

Looking Forward

June 5, 2023

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

WELL... we find ourselves with another school year that is completed. It has been a busy year as well as a year of new challenges and experiences.

For me it has been my first year as a Vice Principal of a P-12 grade school. And I will say that I have truly enjoyed my year. It has been a blessing to be able to know each and every student in the school. It has been a true pleasure to get to know everyone and to work with everyone this year. I look forward to next year!

Until next year, may your days be filled with fun and laughter, may your time at the beach be warm and relaxing, and may your family time together be filled with memories that will last forever.

I pray that everyone will have a wonderful, restful, and safe summer!

See you in August!!!

Blessings,

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar



Grades 1 & 4 visit the zoo
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Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 am - 1 pm

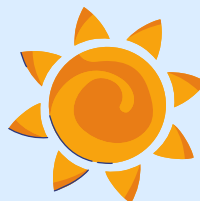
Closed Fridays

Upcoming Dates

June 16-24 - SNEC Campmeeting
June 19 - July 28 - Camp Sunrise
August 21 - 1st Day of School



HELLO
SUMMER!



Graduation Weekend

Congratulations to the 8th Grade and Senior Classes of 2023! If you missed any of the graduation ceremonies of this past weekend, you can still watch them! Here is the link to the College Church's Live channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/4ZoOTJOkv9c?>

Here is the 8th Grade Graduation slideshow link, without all the audio issues of graduation night:
<https://youtu.be/pts6zKLygU4>

Here is the Senior Class Graduation slideshow link:
<https://youtu.be/W3teSYPURjs>

*These slideshow videos are unlisted on YouTube, so they cannot be found or watched without the link itself.



Dissecting Owl Pellets

Thursday, May 25, the 3rd grade class dissected owl pellets. Owl pellets are undigested food parts that an owl coughs up, and they are made up of fur and bones. Mrs. Ford gets the pellets from a company called Genesis which autoclaves and sterilizes the pellets.

The most exciting discoveries are always the skulls, and the largest intact skull was found in Autumn's owl pellet!



Kimball Farm

This Tuesday, grades 5, 7, and 8 all went to Kimball Farm in Westford. There were plenty of activities to keep the kids busy. The kids got to hit golf balls on the driving range, play mini golf and volleyball, ride the bumper cars, bumper boats, and a zipline. A build your own veggie burger lunch was in the middle of the day, with some ice cream for dessert. It was a beautiful sunny day, and the kids all had a blast!



7th Grade Celebration

The 7th grade class had a year-end celebration where they spent nearly the entire day outside playing games and having fun in the sun. They were having such a good time that a few high schoolers snuck in and joined in the celebration!



Books & Beyond

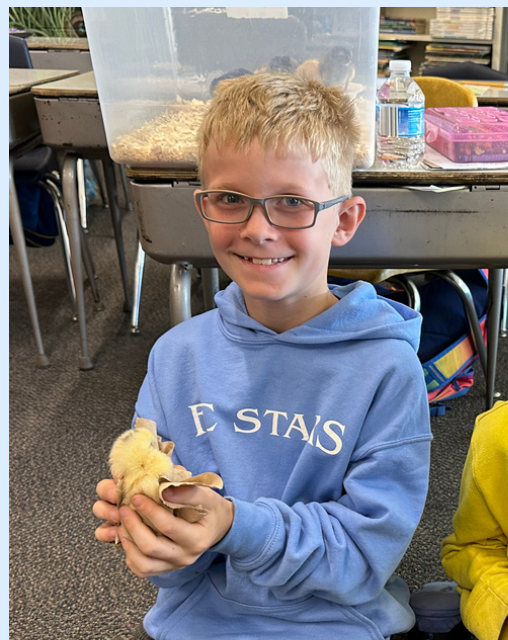
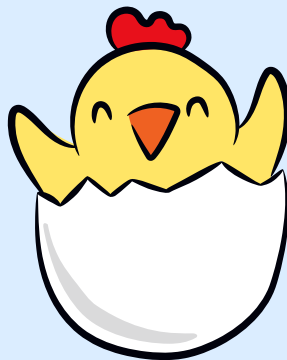
The entire Kindergarten Class reached level 230, which means that altogether, they read 3,450 books. Their top reader was Kristjana, who read 495 books to reach level 33! Other top readers this year were:

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| P/PK - Allan Jackson | 4th - Lianna |
| K - Kristjana | 5th - Victoria |
| 1st - Maria | 6th - Lydia |
| 2nd - Isabella | 7th - Jaxiel |
| 3rd - Wyatt | 8th - Angela |



Baby Chicks!

Mrs. Ford's baby chicks hatched two weeks ago! The 3rd grade class loved the cheeping in their classroom, and even got to hold the chicks!



A Trip to the Zoo

Two weeks ago, the 1st and 4th grades visited the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island.



7th Grade Visits the American Heritage Museum



On May 24, the 7th grade class visited the American Heritage Museum in Hudson. This is a new museum, full of working tanks and airplanes, as well as vintage cars. There was even a recreation of a World War II trench, complete with sound effects and lighting, where the students were able to experience what it might have felt like to stand in a cold, dark trench while the battle raged on all around them.

The 7th grade class enjoyed their trip very much, and Mrs. Baldwin is looking forward to taking next year's 7th grade class to the same museum.



Inigo's "Love is the Cure" Cancer Journey

On Saturday, May 20, Inigo lost his battle with medulloblastoma.

At the start of the pandemic, Inigo began homeschooling, but he has always been considered to be a part of SLA's Class of 2030. There hadn't been any update on Inigo's Go Fund Me Page for over a month.

On May 26, Alfonso wrote the following:



"I have dreaded needing to write this update.

Inigo passed away on May 20, 2023, at 3:33 AM. Inigo slept for 11 days before he took his last breath and he died 11 days before his 11th birthday. His body rested on the Day of Rest. Inigo kept fighting until it simply did not make sense to fight any longer but, what a fighter he was. He could give lessons to all of us on what it means to persevere in life. He did live well. He always wore a sweet smile and even while sick cared more about how you were doing. He is a Legend...

He fought so hard but fighting cancer means so many things. You don't get to pick the cancer that you get and with brain and spinal cancers, space means time. Because the tumors were enclosed in the skull and spinal column, Inigo had run out of space, which meant that he had run out of time...

Finally, Inigo turned to Lyndi as we sat on the rooftop garden at Boston Children's Hospital on a beautiful afternoon and asked her the question, "Mom, would it be selfish if I said that I don't want to do this anymore?"

No sweet boy, it is not selfish in fact we were just amazed at how hard you pushed yourself through this journey. All you ever wanted was to be better, to get better. As always, Inigo was intelligent far beyond his years. Inigo realized that he was not going to get better. He was tired, he was sick of being sick. He was sad about having cancer, his smile was slowly starting to fade even though he didn't want it to. In those final days, those tumors in his brain wreaked havoc on Inigo in so many ways and yet he was still able to enjoy bowls of ice cream and whoopie pies. He dipped his Madeleine's into his morning hot chocolate. He did, I guess, what is called a "Tim Tam slam" with some Australian Tim Tams. He ate plates of his favorite nachos and polished off his evenings with popcorn and a movie. We walk away absolutely in love with him, amazed by him, in awe of his strength, and thankful and humbled that we got to be his parents...

There is so much more that I want to write but I cannot at the moment. Lyndi and I love Inigo more than any words will ever express. One day, I will write a lot more about this entire journey. And the amazing story of Inigo Anton Vega, quite possibly the strongest Vega ever.

There will not be a funeral service for Inigo. However in a couple of months in the fall, we will have a celebration of life for him. That is what Inigo would've wanted so we will have just that, a celebration of who he was. Cancer doesn't define Inigo's story but it sure amplifies his strengths and we want to celebrate his journey."

Please remember to keep Inigo's family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

This is the link to Inigo's obituary:

<https://comfortcremation.com/obituary-archive/inigo-anton-vega/>

If you haven't had a chance to read his story yet, it is a beautiful story of love and devotion. You can read about Inigo's journey here:

<https://gofund.me/83f0e17c>

Inigo's shirt campaign: <https://www.bonfire.com/inigos-posse/>



Kindergarten Adventures



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 **DAY** 



Sports News



Crusaders Summer Schedule 2023

Here is the Crusaders sports summer program that Mr. DeOliveira has planned as of now. There still may be time to sign up (depending on what you want to sign up for). Contact Mr. DeOliveira with any questions: athletics@mysla.org

- **HS Basketball Open Gym - Starts June 14**
 - Sundays 8:00-10:00am
 - Wednesdays 5:00-7:00pm
- **HS Volleyball Open Gym - Starts June 19**
 - Mondays 5:30-7:30pm
- **HS Volleyball Camps**
 - Boys and girls camp
 - July 24-27, 5:30-7:30 pm
- **HS Game On Fitchburg Summer League**
 - June 12-31
 - Tuesdays 5:30-9:30pm
 - 8 Games
- **5th/6th Volleyball Camp for Boys & Girls**
 - July 11-20
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:30pm
- **HS Gardner Boys Summer League**
 - July 12-27
 - Wednesdays and Thursdays 6:00 & 7:00pm
 - 6 Games
- **5th/6th Basketball Camp for Boys & Girls**
 - August 1-10
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:30pm



Crusaders Athletic Banquet

Sunday, June 11, 6-8 p.m.

South Lancaster Academy Gymnasium



A banquet to celebrate our sports teams and their accomplishments in 2022-2023. All are welcome!

Adult \$15

Athletes and students Pre-K through 12 \$10



Sports Banquet

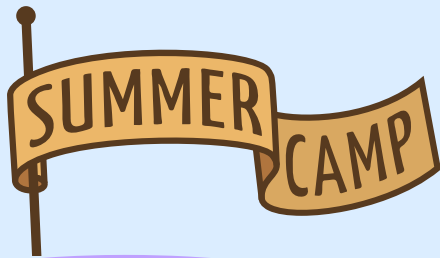
On Sunday, June 11 at 6pm, there will be a sports banquet happening at SLA.

- Tickets will be available to purchase at the door, June 11th
- Donations for prizes that people would enter a raffle to win are being requested
- Please contact the coordinator Debra Loss at debrajloss@juno.com if you have an item to donate

Camp Sunrise

When you begin making plans for your summer - keep Camp Sunrise in mind for your 5-12 year-olds. This is a day camp that takes place here at SLA in the high school building chapel. 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!](http://www.mysla.org/campsonrise)



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CAMP SONRISE 2023

\$188 per week /child
\$75 per week for CIT

CAMP 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

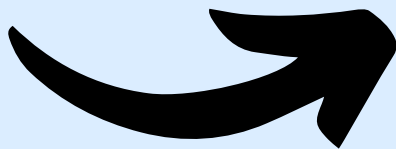


Tommy Sale! Save the Date!

Uniform sale from July 3-9

Scan the QR code to get the details on the sale.

July 3-9



SAVE	10% OFF UNIFORMS
	SCHOOL UNIFORMS by TOMMY HILFGER
JULY 3RD - 9TH 2023	THE
DATE	
	SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP FOR DETAILS

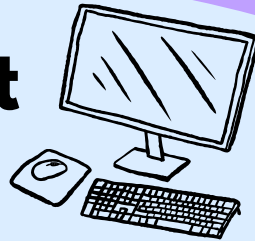
Home & School

This week teachers could really use some help wrapping things up in their classrooms. If you are able to help this week, or on June 25 for the Work Bee, you can sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFaKkH_M_cIMd_g0Zs5XQRiVbbnwtVRfT9JISEdc68Det0jcg/viawform?usp=sf_link

June 25th will also be the day of the Uniform Swap!
9am-1pm

Reenrollment Information



If you are planning on having your child return to SLA next year, please reenroll as early as possible. Current SLA students will lose their priority placement on July 1st, and enrollment will be first come first serve at that point.

We have several grades that are likely to fill up fast based on our current projections.

If your child will be entering any of the following grades, be sure to enroll them as soon as possible to keep your spot:

Preschool, Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 4th Grade, 9th Grade, and 10th Grade.

WORK BEE

JUNE 25

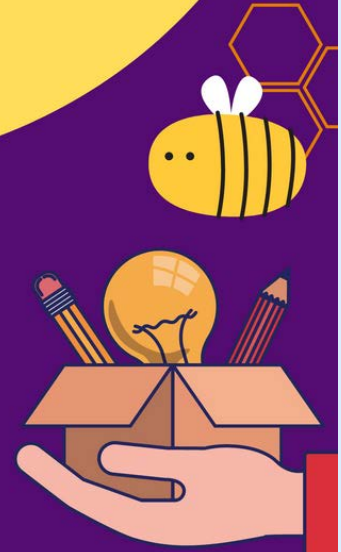
9AM - 1PM

SLA GYM



We encourage YOU to participate in the work bee!

Come and help us make our school a better place.



Contact:

- viria@mysla.org
- nicholassarah35@gmail.com

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The enrollment fee must be paid to submit packet, and increases over time.

July 1st: additional \$75
August 1st: additional \$100

Enrollment Fee includes the fee for the yearbook, and may also include fees for classroom supplies, technology, Chromebook usage, and other things (fees depend on grade level).

See the **23-24 Financial Obligation Form** on the school website under Student/Parent > Parent > Files & Forms for the details of the tuition and enrollment fees.