



Looking Forward



November 10, 2023

From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

So, the first quarter of the 23-24 school year is now in the history books. I hope everyone took advantage of visiting with your child's teacher(s) and discovered all of the wonderful things your child has accomplished so far this year.

The year has been very productive so far, with our fall sports coming to an end, our music groups are preparing for our Christmas concerts, and we do our part in assisting with Thanksgiving food baskets and Christmas well wishes to our service people and those who need a smile in their lives. For me personally, this is my favorite time of year, where everyone can focus on what they are thankful for and how they can bring a smile to another person's life.

Lastly, with the onset of winter comes the various illnesses, and we are already seeing this at school. Please partner with us in practicing proper sanitization at home as we will at school. Thank you.

Have a lovely Sabbath!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

David Branum, Principal



SLA Celebrates Veterans Day.. See page 2 for more pictures



Upcoming Dates

- Nov 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov 14 - Operation Christmas Child
- Nov 16 - Teacher Professional Development - Half Day
- Nov 22 - Elem Spirit Day - Celebrate Thanksgiving!
- Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Break Begins - Half Day
- Nov 23-26 - Thanksgiving Break - NO School
- Nov 27-Dec 1 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov 30 - SA Winter Banquet
- Dec 8 - P-6 Christmas Concert
- Dec 15 - 7-12 Christmas Concert



SLA Celebrates Veterans Day



Today, SLA students celebrated Veterans Day with a variety of activities. Every student planted a flag on SLA's front lawn, some classes made cards, and others packed Christmas stockings for veterans and active service members. Military veterans, Mr. Connolley, and Mr. Tejeda took turns speaking with students about the meaning of serving others, and answered questions from students throughout the day. It was a great day of learning about and celebrating the men and women who have served our country.



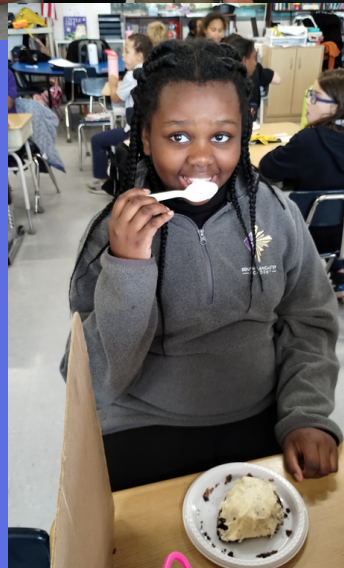
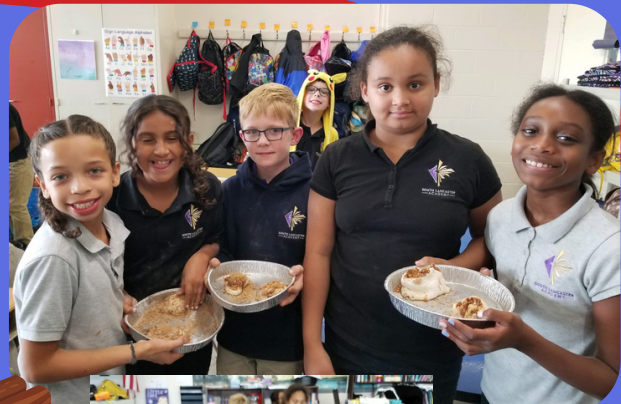
The Little Chefs of Pre School

Ms. Renzi does all sorts of hands on learning projects with the Pre Schoolers - the latest big lesson was about pumpkins. The Pre School class got to make their very own pumpkin pie, and eat it too! They learned about how pumpkins are not just useful as decorations, but that they also can be used to make tasty foods.



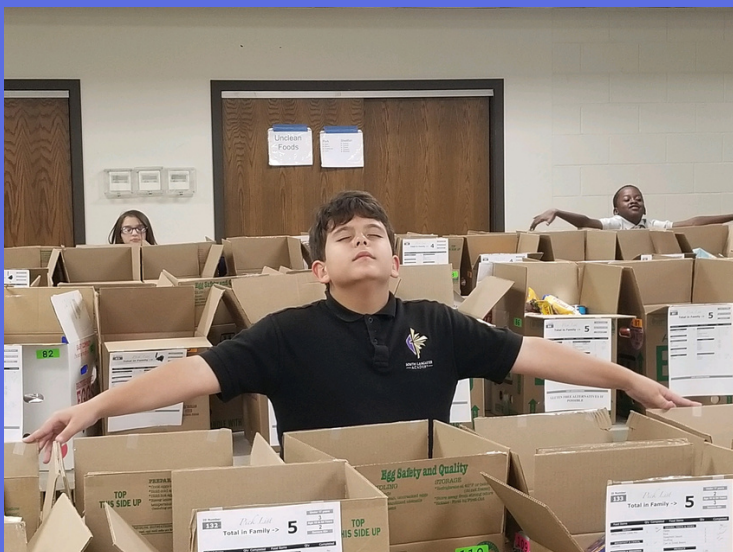
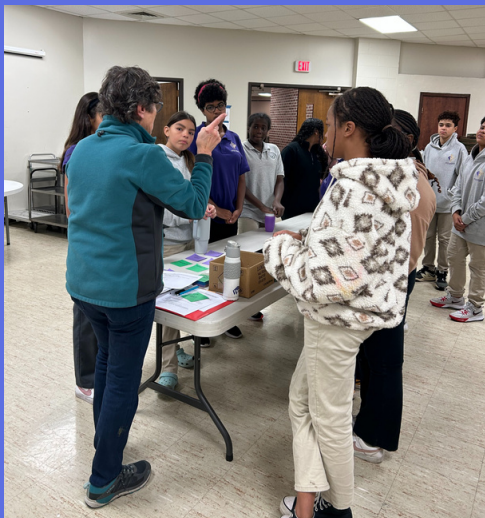
Fourth Graders Bake Cinnamon Rolls

Pre Schoolers haven't been the only ones baking at SLA, the fourth graders learned how to bake cinnamon rolls from scratch, and then they got to enjoy the fruits of their labor.



Holiday Food Drive

Each year the College Church collects and provides food for 150 families in the Greater Lancaster Area - just in time for Thanksgiving. The students from South Lancaster Academy always help with packing the boxes of food, as well as with making cards for all the families. Here you can see the 4th & 7th Graders helping to pack boxes for the Holiday Food Drive at the College Church this week.



SA Banquet

As you all know, the banquet is coming up soon. This is just a friendly reminder that you can purchase your ticket from either Camila, Andrea, or Loy. The ticket price for SLA students is \$38, while outside students will need to pay \$40. The deadline to buy tickets is November 17th, so please make sure to get them before then. Additionally, we will be providing masks at the banquet, but if you want to match your outfit, please bring your own. Don't forget to get your tickets soon and we hope to see you all there!!



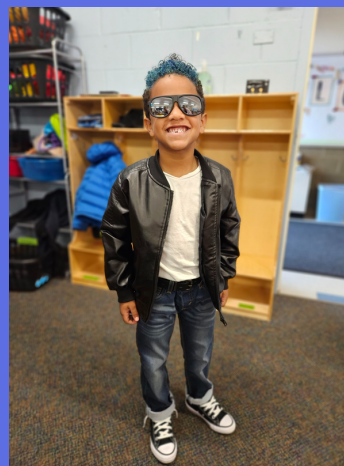
NHS Induction Ceremony

On Tuesday, November 7th, the NHS Induction Ceremony took place in the SLA Chapel.



50th Day of School Celebration!

Last week, the Kindergarten Class celebrated the 50th day of school by dressing up in 50's themed outfits. Themed days in kindergarten are always a big hit because Mrs. Imperio always makes sure that every student participates with paper crowns or some other themed craft for the day. It was quite a fun dress up day!



Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 28, this year's Fall Festival took place in the SLA gym. It was an exciting night full of fun, games, and food. Between fun and games, visitors could pass the time watching people being hauled off to jail and wedding ceremonies, and watching human foosball games.



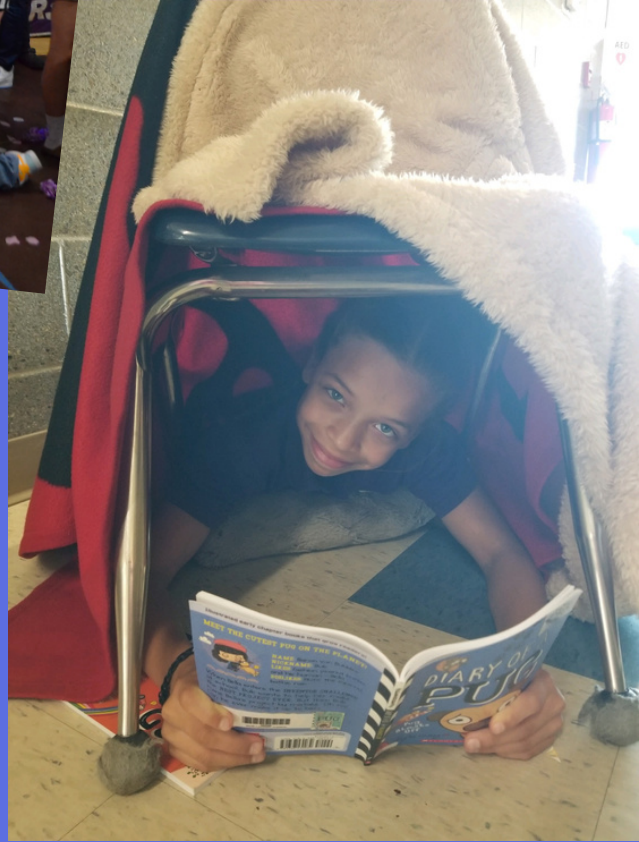
Taste The TROPICS

- Blue Lagoon... \$3
GRAPE, BLUEBERRY FLAVOR, TASTE OF LEMON
CHERRY FUDGE
- Rainbow Punch... \$3
ORANGE, LEMON, LIME AND BERRIES
- Shirley Temple... \$3
ORANGE, LEMON AND BERRIES
- Sparkling Lemonade... \$3
- Lei... \$1

When Wedding Sirens Wail at the Fall Festival



Favorite Reading Nook



Fourth graders get the special privilege of reading out in the hallway sometimes.

Fourth Grade Reading Partners



Ski Club!

Ski Program Registration is now open!!!

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SKIING- TIME TO THINK ABOUT SNOW

With the beautiful fall weather we have been blessed with it is hard to believe we will soon be heading to the slopes. IN 8 SHORT WEEKS THE SLOPES WILL BE COVERED WITH SNOW AND OUR PROGRAM WILL BEGIN

South Lancaster Academy Ski Program Online codes *** SLASC ***

The school ski program starts on Tuesday Jan. 9, 2024 and will run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays with a makeup day planned for Feb. 20, 2024. The program is open to students in grades 4 thru 12 of all skiing levels. Please note that first time skiers MUST take lessons. Students are bused to Wachusett Mt. (for an additional fee of \$35.00 payable to SLA), will leave from school promptly at 1:30 and return to school by 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity for students to experience a winter sport at a reasonable expense and enjoy the snow. To participate in the school program and leave school early you must sign up online thru the Student ski school program listed below:


www.wachusett.com/schoolgroups 

Program code: SLASC

Registration is open for you to sign up your child. Student bronze pass is available on the registration form. Fees increase after 12-1-2023 so sign up today!! Brochures with the cost of pass, equipment rental and lessons are available online www.wachusett.com 

Remember to participate you must purchase your pass thru the school student ski program listed above!!

After reading this information you find you have a question please call Linda Oetman, Coordinator @ 617-834-8797 loetman@mysla.org



Join us for Fresh Air and FUN!

WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STUDENT SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM 2023/2024

WACHUSETT.COM/SCHOOLGROUPS 6 & 8 Week Programs

WHO'S ELIGIBLE
Students in 3rd grade & up (Must be 9 years old as of 1/1/24). Family members only eligible if participating in Recreation Department and YMCA programs.

HOW TO SIGN UP

- Contact your program coordinator for your program details & access code.
- Go to wachusett.com/schoolgroups, and enter Access Code.
- For best price order by Dec. 1, 2023 *quantities limited
- Last Day to order Dec. 15, 2023

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY

- \$5 COW Card Bonus** - Purchase a \$50 gift card for only \$45. Card is valid for food, MTW Ride Ski & Ride Shop and more. If lost, there is a \$5 replacement fee - we will replace remaining value on a new card.

BADGE INSURANCE

- Provides Student Badge Replacement at a pre-rated refund if unable to use services due to unforeseen circumstances. Must be purchased when badge is ordered.
- Pass Insurance - Any Student Badge purchased this season qualifies for a CREDIT.

START DATE
The Six and Eight week sessions start Wednesday, January 3, 2024. (No program Jan. 15, 2024 or Feb. 19-23, 2024).

EQUIPMENT

- Rental - Rental Packages (include ski/poles/boots or snowboard/boots) are available for your program days OR full season. Rental equipment for use at Wachusett only.
- Bring your own - Equipment should be marked with NAME, SCHOOL, AND PHONE NUMBER.

LESSONS

- Lessons for beginners and novice (Levels 1-4), are required. (Limited Space Available (See Class Level description when ordering the lesson online).
- First Time Students CANNOT start after the first program day. If you're a "First-timer," it may take one or more sessions to learn the skills needed for lift serviced terrain.

GETTING THERE

- The coordinator arranges transportation to the mountain.

Lift Badge	6 Week	8 Week
For 6 weeks or more	\$179	\$209

Tuesday Code: SLASC

Equipment Rentals	6 WEEK	8 WEEK	SEASON
Ski	\$109	\$119	\$193
Snowboard	\$109	\$119	\$193
Helmet	\$27	\$31	*

Lessons Ski and Snowboard Lessons for beginners and novice (Levels 1-4), are required. Note: Only a 6 week instructional program is available.

Card Of Wachusett (COW Card)	6 Week One-Hour Lesson
\$50 Card for \$45	\$93

TERRAIN PARK PASS \$5 / Access fee

BADGE INSURANCE \$39

Sports News

- **Crusader Gear Available for Sale**

- \$15 per shirt
- Sizes available: Youth Small - Adult Large
- All profits go to the Athletic Department



- **Basketball Practices This Next Week**

- Sunday 5/6 boys 10am-12noon
- Monday
 - 7/8 boys 3:30-5pm
 - 5/6 girls 5:00-6:30
- Tuesday 7/8 girls 5-6:30pm
- Wednesday
 - 5/6 boys 3:30-5pm
 - 5/6 girls 5-6:30pm
- Thursday 7/8 girls 3:30-5pm

- **There will be no practices the following week.**



SLA Student to Sing at Boston Celtics Game!



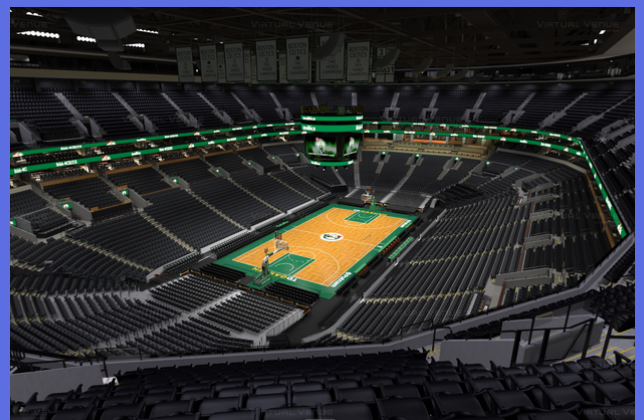
The Boston Celtics have invited Mirabel Weston, a second grader at SLA, to sing the National Anthem at their Sunday, December 17 game against the Orlando Magic.

Mr. Branum sent an email to the Celtics explaining who we are and that there may be a number of us who would like to attend the game in support of Mirabel. He asked them for a group rate on tickets, and they got back to him saying that it would be \$90 a ticket. Mr. Branum has to let them know how many tickets to purchase as soon as possible to hold that rate.

If you are interested in going to the 3pm Boston Celtics game on Sunday, December 17, please let Mr. Branum know today at principal@mysla.org, so he can reserve your tickets at that group rate!

You can see the view from the seats here:

Congratulations on this amazing opportunity Mirabel!!!!



Learning with Pumpkins



Third grade students explored pumpkins this week, wrote descriptive paragraphs about their pumpkin, and then worked on pumpkin seed math.



Hot Lunches

Hot Lunches are class fundraisers for our high school, and 8th grade classes.

All orders must be placed through your FACTS Family Portal under Student > Lunch.

Lunch orders close by 9am Monday mornings! Late orders will not be accepted.

If you do not get a receipt from FACTS after you paid for the lunches, then the order might not have been completed. You must complete the payment for the order to go through.

See the lunch instructional flyer for directions on how to place an order.



What's for Lunch?

- Monday - Vegetarian Hotdogs
- Tuesday - Cheese Pizza
- Wednesday - 2 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
- Thursday - Cheese Pizza
- Friday
 - 2 Cheese Empanadas
 - OR 2 Pizza Empanadas



Pre-Arranged Absences

If your family is going on a trip, and your child will be missing school due to that trip... A parent must fill out a Pre-Arranged Absence Form and send it in to the school offices before the trip.

[You can find the form on the school website HERE.](#) 



Operation Christmas Child



SLA will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year, and will be filling 100 shoeboxes with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. We would like each student to bring in a "wow" gift, it could be a doll, stuffed animal, soccer ball (with pump), a Lego set, or anything you think will "wow" a child. It must fit in a regular-sized shoebox, and it must be in new or like-new condition.

In addition to bringing a "wow" gift on Packing Day (next Tuesday, Nov. 14), we are in need of other donations. There will be a bin in both the elementary and high school lobbies. You can bring combs, Band-Aids, toothbrushes (individually wrapped), crayons, mini notebooks, stickers, erasers, mini coloring books, and other school supplies that would fit in a shoebox.

Please contact julia.moraes@mysla.org or shaily.perez@mysla.org with any questions.

If you would like to learn more about this program, please visit:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> 

Thank you for helping out in any way you can, and making Christmas extra special for children around the world this year!

South Lancaster Academy



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Packing day will be November 14

Contact us at
julia.moraes@mysla.org or
shaily.perez@mysla.org

For more information please visit
www.samaritanspurse.org



Personalized Christmas Ornaments

Create a Christmas Memory for 2023

Order by November 27th to have a personalized Christmas memento from this year's Christmas Concert. All proceeds will go to the Music Department at SLA. You can pick up your memento at your child's Christmas Concert. Personalized ornament \$12



Front



Back



LOST & FOUND



Lost sweaters and winter coats are starting to pile up! Please stop by and look through the Lost and Found collections, or inquire at the offices. There are water bottles as well.

Elementary Lost & Found is in the hallway to the right, by the library and bathrooms.

High School Lost & Found is just up the stairs to the right.

Please LABEL SCHOOL SWEATERS! Items that are not labeled might get taken by someone else, as nobody has any way of knowing who the rightful owner may be. If items are labeled, they can easily be returned to their rightful owners. **Names can be written on the labels inside the left hip, on the inside of the logo, or along the red and white stripes at the neck.**