



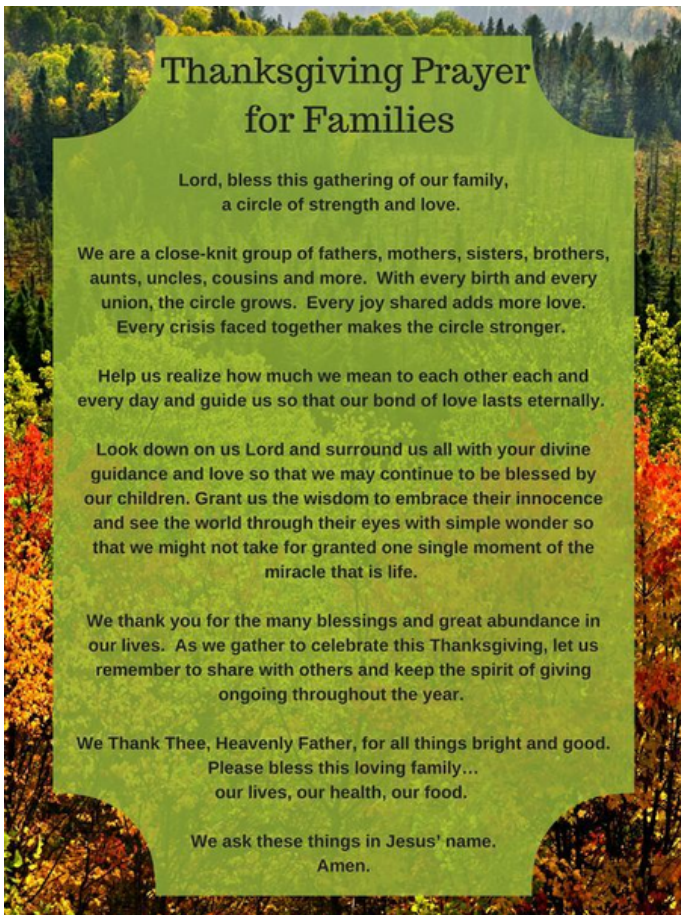
Looking Forward

November 22, 2023

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

Happy Thanksgiving!!! It is my prayer that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family! The Lord has been so wonderful to all of us, and all of the teachers and administration are so thankful that you are a part of our SLA family. I want to leave this prayer with you and your families this Thanksgiving! God Bless you All!



Shalom!

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar



Upcoming Dates

- Nov 27-Dec 1 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov 30 - SA Winter Banquet
- Dec 8 - P-6 Christmas Concert
- Dec 15 - 7-12 Christmas Concert
- Dec 15-17 - Journey to Bethlehem on SNEC Grounds
- Dec 21 - Christmas Break Begins - HALF Day of School
- Dec 21 - Elementary Spirit Day - Celebrate Christmas
- Dec 22-Jan 1 - Christmas Break - No School
- Jan 2 - School Resumes
- Jan 9 - Ski Season Begins



Dress Warmly!!!



Elementary parents, please send your child to school with sufficiently warm clothing (more than just a sweater). Children go outside for recess unless it's raining or the temperature or wind chill is 20 degrees or lower

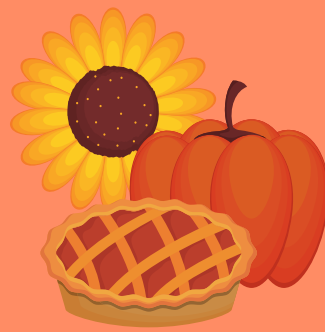
World Kindness Day



Monday, November 13th was World Kindness Day. SLA students celebrated by doing kind deeds. The Preschool class baked chocolate chip and sugar cookies and passed them out, while other students passed out kind notes, made flyers to post around the school with messages of kindness.



Thanksgiving Food Drive



Last week most of the younger grades visited the College Church to help sort food and decorate the boxes for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Here you can see Pre Schoolers, Pre Kindergarteners, and Kindergarteners decorating the boxes of food. It takes a lot of hard work to make the boxes look just right, and SLA's little ones did a great job!





Operation Christmas Child



On November 14, SLA students packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child. These boxes filled with gifts will be shipped to children around the world. These children will learn about Jesus and be gifted a box.



First Quarter Honors Grades 5-8

Congratulations to all students that made the Honor Roll!



Kindergarten and 7th Grade Visit the Sterling Nursing Home Nov. 17



GRADES 5-8 HONOR ROLL FIRST QUARTER 2023-2024		
Highest Honors (3.90-4.00)	High Honors (3.75-3.89)	Honors (3.50-3.74)
Yana Altamirano	Nya Plowden	Nathan Goring
Arya Chery	Lindsay Chestaro	Yazmin Bravo
Maria Duarte	Ayn Mapinduzi	Emanuelle Pereira
David Oliveira	Sofia Milliron	Sofia Maskewich
Kauan Freitas	Leyah Ramos	Liany Perez
Bella Tejeda	Danisha Velez	Lianna DeOliveira
Hanani Huggan		Nolan Kline
Abby Deras		Timiyah Brahmia
Kate Hodson		Lorena Da Silva
Lianna Ruiz		Elijah Blackwell
Victoria Creitz		Nomar De Leon
Moira Shaul		Andressa Carlos
Emil Plowden		Jurne Alce
Luci Lopez		Andrew Mziray
Annabel Argueta		Samantha Wailgum
		Thiago Silva
		Bartholomew Domecillo
		Johanna Durandis

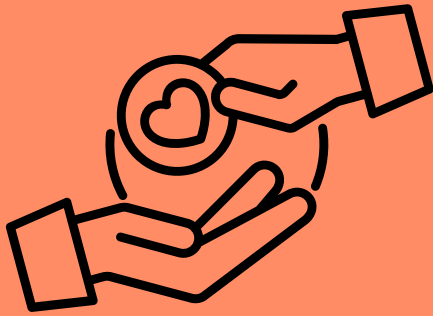


Giving Tuesday!

This November 28th, give the gift of a Christian Education at SLA. Thank you for your generosity!



<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/SouthLancasterAcademy/givingtuesday2023.html>



GIVE AN ETERNAL GIFT TO STUDENTS

Your gift allows a deserving student to benefit from a Christian education at South Lancaster Academy.

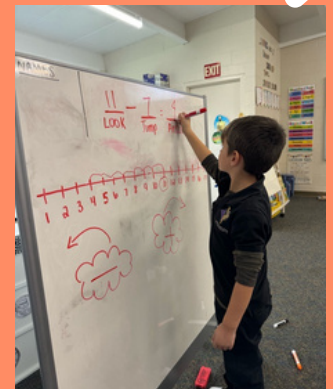
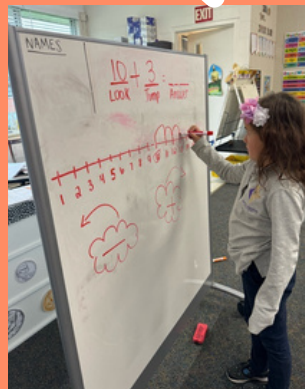
**GIVING TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 28**



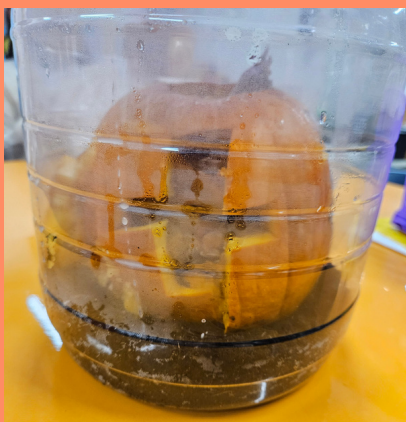
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Number Lines in First Grade

First graders learned about number lines last week, with the help of sixth grade students.

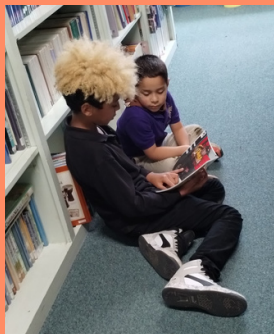


The End or the Beginning for Pumpkin Jack?



The kindergarten class is learning about decomposition and regeneration with the help of Pumpkin Jack. After the trip to the apple orchard on October 19th, Pumpkin Jack was cut open and sealed inside a jar with some dirt for this experiment. Two and half weeks into the experiment, some students asked how cotton balls had gotten into the jar. Mrs. Imperio is excited to eventually see the pumpkin seeds sprout and grow new plants using the nutrition that the decomposed pumpkin has added to the soil.

Fourth Grade Reading Partners



Ski Club!


Ski Program Registration is open - Price INCREASES Dec 1st!

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 6 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, MTWTFSS 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 pro-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.
- Bringing 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
Fee thru 12-1-23	\$179	\$209
For 8 weeks or more		

Tuesday Code: SLASC

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

*Buy a helmet at MTWTFSS Ski & Ride Shop starting at \$59.99

Lessons	6 Week One-Hour Lesson
Levels: Beginner (1-2) Novice (3-4)	\$93

Card Of Wachusett (COW Card)	\$50 Card for \$45	\$100 Card for \$90
TERRAIN PARK PASS	\$5 /Season Use	
BADGE INSURANCE	\$39	

For more information & FAQ visit wachusett.com

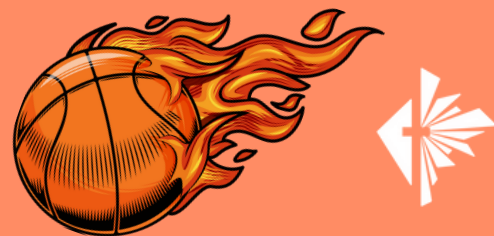
Sports News

Basketball Season is Upon Us!!!

- **Crusader Gear Available for Sale**

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

- Games are starting up early next month, and the teams are getting prepared!
- Players, be sure to take of the following 3 things so you can play in 2 weeks!
 - Submit an up-to-date physical exam
 - Pay \$175 fee (\$150 if you were in soccer, volleyball, or cross country this year already)
 - Turn in Athletic Permission Form



HIGH SCHOOL Spirit Week

11/27 - 12/1/23

Monday:

Pajama Day



Tuesday:

Soccer Mom & Barbecue Dad



Wednesday:

Twin Day



Thursday:

Dress as Your Grade



Seniors- Seniors Citizens
Juniors- Adults
Sophomores- Toddlers/kids
Freshmen- Babies

Friday:

Class Colors



Seniors- Black
Juniors- Pink
Sophomores- Blue
Freshmen- Red



Marble Painting in 4th Grade

The 4th grade class used marbles to paint!



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



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

Personalized Christmas Ornaments

Order Forms Due MONDAY for Christmas Concert Delivery!!!



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.**

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.](#)



Journey to Bethlehem

Our very own Mrs. Gardner is spearheading this massive project! Journey to Bethlehem will be like taking a step back in time to the town of Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born.

Help is still needed in all these areas:

- Costumes
- Construction
- Acting
- Planning
- Crafting
- Spreading the word

To help out in any way, please contact Ollyce Gardner at vp@mysla.org



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

**DEC 16-SAT
17-SUN
2023**

**COME AND JOIN US
6-9pm**

A live walkthrough experience of the nativity

LIVE MUSIC-FOOD-Animals
Exhibit- firepits-fun family activities-
hot cocoa-dress warm for the
outside exhibits

To Register go to:
bit.ly/jtbsnecsignup1

Location:
34 Sawyer St, South Lancaster, MA 01561

A square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to the registration page mentioned in the text.

Sick? Stay Home!

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

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

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.)



Absences and Tardies

If your child is absent or tardy, please email the offices by 8:15 a.m. This helps teachers and office staff keep track of attendance for the day, and prevents students from getting unexcused absences and tardies.

Phone calls DO NOT count towards excusing a tardy or absence, the excuse must be in writing, thank you.

Please Email:

Elementary: dargueta@mysla.org

High School: dvezlez@mysla.org



Drop Off & Pick Up

Elementary Building

Drop Off

Building doors open at 7:30am.

Pick Up

P/PK: 12-12:15 pm Monday-Friday

K-6: 3:15-3:35 pm Monday-Thursday

12:00 pm Friday

Academy Building

Grades 7 & 8, and 9-12

Drop Off

Building doors open at 7:30 am

Pick Up

3:00 pm Monday-Thursday

12:15 pm Friday

After School Care Reminder

If you are planning for your child to stay in After School Care the following week, **please fill out an After School Schedule Sheet and turn it in to the elementary office by Thursday of the week before services.** These green sheets can be found just outside the elementary office window, or you can download them [HERE](#)



After School Care Hours:

Monday - Thursday 12:00 noon to **5:30 p.m.**

Friday 12:00 noon to **3:00 p.m.**

Dec. 22: Half Day of School, 12 noon to 3:30 pm

Please pick your child up before closing times, as the After School Care Director and assistant often have somewhere to be soon after closing time.

Thank you!