



looking forward

JAN. 14, 2022

From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

I hope everyone had a relaxing Christmas break. I say this on one side of my face while at the same time knowing that a number of our families were dealing with COVID infections, which I'm sure was stressful. Sadly, our SLA family is not immune from COVID and one of our staff families lost their husband and father to COVID over break.

It's a solemn time we live in right now and being close to Jesus on a daily basis is one of the best ways I know to keep our sanity amongst the insanity. Let's make sure we are all doing our parts to keep our kids safe and ourselves safe until COVID finally stops dictating our lives.

Have a blessed Sabbath and a restful long weekend.

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

David Branum

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

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



Upcoming Dates

- January 17- MLK Day No School
- January 18- Books & Beyond Kick Off
- January 20- SLA Board Meeting
- January 22- Children's Church
- January 25-30- Texas Basketball Tournament
- January 27- Half Day
- January 31- Feb 4- 9-12 Student Week of Prayer

WELCOME, MRS. ARGUETA!



Hi! My name is Mrs. Argueta, and I'm so happy to be here as a part of SLA again. I'm a 1999 SLA graduate who loves being a part of this Lancaster community. I've been working from home as a handmade seller for the past 14 years and I've been teaching/leading out in the Kindergarten Sabbath School class at the College Church for the past 6 years. I've so enjoyed working with the children at the College Church that every time a position for administrative assistant at SLA has opened up I've wanted to apply... and I finally did. I'm looking forward to meeting all of the parents and little ones that I may not know yet, and doing everything I can to help the way Mrs. Morris has for so many years. Thanks!



Thank you!



Dear SLA Family,
The 4th Grade would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who donated to our Kentucky Care Package project. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

- "Thank you for helping us so that we could help the people in Kentucky." Yaretzi
- "Thank you for your generous donations. They will help lots of people." Kate
- "Thank you for helping the kids who do not have anything except the clothes on their backs." Elijah
- "Thank you for your generous gift!" Noah
- "Thank you for your donation. We appreciate it sooo much! You'll make some little girl or boy that suffered through the tornado smile." Victoria
- Read about it here:
<https://atlanticuniongleaner.org/news/southern-new-england/2022/sla-fourth-graders-help-kentucky-tornado-victims/>



Student Spotlight

This week we are getting to know siblings, Ayzha, Meleah, and Malachi. We asked them the following questions and here were there answers!



Q:What is your favorite food?

A: Bimbibap ME: Scalloped Potatoes MA: Macaroni and Cheese

Q:What's your favorite SLA memory?

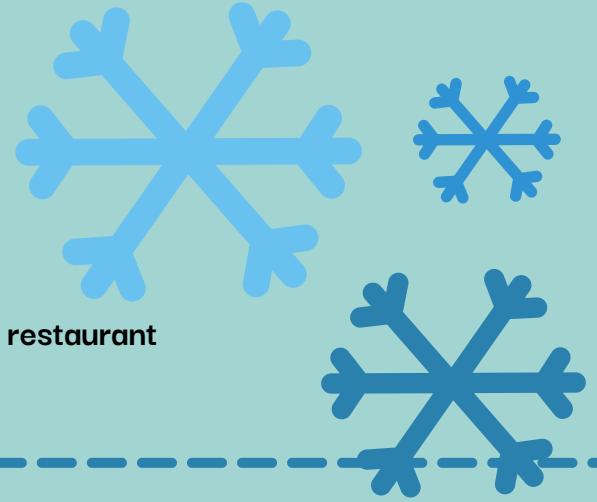
A: Beach days ME: Apple Picking MA: First day of Kindergarten

Q:Who is your favorite Bible character?

A: Moses ME: Ruth MA:Jesus

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

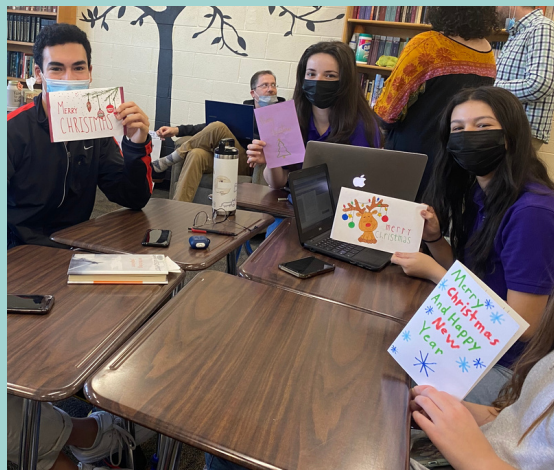
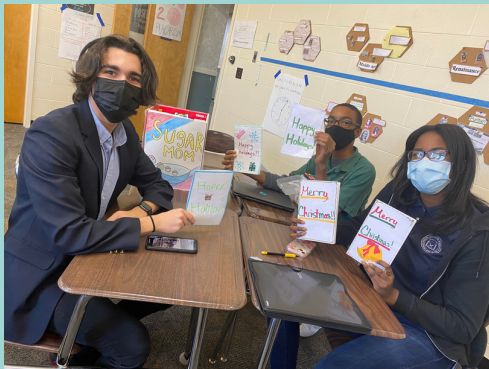
A: Art field ME: I'd like to open my own food place MA: Work in a restaurant



NHS MAKES CARDS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN BARBADOS

Before we got out of school, NHS had made winter cards for Egvinalle Senior Citizens home in Barbados, West Indies that is run by my grandmother. We wanted to spread joy and love to those who would not be surrounded by loved ones this holiday. It was also a great way for our members to learn about a new island thousands of miles away from us.-

Makaylah W. 12th grade



Sports Schedule

Till further notice only immediate family (if you live in the same house) are allowed to attend games



- January 15- 6pm GV vs. Parker
- January 15- 7:30 BV vs. Parker
- January 17- 5pm GV @ Monty Tech
- January 18- 5:30pm BJV @ Monty Tech
- January 20- 5:30pm GV vs. North Brookfield
- January 20- 7pm BV vs. North Brookfield
- January 22- 6pm BJV vs. Innovation
- January 22- 7:30pm BV vs. Innovation
- January 24- 4:30pm BJV @ Ayer
- January 24- 5pm GV vs. Ayer
- January 24- 6:30 pm BV vs. Ayer



COATS FOR KIDS

South Lancaster Academy

Thank you so much for donating coats!



WE COLLECTED 60+ COATS!!

Organized by the National Honor Society at SLA

BOOKS & BEYOND KICKOFF!

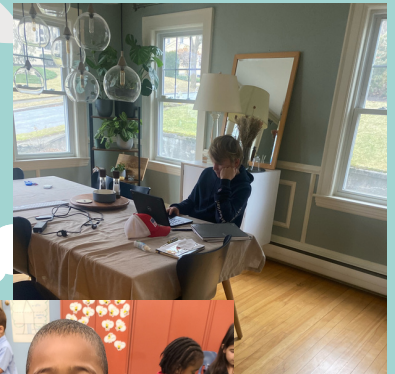


Tuesday, January 18, is the kickoff for Books and Beyond 2022. The theme this year is "**Find Peace, Joy, Love. READ!!**" Get at head start today! The link will go live for recording at noon. The purpose of this project is to produce lifelong behavioral changes in students with regard to individual recreational reading habits. If you have been a member of SLA's family over the past years, and participated in this program, we are proud that you have met the challenge of Books and Beyond. If you are new to our school we welcome you, and hope you will participate. Your child is bringing home the Books and Beyond packet today. Please read it carefully so you can make an informed decision about your child's participation. Please take time to read the page "Reasons to Read Together" closely. Happy Reading... **START TODAY!!** Please direct any questions you may have to your child's teacher.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HAPPENINGS AT SLA



Pets in Zoom Class!



Farewell Mrs. Morris

We will miss you!!



How does one put into words appreciation for over 20 years of dedicated service to SLA? Pure and simply put, there will be a hole in our school family when Mrs. Morris transfers over to the Conference Office Education Department. Her experience, historical perspective, photography skills, love for people and all things SLA, plus her dedication to making the offices run like a well-oiled machine will be missed. We have appreciated her care and patience with students, her listening ear for staff and families, her translation skills, and her dedication to SLA. We wish you the best Mrs. Morris and know that you will be a huge asset and blessing to SNEC. God bless you in your new position and we're grateful we'll still be able to tap into your skills if we need to!

