



Looking Forward

March 3, 2023

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

It is amazing to me that it is now March and the school year is almost over! WOW, the year is going by so quickly!

As I think about all that we have to do in this month alone it looks like a very big "mountain" of activities. However, it is also good because after the 2 years we went through with Covid, this "mountain" of activities means that we are getting back to normal in this new post-Covid world.

It all reminds me of how climbing up a mountain can be tiresome, frustrating, exciting, fun, and a little scary, but once we reach the top of that mountain the view is amazing to see all that God has done for us, all that He has brought us through. And His picture from up high is breathtaking!

We still have more to climb to get to the end of the year, but I pray that God's love and blessings for what we have gone through and still have to go through this year will be an AMAZING view for us all!

Have a blessed Sabbath and weekend!

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal and Registrar



3rd Graders participating in Student Olympics
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Upcoming Dates

March 12 - SAT Exam 7:00 am

March 13 - Teacher In-service NO School

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

Snow Much Fun!

SLA Students enjoying the freshly fallen snow this week!



Snow Days

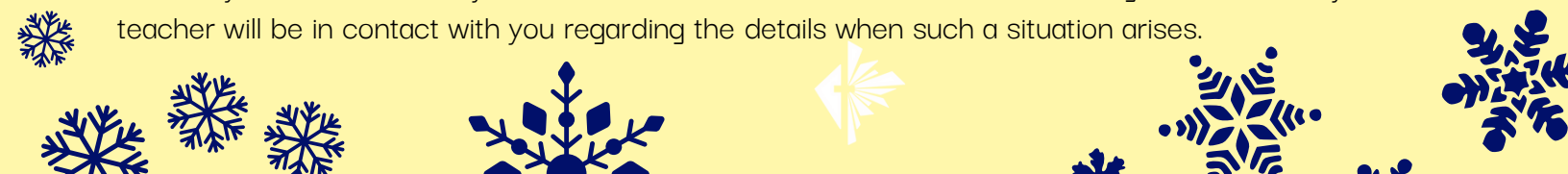
In bad weather when it is unsafe to drive to school, parents can expect teachers to conduct class remotely and/or provide "blizzard packs."

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.



Kindergarten Books & Beyond "Ceremony"

Kindergarten takes Books and Beyond very seriously! The entire class comes down to the lobby and students take turns moving their butterflies to the next station. Then they get to go into the office and choose the exact prize for the new level they have reached. It's a grand event every time!



Criminal Justice Field Trip

On Thursday March 2, the criminal justice class toured the Worcester County Sheriff's Office where they heard presentations by Sheriff Evangelidis and his staff and toured the jail and house of correction.



Sports News



WCAC Championships

SLA's Varsity Girls Team won the Worcester County Athletic Conference League and Tournament. They won a trophy for having the best regular season record within the league.

The Varsity Boys Team won the Worcester County Athletic Conference Tournament.

Varsity All Star Games

The WCAC All Star Games will be on Tuesday, March 7th at 4pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Harvard. Keep an eye out for an email from the Athletic Director with more details!

Team and Individual awards will be presented at the All Star Game.

Congratulations SLA Teams! Thank you for a great season!

Boys Volleyball

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

Assistant JV Coach Needed!

SLA still needs an assistant coach for JV Boys Volleyball! Please email the Athletic Director at athletics@mysla.org if can help out!



Arbiter Live

To see the always up-to-date Athletics Calendar go to Arbiter Live:

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=21380>

Final Grade 4-8 Basketball Games this Sunday!

For Schedules for Grade 4-8 Basketball Games you can use the following site instead:

<https://www.cmybl.org/launch.php>

Click on the Schedule Tab, then search for the team's schedule you need. You should also be receiving regular updates from your child's coaches.

Grades 1-4 Student Olympics



On Friday, February 10, SLA held its Annual Elementary Student Olympics for grades 1-4. There were games of tug of war, relay races, a high jump, obstacle courses, and more. The best of each category are below. All times are in **seconds**...



1st grade

Dash:

- 1) Adriana U. - 5.21
- 2) Daniel S. - 5.26
- 3) Jack A. - 5.34

3rd grade

Dash:

- 1) Gabriel D. - 4.89 (boys fastest)
- 2) Leilani R. - 4.91 (girls fastest)
- 3) Wyatt T. - 5.05



Obstacles:

- 1) Enzo P. - 13.95
- 2) Jack A. - 14.34
- 3) Alice K. - 14.37

Obstacles:

- 1) Anden M. - 10.50
- 2) Davarni J. - 10.82
- 3) Lucas C. - 10.87

2nd grade

Dash:

- 1) Delliani J. - 5.79
- 2) Adiel M. - 5.97
- 3) Yahlie M. - 5.98

4th grade

Dash:

- 1) Yasmin B. - 4.97
- 2) Arya C. - 4.98
- 3) Elijah T. - 5.02



Obstacles:

- 1) Yahlie M. - 13.21
- 2) Kendra C. - 16.20
- 3) Salome R. - 16.77

Obstacles:

- 1) Elijah T. - 9.85 (boys fastest)
- 2) Giana A. - 10.39 (girls fastest)
- 3) Isabella T. - 10.47

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 **February 13 & 23**, his father wrote the following:

"On February 8, Inigo's Oncology team at Dana Farber notified us that Inigo's cancer is growing well past its treatment. And now he has cancer where it wasn't previously. His cerebellum has seeded again; this means that there is new tumor growth on the original tumor site that had been successfully treated with surgery, radiation, and continuous cycles of chemotherapy. He also has new growth throughout the surface of his entire spinal cord. Another added concern is that cancer has made its way into the end of his spinal cord, not just on the surface..."

As they have told us, we know that chemo is not doing what it can for him. It's not that the chemotherapy doesn't work on his particular tumor; it's that his bone marrow cannot keep up with making his platelets, red, and white blood cells; all of his counts fall. Therefore, he is not able to get the amount of chemotherapy he needs to treat his particular type of tumor. It depresses his bones too much and it puts him in more harm. Because we know that Inigo's type of cancer is so aggressive, we felt it was important to have him receive some type of treatment. For as little as it could be doing, it could be doing something. So we spoke with his oncology teams and we all agreed that Inigo would continue receiving IT chemo through his shunt while his numbers allow, until insurance clearance is received...

Please continue to pray for us as we need it. Know that we are loving every single minute that we have with Inigo. We are making sure that we are making good use of those minutes. We are loving him so much and we are smothering him with all the love that we can. He said to us after our post last week, "It's OK. Don't cry, I'll see you on the other side". Not yet, kid! We're not there. We love you and we are going to keep fighting as long as we can fight. Knowing that Inigo has faith that he will see us on the other side, well, there are no words to explain what it's like to hear your kiddo say that. One day this will be over; love will win and none of us will have to deal with this anymore. But until that day we have to continue to fight. And we will, Inigo deserves it. **Love is the Cure"**

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/>

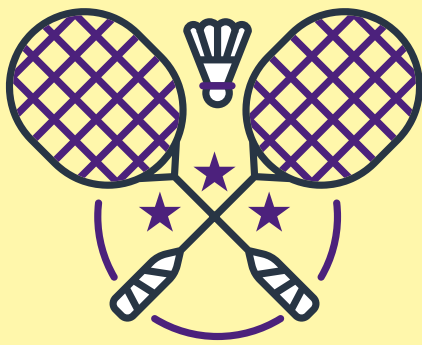
Whether donating or not, to read more about Inigo's story and get updates, please visit Inigo's Go Fund Me: <https://gofund.me/83f0e17c>



Inigo's Posse



When students/parents purchase shirts, the shirts are sent out in batches every 10 days.



Badminton Tournament

Thursday, February 16 the high school had an Intermural Badminton Tournament, which was organized and administered by Senior and badminton enthusiast, Nathan Neidigh. In the end, Mr. DeOliveira beat William Fernandez in the finals, and Jin Yoo beat Nathan Neidigh in the third place match.



Constituency Meeting

We had a great turn out for Constituency Meeting this week - 50 parents, staff, board, and constituent church members showed up to hear about and discuss the latest changes at SLA. The evening began with welcomes and prayer. Pastor Tom Nicholas did a short worship, and everyone broke up into small groups to pray for our school. Shauna Neidigh, SLA's Development Directory gave a detailed development and marketing report.



Then finally the hot topic of the night - increasing tuition rates, with a lot of questions being asked by attendees and answered by SLA staff and board members. After accepting the treasurer's report, the updates to SLA's 10 year old Constitution were covered quickly, and suddenly the meeting had come to an end. Most attendees left as soon as the meeting was over, but others lingered back for a bit to catch up with friends. Thank you to all who took the time to attend and share in SLA's decision making process.



Camp Sunrise Planning for the Summer

When you begin making plans for your summer - keep Camp Sunrise 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!](#)



Camp Sunrise is...

A Christian summer day camp serving the Greater Lancaster area. We provide a safe place for youth, ages 5-12, to have fun, make new friends and learn more about Jesus. Activities include interactive worships, fun indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts, swimming, field trips, and much more!



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



Price

\$188 per week, per child.
* Week 3 is discounted.



Location

SLA Chapel
198 George Hill Rd.
S. Lancaster, MA 01523
Director: Sarah Nicholas



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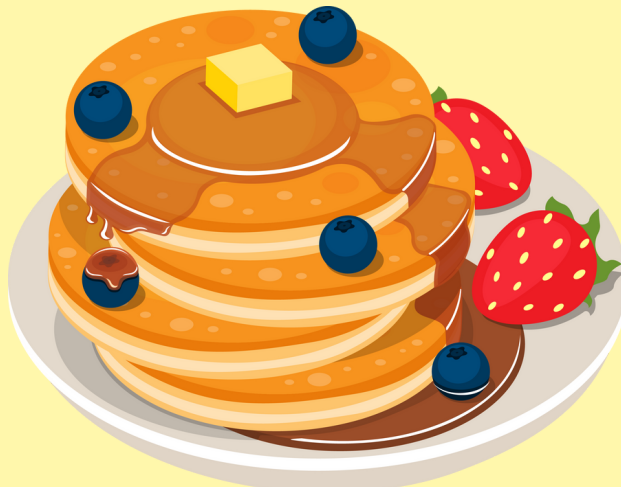
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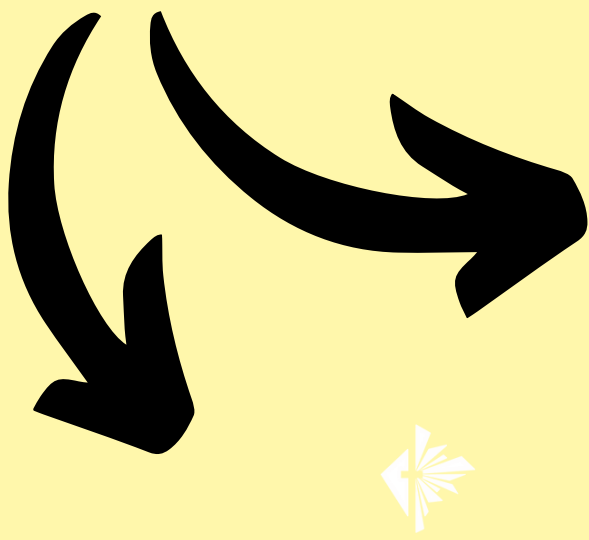
FROM FEB 27TH - APR 1ST

Senior Class Breakfast Fundraiser

March 19 at 9am at the College Church. Come support our Senior Class!



**THIS
WEEKEND**



JAIME JORGE
 THE *Healing Music*
 CONCERT TOUR



College Adventist Church
 337 Main St., S Lancaster, MA
 Saturday, March 4, 2023
 5:30 p.m.



Join the FUN!

**The SLA Music
DodgeBall Tournament!**



Sunday, March 5th at the SLA Gym
4:00 - 6:00 PM

\$10.00 to join your favorite team

High School Sign up in Gym
Grades 6-8 sign up in Music Room

4:00-5:00 - grades 6-8 and parents
5:00-6:00 - High School teams

Prizes * Concessions * Fun

STEAM Night

Science - Technology - Engineering - Art - Math

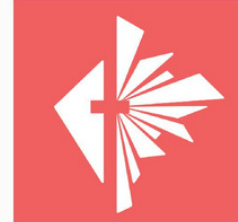
Join us on March 14th (Pi day!) and learn all about the sciences that drive the modern world!

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



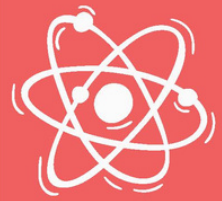
- Interactive - Booths
- Robotics - Demos
- Van De - Graaff Generator
- Snack Bar -
- Digits of Pi - Contest
- + More!

**March
14th
6-8pm**



South Lancaster Academy
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Hosted by the CPUsaders High School Robotics Team.



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