



# Looking Forward

March 1, 2024

## From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

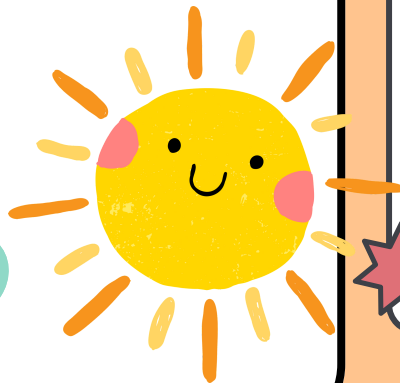
I don't know about you, but for me, those few days this with pleasant weather and beautiful sunshine made it seem that all was well with the world - then the wind and the cold came yesterday, the world was not as comfortable anymore. Despite the wind and cold, the sun was still shining its light on us - which reminded me of God shining His light on us no matter what we may be going through, good or bad. The light is a reminder that He is always there!

Speaking of light, SLA has had many bright days lately with the success of our athletic teams and robotics teams. They all did us proud this past month with how they finished their competitions and seasons. There are still a few more competitions they have to do, mostly with the 8th grade and high school robotics teams. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they compete in Florida in April and May.

There are a lot of things going on at SLA this month - Read Across America Week, Science Fair, Experience SLA, Step-up Day/Visitation Day, Il Voce' and Resound Tour to Pennsylvania, Teacher's In-Service, Teacher Luncheon, End of the 3rd Marking Period, SAT Testing, Crazy Hair Day, Easter, etc. etc. etc. PLEASE stay informed by reading teacher emails, reminder emails, and newsletters that we send out.

May God bless you all!

Shalom!



Ollyce Gardner  
Vice Principal, Registrar



This morning, the older students helped the younger ones walk safely to the College Church for the WAU concert. See more on page 2

## Upcoming Dates

- March 4-8 - Read Across America Week
- March 9 - Children's Church
- March 10 - Robotics Competition
- March 10 - SAT Testing
- March 10 - Daylight Savings Time
- March 11 - Teacher In-service - NO School
- March 14 - Experience SLA
- March 14 - Science Fair
- March 15 - Visitation/Step Up Day
- March 14-18 - Resound and Il Voce Tour

# Keeping Little Ones Safe

The entire student body of SLA walked to the College Church this morning to experience a choral concert performance by Washington Adventist University. The fourth graders helped the Preschool students get safely there and back by holding their hands.



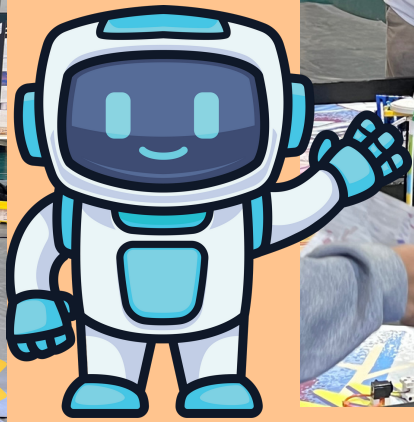
## Grades P-1 Joint Worship

Different groups of elementary classes meet every Friday in a Group Worship. The Friday before Winter Break was the day for Grades P-1 to meet. Each group will sing songs, listen to stories, have special guest speakers, and sometimes do crafts and play games.



# SLA CPUaders are Victorious in Pennsylvania!

Our teams brought home a trophy and several awards!!  
Wohoo!!! The fifth grade team took first place in Core Values.  
6th & 7th grades took first in the Innovation Project. 7th & 8th grades took first in the Robot Challenge, overall champions and an invitation to the national competition in Florida.



# Courage to Persevere

On Saturday night, February 17, the Black History Month Celebration titled *Courage to Persevere* took place at the College Church. It was a play written by Josephine Robinson that incorporated a variety of music spaced between the inspiring stories of 5 local African American women. SLA's Il Voce Choir sang the very first song, and several SLA students took part in the other musical presentations. There was also an art gallery where the art of many SLA students was on display at the church.



## 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



# Record Breaker!



Less than a month after scoring 1000 points, Karleigh broke the SLA Crusaders' all-time scoring record in basketball at a game at Burncoat High School on February 19. By the end of the game, Karleigh's career point total was 1,139. Congratulations Karleigh!!! We can't to see what happens next year!



# Winter Break Fun!

Over Winter Break, Coach Nora Renzi ran a Basketball Camp for her grades 4-6 boys' basketball team. It wasn't just drills and running, but the students also got to play full court games and play fun team building games. Every student that went had a great time, and it helped build confidence and team spirit as well. Thank you, Coach Nora!



# Sports News



- **Crusader Gear Available for Sale**

- \$15 Shirts, sizes: Youth Small - Adult Large
- \$15 Crusader Beanies
- **Wear Crusaders' Gear to home games and get in for a discounted rate!**
- Support the Crusaders in style!

- **SLA Athletics Instagram Page**

- Stay up to date with clips and stats on the SLA Athletics Instagram Page:

[@sla.athletics](https://www.instagram.com/sla.athletics)



- Boys volleyball season, and girls flag football is just around the corner! 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 third episode is here:**

- [https://youtu.be/8xseo91bcQQ?](https://youtu.be/8xseo91bcQQ?feature=shared)  
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# LOST & FOUND



**Lost hoodies, sweaters and winter coats** are filling our Lost and Found racks! Please stop by and look through the Lost and Found collections.

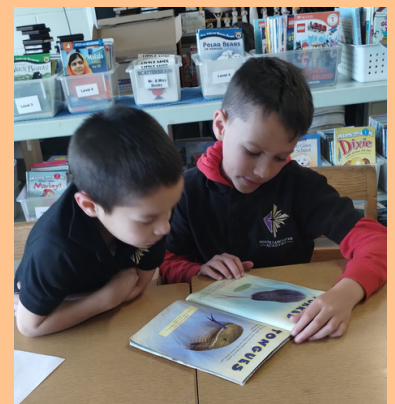
**Elementary Lost & Found is in the hallway to the right, by the library and bathrooms.**

**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.**



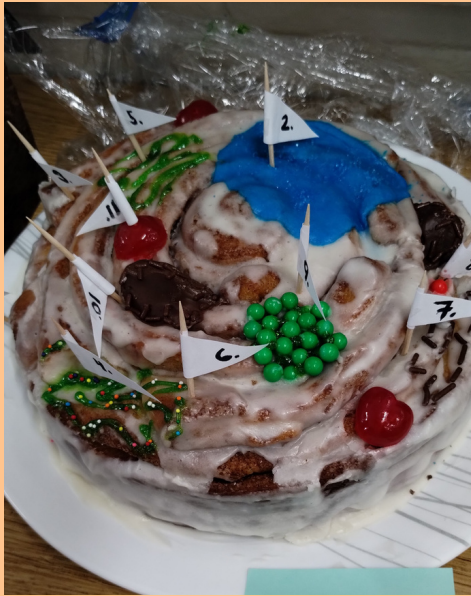
## 4th and 1st Grade Reading Partners



# Incredible, Edible Cells



The 6th grade class made their annual edible cells this week. Most of the cells were made of cake with gummies and various candies as organelles and nuclei. After the cells were graded, the students got to celebrate by eating their tasty cells.



## 2 Baby Geckos, and More to Come!



Two of Mr. Bissell's gecko eggs have hatched! These babies are from the first batch of eggs in late September or early October. The rest of the eggs should be hatching within the next two weeks! The 6th grade class is about to be overrun with baby geckos!





# Constituency Meeting

This year's annual Constituency Meeting took place this Thursday at 7pm in the SLA Chapel. It was an informative night. There was news about the new Honor's Program, which is being put together by English teacher, Roger Prather, and History Teacher, Tom Bloom. A hot topic as usual, was next year's budget with all sorts of questions about where the money comes from and where it all goes. We also met SLA's new Development Director, Barbara Fuller who is working hard to increase SLA's visibility on Social Media and web presence. She has a lot of plans to help raise funds for SLA as well.

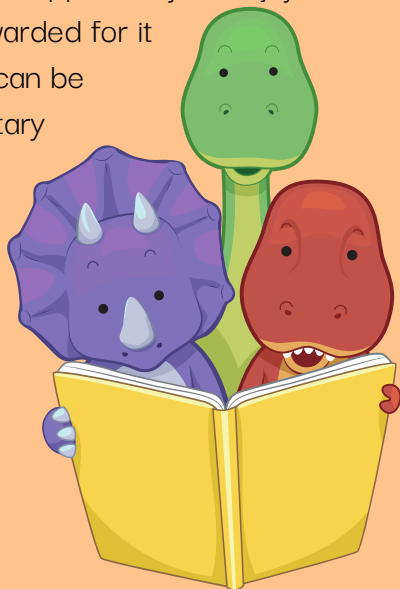


## Keep Reading!

Books and Beyond Kickoff was over a month ago, on January 19. This year's central theme is:

Be a **DINOSAUR**. READ!!

Keep reading grades P-8! There is still plenty of time to get all the way around the board! Books and Beyond is a great opportunity to enjoy reading, and get rewarded for it too! Record sheets can be found in the elementary office, and students can also get them from their teachers. We hope every student wins a gold medal for reading this year!



## BOOK DRIVE

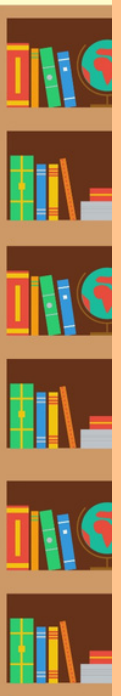
From  
**MARCH 1 - APRIL 23**

Please donate any of your unused books to our drive. We will be accepting all types of books of any genre, preferably in good to new condition.

Please do not donate books that are:

- Damaged
- Ripped
- Stained
- With writing
- Magazines
- Pamphlets
- Dictionaries
- Encyclopedias

The books we are collecting are going to be donated to local schools and libraries. There will be bins in the lobbies of the highschool and elementary buildings.



# Paint Night

March 16th at 7 pm

At the Village SDA Church  
75 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA

**\$40**  
Per Person



Includes Painting Supplies,  
Canvas, Instruction and Snacks!

Please come support this Pathfinder fundraiser!

Contact Lisa Drew at  
978-990-0192 to  
purchase your ticket!



\$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



## 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.

**Krispy Kreme**  
DOUGHNUTS  
FUNDRAISING

## Support the Robotic Teams!



### Order your dozen delicious glazed donuts with a Robotic Team member!

**\$14.00 for a dozen glazed donuts**  
**CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

**Payment due at the time of order.**

*All payments are due by 3/18/24*  
*Donut pickup on 3/27/24*  
*after school*

PI CONTEST, VAN DE GRAFF, FOOD, & MORE!

# STEAM NIGHT

MARCH 14, 2024  
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY  
198 GEORGE HILL RD,  
LANCASTER, MA

# EXPERIENCE SLA

Events for Prospective Parents and Students

**MARCH 14, 2024**  
6-8 PM  
**EXPERIENCE SLA**  
Science Fair  
Peek into classrooms  
Teacher meet & greet  
Q&A with Administration  
Registration Assistance

**MARCH 15, 2024**  
8-11:30 AM  
**VISITATION DAY**  
Sign your child up to shadow their prospective class for a day!

SCAN HERE

# SPRING SPIRITUAL REVIVAL RETREAT IN SPIRIT AND POWER

March 29-31, 2024

Pr. Marco Quarteroni | Nicole Brouchet | Pr. Victor Perez | **Pr. Pavel Goia** | Sandra Sergeant | Pr. Bryan Gonzalez

Prayer - how to know God's voice and will.  
Revival and the need for the Holy Spirit.

Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Southern New England Conference

Location:  
257 Ashby Rd,  
Ashburnham, MA

TOGETHER IN MISSION

<https://www.facebook.com/SNECPrayerMinistries1/videos/368127396144251>

