



Looking Forward

January 12, 2024

From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday. For me, it was going down to my daughter and her husband's new house they just bought and helped them with repairs and touch up for a week. My reward for giving them my time, they gave me their COVID. Yep, I finally succumbed!

Which brings me to my next point. Please make sure everyone is doing their part in sanitizing, staying home when sick, using your elbow to cover your face when sneezing or coughing, and using a mask when necessary. This COVID strain, while not as intense as those in the past, spreads more rapidly. So, please take the necessary precautions and we'll all stay as healthy as possible.

Lastly, we have now completed the first semester, half the year is gone! Hopefully, your child has done well and if not as well as hoped, we all take a look at how we can work together to help your child achieve the most success as possible for the second semester.

Thank you for a great first semester and we're looking forward to the second half! Have a wonderful Sabbath and a long weekend!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

David Branum
Principal



Fourth Graders excited about Snow Flurries

Upcoming Dates

Jan 12 - End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

Jan 13 - Children's Church at SLA

Jan 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO School

Jan 16 - Books & Beyond Begins

Jan 22 - Feb 2 - MAP Testing

Jan 24-28 Texas Basketball Tournament

Jan 26 - Elem Sports Spirit Day

Feb 9 - Black Heritage Assembly

Feb 11 - ACT Testing

Feb 14 - Elem Spirit Day, Celebrate the Heart

Ski Club

It was a cold and snowy day for the first day of Ski Club this year! Some may argue that it was perfect ski weather, and the kids had a blast!

A pair of Apple headphones was found in a bus seat after this trip. There is glitter on the volume portion of the headphones. If they're yours, please stop by the elementary office to claim them.



Snow Days

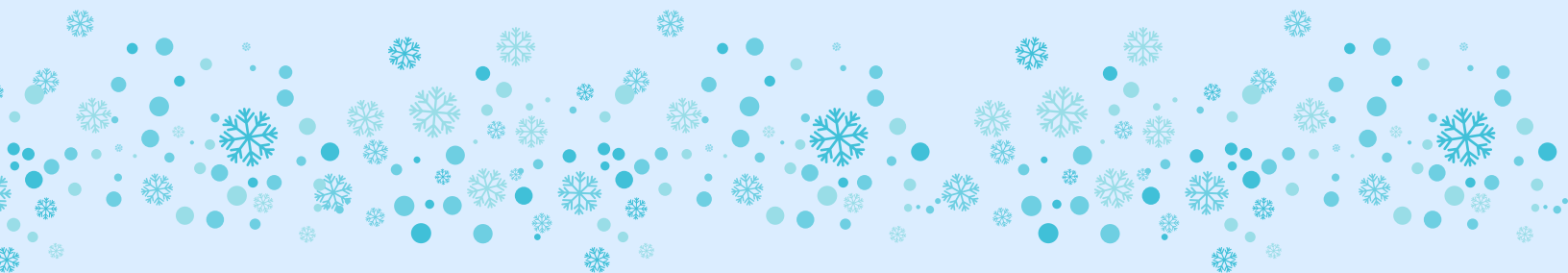
PARENT ALERT is a mass notification system consisting of text messaging, voice calls and email. It is designed to send messages to thousands of individuals in minutes. In cases of emergencies, Parent Alert provides instantaneous communication to the school community. It is very important that you keep 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.



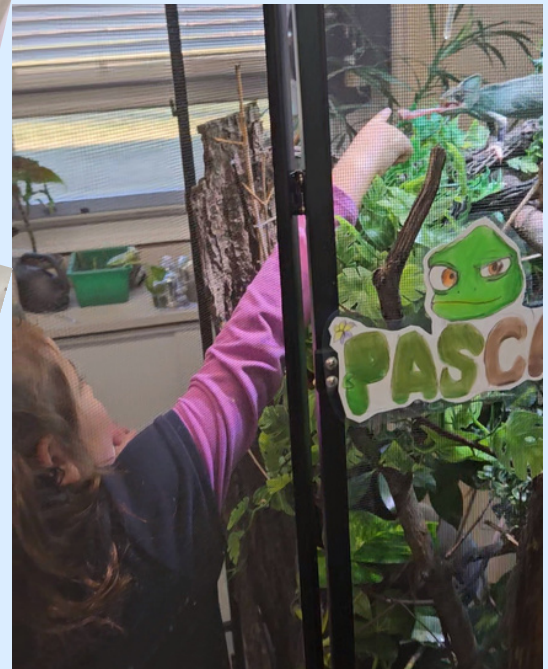
Snow Much Fun!



Gecko Eggs!



All three of Mr. Bissell's geckos are going to be parents! Mommies, Heihei and Lilo laid eggs last week, and Stitch is the proud dad. The eggs are expected to hatch sometime in March or April. Mr. Bissell has found 6 eggs in the enclosures so far and put them inside the incubator, but he suspects there may be a couple more eggs still hidden in the mommies' cages.



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.



Trip to the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary

Yesterday, on Thursday, January 11, the 3rd and 4th grade classes went on a field trip to the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary. They learned about birds and made bird feeders to take home and hang on a tree.



Children's Church Tomorrow!

S.L.A. presents Children's Church - Who was Jesus?

When: January 13th, 2024, 3-5 pm

Where: S.L.A. Chapel

Enjoy an interactive service where we will dive into who Jesus was as a baby, a child, and an adult. Games, crafts, and a light supper will be included!



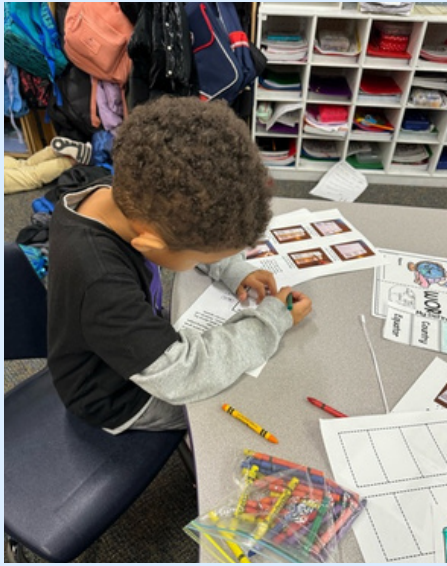
Ms. Renzi and her squad of high school helpers are busily preparing for it already! **If your elementary child would like to help lead out in song service at this next Children's Church, please let Ms. Renzi know at: nrenzi@mysla.org and fill out and return a permission slip to the elementary office.**

Christmas Break Renovations

Over Christmas Break, the floors in the PreK and Kindergarten rooms were replaced. Karl and student workers moved furniture out of the classrooms at the start of break. Next, the hard workers from Creighton Floor Covering removed the carpets, scraped and sanded the glue gunk off the concrete, sealed the concrete, then installed the new flooring. One of the main workers got sick over the break, so things got a little delayed, and the floor for the Kindergarten class didn't get finished until after everyone else returned to school.



First Grade's Parts of the World Project



Hot Lunch Change!



NEW MEAL!!! The people have voted and the results are in! Grilled Cheese Sandwiches will NOT be available on Wednesdays anymore. The new option for Wednesdays will be Pasta with Marinara Sauce, with a snack and water.

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



Sports News

Basketball Season is Here!!!



- **Crusader Gear Available for Sale**


- \$15 per shirt
- Sizes available: Youth Small - Adult Large
- **Wear Crusaders' Gear to home games and get in for a discounted rate!**
- Support the Crusaders in style!

- **Pre-Ordered "God Family Basketball" Hoodies HERE!**

- If you pre-ordered hoodies, please stop by the high school office to pick them up. **Payment is required at time of pick up.**
- If you missed out and would still like one, please **email** dargueta@mysla.org with sizes and quantities, and we can put in another order if there is enough demand.

- Games have begun! 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:

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- **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 debut episode is here:
- <https://mysla.media/2023/12/19/senior-valeria-mayer-premieres-her-reality-tv-series-gym-doors-open/> 



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

Yearbook Customizations!

If you would like to customize your yearbook, please fill out the form in Friday's email and return it with payment to the elementary and high school offices. You may also place your order on Jostens website.

Deadline is January 31st!

South Lancaster Academy
YEARBOOK ORDER FORM
ORDER BY:
01/31/2024
To purchase online, go to jostensyearbooks.com.

STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PACKAGE
YEARBOOK \$0.00

STEP 2: PERSONALIZE YOUR YEARBOOK FOR \$10.00
 NAME _____
(29 characters max.)

STEP 3: ADD ICONS* FOR \$6.00 EACH

STEP 4: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND TOTAL YOUR ORDER
Student Name: _____
Grade: _____

All South Lancaster Academy students receive a yearbook at the end of the year as part of tuition.
If you would like to personalize your yearbook cover with your name and choice of icons, please fill out this form and return it with payment to Mrs. Iria, or send this completed form with a check made payable to Jostens, PO Box 1935, North Falmouth, MA 02556.
Having your name on the cover is ideal if you happen to leave it on a table or if you hand your yearbook to someone for autographing.
Thank you, The Yearbook Staff



First graders celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with their lovely bulletin board!