



Looking Forward

October 13, 2023

From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

Here we are, two weeks from the end of the 1st quarter. The time of year that most people appreciate it being their favorite time of year, Fall. My wife and I always remember Fall as the season we fell in love 42 years ago.



Enjoy the pleasure of the fall colors. After all, we live in the best place in the U.S. for Fall. God knew what He was doing by giving us the beauty of Fall before Winter. It gives us something to focus on when January and February roll around and we're all asking, "When will this winter end?!" Get out this weekend and enjoy God's nature!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,
David Branum, Principal



Upcoming Dates

- Oct 15 - SAT Testing
- Oct 21 - Children's Church
- Oct 22 - Crusader's Breakfast @ College Church
- Oct 27 - Elem Spirit Day - Celebrate Fall
- Oct 27 - End of 1st Quarter
- Oct 28 - Fall Festival
- Oct 29 - ACT Testing
- Nov 5 - SAT Testing
- Nov 5 - Daylight Savings

Battleship Cove

On Wednesday, October 4th, the entire high school went on a field trip to Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA. They went with the express purpose of touring the floating museums at Battleship Cove. At battleship cove they found the USS Massachusetts, a World War 2 era battleship that has been turned into a historical destination. Several other warships were also available for touring. The students were free to complete various activities from scavenger hunts to guided audio tours.



National Honor Society

The 2023-2024 Members of the National Honor Society

Senior Class Applicants

William Fernandes
Sehoon Lee
Damon Loss
Valeria Mayer
Nikolas Mukulukusso
Elon Prather

Junior Class Applicants

Andrea Baldwin
Elora Hubbard
Arthur Martins
Kaylee Mustard
Natalie Shuris
Maya Thomas

Sophomore Class Applicants

Beatriz Martins
Camilla Moraes
Anya Neidigh
Brianna Roldan
Leeanis Urbina

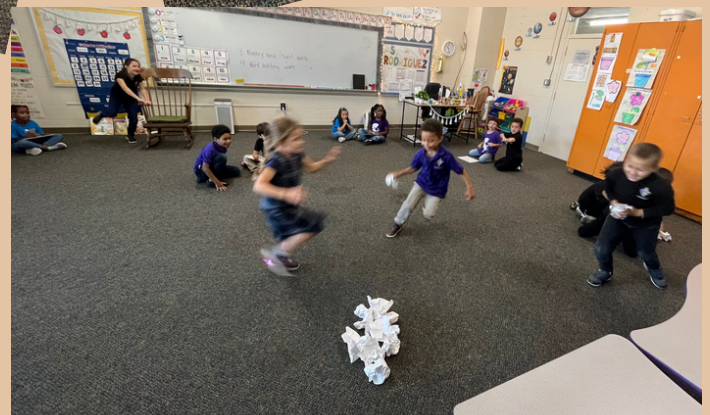
Apple Orchard

Grades 7 & 8 visited Georg Hill Orchards on Tuesday, October 3rd. It was a beautiful and warm sunny day - maybe even a little too warm for an uphill walk as the students traveled by foot. At the orchard they walked, talked, went on a hayride, picked apples, enjoyed some cider and a donut, and got to visit the animals at the orchard as well.



Fun With Nonsense

Spelling and sounding out nonsense words in First Grade with Ms. Rodriguez!



Children's Church

S.L.A. Children's Church Ministry presents: Growing as a Christian, how to live like Jesus. When: October 21, 2023 Where: S.L.A.

Chapel Time: 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM.

Children's Church is an opportunity for families and their children to have an engaging and interactive worship experience. **We will have a haystack meal following our program.**

Please note:

- NO children should be dropped off or left unsupervised. If you need childcare arrangements in order for your child to attend, please contact Nora Renzi @ Nrenzi@mysla.org.
- Please fill out this registration to help us plan:

<https://forms.gle/GeoZuGdJZWqfA3>

FE8



Adventist College Visits

This is just a heads up that the Adventist Colleges/Universities will be visiting our school next Thursday and Friday. Please encourage the students to come out and talk to the recruiters. They do give very good information to the students. I know Freshmen and Sophomores came to talk to them on Friday morning last year, and that was great!

They will be here Thursday night 5:30-7 pm and Friday morning 8:00-9:30 am.



For over 130 years, AEA Colleges & Universities have helped thousands of students become productive citizens, committed Christians, and graduate into meaningful careers and lives of service.

CURIOUS?

Representatives from the 13 Seventh-day Adventist schools will be on your campus soon.

GET ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS!

SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID

CAMPUS LIFE

ACADEMICS

...AND ALSO LEARN MORE ABOUT

- USCAA, NCCAA & NAIA sports
- Honors Programs
- Music Programs
- Study Abroad Program through ACA

October 19 & 20, 2023

DATE

5:30-7:00 PM (Th) 8:00-9:30 AM (F)

TIME

South Lancaster Academy Gym

LOCATION

adventistcolleges.org



Adventist Colleges and Universities
Find Your Place – Faith, Friends, Future!

Outdoor School

On Thursday, October 5, the fifth and sixth graders went on their annual field trip to Outdoor School at Camp Winnekeag. Students had the opportunity to participate in many different activities, including capture the flag with Mr. DeOliveira, science experiments with Mr. Ben Roy, canoeing on the lake, animal rescue, and rock painting. Everyone had a fantastic day spending time with classmates and getting to know students from other schools within the Southern New England Conference while learning about God's creation and experiencing the great outdoors.

- Story by Lauren Jones




Leaf Time!



Fourth Grade Reading Partners



Sports News

- **Support our Teams!**
 - See all UP TO DATE Game Schedules and locations on [Arbiter Live](#) 
 - Site is not mobile friendly, but there is an app available too!
- **Elementary and Middle School Basketball Practices**
 - Girls: Sundays from 10am-12pm
 - Boys: **WE NEED A COACH for the Boys 7 & 8th Grade Team! Please contact Rick if you can help, otherwise there won't be a team!**
- **Open Gym for ALL Grades**
 - Focus is on Basketball
 - Sunday mornings 8-10 am
- **Basketball Texas Tournament Tryouts are this Sunday!**
 - See emails from Athletic Director for more details
 - Girls SWAU Tryouts 2:30-4pm
 - Boys SWAU Tryouts 10:30am-12pm

Orey Gadway, Class of 1963, Matching ALL Athletics Donations thru 10/15!

Last year Class of 1963 alum, Orey Gadway, matched donations up to \$5,000 over Alumni Weekend. This year, he has pledged to match ALL the money (dollar for dollar) that we raise through this fundraiser. Donations will go towards the entire Athletics Department, including elementary and middle school teams.

Please donate to SLA using this link:

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


This fundraiser will end Sunday 10/15, so if you are planning on giving, please do so within the next couple of days, thank you!



Crusaders Snack Shack!

This year Laurie Collins has very graciously taken on the task of running the Crusaders Snack Shack. Laurie is stocking, setting up, training volunteers how to run everything, and cleaning up the Snack Shack, but she needs help actually running it during home games! Volunteers are needed just to show up and sell! It's a great way to help out, and it's also a lot of fun! No previous experience is required.

Sign up to help in the Snack Bar:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AaFns8qR173kdmbGpQO5De3qVxeZ058HxOQIOS2yJtE/edit#gid=0> 



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.**

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!

College Church BBall Breakfast!

Sunday morning, **October 22nd!** Come support our Crusader's Basketball Teams and fill your stomach with yummy food!

Pay at the door or [order your tickets ahead of time HERE](#)



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.



South Lancaster Academy Crusaders

Fundraiser to support the Texas basketball trip and the program.



ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

Pancakes, Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Oatmeal, Hot Chocolate, Corn Bread, and more!!

Adults = \$10

Kids 0-13 = \$5

Date: Sunday, October 23

Time: 8-11 a.m.

Where: The College Church, 337 Main Street, South Lancaster



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



SLA's On-Site Uniform Store



Uniform **Hoodies and Crewneck Sweaters** have been ordered and should be here in the next week and a half!

New uniforms are sold at full price, and gently used uniforms are available for sale at 50% off retail price.

To purchase uniform pieces from the store, please see Denisse in the high school office. The uniforms are kept in the high school building.

SLA's uniform store will have limited styles and quantities, so to order online from our uniform vendor visit:

<https://www.globalschoolwear.com/school/SOUT01>



Picture Re-Take



School pictures are ready for you to see and purchase! Click on the link in Jostens email and login or create an account with them. You may have to search for your child and request access to the photos if you had a change in your email address.

Order your pictures online with Event Code: **FE134123**

Re-take Day is October 26! If you would like a retake, please SEND AND EMAIL requesting a retake to: viria@mysla.org



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.](#) 



Get Ready for Fall Festival!

Saturday, October 28
7-9pm

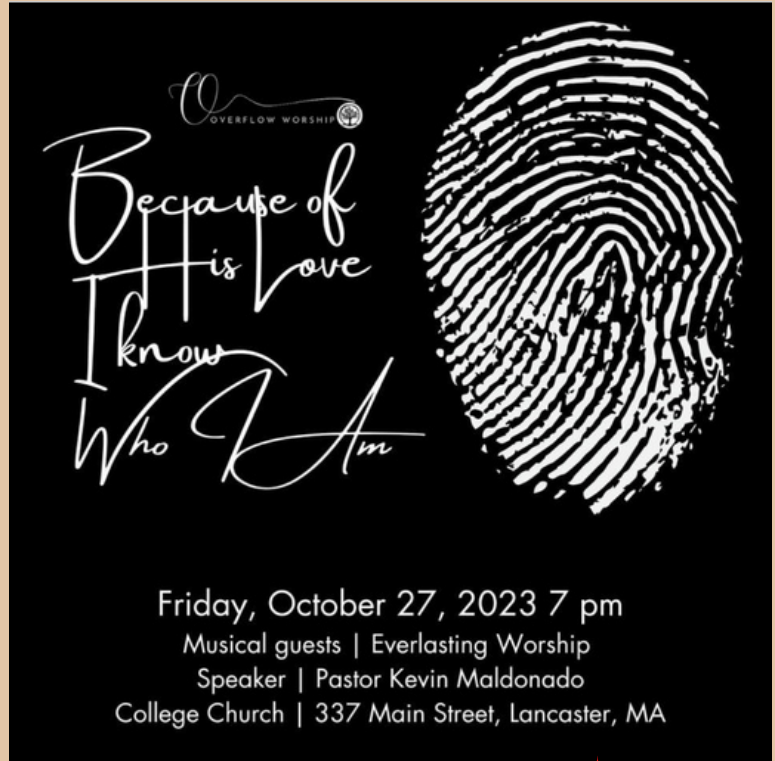
Be sure you attend and invite your friends and family! There will be food, games, and activities, and always promises to be an evening filled with fun!



FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 28, 2023
7:00 PM-9:00PM
LOCATION: SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY GYM.
198 GEORGE HILL ROAD,
LANCASTER, MA
ENTRANCE FEE: \$5
RENT A TABLE FOR \$20 & AND GET \$8 BACK IF YOUR AREA IS CLEAN. YOU CAN START TO SET UP AT 6.
FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO RENT A TABLE
CONTACT: LOY.BLACKWELL@MYSLA.ORG
OR KBISSON@MYSLA.ORG
BY OCT. 22



Season 3 of The College Church's Free Concert Series kicks off with an evening of piano and violin!



Several school sweaters and even a school polo or two have been found lying around school. None of these are labeled. If you are missing anything, 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.**

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