



# Looking Forward

March 17, 2023

## From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

Are you ready for Spring yet? Have you recovered from Daylight Savings yet? If you're like me, that would be a yes and a no. I was one of the lucky ones as far as the news is concerned, I live in the "jackpot" area and got to move two feet of snow on Tuesday!

I can't wait for the day when every day is a perfect day. When we don't have to worry about COVID or whatever the latest plague is, where watching the news is about the pleasant events of life because there are no sad events to report on. Where beauty surrounds us and everyone is respected and loved. Sounds like a utopia! It's actually Heaven in case you didn't pick up on where I was going with this.

Have a beautiful weekend!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,  
David Branum



Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



## Upcoming Dates

March 21 - ASVAB Testing for Juniors

March 21 - STEAM Night

March 23-27 - Voce Texas Music Tour

March 24 - End of 3rd Quarter

March 29 - History Fair

March 29 - Experience SLA

March 30 - Visit SLA - Half Day of School

March 31 - Elem Spirit Day - Hat Day

April 5 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Half Day

April 17-21 - Patriots' Day & Spring Break NO School

April 18 - Tax Day

April 28 - Elem Spirit Day - Celebrate Spring

April 30 - Field Day - SUNDAY Half Day of School





# Education Sabbath



Education Sabbath took place at the College Church on March 11th. SLA students of all ages sang, spoke, and inspired as they praised God and represented our school.



In bad weather when it is unsafe to drive to school, parents can expect teachers to conduct class remotely and/or provide "blizzard packs."

**If we call a remote snow day, a delay, or early release, you WILL get a triple PARENT ALERT (text, email, and phone call)!!!**

If you do not receive this triple Parent Alert, then that means school is going on as usual, or the decision is yet to be made, or your contact information with the school needs to be updated.

**"Snow Days" are automatic "Remote Days," and are Half Days.**

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



# Read Across America Week!



Last week was Read Across America Week at SLA! This meant that students from Kindergarten and 1st Grade dressed up as their favorite characters to fit the daily themes of the week! It officially begins on March 2nd, which is the birthday of beloved children's book author, Dr. Seuss.

SLA celebrated with the following themed days:

Monday - Silly Character Day

Tuesday - Famous American

Wednesday - Occupation (Job)

Thursday - International

Friday - Color

Kindergarten and First Grade were having such a wonderful time celebrating reading that the upper grades joined in the fun too!





# Sports News



## Varsity All Star Game

The WCAC All Star Games were on Thursday, March 16th at 4pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Harvard.

The Boys team was coached by Francisco Ramos, and included the following players from SLA: William F, Damon L, Connor A, and Matthew S.

The girls team was coached by Adrian Olivera, and included the following players: Mia D, Junia A, Andrea B, Isabella B, and Karleigh C.

Team and Individual awards were presented at the All Star Game. Both the girls and the boys teams are WCAC Champions!

Congratulations SLA Teams! Thank you for a great season!

## Boys Volleyball

Boys Volleyball tryouts will be taking place on March 19 from 5:30-7pm for boys in grades 7-12. We hope to have enough players for a JV and Varsity team! Boys Volleyball practices start next Monday, March 20th!

## Volleyball Season Help Needed!

SLA needs coaches and volunteers for Volleyball Season! We need help collecting entrance fees, and CORI Certified parents to ride on the bus as chaperones. Please email the Athletic Director at [athletics@mysla.org](mailto:athletics@mysla.org) if can help out!

## Arbiter Live

To see the always up-to-date Athletics Calendar go to Arbiter Live - Volleyball games are up!  
<https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=21380>





# The life of a 3rd Grader

Mrs. Ford is making sure 3rd graders are keeping busy this year!



The top two earners in the School Store Fundraiser got to shave Mr. Drew's head!



3rd and 4th Grades went to the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary and made bat houses!





# Hands-on Learning for 4th Grade

Mrs. Larsen's 4th Grade Class is all about hands on learning! They made ziggurats out of clay for Bible after reading about the Sumerians and the Tower of Babel. They also made Stonehenge out of Cheez-its in class. Hands-on learning extends into home life as well, as you can see a student turned herself into a mummy learning about in class. Tea parties and bat house construction is all in a day's work for this class!





# Inigo's "Love is the Cure" Cancer Journey

SLA has been following, sharing, and supporting Inigo's fight against medulloblastoma. Despite homeschooling since the start of the pandemic, Inigo will always be a part of our SLA Class of 2030 (currently in 5th Grade).

In the latest updates to Inigo's Go Fund Me page on **March 7**, his father wrote the following:

**""After the difficulties of last week, Friday evening, we received some welcome news. We got the notification that after six months with a GO FUND ME, we have reached our goal! That is amazing to us. We are so thankful to everyone that has donated. You continue to believe in us, you care about our story and what we are trying to achieve with Inigo. We asked for financial help because we wanted to have the opportunity to be with Inigo. We need help, we want to sustain his come-back. There are times when Lyndi and I look at each other at the end of our day, exhausted from either being in the hospital, running around hospitals and to medical appointments all while getting Inigo the care that he needs; and we cannot fathom how some parents do this alone. We decided from the very beginning that we were going to be with him. That he would never be alone or feel alone. He has lost so much and he deserves so much. For all of you that have donated and supported us financially, you have enabled Inigo to have us. We see kids at the clinic usually with only one parent. We are keenly aware of the difficulty to do what we have been able to do. Your financial help has enabled that for us. All we can do, for now, is offer you a simple thank you. We are incredibly grateful to all of you. No Bad days!""**

Inigo's shirt campaign is still going on if you'd like to be a part of their story and show support for Inigo:

<https://www.bonfire.com/inigos-posse/>

Whether donating or not, to read more about Inigo's story and get updates, please visit Inigo's Go Fund Me:

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



## Inigo's Posse





# Dodgeball Tournament

On Sunday, March 5, Voce hosted a Dodgeball Tournament in the SLA gym, and it was one for the ages! It was mostly a high school event, but there were a handful of elementary and middle school students that signed up as well. It began at 4pm with the elementary and middle school teams competing first, then the high school teams played next. While the teams played, and fans oohed and ahed, the snack shack was selling fresh hot empanadas, frozen chup-chups (homemade freezer pops), popcorn, and other tasty snacks.

Students recruited their parents and friends from outside of SLA to play on their teams, so the crowd was diverse. When the buzzer sounded, the start of each match was like a medieval battle, where the warriors raced to the center of the court in attempts to get dodge balls from the center line first.

Gabe Silva's dodge moves were impressive as he whipped his head back and forth and jumped out of the way. Connor Allain was determined to be a champion that evening, he played valiantly for several teams, with Connor and Pastor Kleber leaving some skin out there with their mid-court collision. Coach Francisco Ramos kept eliminating opponents by catching everything they threw at him.

Many teams wore coordinating outfits in order to boost team spirit, and the Mean Girls Team even accessorized with hot pink bandanas. The team in all black was made up of almost exclusively non-SLA students, and rumor had it that they were a professional team brought in specifically for the tournament - and they did win first place in the end.

The tournament was great fun, and everyone there that night had a blast - whether on the court or in the stands!



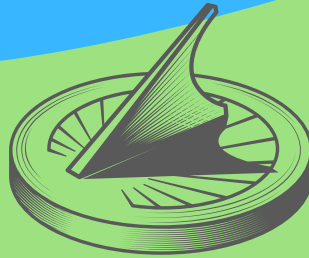


# Black Heritage Celebration

On Friday, March 3rd, SLA celebrated Black History Month at the College Church with poetry and song. Different students dressed up as iconic African Americans, such as Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman, Amanda Gorman, Roberto Clemente, Pele, and Kamala Harris. The second graders eloquently recited The Creation poem by James Weldon Johnson, and 6th graders recited Hey Black Child by Eugene Perkins. Voce sang a spiritual and a gospel song, and Kindergarten and 1st grade sang a spirited version of This Little Light of Mine.



## First Grade Visits the Clinton Town Green



On March 8, the 1st grade class went on a field trip to the Clinton Town Green. Once there, the class learned about sundials and observed the sundial on the green, they participated in a scavenger hunt, created sidewalk art, and learned about how the sun affects our seasons and weather. It was a super fun field trip that the kids had been eagerly looking forward to, and they loved every minute of it!





# camp 2023 Sonrise



## Planning for the Summer

When you begin making plans for your summer - keep Camp Sonrise in mind for your 5-12 year-olds.

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!](#)



every kid needs a pencil  
8TH GRADE CLASS

\$3 DOLLARS EACH!



PENCIL WITH ANIMAL CLIPPERS



FROM FEB 27TH - APR 1ST

this: **Sunday**



## South Lancaster Academy Senior Class Fundraiser

DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023  
TIME: 9:00AM -11:00 A.M.  
WHERE: COLLEGE SDA CHURCH  
337 MAIN STREET, LANCASTER MA



### All You Can Eat Buffet!!!

Pancakes	Hot Chocolate
Scrambled Eggs	Tea... and more
Tater Tots	Vegan options available
Oatmeal	

#### TICKETS:

\$15 ADULTS  
\$10 KIDS/SENIORS  
FREE VETERANS

#### CONTACT PERSON:

MIA RODRIGUEZ  
774-808-1866

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Tomorrow**

**ARIELLE CADY FLORES, VIOLIN & LIRA S. CADY, HARP**



**MARCH 18, 2023  
7 PM  
337 MAIN ST.  
SO. LANCASTER, MA 01523**

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FREE CONCERT SERIES



# LOST!



A newer **white polo school shirt** belonging to Ellen Andreu went missing mid-February. It was size (XL) and has her name tag on it. This white polo has not turned up despite our searching, and it isn't in any Lost and Found collection. She also lost her **blue water bottle** with her name on it (she forgot it in the gym and the next day it was gone). If anyone has seen or accidentally taken either one of these, please turn them in to either office, thank you!

# EXPERIENCE SLA

Events for Prospective Parents and Students



**MARCH 29, 2023**

**6-8 PM**

**EXPERIENCE SLA**

**History Fair**

**Peek into classrooms**

**Teacher meet & greet**

**Q&A with Administration**

**Registration Assistance**



**MARCH 30, 2023**

**8-11:30 AM**

**VISITATION DAY**

**Sign your child up to shadow their prospective class for a day!**



*Rsvp*

SCAN HERE



# Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found Collections are full of:

- Coats
- Sweaters of all sorts, not just school sweaters
- Shirts
- Shorts
- Pants (probably from a 4-6th grade boy from the basketball team)
- Lunch boxes
- Water bottles (5 in elementary)
- Gloves with no pairs
- **18 Hats**

If your child is missing **anything**, please stop by and look at our collections. **Things that do not get claimed are eventually discarded/donated, and there's a lot of stuff here!**



The elementary lost and found is down the right hallway (the hallway leading to the student bathrooms).

The high school lost and found is in the upstairs hall, just outside the office window.



# STEAM Night

Science - Technology - Engineering - Art - Math

Join us on March 21st and learn all about the sciences that drive the modern world!

Hey students, start memorizing the digits of Pi! Whoever is able to memorize the most digits of Pi will win a delicious pie!



- Interactive - Booths
- Robotics - Demos
- Van De Graaff Generator
- Snack Bar -
- Digits of Pi - Contest
- + More!

March 21st 6-8pm

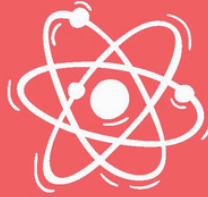
## ATTENTION

Due to weather conditions, STEAM night was moved to March 21st. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## South Lancaster Academy

198 George Hill Road, South Lancaster, MA

Hosted by the CPUsaders High School Robotics Team.



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# next week



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"helping our youth in fundraising"

Last day to place orders is March 20th!

If cookies are not your thing...

There are many things (food and non-food items) you can order online via SLA's fundraiser page instead:

<https://shop.meadowfarms.com/south-lancaster-academy-101058>