



Looking Forward

November 11, 2022

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

Sunday evening, as I went out to do my many errands, I turned on the car radio and was pleased to hear Christmas music playing. Yes, I am one of those people that likes to hear Christmas music before Thanksgiving! For me, it just puts me in the mood for the whole Holiday Season!

November is the month when all the business of the Holiday Season begins. Planning for Thanksgiving, deciding if we are traveling or not, what to prepare, rehearsals for the Christmas programs in December, Christmas lists being created, and the list goes on and on.

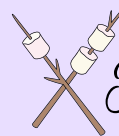
November is also the month when we should stop and take the time to say "Thank You" all month long. Today the whole school participated in an assembly to honor and say "thank you" to our veterans. Monday is National Gratitude Day, when we all should be thanking everyone for the little things they do to show kindness. And of course, we pause for the holiday of Thanksgiving itself to spend time with our loved ones.

Let me take this time to say "THANK YOU" to all of you, the SLA Families (Faculty and Staff included) for all that you do to support our school. Thank you students for helping to find small ways to make your teachers feel loved and appreciated. Thank you parents for entrusting your children to our care. Thank you teachers for your tireless and deep commitment to teach our students through all situations. Thank you all for your overall commitment to Christian Education. God has this school here for this purpose! May He continue to bless all of our families and our school.

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar



4th Graders helping with Thanksgiving Food Drive



Friday Night Lights



Calling all high school students! Come join us at SLA from 7-9pm TONIGHT! Veggie hot dogs and smores are provided. When the weather is good everyone meets outside by the shop. If the weather is bad everyone meets inside the SLA Chapel.

Upcoming Dates

November 11 - Friday Night Lights

November 15 - Operation Christmas Child

November 17 - Teacher Professional Development, Half Day of School

November 22

- Thanksgiving Vacation Starts, Half Day of School
- Elementary Spirit Day - Celebrate Thanksgiving
- SA Thanksgiving Party

November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Vacation, No School

November 28-Dec 2 - Scholastic Book Fair





Veterans Day Assembly



David Tejada and Jayson Currie, who spoke about their experiences serving our country.

Today was Veterans Day, and SLA had a special Veterans Day Assembly from 10:30-11:30 am in the gym. The entire school was there to participate in this assembly.

It began with Pathfinders marching in with flags of the five military branches, and students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing the National Anthem.

A couple of Veterans Day poems were read, visiting veterans were recognized, and everyone listened to a medley of military anthems. It was truly precious to see the kindergarten class sign to the song, "God Bless America." Finally, students got to hear from Jayson Currie and David Tejada, who are both veterans, SLA Alums, and parents to SLA students!

At 11 am everyone observed a National Moment of Silence for our fallen veterans. The assembly wrapped up with a video of messages from SLA students to veterans, and everyone sang "America the Beautiful." It was a great way for all the students to learn more about the sacrifices our veterans have made, and the value of the freedoms we have here in the United States of America because of those who serve our country.



Mr. Walton Kilbourn, our oldest veteran here today at 91 years of age. Proud of his service to our country.



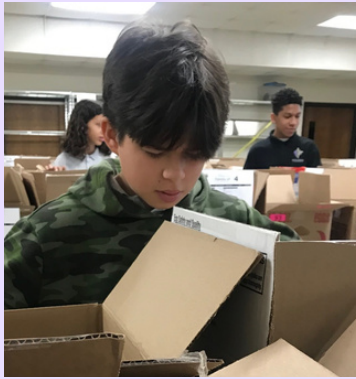
Flag squares colored by Grades 4 & 5



Preschool and PreK enjoying the Veterans Day Assembly, and appreciating the 11 veterans that honored us with their presence.



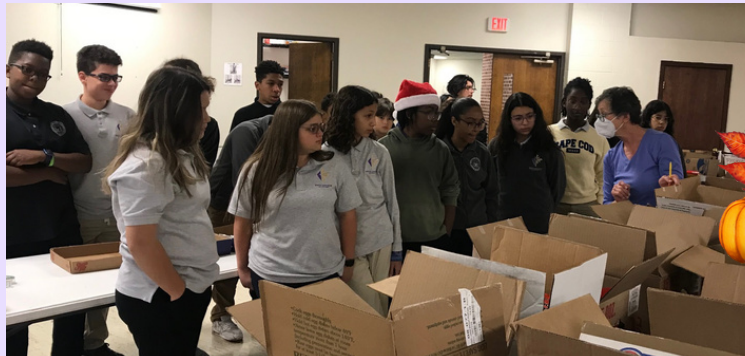
Thanksgiving Baskets



Every year the College Church of Seventh Day Adventists runs the Greater Lancaster Holiday Food Drive to help feed needy families in our community. Empty bags are passed out to houses in Lancaster at the end of October, then the full bags are picked up the following week. All the donated food is sorted, packed, and finally delivered to a needy family. The size and contents of the boxes depend on the size and needs of each family.



It's a huge undertaking, and SLA students always spend some time helping with the food drive each year, and making greeting cards for every box. Here you can see the 7th graders, as well as the 4th graders helping out this week at the College Church!



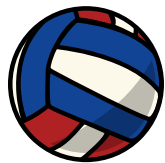
Sports News



CONGRATULATIONS!

SLA Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team are District Champions!

The SLA Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team are District Champions! On November 1st the girls were down 2 games and came back to defeat Douglas High School for the Championship! It was a tough game, but the girls made an amazing comeback with support of our boisterous SLA crowd cheering them on!



Let's congratulate our girls for bringing SLA our very first Volleyball District Championship!

Basketball Practices Grades 4-8

This practice schedule will be effective for 3 weeks:

Mondays and Wednesdays

3:30-5:00 pm Grades 4-6 Boys

5:00-6:30 pm Grades 7 & 8 Girls

Tuesdays and Thursdays

3:30-5:00 pm Grades 7 & 8 Boys

5:00-6:30 pm Grades 4-6 Girls



Basketball Season Begins!

Basketball Season begins December 8th with a home game for the JV Boys at 5:30pm, and two away games for the Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys at Sizer starting at 4:30 pm!

See all the most up to date scheduling information on **Arbiter Live!**

Basketball Tryouts!

Tryouts for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Teams will take place on **Sunday, November 27th**

Girls 10am-12pm

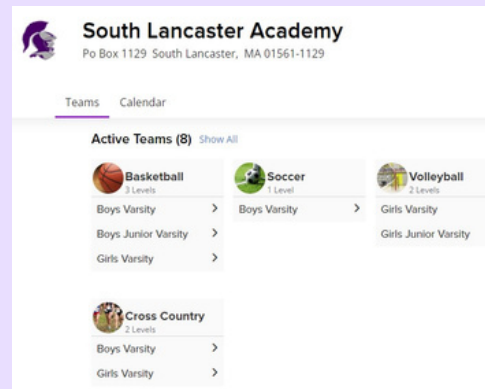
Boys 5:30-7pm



ARBITER LIVE

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

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



SPORTS CALENDAR

What is Arbiter Live?

SLA has 16 Sports Teams, and games are always being added, postponed, delayed, or rescheduled. SLA uses Arbiter Live to make sure everyone is able to access the latest, most up to date schedule for all our teams.

Changes are seen live by everyone who visits Arbiter Live, so you'll always know exactly what games are happening and when.

This page has ALL the Athletics Scheduling information you need as an parent, fan, and supporter including:

- Teams playing
- Game times
- Game locations/addresses
- Team stats (W/L)

The page is not very mobile friendly, which is why mobile apps are available!

Arbiter Live can also be found by clicking through the Athletics link on our school home page!



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 September 2021 Inigo was diagnosed with high-risk medulloblastoma. He underwent a brain tumor resection then began radiation followed by chemotherapy. Due to the brain surgery, Inigo developed Posterior Fossa Syndrome or Cerebellar Mutism. A year later, in September 2022, Inigo began another course of chemotherapy to treat the metastatic brain tumor. His parents have left their jobs to help Inigo with his journey. They have started a gofundme.

This Shirt campaign, <https://www.bonfire.com/inigos-posse/> is an opportunity for people to share in something tangible from Inigo's family, and to be a part of their story by showing support for Inigo. Inigo helped his dad create this design while at Spaulding Rehabilitation. It was a portrait of Inigo as a line sketch that Inigo had started working on a few years ago.

Thank you for your love and support. Love is the Cure.

Whether donating or not, to read more about their story and get updates, please visit this link: <https://gofund.me/83f0e17c>



Inigo's Posse



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

Wildlife Sanctuary

This week Grades 3 & 4

went on a Field Trip to the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales, MA. This was the first field trip with our school bus this year, and it was a great ride. Students had a wonderful time learning about precipitation, the water cycle, water conservation, and more. Students also got to make and take home their own terrariums - jars enclosing a mini, self sustaining plant ecosystem!

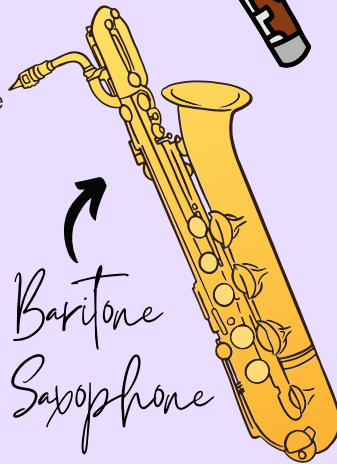


Instruments Urgently Needed!!!

SLA has a student interested in playing the bassoon for band. Unfortunately the 2 SLA bassoons are beyond repair.

There is also a student who would like to play the baritone saxophone, but SLA does not have one to loan out.

If you are a family with a bassoon or a baritone saxophone in good condition and you'd consider donating or loaning it to one of these students, please reach out to Mrs. Lira Cady: lcady@mysla.org



Walk-a-thon Update



The elementary students have raised just over \$19,000 with their Walk-a-thon Fundraiser! Steps are being taken to begin making purchases towards playground equipment and technology! More details are coming!

Thank you!!!



Celebrating Neon Day!

In Search of a Quarter



7th grade only needs one more National Parks Quarter to finish their collection!!!
\$5 reward to anyone who finds the "Chaco Culture" quarter for us!!

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

Together we give.

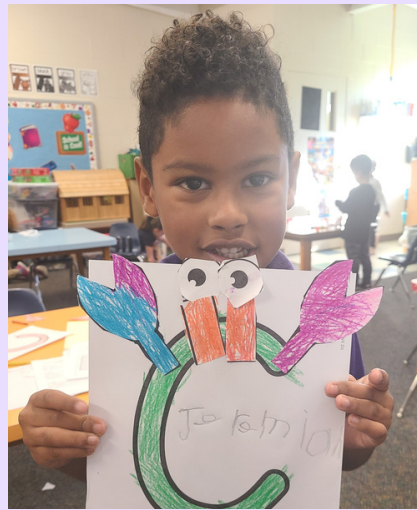
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GIVING TUESDAY

Help students attend SLA by giving on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29. **Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for our Worthy Student Scholarship** in just one day. Nearly half of our students are able to attend SLA thanks to donations to this fund. Please mark your calendars to give on this day and share with your friends and family. Thank you!

KINDERGARTEN KEEPS BUSY

Celebrating the 50th Day of School, Neon Day, and planting bulbs at the College Church.



Operation Christmas Child



- We are excited to be participating again in Operation Christmas Child! SLA will fill 100 shoeboxes with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
- These simple gifts are then shipped by Samaritan's Purse to children outside of the U.S. who are affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.
- HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP: SLA will provide the shoeboxes, hygiene items and school supplies for each box.
- We would like each student to bring a "WOW" gift. It could be a doll, stuffed animal, soccer ball (with pump), a lego set or anything that you think will "wow" a child. It must fit in a regular-sized shoebox, and it must be new or in like-new condition.
- We need the "WOW" gifts before November 14, because our box packing day will be Tuesday, November 15.

South Lancaster Academy



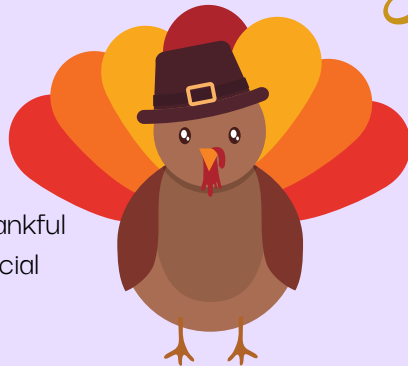
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Packing day will be November 15

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



8th Grade Class Thanksgiving Fundraiser



Let someone know how Thankful you are for them with a special candy treat!

All order sheets and payments are due to the offices or 8th grade class by Friday, November 18th. Candies will be delivered to the classes on Monday, November 21st.

Each candy gift is \$2, and your child must write a special note, and choose between a KitKat Turkey, or Reese's Pieces Indian Corn (contains peanuts).

If you would like to order Candy Gifts for someone outside the school (family/friends), **please make a note of that on your form**, and those gifts will be given to your child to take home and deliver.



SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY
PRESENTS

Night on the Red Carpet

6 PM December 7, 2022
"The Manor"
42 W Boylston St, West Boylston, MA
01583
(See Amalia, Julia, and Shaily for tickets)

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found Collections are getting full of:

- Sweaters
- Coats
- Pink wireless headphones
- Lunch boxes
- Water bottles
- Hats & Gloves



Parents, PLEASE LABEL SCHOOL SWEATERS!

You can write your child's name in pen on the white label at the hip, or with a sharpie inside the logo.

Absent?



If your child is absent, please EMAIL the offices by 8:15 am if possible. Let us know if you need a hot lunch moved too! This avoids unnecessary calls to you. Please refer to pages 47-49 in the Handbook for our Attendance Policy and list of excused absences.

Elementary: dargueta@mysla.org

High School: dvelez@mysla.org

Hot Lunch



Lunch orders can be placed for the following week from Fridays at 12:30 pm - Monday at 9:00 am of the lunch week.

If your child is absent on a day where you have ordered a lunch, please remember to email the offices by 8:15 am and ask Mrs. Argueta or Mrs. Velez to move the order (dargueta@mysla.org or dvelez@mysla.org).

Note: If the offices are not notified to move the order by 8:15 am, the lunch will not be credited.

Drop Off Safety

Parents, please DO NOT PARK IN THE DROP OFF LANE to walk inside with your child at drop off time. If you need to get out of your vehicle at drop off time, please use an available parking spot.



Sick? **STAY HOME**

We would like to thank all the parents that are complying with the illness guidelines in order to make our campus safe. Please continue to monitor your child if he/she shows signs of illness (runny nose, cough, fever, etc.)

If your child is exhibiting illness symptoms PLEASE KEEEP KEEEP HIM/HER HOME.

If your child has a fever, he/she cannot return to school until 24 hours have passed without a fever (without the aid of medication). Your cooperation helps keep kids and teachers healthy.

Extended into Next Week!

PENNY

WARS

SUPPORT THE
HIGH SCHOOL
ROBOTICS
TEAM TO GO
TO FLORIDA

THE WINNING
CLASS WILL
GET A PIZZA
PARTY ON
NOV. 18TH IF
WE RAISE
MORE THAN
\$350

HOW IT WORKS

- Each class has a jar in which money is placed in.
- Each penny is worth one positive point.
- All other forms of cash are worth negative points, dependent on value i.e. one quarter is worth -25 points. Place negative points in other classes jars to increase your classes chances of winning.
- Whichever class with the most positive points by the end wins a pizza party if we raise more than \$350.
- The penny wars will last from Nov. 7th- 18 for elem.



Is your child interested in art? Would they like to participate in art club?

I am in the process of planning the art club year and need to know how many kids would be interested in participating. I plan to run art club for 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, and 8th-12th this year if there is interest. Each age group will meet once a week for 2-3 weeks after school, starting in December. I would also like to plan a paint night before Christmas.

Please email Veronica Iria at veria@mysla.org with your child's name, grade, and if you are interested in signing up for art club, paint night, or both.

Picture Day and Retakes!

This past Wednesday we had Picture Retake Day. If you haven't seen your child's pictures yet, be sure to login to Jostens' to see, and possibly order some school pictures.

Photo ID cards went home last week with your child.

Financial Advice for Students and Their Parents



Did you know there is such a thing as a "Scholarship Resume?" It is a resume students put together and use in submitting for scholarships.

You may think it is too early to put one together if your child is in elementary school or just a freshman, but like many things in our lives, we forget the details when we need the information years later.

It's a good idea to create a scholarship resume using one of the Google or Word templates available online. Remember to review it every six months to update information so it is ready to use when needed. This resume will also help create a student's first job resume as it will have some activities pertinent to the first job (class leadership, volunteering, etc.).

JoAnn Shaul
SLA Treasurer, ext 101



Ski Club



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 *** STLA***

The school ski program starts on Tuesday Jan. 3, 2023 and will run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays with a makeup day planned for Feb. 14, 2023. 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: **STLA**

Registration is open for you to sign up your child .

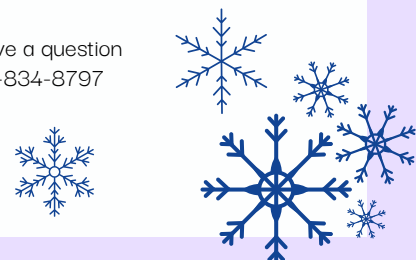
Fees increase after 12-1-2021 so sign up today!!

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



Eighth Grade Class Trip Fundraiser

Eighth Graders are selling 100% cotton dishcloths as a fundraiser for their Eighth Grade Class Trip. Come to the Fall Festival tomorrow to see and buy the washcloths in person!



JOIN OUR COOKIE FUNDRAISER

**\$45 PER PERSON
DIY COOKIE CLASS**

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4TH
AT 4:00PM

**CONTACT
ARIELLE FLORES
TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT**

ACADYFLORES@GMAIL.COM

COLLEGE CHURCH 337 MAIN STREET LANCASTER, MA 01523



QUEEN ESTHER

AS SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Calling 9th - 12th grade youth

THIS MEANS YOU

THE HOUSE OF REFUGE INVITES YOU TO A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND PLAY YOUR INSTRUMENTS TOGETHER. A PLACE WHERE FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH COLLIDE.

JOIN US THE 4TH FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7-8:30 pm 129 Bolton Rd. Lancaster

Contact information:

CEO: JESUS

Becki Renzi- Faithful Servant

978-870-0266

tambolleo1953@gmail.com

BRING A FRIEND- INTRODUCE THEM TO AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD

*Attention students
families and friends
of Thayer music school*



2-4p on Sunday, November 20

Crafts! **Thayer** **Live**
Food! **Holiday Fair** **Music!**
Wreaths!

COLLEGE CHURCH
337 MAIN ST, SO. LANCASTER



*Vendors of arts and crafts may rent
table space during our fair. Ask for details.*