



# Looking Forward

May 19, 2023

## From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

How's it feel to be looking at the last few days of another school year? Feels pretty good to me, but then I think personally, I'm another year older! You see, we as educators don't realize this on our birthdays, we mark our days on Earth by our school years!

So, this being my last message for this school year, I just want to mention a couple of things.

- After two years of COVID, this has been a most blessed and productive year.
- I've appreciated the spirit on campus this year,
- I'm going to miss our Seniors as I hand them their diplomas in a couple of weeks. Thank you Seniors for being able to hang with you the past four years and the best of luck and the Lord's blessings on your futures.
- I've appreciated every leg hug I received this year from our munchkin cherubs.
- Thank you faculty and staff for the time, energy and commitment you gave this year to our school. You guys are amazing and I'm not just saying this, one of the best school teams I've had the privilege to work with.
- And lastly, to you, parents, thank you for believing in SLA, allowing us the opportunity to care for and educate your children. I appreciate the belief you've placed in us and I hope that we lived up to your expectations.

Let's all have a relaxing summer, take some time to enjoy God's beauty in the outdoors, and we'll look forward to another amazing school year in the Fall. Thank you!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

David Branum  
Principal



Only 2 Weeks Left of School



## Upcoming Dates

May 26 - Books and Beyond Assembly

May 29 - Memorial Day NO School

May 31 - Violin Recital

June 1 - Eighth Grade Graduation

June 2 - Field Day

June 2 - Elementary Crazy Hair Day

June 2-4 - Senior Graduation Weekend





# High School Robotics

On Sunday, May 7, the High School Robotics Team was away competing in the Adventist Robotics Championships at Forest Lake Academy in Florida.

Our High School Robotics Team, the CPUaders, won several awards:

Winning Alliance - 1st Team Selected  
Connect Award  
Think Award Finalist  
Inspire Award Finalist

Our CPUaders' captain and soon graduating senior, Nathan Neidigh won the Dean's List Award!

Watch the full competition here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvfQ6uy7hxU>

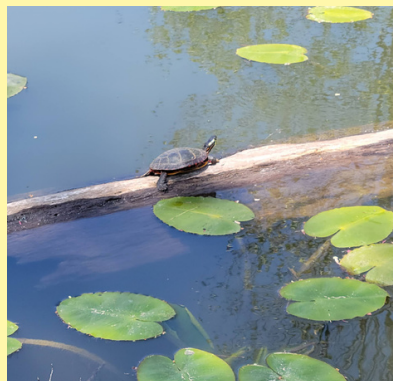
For more details about rankings, qualifications, playoffs, and awards, click here:

<https://ftc-events.firstinspires.org/2022/USARLCMP>





# 1st & 2nd Visit the Audubon Society



They learned about "ponding", and looked at life in the ponds and learned how scientists use special tools to look study and learn about the variety of species found in ponds. It was great fun, and nobody got wet - always a bonus when children are around bodies of water!





# Spring Concert



This year we had to combine our high school and elementary concerts into one K-12 Spring Concert. The concert took place on Wednesday, May 17 at 7pm at the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, or Monty Tech for short. The theme of the concert was "Heroes" and featured songs about fictional heroes, Bible heroes, and contemporary heroes.



The concert wrapped up with the entire school singing I Am Anne, a song featuring the stories of Anne Frank, Malala, and Ryan White.

It was a spectacular concert, and if you did miss it, you can still watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66io22CogsI>





# Sports News



## Boys Volleyball

Our Final Sports Teams are playing now in the spring. Come support our boys this spring! There are only 3 more games left in the regular season! All 3 are away games - one on Monday, and two on Tuesday.

## Arbiter Live

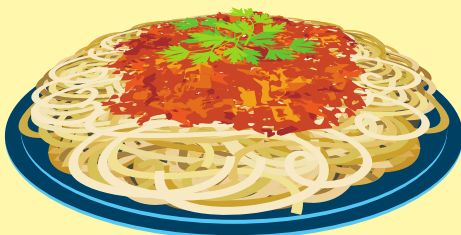
To see the always up-to-date Athletics Calendar go to Arbiter Live - Volleyball games are up!

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

## Sports Banquet

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

- All are invited, but the middle and high school students (and their families) that played sports this year are especially invited
- Donations for prizes that people would enter a raffle to win are being requested
- Please contact the coordinator Debra Loss at [debrajloss@juno.com](mailto:debrajloss@juno.com) if you have an item to donate

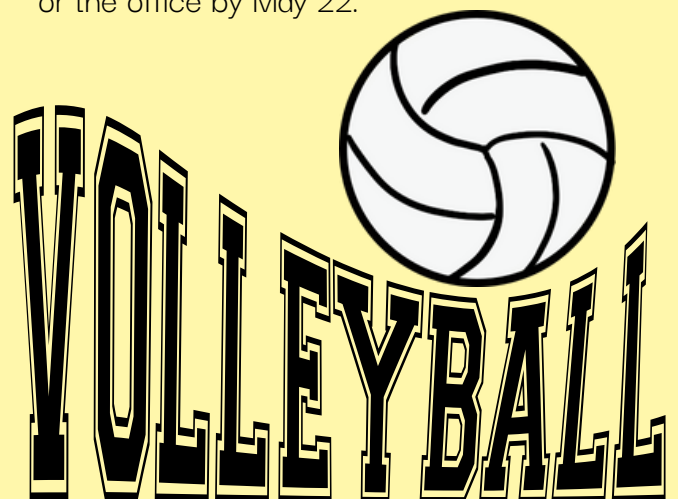


## Girls, Get Your Own Custom Volleyball Jersey!

Mr. DeOliveira is ordering some additional varsity girls volleyball jerseys, and updating the JV jerseys to the same ones that the varsity girls wear. This opens up the opportunity for players and parents to buy their own customized versions of the jerseys.

Some things to note:

- Jerseys might only arrive in the summer
- Jersey numbers will be decided by seniority
- If you have questions about whether a number is available, please feel free to reach out and ask about number availability.
- Return order forms & payment to Mr. DeOliveira or the office by May 22.





# Crusaders Summer Schedule 2023

Here is the Crusaders sports summer program that Mr. DeOliveira has planned as of now. If you are interested in having your child attend any of the following camps/open gyms/leagues, please complete and return the 23-24 Athletic Permission Form with payment for the events you want them to participate in. You can turn them in to the elementary or high school office **by NEXT Friday, May 26th**. You can find the form at the end of the newsletter, or attached to the Friday email.

- **HS Basketball Open Gym**
  - Sundays 8:00-10:00am
  - Wednesdays 5:00-7:00pm
- **HS Volleyball Open Gym**
  - Mondays 5:30-7:30pm
- **HS Volleyball Camps**
  - Boys and girls camp dates and times TBD
- **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.

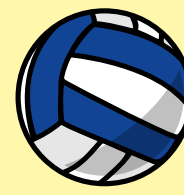
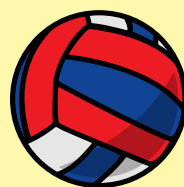
South Lancaster Academy Gymnasium



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

Adults: \$10

Athletes and students Pre-K through 12: \$5





# Releasing Praying Mantises



Kindergarten took advantage of the recent sunny days and released their collection of recently hatched praying mantises. Even Mr. Branum joined in the fun!



## Children's Worship

On Saturday, May 6, SLA hosted a Kid's Worship in the SLA Chapel. Children from all our surrounding churches were invited to join in the fun and praise. There were games and crafts, a short sermon and singing. The entire event wrapped up with a haystack dinner for everyone that came.





# 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).



There hasn't been an update on Inigo's Go Fund Me Page since March 21st, but 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 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/>

Please remember to keep Inigo and his family in your prayers.

## Inigo's Posse



## Chapel Speakers

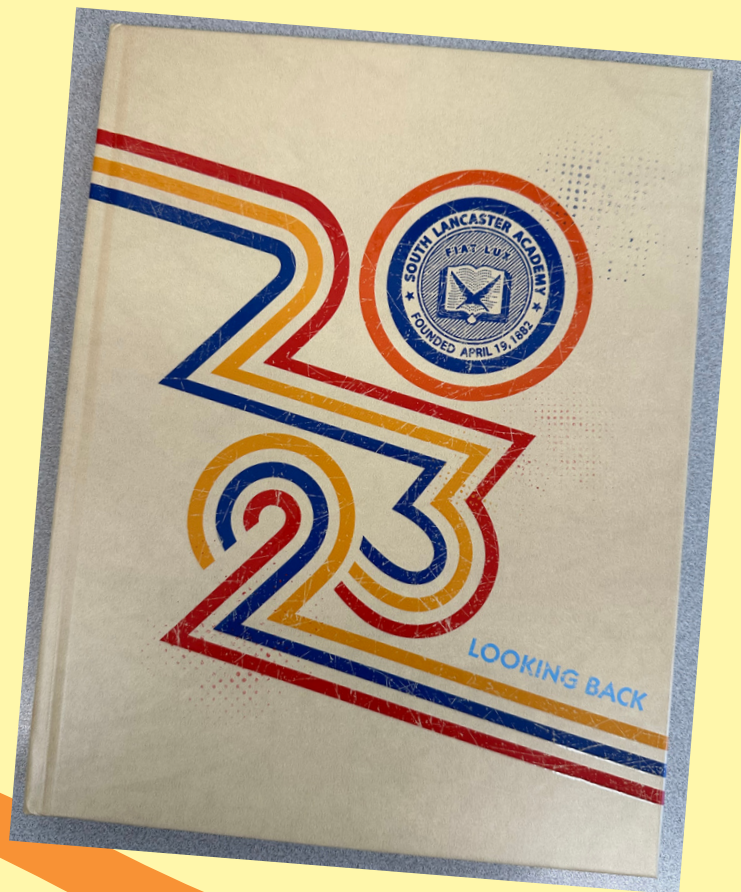


Dion, Gabriella, and Loy speaking at Chapel last week.



# 2023 Yearbooks!

The 2023 Yearbooks are out! Everyone got their yearbooks today (unless they were absent). It's an 80's themed yearbook, and it is an award winning yearbook - the second year in a row that SLA's Yearbook Staff designs an award winning yearbook!



## Reenrollment Information



Reenrollment has been open now for almost 2 months. If you are planning on having your child return to SLA next year, please reenroll as early as possible.

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
- 10th Grade

**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 my 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.





# 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!](#)



## 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.

LEARN MORE AT: [JOSTENS.COM/MORE](http://JOSTENS.COM/MORE)



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## Found\*\*\*\*\*

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

# LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found Collections are full of sweaters and coats. There are about **8 school sweaters** without names in the elementary lost and found.

If your child is missing **anything**, please stop by and look at our collections.

**THINGS THAT DO NOT GET CLAIMED WILL BE DISCARDED/ DONATED IN 2 WEEKS!**

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

The high school lost and found is just to the right of the steps leading to the upper hallway.





# 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



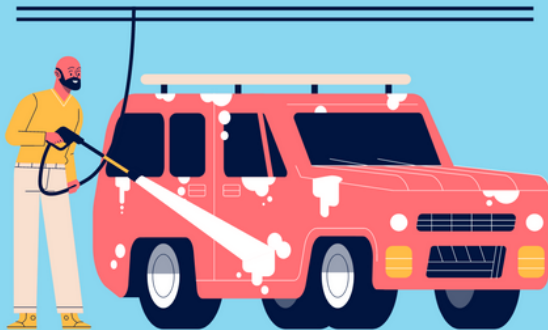
SAVE	<b>10% OFF UNIFORMS</b> SCHOOL UNIFORMS by TOMMY HILFGER
JULY 3RD - 9TH <b>2023</b>	THE
DATE	 SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP FOR DETAILS

# JUNIORS CAR WASH

OPEN  
12-3PM

HELP RAISE MONEY  
FOR THE JUNIORS'  
CLASS TRIP

SUGGESTED  
DONATIONS  
\$5.00+



MAY 19, 2023  
12-3PM

337 MAIN STREET  
SOUTH LANCASTER, MA  
(COLLEGE CHURCH)

-FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT  
SHAILY PEREZ

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO  
(978) 310-6521

# Today



## 12pm-3pm





South Lancaster Academy

# Current Student Enrollment

**Instructions:** On your browser (**not mobile friendly**) open [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com). Click on **FACTS Family Portal Log In** and complete the fields under Family Portal Login. The **District Code** is **SL- MA**. If you forgot your User Name and Password information click on "**Forgot User Name/Password**," or contact Debora Argueta in the elementary office.

Once you are in your Family Portal account click on **Apply/Enroll** on the left hand column, then **Enrollment/Reenrollment**, then on the link that says **Click here to open Online Enrollment**. At this point you should see your child's name in the middle of the page.

Our Online Enrollment system will open with a link to the enrollment packet for your child. Please start with the **Instructions and Resources** page and go down the list. Click on "Save and Next" in the gray bar at the bottom of each page. The online process takes about 15 minutes to complete. Your information will be saved if you need to quit and come back later.

We hope that all students will be returning next year, however, if for some reason your child will not be returning to SLA, please click on "Will not Enroll" next to your child's name. Then state the reason for not returning and click "Submit." We appreciate you helping us plan more accurately for next year.

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

**July 1st +\$75  
August 1st +\$100**

\*\*\*The enrollment fee includes the fee for yearbook, and may include classroom supplies, tech fees, Chromebook fee, and other things (fees depend on grade level). See school website for details\*\*\*

Students reenrolling by the deadline of Friday, **June 30**, will save \$75 on their enrollment fee.

Enrollment Fee increases by additional \$75 on July 1st

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the elementary office at 978-368-8544 ext. 106 or send an email to [dargueta@mysla.org](mailto:dargueta@mysla.org). If you have questions about finances please contact [treasurer@mysla.org](mailto:treasurer@mysla.org)