

looking forward

NOV. 5, 2021

From the Principal



Good Day SLA Family,

First quarter is in the history books and P/T conferences have now concluded. I hope that your child(ren) has had a productive and enjoyable start to the school year.

By now you should have read my email regarding COVID prevention on our campus. I'm going to take this time to reiterate the main point of my email. If your child is showing illness symptom(s), DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL. I do not believe any of you want your daily routines disrupted because of no fault of your own, another parent sent their sick child to school and caused a disruption in your life. We always stress the importance of respect to our students, this is what this breaks down to, respect for the other families in your child's classroom. Please help us minimize the amount of disruptions in our families' lives. I know we are all tired of COVID, wearing masks, and weighing the risk factors of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated. We have to remain vigilant until COVID is brought under control.

Thank you for being a part of our SLA family and have a restful and blessed Sabbath.

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

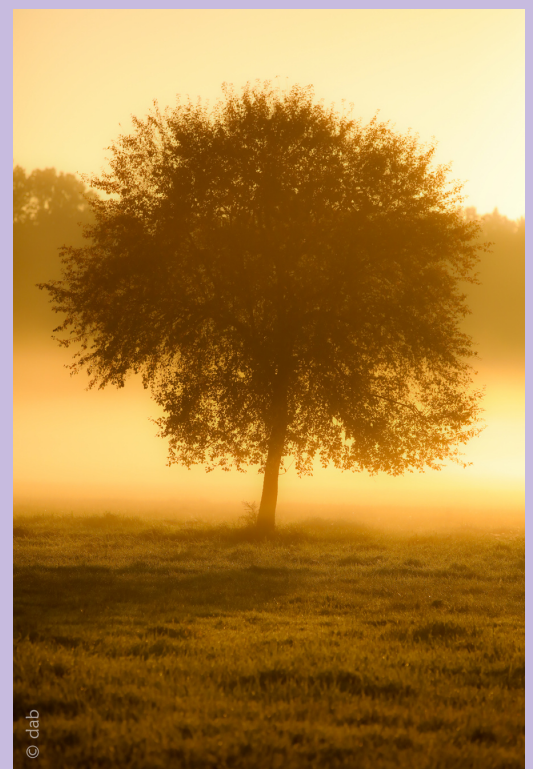
David Branum

Principal

Upcoming Dates



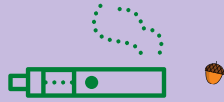
- November 5: LAST Friday Night Lights 6-8 pm
- November 7: Concert featuring Mrs. Cady @ College Church 5pm
- November 9: PARENT TOWN HALL ON VAPING 7pm
- November 10: NHS induction 6pm
- November 11: Veterans day- FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
- November 16: Operation Christmas Child
- November 18: Teacher Professional Development, HALF DAY
- November 18: SLA Board Meeting 7pm
- November 23: HALF DAY- Thanksgiving Vacation begins



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PARENT TOWN HALL

ON VAPING



When: Tuesday, November 9, 7-8 pm

Where: SLA Chapel

Why: Vaping is an epidemic in schools across the U.S. We are holding an informational meeting on vaping and how we can work together to minimize its impact at SLA. We encourage all interested parents to attend, especially parents of 7th-12th graders.

THE COLLEGE CHURCH

FREE CONCERT SERIES

337 MAIN STREET
SOUTH LANCASTER MA 01523
DONATIONS ENCOURAGED



November 7 5PM
Flute, Harp & Organ
Lira S. Cady, harp, Ethan Lin, flute, Dr. Juan A. Mesa, organ



December 10 & 17 7PM
P-6 & 7-12 Christmas Concert

December 24 7:30PM
Christmas Eve Candle Lit Service



We know that many students enjoy both basketball and skiing and in the past it has been difficult to do both due to games being scheduled on our Tuesday ski day. This year Mr. Olivera has worked hard to NOT schedule games on Tuesday as much as possible to allow students to do both programs without conflict.

Time to sign up for our program!!

SNOW!! With the beautiful fall weather we have been blessed with it is hard to believe we will soon be heading to the slopes. Remember they make snow and do an awesome job of covering the trails when Mother Nature does not.

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

The school ski program starts on Tuesday Jan. 4, 2022 and will run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays with a makeup day planned for Feb. 15, 2022. 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 through the Student ski school program listed below:

www.wachusett.com/schoolgroups Program code: STLA

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

Brochures with the cost of pass, equipment rental and lessons are available on line www.wachusett.com

Please read the information on the site so you are aware of changes that have been made due to Covid 19.

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





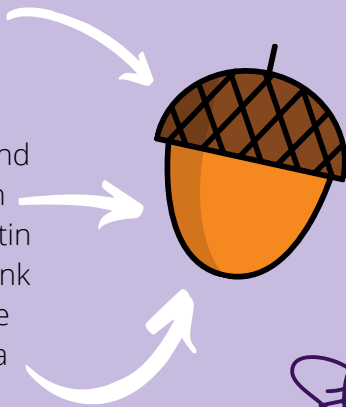
World Kindness Day is in November. It is a day to bring together all those around the world in love and kindness for all! The First Graders are collecting recyclable bottles - glass, soda cans, plastic - to raise funds that we can purchase needed items for the Sterling Animal Shelter. Recycling is something you can do that costs nothing and still shows kindness. Please help us by bringing in your clean recyclable bottles and cans (with barcodes) as we strive to show the world that God cares and so does SLA! We will be collecting bottles and cans from now until **November 10**. Thank you so much for showing kindness.

Email msimpson@mysla.org, for more info!

•If you would like to make a monetary donation that would be great as well. However, the idea is to show kindness through our actions.

How many acorns can you find?

Look through this week's edition of Looking Forward and see how many of this acorn you can find (acorns on bulletin boards don't count. If you think you've found them all, come see or email Miss Ilana for a prize. icady@mysla.org



REPLAYIT™
PRIVATE PHOTO SUBMISSION

Get your pictures in the yearbook.

The yearbook staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them.

Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

The last day to submit your photos is:

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS ONLINE
LOG ON TO: images.jostens.com

Enter Login ID:

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Select My Images."
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Upload Chosen Images."

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

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**VARSIITY VOLLEYBALL
PLAYOFF GAME:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6
6:30PM @ SLA**

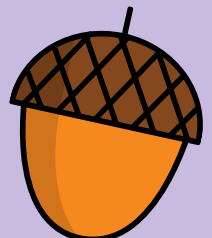
**ADMISSION:
\$3 FOR KIDS 10 AND UNDER AND
STUDENTS (MUST SHOW
STUDENT ID)
\$5 FOR ADULTS
CASH ONLY**

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS
AT ALL TIMES UNLESS ACTIVELY
DRINKING OR EATING.**

*Student
Spotlight*



This week we are getting to know seventh grader, Braden:



Q:What is your favorite food?

A: Lasagna

Q:What's your favorite SLA memory?

A: Playing hide and seek with my class in the snow

Q:Who is your favorite Bible character?

A: Esther, because she stood up for her people

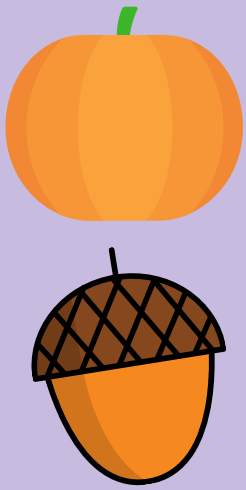
Q:What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: I want to be an author

Snapshots of the happenings at SLA



Elementary students celebrate fall with their Fall Spirit Day



7th and 8th graders help out the Greater Lancaster Holiday Food Drive by assembling brownbag packets to be passed out to the community.





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 to school next week. 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 "wow" gifts for boys and girls in the following age groups: 2-4 years old / 5-9 years old / 10-14 years old.

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



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We need the "WOW" gifts before November 15, because our box packing day will be Tuesday, November 16. All students will be involved in assembling, packing, labeling, or writing messages of love for each of the boxes.

Contact Pastor Luis (SLA Chaplain) with any questions (407-459-6814)



TURKEY GRAM FUNDRAISER for 8th grade
Gift your friends, families, and teachers a Thankful for You candy (KitKat), AND personalized note this Thanksgiving!

Turkey with candy: \$2

To: _____ Grade: _____
From: _____ Grade: _____

Note:

SLA TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 25
@SLA
STARTS AT 8AM

ADMISSION:
\$10 GENERAL
\$25 VIP (INCLUDES CUSTOM T-SHIRT)

REGISTER HERE: 

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 10, 2021


PAY HERE: 

PAYPAL OR ADVENTIST SCHOOL PAY:
SPORT TEAM REG FEE INCLUDE NAME WITH PAYMENT.

FUNDS RAISED GO TO SUPPORT THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT SLA

WE CAN DO THIS! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY!
COMMUNITY STARTS WITH GOOD TASTE!


DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY
33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH | 5-9PM
252 MILL ST # A, LEOMINSTER, MA, 01453

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE 79LD327
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of and during the hours of the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.





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 (running noses, coughs, fevers, etc.) If they are exhibiting illness symptoms PLEASE KEEEP THEM HOME. Your cooperation helps keep in-person learning possible!



Absent?

If your child is absent, please email the offices by 8:15 a.m. if possible. 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: cmorris@mysla.org

High School: icady@mysla.org



HOT LUNCH

Lunch orders can be placed for the following week starting on Sundays up until 9:00 a.m. lunch day. If your child is absent a particular day and has placed a lunch order, **please remember to email the office by 8:30 a.m.** and let them know to cancel the order.

Note: If the office is not notified to cancel the order by 8:30 a.m. the lunch will not be credited.

EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL
NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL: **NO MORE CLIPPING! SCAN YOUR RECEIPT TO SEE HOW BTFE.COM**

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS**
You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.
- SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.
- EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL**
Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



SCHOOL CLOSINGS



Our Emergency Closings/Delays are broadcast on the following media: Television-NECN (New England Cable News) and Channel 7 (WHDH). Also through the PARENT ALERT!!!



- **PARENT ALERT** is a mass notification system comprised of text messaging, voice calls and email. It is designed to send messages to thousands of individuals in minutes. In cases of emergencies, Parent Alert provides instantaneous communication to the school community. It is very important that you keep your information updated at the school. **Please do not call the teachers, administrators or staff.**



- In bad weather when it is unsafe to drive to school, parents can expect teachers to conduct class remotely and/or provide "blizzard packs."
- Communication is very important to keep learning uninterrupted.
- **Please be aware that "Snow Days" are automatic "Remote Days". All grades, Preschool-12th grade, will zoom whenever weather prevents safe travel to school and a snow day is called.** If a delayed start is called, Mrs. Girma's classroom will zoom that day. The teacher will be in contact with you regarding the details when such a situation arises.

