



Looking Forward

May 5, 2023

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

Spring! A time of renewal and regrowth. As I look at the grass and trees becoming greener and fuller as each day progresses, I think of all the renewal and regrowth that they are going through. The renewal of the soil as it begins to soften and get replenished with each rainfall or the regrowth of the grass, leaves, and flowers as the temperatures become warmer. All of this brings about changes that are beautiful to see.

This reminds me of our lives, especially the students' lives. For our students it is the ending of the school year or the ending of their time at SLA. Either way, for this year it was a year filled with the planting of the seeds of knowledge so the students could grow. For many, this growth has blossomed and can be seen right away. While for others there may be a need for more nourishing rain to fall to help their buds to open up more. Regardless of where they are, the students have all made it to this point at the end of the year. I am proud of them and for what they did try to do. It has been a hard ground to plant in, but there is still beauty that I see blossoming around the school. As we finish up the year, I pray that everyone will continue to blossom and grow stronger.

And just a small word for our planters of the seeds of knowledge... our teachers! This was the week set aside to honor teachers. To our SLA teachers, I am sure I speak for many if not all of our parents and school administration when I say THANK YOU!!!! Thank you for all the time you put into planning, grading, teaching, counseling, patrolling, enduring sleepless nights, and the praying that you have done for our children this year! Your dedication and care IS seen and greatly appreciated! May the Lord bless you as you continue teaching at His school!

May the Lord's love and peace rain down upon us all and refresh us anew each day!

Blessings,

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar



1st Graders cleaning up the Village Church grounds last week.
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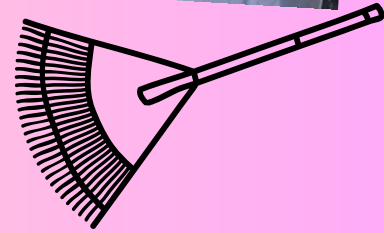
Upcoming Dates

- May 1-12 - MAP Testing
- May 6 - Kids Worship at SLA
- May 12 - Books & Beyond Ends
- May 19 - Yearbook Assembly
- May 26 - Books and Beyond Assembly
- June 1 - Eighth Grade Graduation
- June 2-4 - Senior Graduation Weekend



Village Church Clean Up

Last Friday the 1st and 4th grades teamed up with a handful of high school students to help clean up the Village Church grounds. This was an event that Ms. Simpson did last year, and the students were excited to clean up again this year!



Books & Beyond Ends Next Week!



Turn in your Books & Beyond record sheets ASAP to get your butterfly marker around the board and get your gold medal! There are enough prizes for everyone, but if you don't turn in your record sheets, you won't get the prizes.

The top reader from each grade will get an Amazon gift card! Books & Beyond ends Friday, May 12th. Late record sheets will NOT be accepted.

Praying Mantis Babies!



Praying Mantis eggs have hatched, and these bugs need a home! If you'd like to take some home to your garden, be sure to bring your bug jar to the Kindergarten classroom!



Fourth grade going for a stroll up Dexter Drumlin this week. It was sunny but the wind was very chilly!

STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR AN OFFICER ROLE IN THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION, THERE ARE INTENT TO RUN APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE. MAKE FLYERS TO ADVERTISE YOUR CAMPAIGN!

ELECTIONS ARE ON MAY 9TH, MAKE SURE YOU VOTE!



CONTACT: AMALIA.HOUGH@MYSLA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION



Ladies' Spa Day & Macho Man Day



Last week the 1st and 2nd graders had a fun filled day. The girls had a spa day with mani/pedis, and cucumber slices for their eyes. The boys built a fire, made smores, and learned some survival skills.



Education Sabbath at the Village Church



Education Sabbath was such a success at the College Church, that SLA had another Education Sabbath at the Village Church last weekend.



Sports News



Boys Volleyball

Our Final Sports Teams are playing now in the spring. Come support our boys this spring! There are only 6 more game days this month!

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 if you have an item to donate

Grades 4 & 5 Basketball Camp

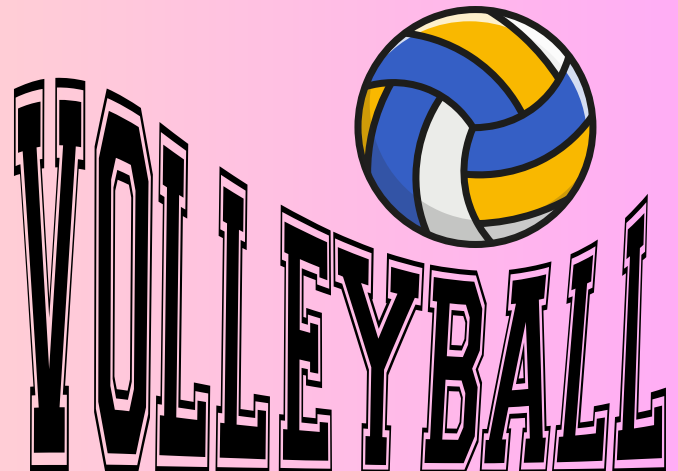
- Maurice Tucker will be running a Basketball Summer Camp for boys and girls entering 5th & 6th grade
- Aug 15-24, Tuesdays & Thursdays
- If you are interested, please email Mr. DeOliveira about the best time of day for you: 10-11:30 am or 5-6:30 pm?
- Please let him know your preferred time via email asap: athletics@mysla.org

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.



Mrs. Ford's Surprise Assembly



On Sunday SLA held an indoor field day, with a Surprise Assembly to honor Mrs. Ford as she retires after working as a teacher at SLA for 40 years. Mrs. Ford's family attended, as well as many of her former students. At the assembly there were speeches, singing, and a slideshow.

Video of the event: <https://youtu.be/AFpPd8xJhaA>

Slideshow: <https://youtu.be/kKsyKXnROO8>

Mrs. Ford was utterly surprised and shocked by the whole thing, and commented on how she was so impressed that everyone had been able to keep the assembly a secret from her. We all hope she has a wonderful time as a retiree. Thank you Mrs. Ford for your 40 years of service at SLA.



Dear SLA Family,

Thank you for your part in making my Surprise Retirement Celebration so special. Love you all!

Mrs. Janice Ford



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 in the last four weeks, 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.



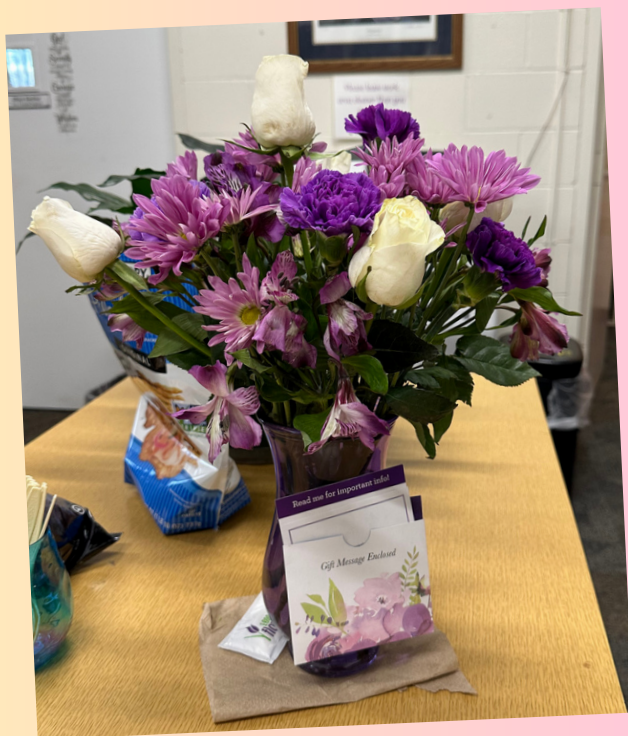
Inigo's Posse



Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

We know our teachers work hard, and we want to let them know they are loved and appreciated.

This beautiful bouquet was gifted to Ms. Simpson from the Kilbourne family.



Nik taught at chapel this week.

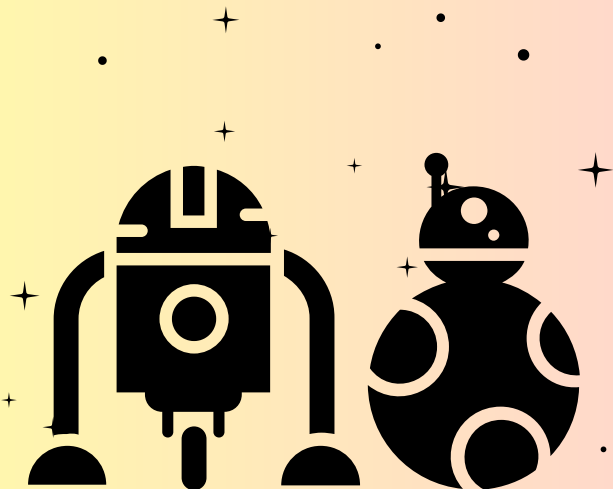
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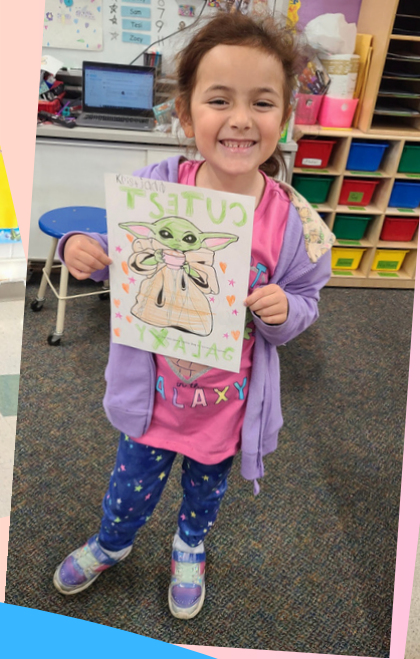
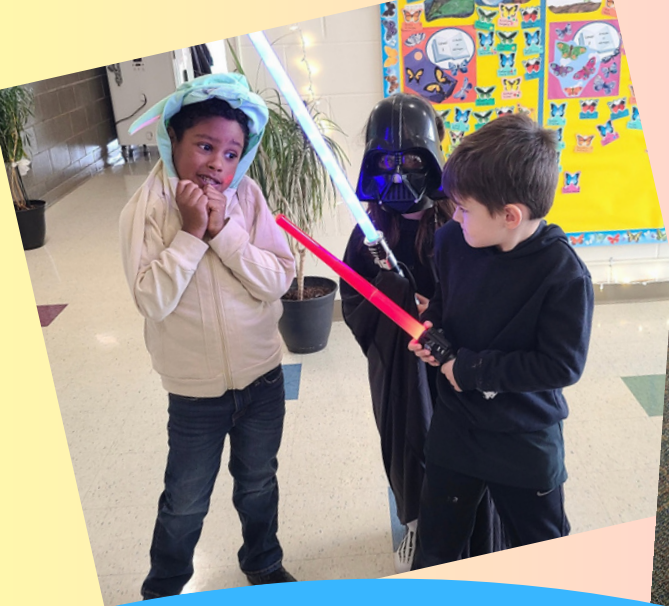
This Monday was May Day, a day that traditionally celebrates spring turning into summer.

This is traditionally also when Mrs. Ford and her 3rd grade class take May Baskets to the residents of Bigelow Gardens. Most of the residents were waiting at their doors, eagerly awaiting the arrival of the students and their thoughtful gifts. With Mrs. Ford retiring this year, SLA will have to find a way to continue the tradition for the residents of Bigelow Gardens.



May the 4th Be With You!





Reenrollment Information

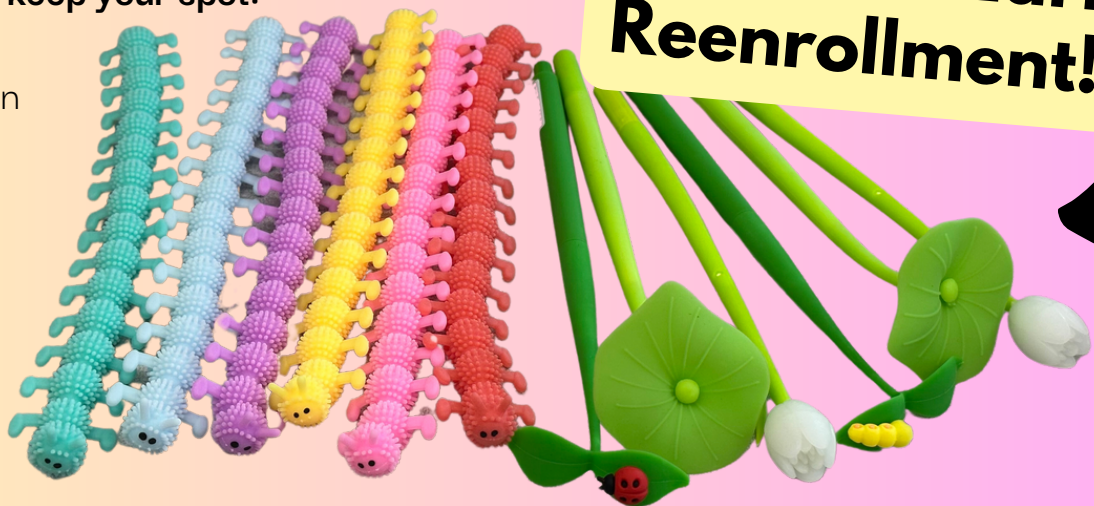
Reenrollment has been open now for about a month. If you are planning on having your child return to SLA next year, please reenroll as early as possible. If your child is reenrolled by May 15th (by midnight), then he/she will receive either a stretchy caterpillar or a silicone pen.

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 the packet. 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.

Prizes for Early Reenrollment!





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



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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 4 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.



KIDS WORSHIP

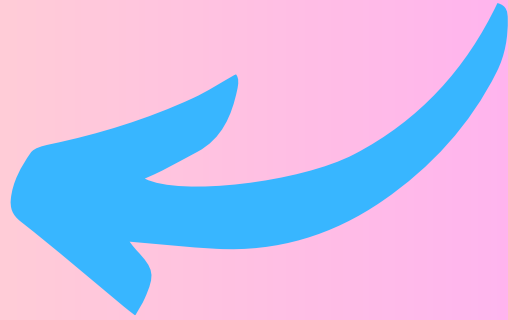
HAVE SOME FUN, MAKE
NEW FRIENDS AND
LEARN ABOUT THE BIBLE!

MAY 6
THIS SABBATH
3:30-5PM

SINGING, PRAYERS,
THEMED CRAFT STATIONS,
HAYSTACK DINNER

198 George Hill Rd
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TOMORROW



next week



Worcester
SDA Church
2 Airport Drive Worcester, MA

Are You Seeking Peace?

Dr. Jennifer Jill Schwirzer will be speaking at the Worcester SDA Church on May 13th, from 10 am to 4 pm with a break from 12:30 to 2 pm for a vegetarian potluck lunch. Dr. Schwirzer is a professional counselor and will speak about mental health from a spiritual perspective.

The schedule will have four sessions: 10 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, and 3 PM.

Everyone is welcome to join us! <http://www.worcestersda.net/>

Our society has hit the wall of a mass-scale mental health crisis. The Finding Peace seminar combines current research on mental health with timeless faith-based principles. Attendees will enjoy the dynamic presentations and practical tools and will find the strength to overcome obstacles in the way of their peace and joy. Come join us at 2 Airport Drive in Worcester MA, at the corner of Mill Street.

The presenter, Dr. Jennifer Jill Schwirzer, is the author of the book "13 Weeks To Peace". Her talk is based on her book. Please be sure to come for 10 AM so you do not miss the first session. At 11 AM there will be singing and a children's story before Jennifer speaks, as she is using the time normally used for a sermon.

For more information and a video please go to this link: <http://socialweb.net/Events/257204.lasso>



South Lancaster Academy

Current Student Enrollment

Instructions: On your browser (not mobile friendly) open 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.

Students reenrolling by the deadline of Monday, **May 15**, will get to choose between a stretchy caterpillar or silicone pen on Tuesday, May 16!



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

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. If you have questions about finances please contact treasurer@mysla.org