



Looking Forward

January 26, 2024

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

This week the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes celebrated the 100th day of school. From the teachers to the students, it was so cute to see them dressed up in their 100th day costumes. Then it hit me...we have been in school for 100 days ALREADY?! It has been 100 days of nonstop lessons, lunches, special events, projects, tests, quizzes, sports events, concerts, chapel/church programs, and more. WHEW! It has been a lot! And now we look forward to, as of today, 78 days of school left! My, my, how time goes by quickly!

As I think about what we have been doing and will be doing in the future, I can't help but reflect on what some of our families are going through right now with illness, the passing away of loved ones, and other life changing moments. It will be difficult for them to plan on the future very much when there is so much to face right now, today. We have members of our school family in need of our support with words of encouragement, patience, love, and prayer. Please take the time to check in with each other and do some things to bring peace and a smile to someone's day.

My prayer is for the Lord's healing power to be over all of us! To heal us from the sicknesses that we have been dealing with, to heal our hearts from the pain of any loss we have experienced, and to heal us from anything that is causing our days to be dreary, including the weather. I know the Lord is able and He is with us.

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

Shalom!

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar



The 100th Day of School has come and gone, and grades P-1 all celebrated. See more on pg 4

Upcoming Dates

Jan 24-28 Texas Basketball Tournament

Feb 9 - Black Heritage Assembly

Feb 11 - ACT Testing

Feb 14 - Elem Spirit Day, Celebrate the Heart

Feb 19-23 - Presidents Day & Winter Break - NO School

March 2 - Children's Church

March 14 - Experience SLA

March 14 - Science Fair

March 15 - Visitation/Step Up Day

March 29 - Constituency Meeting



Missing Basketball Jersey!



A couple of 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.

Ski Club



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.

Books & Beyond Kickoff!



Books and Beyond Kickoff was last Friday, January 19. Mrs. Crand met with all the students in grades 1-8 in the SLA Chapel for her Kickoff Presentation. It was a big event, with the central theme of:

Be a **DINOSAUR. READ!!**

Mrs. Crand, a self-proclaimed dinosaur, wants every child to fall in love with reading. Books and Beyond has been one of her tools for fostering that love of books in the hearts of hundreds of children over the years.



Prizes



Station 1
Dinosaur Pencil



Station 2
Magnetic Bookmark



Station 3
Bubble Wand



Station 4
Pins /Croc Jibbitz



Station 5
Dino Plush/Keychain

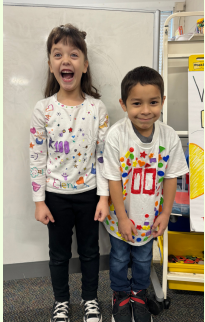
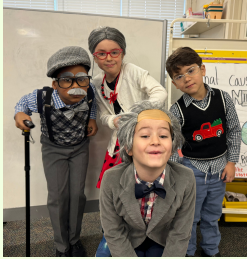
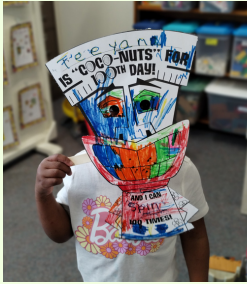


Station 6
Gold Medal

100 Days of School!



January 23rd was the 100th day of school, and some of the little ones dressed up to celebrate this great milestone!



Third grade students celebrated the 100th day of school with STEM activities. They rotated to station that contained 100 items and were challenged to design and build something with those items.



Sports News




• 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**:
<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 been in Texas representing SLA and playing in the Southwestern Adventist University Hoops Classic Basketball Tournament. Games began on Wednesday, with the girls playing at 4:30 pm Central Standard Time (1 hour behind us). SLA girls and boys teams have had multiple victories so far!

Games are still going on this weekend, and if you would like to watch the tournament games, you can watch them live on the SWAU YouTube Page: [SouthwesternAU Athletics - Official - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/SouthwesternAU)

Games are also streaming on the Southwestern Adventist University channel:

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

Stay up to date with clips and stats on the SLA Athletics Instagram Page: [@sla.athletics](https://www.instagram.com/sla.athletics)

See the full schedule on the SWAU website: [Southwestern Adventist University Athletics \(swauknights.com\)](https://www.swauknights.com)

Go Crusaders!

SLA Student on YouTube

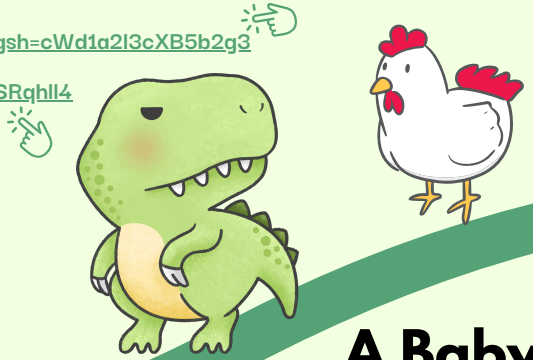
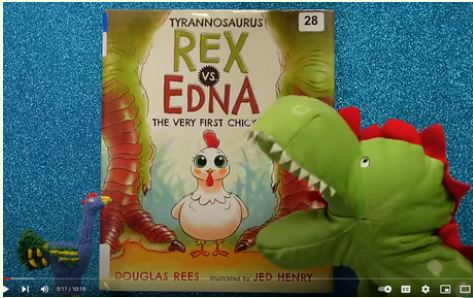
Something exciting happened with Vaughn from 2nd grade this week that mom wanted share with SLA, especially since Books and Beyond started this week. Vaughn watches a channel on YouTube called KidTime StoryTime on which she reads story books. She makes the stories so fun!

Vaughn decided to write to her and suggest a story book for her to read on her channel, and she did!

Below are two links. The 1st is a feature she did on her Instagram to promote the video that features Vaughn and the 2nd is the video she made of her reading the story.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C2NDaNurUX1/?igsh=cWd1a2l3cXB5b2g3>

https://youtu.be/OX_k2mddYs?si=GbFW-BS5pSRqhl14



A Baby Gecko has Hatched!

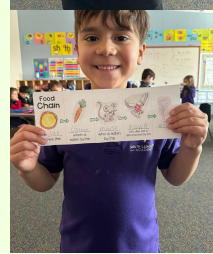
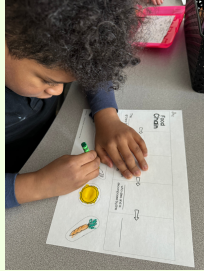
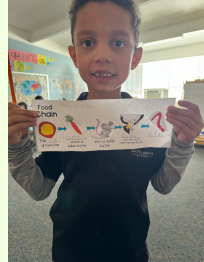
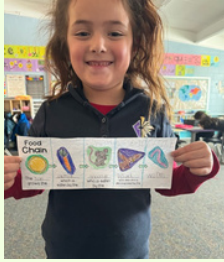
One of the gecko eggs has hatched! Mr. Bissell dug around Heihe's tank and found two more eggs to add to the incubator. This baby is from her first batch in late September or early October. Welcome to the SLA Family little one!





Food Chains and First Grade

The 1st grade class learned about food chains, and created their very own food chains to help them better understand what they were.



SLA Strings Play at the College Church

It was a very beautiful performance on Saturday, January 13.

You can watch the replay starting at the beginning of the performance here:

https://www.youtube.com/live/s_FSwALnv-Q?feature=shared



SLA Strings

Arielle Cady Flores, director



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 the Jostens website.

Deadline is this coming Wednesday!

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
*IMPORTANT: To add icons, you must first purchase personalization in Step 2. Enter the 4-digit icon code from the chart below into the boxes provided.

1001	1002	1003	1004
1005	1006	1007	1008
1009	1010	1011	1012

STEP 4: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND TOTAL YOUR ORDER
Student Name: _____
Grade: _____
Homeroom: _____
Contact Phone: _____
Contact Email: _____

Price	Quantity	Total

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



A 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!



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

LOST & FOUND



Lost hoodies, sweaters and winter coats are starting to pile up! Please stop by and look through the Lost and Found collections, or inquire at the offices. There are water bottles as well.

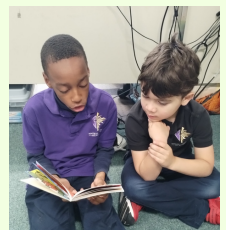
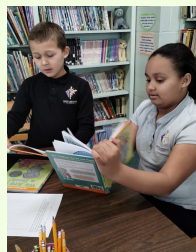
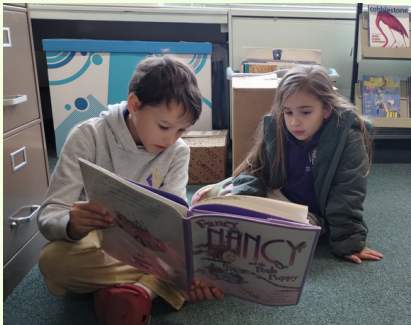
Elementary Lost & Found is in the hallway to the right, by the library and bathrooms.

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.**



Fourth Grade Reading Partners



RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

20% of sales will benefit
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

February 4, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT
100 Commercial Road, Leominster, MA

In Cafe • Drive-Thru • Pick-Up • Delivery
Enter promo code **FUND4U** at online checkout.

Panera
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100 DAYS
of
SCHOOL
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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

5:30 PM
Featuring Local Artists/
Children

CONCERT

6:00 PM
Featuring Music, Dance
Theater and Spoken Word

FOOD TASTING

7:30 PM
A Delicious Cultural
Food Tasting



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