



# Looking Forward

October 27, 2023

## From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

God is AMAZING!

Last week the whole student body participated in Week of Prayer! P-1 learned about Noah's Ark through many hands-on experiences and activities. While 2-12 had the privilege to have Pastor Marco Quarteroli deliver messages on friendship and discipleship. Then the week ended with some of the classes going out to do Community Service. All of which allowed the students to explore the wonderful word of the Lord and to live up to our school's motto.. SERVE, LOVE, ACHIEVE! Spending time with God is AMAZING!

Then this week, the Lord answered the prayer for the safe travels of our 2nd grade class. They went on their field trip to the Children's Museum in Holyoke. Everything started out fine, and when they were only 15 minutes away from the museum, the bus lost its tire! Their driver, David Keith, was GREAT in getting the bus pulled over on the side of the road safely, while Mrs. Cole and her chaperones did a wonderful job in keeping the kids calm while they waited for help. Then help came from the state troopers by escorting the group of kids safely to the nearest hotel in parade fashion with their police cruiser following behind and an officer walking with the students. Finally, a local bus company came and picked up the kids to take them to the museum where they had a wonderful time! We are so blessed to have the Lord protecting us when we least expect it! GOD IS AMAZING!

I hope you have experienced the amazing love and protection of the Lord this week as well! Enjoy the warm Sabbath!

Shalom!

Ollyce Gardner  
Vice Principal, Registrar



Second grade's adventurous field trip... see more on page 4

## Upcoming Dates

- Oct 28 - Fall Festival
- Oct 29 - ACT Testing
- Nov 5 - SAT Testing
- Nov 5 - Daylight Savings
- Nov 8 - Parent Teacher Conf. - P-8 Half Day only
- Nov 9 - Parent Teacher Conf. - P-12 Half Day
- Nov 10 - Veterans Day - Half Day of School
- Nov 16 - Teacher Professional Development - Half Day

# Alumni Weekend

This year's Alumni Weekend was from October 6-8. It was an eventful weekend, with the Alumni Volleyball and Basketball Games, and the Color Run on Sunday. Thank you to all who attended!



## Parent Teacher Conference Help!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

South Lancaster Academy (SLA) will have parent teacher conferences on November 8 and November 9 and the Home and School of SLA would like to show our appreciation for our teachers by providing snacks and drinks that they can have during the 2 days of conferences. We are asking parents to either provide the following or a donation to purchase some of these items.

Please fill out the form if you are willing to bring something or contact Heather Anderson. Keep in mind that we will need enough food for both the high school and elementary school.

[Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

Thank you!

Heather Anderson

[handerson12@gmail.com](mailto:handerson12@gmail.com)



Possible Treats:

- Cookies
- Veggie Tray
- Fruit Tray
- Crackers and Cheese
- Other Snack items
- Bubbly water
- Juice





# Children's Church

Children's Church took place last Sabbath from 3-5 pm in the SLA Chapel. Students



# Adventist College Visits

Adventist Colleges/Universities visited SLA on October 19 & 20 last week. Students came out and talk to the recruiters and ask questions. They gave very good information to the students.

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



# Second Grade Visit to the Children's Museum at Holyoke

On Tuesday, October 24, the 2nd grade class went on a field trip to the Children's Museum at Holyoke. It was a very exciting trip filled with adventure, as the bus blew a tire on the way there.

With the help of state police, the nearby Raddison Hotel, and the Chicopee Bus Company, the students were able to get to the museum in no time. While the students enjoyed the museum, the bus received a new rim and tire, so Mr. Keith (the bus driver) was able to bring everyone home safely at the end of the day.



Mrs. Cole was filming the beauty of the fall foliage when suddenly a tire rolled past!



Mr. Keith speaking with state troopers

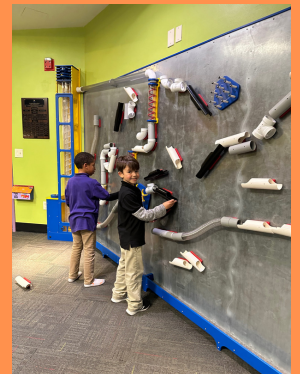


Students enjoying their snacks while they await instructions



Walking to the nearby Raddison, with police escort

## Science TIME...



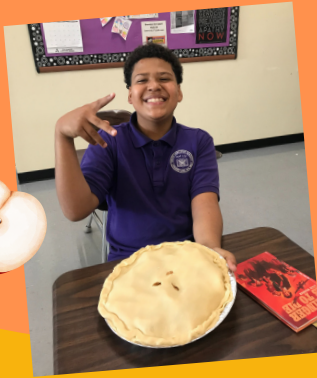


# Apple Pie Tradition Continues

Seventh graders continued the apple pie making tradition on October 4. Every year, Mrs. Baldwin has an "apple pie" cooking class. This is a tradition that she has continued for many years.

The day before, the class went to the apple orchard and picked the apples for their pies. Students had to peel and slice the apples. They made a sugar mixture and pressed the crusts. Thanks to some adult helpers (Mrs. Tatten and Mrs. Baldwin's parents), the pies came out wonderfully! Another successful pie making class!

Story by Joanne Baldwin



## 7th Graders Help out in Week of Prayer



Mrs. Baldwin's 7th grade class helped out during the final day of the P-2 Week of Prayer, when the students did all sorts of crafts about rainbows.





# Elementary Week of Prayer

The Grades P-2 Fall Week of Prayer was a big deal this year! On Monday, the kids walked to Dexter Drumlin to measure out Noah's Ark with Mrs. Kryger. On Tuesday there was a visit from Animal Adventures. Wednesday the group walked to the College Church to plant daffodil bulbs. On Thursday there was a field trip to George Hill Orchards to pick apples, and Friday was a day of science and crafts where students learned about and experimented with rainbows and colors.





# Apple Orchard Visit



P-2 field trip to George Hill Orchards to pick apples

## 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**

- Sundays: 8-10am Open gym
- Mondays: **7/8 Boys** 3:30-5pm
- Tuesdays: **5/6 Girls** 3:30-5pm
- Wednesdays: **5/6 Boys** 3:30-5pm
- Thursdays: **7/8 Girls** 3:30-5pm

- **Open Gym for ALL Grades - NONE this Sunday!**

- Focus is on Basketball
- Sunday mornings 8-10 am

- **Crusader Gear Available for Sale**

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



## Ski Program!

Chaperones needed for 2024 school ski program!

We are in need of a chaperone to help with our ski program. You must be able to ride the bus round trip and be available for six (6) consecutive Tuesdays beginning January, 2024. The time period is 1:15 to 7:00 pm. You will also be able to ski for part of the evening after expected duties are completed. If you are interested in learning more about this great opportunity please call me at 617-834-8798 and leave a message if I am not available.

Thanks,

Linda Oetman

Ski coordinator call: 617-834-8797

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# Yearbook Student Recognition Ads

November 8th is the LAST DAY to submit a form for your graduate's Student Recognition Ad! If you would like a special message from you, and personal photos of your graduate in the yearbook, this is your last chance!

Fill out this google form if you are interested:

<https://forms.gle/nM4Bna3Rw5ipkmXI8>



We understand that graduation is a significant milestone for both you and your child. We invite you to consider purchasing a Recognition Ad in the yearbook to celebrate their achievements and share your heartfelt congratulations. This ad will allow you to include a personal message, photographs, and well-wishes for your graduating 8th grader or Senior. You will have the option to choose from 3-4 designs and modify and edit as needed.



## 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



# 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](mailto:dargueta@mysla.org)  
High School: [dvelez@mysla.org](mailto:dvelez@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!



# 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>



## Celebrate Fall Spirit Day



The Pre School and Kindergarten classes show off their Fall Spirit!



# 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!

Tomorrow night! 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!

A colorful poster for a Fall Festival. At the top, there's a banner with various autumn leaves in shades of green, yellow, and orange. The main text is in a large, dark brown, textured font. Below the text, there are illustrations of pumpkins, baskets of fruit, and autumn leaves. The background is white with faint floral patterns.

**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**



8th Grade Class Fundraiser

# GNOMES & WATER BOTTLE HATS



Hydration & Style - Water Bottle with Hat Ornament: \$5.00  
Gnome Ornaments - handmade by the 8th grade students: \$3.50

Come buy yours at the Fall Festival Tomorrow Night!

OVERFLOW WORSHIP

Because of His Love  
I know Who I Am

Friday, October 27, 2023 7 pm  
Musical guests | Everlasting Worship  
Speaker | Pastor Kevin Maldonado  
College Church | 337 Main Street, Lancaster, MA

A black poster for a worship service. On the left, the text "Because of His Love I know Who I Am" is written in a white, elegant script font. Above the text is a small logo for "OVERFLOW WORSHIP". On the right side of the poster is a large, white fingerprint graphic.

## LOST & FOUND



look through the Lost and Found collections, or inquire at the offices. There are water bottles as well.

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

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.**