



Looking Forward

March 31, 2023

From the Vice Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you! Thank you for all the hard work you the parents, and you, the students, have been doing this past quarter. It has not been an easy quarter with keeping up on work, dealing with the various projects, buying supplies, paying for trips, remote snow days, and all the rest of the things you have all had to do.

Thank you! Thank you to the teachers and other school staff who have been teacher, counselor, disciplinarian, class sponsors, and I don't want to forget about the late nights and working weekends that you all have been doing as well. Your dedication is always noted.

As you all look through the newsletter and see your accomplishments take joy in the fact that it was all worth it. There were a number of challenges, but in the end it all came together. There is still more work to do before the end of the year, but by God's grace and power we can get it all done.

Enjoy your weekend of rest!

Blessings,
Mrs. Gardner



Students get electrified at STEAM Night. Read more on page 2



Upcoming Dates

- April 5 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Half Day
- April 10 - Home & School Meeting 7pm
- April 17-21 - Patriots' Day & Spring Break NO School
- April 18 - Tax Day
- April 19 - Founders' Day
- April 28 - Elem Spirit Day - Celebrate Spring
- April 30 - Field Day - SUNDAY Half Day of School
- May 1-5 - Scholastic Book Fair (Buy One Get One)
- May 1-12 - MAP Testing
- May 19 - Yearbook Assembly
- May 26 - Books and Beyond Ends
- June 1 - Eighth Grade Graduation
- June 2-4 - Senior Graduation Weekend

Lucas teaches attendees all about hydroelectric power at STEAM Night



STEAM Night

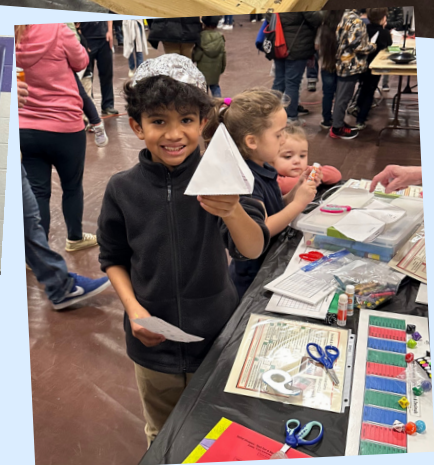
Tuesday, March 21, the high school robotics club hosted STEAM Night. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. There was a great turnout that night, and lots to do for everyone who came.

Every SLA robotics club had a booth where members of their clubs explained what they learned this year, and presented the projects they worked on. The high school robotics team allowed students to drive their robot and attempt to pick up and move cones around their course, and the middle school team had their course and robots on hand to show what they had learned as well. The elementary teams displayed subjects and projects they had researched with Lego builds and trifold boards.

There was a booth where students got to learn about different 3D mathematical shapes, there was an electric skateboard, and the Nashoba high school brought their massive robot and showed how it could pick up and move cones from one place to another. Mrs. Iria had a booth about planets and stars where students could create their own space art with paper discs, paint, and a salad spinner. There was a science booth about the different cells in our blood stream, and one where our very own SLA Board Chairman, Mr. Neidigh, showed how chemical reactions can change the color of liquid before your eyes.

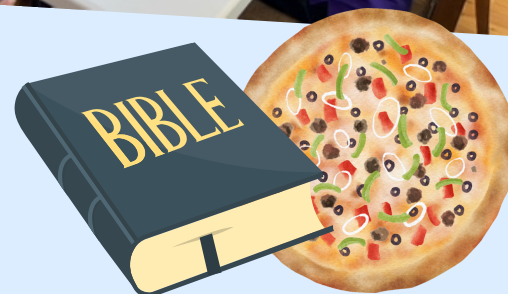
One of the most popular booths was Mr. Bison's booth with his hand cranked Van de Graaff Generator. Children and adults alike were given the opportunity to get electrified, have their hair stand on end, and pass a shock along to a friend or family member.

To encourage attendees to visit as many stations as possible, everyone was given a sheet to collect a sticker at each station. Once the sheet was full it could be redeemed for a piece of candy at the snack bar - this was a great way to get the little kids to visit as wide a variety of booths as possible. All in all it was a very successful night of outreach for SLA's high school robotics team.



5th Grade Spiritual Retreat

5th Grade went on a Spiritual Retreat to Pastor Tom's house on Tuesday, March 21st. After walking to his house and working up an appetite, the students made homemade English muffin pizzas and enjoyed their meal in the spacious kitchen. They sang songs, and after breaking the ice they listened to a Bible story and learned how to apply it to their own lives. At the end they all enjoyed some time outside and had prayer around the bonfire before heading back to school.



Fifth graders presenting their History Fair Projects to their classmates before the big night.

History Fair

SLA students had been working hard for weeks leading up to this year's History Fair. It took place the same night as the Experience SLA event, so SLA parents and visiting families could see all the wonderful things our students put together.

Each class focused on a specific theme so there would be a wide variety of topics covered that night. In the elementary, 1st grade learned about the inventions of the steamboat and steam locomotives, and built their very own boats and trains. The 2nd grade focused on this history of SLA and the SDA church. The 3rd and 4th grades learned all about how secret Underground Railroad messages were sent using different quilt patterns during that time. The 5th grade focused on famous people from the time period, 6th grade chose topics on slavery and freedom, and grades 7 and 8 could choose any historical topic from US history that occurred between 1815 and 1861.



Experience SLA & Visitation Day

It was the busiest week of the school year, with prospective students and parents visiting us on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. The elementary lobby was decorated in an under the sea theme, welcoming current and visiting students alike, and the high school building was decorated beautifully with a palate wall, flowers, and lights. Many new families came to our Experience SLA event and applied that same night. Others came Thursday morning to see what it was like to actually be in class. Thank you to all who helped make these events possible!



Sports News



Boys Volleyball

Enough boys tried out for volleyball so we could have both a Junior Varsity and a Varsity Volleyball Team! Boys Volleyball games started this week with victories for the JV and Varsity Boys Thursday against Worcester Tech High School!

Come support our boys this spring!

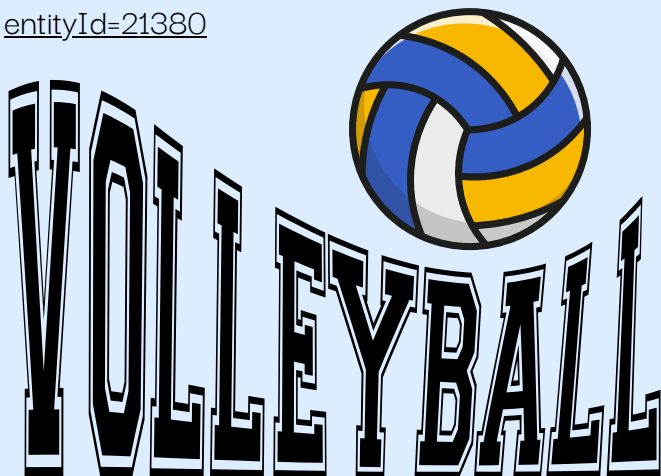
Volleyball Season Help Needed!

SLA needs 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 if you 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>



First Boys Volleyball game of the season!

HIGH SCHOOL 4/13-4/17

Spirit Week

Monday	Pajama Day  Wear your favorite pajamas!
Tuesday 	Culture Day Dress up to represent your culture!
Wednesday	Dress as a Celebrity Day 
Thursday	Class Decision Day SA reps will explain during class meeting on Monday.
Friday	Sports Day 

More class participation leads to more points towards a prize for your class! (Please follow dresscode guidelines)

3rd Graders Learn About Quilting

The 3rd grade class has been learning about different quilt patterns, and coloring in their own quilt blocks on paper, but Beth Currie's visit with her suitcase of handmade quilts gave them a whole new appreciation for what they had been learning. The 3rd grade was able to see what these patterns look like when they are actually used in a quilt!

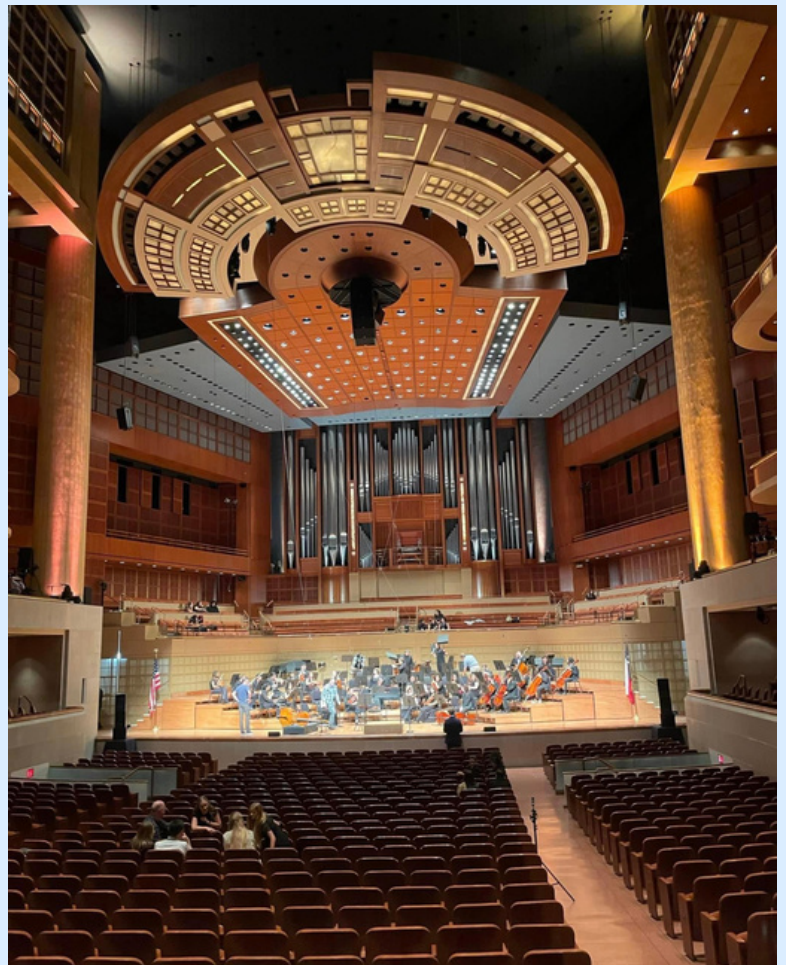
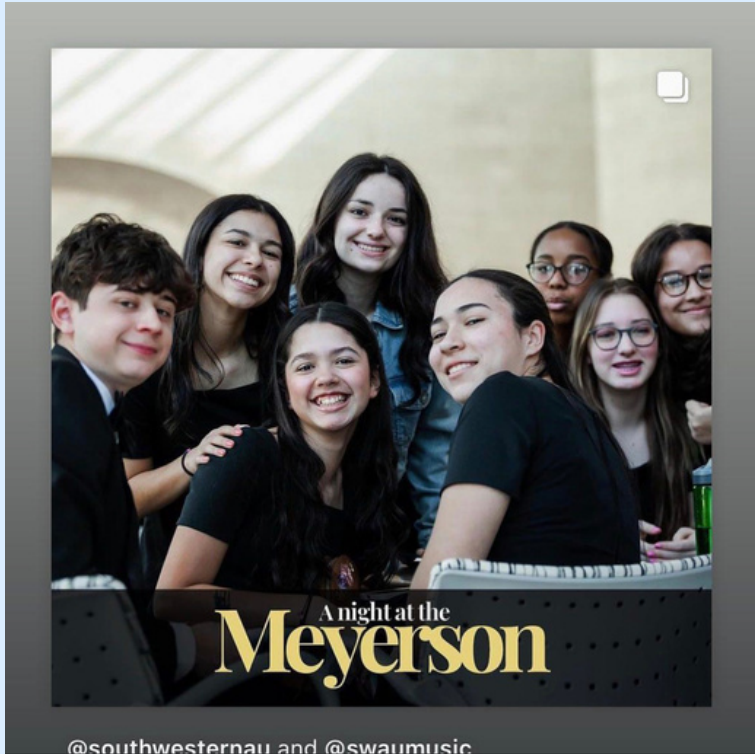
Beth Currie explained how a long time ago, quilts used to be made of worn clothes and scrap fabrics, and she taught them other ways that quilt making had changed over the years. Beth and her granddaughter started their quilt showcase with a vintage quilt from 1930. The students thoroughly enjoyed being able to identify different patterns they had been learning about in Beth's quilts.



Voce Tour



From March 23-27, SLA's Voce Choir went on tour in Texas. They had a wonderful time and performed at the Moron H Meyerson Symphony Center.



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:

"As I sit down to write on the 20th of March, Inigo has gone through seven radiation treatments of thirteen that he is scheduled for. In-patient physical therapy is working hard to regain his mobility and leg strength. Thankfully, we have seen his mobility come back and we are working on his balance every day. We are so thankful that everyone moved so quickly to preserve Inigo's legs. These medical teams are so amazing and we are just so thankful to have them absolutely ready to take care of Inigo's needs. Everyone knew what they needed to do and they jumped into gear, it was amazing. We are so incredibly thankful.

These last couple of weeks represent what we have had to go through in the last year and a half. We always have to be ready. We have to be vigilant. We have to be prepared to move at a moment's notice and we are so thankful that we have been able to do that. God has kept us sharp, he has kept us aware and we are so ready to act when we need to. Please continue to pray for us. We work on our positivity. We work on our love. We try to be strong. We want to make sure that everyone we work with knows how much they are appreciated and how much we love their service. We truly believe that love is the cure. And we know that with every day that we breathe, we will love Inigo. Thank you for loving us, thank you for caring for us. Thank you for following our story and lifting us up in prayer."

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



Home & School Association



My name is Sarah Nicholas. I am the Home and School Leader. It is a privilege for me to serve you in this role. I look forward to getting to know you and working together with you to serve this school and our children; to partner with our teachers in this high calling of educating our children for eternity.

I believe scripture teaches that true education (shaping the characters of our children) begins at home and we parents are the first and even the primary teachers throughout our children's lives. We are so very fortunate to have a Christian School

with such an array of quality, Christian educators who sacrifice so much to partner with us in bringing a well rounded education to our children. It is this belief that I hope you share and which gives me joy and confidence to invite you all to come together in greater and still greater cooperative and supportive relationships. Together we can do more. Together, united, our children will be strengthened in the development of Christian values.

I would like to invite you to our first Home and School Meeting on April 10 at 7pm in the Academy Chapel. Our guest speaker, Kelly Monteverde, will speak to us about bullying: how to recognize the signs; how to create a positive home atmosphere where our children have modeled to them the highest and best of Christian social values and skills.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to connect with me directly: 541-671-0401; nicholassarah35@gmail.com or call Heather: 512-848-4673

Sarah Nicholas
Home and School Director



Senior Class Mentors

The Senior Class mentored the 6th graders by helping them with their writing last week.





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!](#)



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A pair of bifocal glasses was left in the elementary building today. If they're yours, please come by to get them.

SEE MORE OF YOUR STUDENT IN THE YEARBOOK

Yearbook+ is a digital extension of the physical yearbook that allows every student to upload their favorite photos from the school year and take part in creating the most **inclusive, student-centric yearbook**. The uploaded photos are digitally connected to the printed yearbook - when a picture is scanned, their favorite memories are unlocked. You have to see it to believe it. Watch the video by scanning the QR code below.

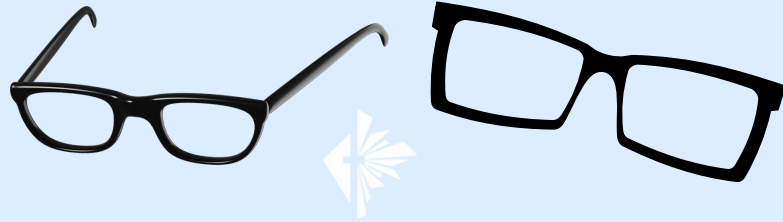
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NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

April 1-14, 2023

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IS ORGANIZING A HYGIENE DRIVE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN. PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 100 ITEMS EACH.

Travel Size Supplies Needed:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Etc

PRESENTS

UNITE THROUGH MUSIC

AN INSPIRATIONAL URBAN CHORUS EXPERIENCE

SHOW DATE: APRIL 8th, 2023 at 2:00pm

Brick Box Theater
20 Franklin St. - Downtown
Worcester, MA 01608

TO PURCHASE TICKETS SCAN

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL TO: eftoyd@pridepro.org

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