include interactive worships, fun indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts, swimming, field trips, and much more!



Dates

- Week 1: June 19-23
- Week 2: June 26-30
- Week 3: July 3-7 (*closed July 4)
- Week 4: July 10-14
- Week 5: July 17-21
- Week 6: July 24-28



Price

\$188 per week, per child.
* Week 3 is discounted.



Location

SLA Chapel
198 George Hill Rd.
S. Lancaster, MA 01523
Director: Sarah Nicholas



Call/Text: 541-671-0401 • Email: campsonrise@mysla.org
sign up: www.mysla.org/campsonrise

SPECIAL IL VOCE
VALENTINE
CELEBRATION

*Romantic
Dinner*

February 11 | 6pm | \$30.00 per person
The Leominster SDA Church

Fundraiser for Il Voce trip to Texas,
free Babysitting ages 4-10, RSVP by Feb. 6th
Contact lcady@mysla.org for tickets

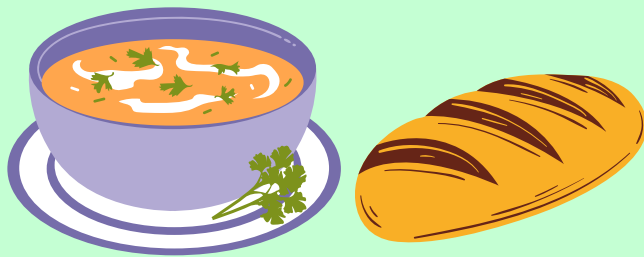
Robotics Fundraising

Sunday !!

Support the SLA Robotics Team! Good food for a good cause!

Panera Fundraiser

- Sunday, January 29, from 4-8 pm
- Bring a copy of this flyer with you when you eat at the Leominster Panera.
- Use code: **FUND4U**



Donut Fundraiser

- Fundraiser ends **February 3**. No orders will be accepted past this date.
- Only glazed donuts will be sold. 1 dozen for \$12. All profits will be towards the Robotic clubs.
- Cash or Check payable to SLA will be accepted
- Drop off date is February 14. (This is the day the donuts will be dropped off at SLA for delivery)
- If you don't know a student in Robotics you can still place an order at either one of the school offices.

Panera FUNDRAISING

Help support us!

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY ROBOTICS CLUB

January 29, 2023
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT
100 Commercial Road

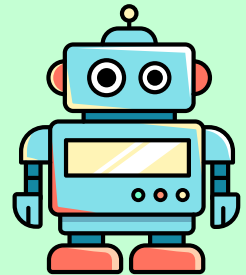
Use code **FUND4U** at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

20% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code **FUND4U** at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.**

Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

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 *Gift card and catering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: <http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-conditions>. **Services vary by cafe.



South Lancaster Academy Robotics Club



Let's Raise Some Dough!

Presale \$12.00 per box of a dozen original glazed donuts

Payment is due at the time of order

Waitlist

Contact Mrs. Flores to get on the list

SLA SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

VIOLIN LESSONS TAUGHT ON CAMPUS

There are a few new student openings starting next week! Contact Mrs. Flores soon to reserve your spot.

TEACHER: ARIELLE CADY FLORES

WHEN: SCHOOL HOURS AND AFTER SCHOOL*

COST: \$30 PER HALF HOUR

Contact Arielle at acadyflores@gmail.com for more information!
*Time arranged with homeroom teacher.

A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

COURAGE TO SING

FEBRUARY 11
6:00 PM

College Church
337 Main St. South Lancaster MA



RENESE KING



KIROSHA SIDELCA



HUNTE FAMILY



KINGS KIDS

Worcester Unity Choir & Local Community Choir

ART SHOW

5:30 PM
Featuring Local Artist/ Children

CONCERT

6:00 PM
Featuring Music, Dance and Spoken Word

FOOD TASTING

7:30 PM
A delicious Cultural Food Tasting



KIROSHA
Voice & Music
The Voice Makes a Difference



COLLEGE CHURCH
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Crusader Beanies available for sale now. Show your support for SLA Crusaders while keeping your head warm!



Sports Schedules

To see the always up-to-date Athletics Calendar go to Arbiter Live:

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=21380>



For Schedules for Grade 4-8 Basketball Games, please use the following site instead:
<https://www.cmybl.org/launch.php>