

Looking Forward

October 14, 2022

#### From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

Recently I received a morning message from a friend that states, "Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates LOVE." This message means a lot, especially for this week, and here's why...

Yesterday morning, I walked into my office and I found many little notes on my desk. Some said, "Mrs. Gardner, Thank you for loving this school. You are the best!", "Mrs. Gardner, Thank you for helping us in 2nd grade." and "Mrs. Gardner, Jesus

loves you! Have a good day!" to list a few. As I walked around the school, I saw more notes of kindness and love by classroom doors, on the desks in the High School Office, and on teacher's desks. All of these messages helped to spread kindness, love, and positivity throughout the school! It was beautiful and uplifting, even a day later on a rainy morning, they still help to make the day brighter.

Beyond this, we have been impressed with the kindness that you and your loved ones have shown the school with the Walk-a-thon fundraising we have been working on for the past month. Already we have raised \$16,4370!!!! This is WONDERFUL!!!! This shows us your commitment to SLA, and helps to spread the kindness of you and others to our students and beyond! You will see a graph in the newsletter that will tell you how well your child's class has done to help us reach our goal, and to help the classes have extra funds in their classroom accounts.

THANK YOU for your kindness, support, prayers, and commitment to SLA! May God continue to bless you as we continue to work together to make SLA a light for Christ in our families and community!

In Kindness and Love, Mrs. Gardner





### **Upcoming Dates**

October 20 - SLA Board Meeting October 20 - AUC Fair October 21 - End of 1st Quarter October 23 - ACT Exam October 26 - Elem Teacher Lunch October 28 - Elem Spirit Day Celebrate Fall October 29 - Fall Festival November 2 - PT Conferences P-8 Half Day November 3 - PT Conferences P-12 Half Day



## Girls' Basketball Tryouts



Girls Varsity basketball tryouts are Friday, October 21 from 1-3 in the SLA gym.

All female high school students are invited to the tryouts. If enough students try out then we can make a Junior Varsity Team in addition to the **Varsity Team!** 











\*\*\* Information on boys' tryouts is forthcoming.











SPORTS CALENDAR

- October 15
  - 7:15 pm V VB vs Leominster
- October 17
  - 3:45 pm Soccer @ Monty Tech
  - 4:00 pm JV VB @ North High
  - 5:00 pm V VB @ North High
- October 18
  - 3:45 pm Soccer vs Monty Tech
  - 4:00 pm Cross Country @ Sizer
  - 5:15 pm JV VB vs Monty Tech
  - 6:30 pm V VB vs Monty Tech
- October 19
  - 3:45 pm Soccer vs Narragansett
  - 4:00 pm JV VB @ St. Bernards
  - 5:00 pm V VB @ St. Bernards
- October 20
  - 4:00 Soccer @ Sizer
- October 25
  - Soccer vs IACS (Senior Night)



Due to the rainy weather, the Walk-a-thon had to be postponed until next Wednesday, October 19th. We weren't sure if the weather would clear up in time, but the forecast became less and less promising with each passing hour.

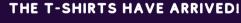
This year we are raising funds for three possible things (depending on how much is raised): 1. Computer Cart and 20 iPads, 2. Playground Equipment, 3. Fencing for the Soccer Field

Half of the amount raised over the class goal goes to the class, so the more a class raises, the more they get to keep for the class itself.

Remember that the class that raises the most gets a Pizza Party! Right now the First Grade is in the lead, and 4th Grade is hot on their heels. We will be finalizing the Pizza Party winner the day after the Walk-a-Thon, so everyone has these next few days to make that last push to get their class in the lead. It's not too late to set up a JustGiving Page and share it to help your child's class.

For anyone who prefers to donate by cash or check, you may bring your donations to the elementary office. Donate online or create a page here: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/walkathon22

For each lap the students walk next week, they get a small foot-shaped token. They get to choose from different sparkly, swirly, clear, and colorful "toe tokens" for their collection every time they complete a lap.



The shirts were picked up yesterday, and they are beautiful! The graphic on the t-shirt was designed by Adam Girma, and he did an amazing job, again!

Remember that only the students who have JustGiving pages that have been shared, or who have raised \$150 will be getting a shirt on the day of the Walk-a-Thon. A single page can be set up for siblings, and the funds raised will be divided equally between their classes.



# Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found Collections are getting full of sweaters, and we also have three pairs of glasses, and one set of pink wireless headphones. Please stop by the offices and take a look at our Lost & Found items if your child has lost anything.

#### Parents, PLEASE LABEL SCHOOL SWEATERS!

Whenever a lost sweater has a student's name it gets returned to the right person, but if there is no name, there is no way to know who it belongs to. This week at least 6 sweaters and 1 backpack <u>were returned to their</u> <u>owners because they were labeled</u>!

# Missing Sweater!

A purple school sweater belonging to a Kindergartener has gone missing. If your child took it home by accident, please return it to the elementary office, thank you!



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 KEEP HIM/HER HOME. Your cooperation helps keep kids and teachers healthy.

# HOT LUNCH



Lunch orders can be placed for the following week from Fridays at 12:30 pm - Monday at 9:00 a.m. 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 8:30 a.m. 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 8:30 a.m., the lunch will not be credited.



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: dargueta@mysla.org High School: dvelez@mysla.org

# Class Representatives

A few years ago each class had one or two parents as Class Parent Representatives for each class. These Representatives act as a connection between the classes and the Home and School Association. It is a way to ensure that the needs of each class are brought to the attention of the Home and School Association.

This is a call to all parents who may be interested in being the Class Parent Representative for his/her child's class. Please contact Johnathan Neidigh at chair@mysla.org if you are interested in being a representative.

Wecome Mrs. Denisse Vefez!

Denisse Velez is our new Secondary Administrative Assistant.

Some of you may know Denisse (the second "s" is silent), or at least know of her, as she is the wife of Sean Santana, one of our Crusader Basketball Coaches and an SLA Alum.

Denisse has lots of office experience, she's connecting with the students, and she's settled right in. Although she was never a student at SLA, she's now enjoying being a part of our SLA Family as our new Secondary Administrative Assistant. If you stop by, be sure to say "hi" and welcome Denisse to the Family!

Her email address is dvelez@mysla.org and she can be reached at extension 100.



Apple Ricking and Apple Ricking and The 7th & 8th Graders visited George Hill Heat week, and made apple pies

with the apples they picked!





Ondoor School

It was a beautiful sunny day when the 5th and 6th Graders went to Outdoor School. They played games, canoed, learned how to make a fire, saw wild animals up close, and learned about Native American Culture.

















# What a Beautiful **Day to Read!**



**Picture Day** a whole new way

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School Pictures

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### **Raffle to Benefit the Texas Basketball Tournament Trip**

Mr. Prather is organizing a Raffle for 4 tickets to the opening night of Disney's Aladdin Off-Broadway Musical at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester: Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Total ticket value = \$180.00

Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each, and only 100 are being made available.

Drawing will take place one week before the show, on October 27, 2022.

Mr. Prather teaches at the school Monday-Thursday during the 2:50-3:40 period.

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when your child's

pictures are ready to be ordered!

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Two examples of the beautiful wrok of the Spanish Class





6th Grade Edible Cell Projects



## HOORAY FOR DONUTS!

### South Lancaster Academy Robotics Club





Presale \$12.00 per box of a dozen original glazed donuts Payment is due at the time of order

The Robotics Club will be preselling boxes of donuts this month! Donut delivery date will be the first week of November - the exact date is TBD. The final day to preorder is October 28th. Each middle school robotics member will be selling the donuts.

If you would like to order a box and you don't know a Robotics Club member, please stop by the elementary office and place an order with Mrs. Argueta.



QUEEN ESTHER AS SUCH A TIME AS THIS Calling 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

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ACADYFLORES@GMAIL.COM

FALL FESTIVAL

10.29.22 | 6:30-9 PM

LOCATION: SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY GYM. 198 GEORGE HILL RD, LANCASTER, MA

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ENTRANCE FEE: \$3

TABLE RENTALS: \$10 PER TABLE,

FEE OF \$10 IF AREA IS NOT

CLEANED

-SET UP TIME IS 6-CONTATACT: SHAILY.PEREZ@MYSLA.ORG OR

**KBISSON@MYSLA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION**