



Looking Forward

October 28, 2022

From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

What a lovely day today as I write this message! After three days of rain, we were beginning to work on an ark in the soccer field!

I'm glad to say that I have been back to work full time now for the past three weeks and it feels good! It's amazing how much my spirits have been lifted since I don't focus on my back pain anymore. I love the fact that God gives some of us talents to do the type of back surgery that my surgeon did.

The school year has been going well so far. There are always glitches, but so far, life is good at SLA. We had an amazing 140th Celebration and Alumni Weekend. Our celebration was our first community get together since COVID, what a blessing! And speaking of get togethers, we have our Fall Festival this Saturday night, another lovely opportunity to come and see people's smiles.

We'll see you Saturday night for an evening of fun!

Have an amazing Sabbath!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,
David Branum



Calling all high school students! Come join us at SLA from 7-9pm TONIGHT! Veggie hot dogs and smores are provided. When the weather is good everyone meets outside by the shop. If the weather is bad everyone meets inside the SLA Chapel.

Upcoming Dates

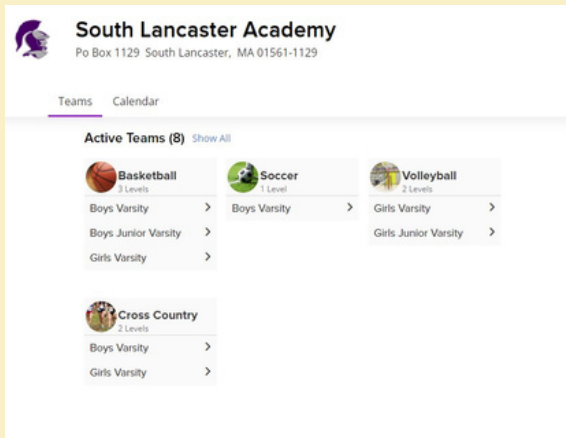
- October 28 - Friday Night Lights
- October 29 - Fall Festival
- November 2 - PT Conferences P-8 Half Day
- November 3 - PT Conferences P-12 Half Day
- November 6 - SAT Testing
- November 6 - Daylight Saving Ends
- November 9 - Picture Retake Day
- November 11 - Veterans' Day Full Day of School
- November 11 - Veterans' Day Assembly
- November 17 - Teacher Professional Development, Half Day of School

Sports News



To see the always up-to-date Athletics Calendar go to Arbiter Live: <https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=21380>

What is Arbiter Live?



SPORTS
CALENDAR

SLA has 16 Sports Teams, and games are always being added, postponed, delayed, or rescheduled. SLA uses Arbiter Live to make sure everyone is able to access the latest, most up to date schedule for all our teams.

Changes are seen live by everyone who visits Arbiter Live, so you'll always know exactly what games are happening and when.

This page has ALL the Athletics Scheduling information you need as an parent, fan, and supporter including:

- Teams playing
- Game times
- Game locations/addresses
- Team stats (W/L)

The page is not very mobile friendly, which is why mobile apps are available!

Arbiter Live can also be found by clicking through the Athletics link on our school home page!

Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team in the Playoffs and in District Championship Game!



The Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team is doing amazing this year! They have made it into the Playoffs, and last night they won against Whitinsville Christian in the Central Mass Tournament! Now the girls will play in the district championship game on Tuesday, November 1st, at Douglas High School. Game time is still TBD, so be checking on Arbiter Live! Playoff Games beginning next week will also be appearing on Arbiter Live.



Let's support our girls!

Boys' Volleyball in the Spring

Will there be, or will there not be a boys' volleyball team in the spring? It all depends on the level of interest, so if you're interested, please let Mr. DeOliveira know!

Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Team

There will be a JV Girls' Basketball team this year, and games are currently being scheduled.



Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for the boy's basketball teams will take place on Sunday, November 27th.

ARBITER LIVE



SPORTS
CALENDAR

- October 31
 - 3:45 pm Soccer vs Trivium
- November 1
 - TBD V VB @ Douglas HS
- November
 - TBD Varsity Volleyball Playoffs!
- December 8
 - Basketball Season Begins

Early Childhood Week of Prayer

This week we just had our first Week of Prayer specifically geared towards our young ones. The Early Childhood Team took a hands-on approach to make worship an interactive experience where students had the opportunity to learn more about Jesus and His character. Our theme was "To SERVE like Jesus." Each day we reached out to a different facet of our community and provided a service to them – giving them a taste of our love for our Heavenly Father.

Serving our
Community



Serving the
Elderly



Every morning the students met in the lobby for singing, a story, and an introduction to the service project of the day.

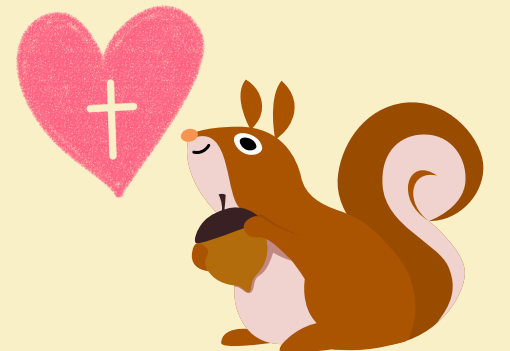
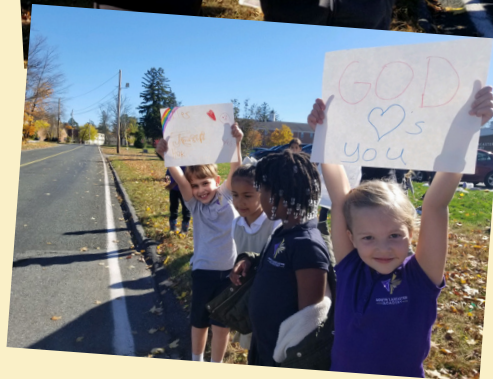
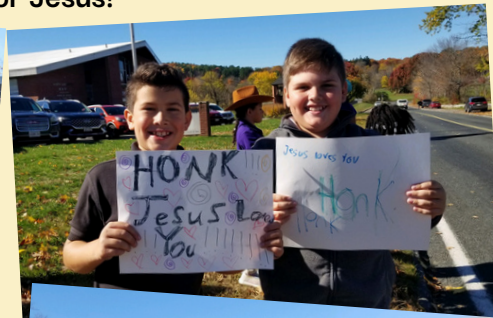
Serving our
Neighbors



Serving our
Friends

Honk, Jesus loves you!

Elementary students
made signs to share of God's love, and got 101 cars
to honk for Jesus!



Inigo's "Love is the Cure" Cancer Journey

SLA has been following, sharing, and supporting Inigo's fight against medulloblastoma. Despite homeschooling since the start of the pandemic, Inigo will always be a part of our SLA Class of 2030 (currently in 5th Grade).

In September 2021 Inigo was diagnosed with high-risk medulloblastoma. He underwent a brain tumor resection then began radiation followed by chemotherapy. Due to the brain surgery, Inigo developed Posterior Fossa Syndrome or Cerebellar Mutism. A year later, in September 2022, Inigo began another course of chemotherapy to treat the metastatic brain tumor. His parents have left their jobs to help Inigo with his journey. They have started a gofundme.

This Shirt campaign, <https://www.bonfire.com/inigos-posse/> is an opportunity for people to share in something tangible from Inigo's family, and to be a part of their story by showing support for Inigo. Inigo helped his dad create this design while at Spaulding Rehabilitation. It was a portrait of Inigo as a line sketch that Inigo had started working on a few years ago.

Thank you for your love and support. Love is the Cure.

Whether donating or not, to read more about their story and get updates, please visit this link: <https://gofund.me/83f0e17c>



Inigo's Posse



When students/parents purchase shirts, the shirts are sent out in batches every 10 days.

Joint Worship

For the last K-2 Joint Worship, the Second Grade Class put on a play about Queen Esther. After weeks of preparation and rehearsal with Mrs. Cole, the Second Grade Class was finally ready! You can see the moment when King Xerxes reaches out to Esther with his staff, and the fateful night of the banquet when Esther told the truth about her heritage and Haman's plot to kill the Jewish people.



Walk-a-thon 2022

The Walk-a-Thon last Wednesday (and Kindergarten last Friday) was great fun! The kids had a blast, and the little foot charms were a hit!

- The First Grade Class won the Pizza Party for raising the most funds as a class!
- The Fourth Grade Class also won a Pizza Party for raising the most per student, because the entire class participated by setting up JustGiving Pages and/or raising funds!

Donations are still being accepted until the end of December, but the purchases are being planned already. For anyone who prefers to donate by cash or check, you may bring your donations to the elementary office.

Donate online here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/walkathon22>



WALK A THON SHIRTS

- Extra shirts are available for \$10 each.
- The profits will go towards the Walk-a-Thon total of the elementary class you'd like to support.
- We have youth and adult sizes available, but quantities are limited.
- Stop by the Elementary Office



140th Celebration!

On October 9th, during Alumni Weekend, we celebrated SLA's 140th Birthday with a big Birthday Bash! There was plenty to entertain people of all ages, including 2 bouncy houses, balloon animals, mini golf, popcorn, food trucks, face painting, lawn games, and food trucks. There were even free swag bags and T-shirts for all, and it all ended with a song and confetti cannons!



Thank you to our former secondary admin assistant, Ilana Cady, for heading the planning and organizing this event, and for everyone else who helped make this an unforgettable celebration!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Grades P-12 Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up is now OPEN! Sign Up is on a first come, first serve basis. The sooner you click through the link, the more time slots will be available to you.

Here is the link to Sign Up for Parent Teacher Conferences:

<https://signup.com/go/uansBoM>

Conferences are on Wednesday, November 2, and Thursday, November 3, 2021, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Both days are half days for the elementary grades. Only Thursday is a half day for high school students.

Sign ups are arranged by Grade Level for the Elementary, and by Secondary Course for High School. Be sure to select the correct grade or courses for your child.

For Elementary Students: Click on the link, select the grade your student is in, choose an available time slot. Conference slots will be 20 minutes long (except PS/PK will be 15 min). If you have more than one child in SLA, please be sure to sign up for different times for each child, and be sure to select the correct grade for each child.

For High School Students: Click on the link, select a course your student is in, choose an available time slot. Conferences will be 10 minutes long. Please select only 1 time slot per student per course. Repeat this step for all necessary courses.

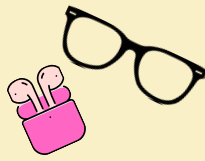
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We keep going, learning new words in Spanish class!

Seguimos aprendiendo nuevas palabras en la clase de Español!!!

Lost & Found



Our Lost & Found Collections are getting full of sweaters, and we also have one pair 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. You can write your child's name in pen on the white label at the hip, or with a sharpie inside the logo.



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 (runny nose, cough, fever, etc.) If your child is exhibiting illness symptoms **PLEASE KEEEP KEEP HIM/HER HOME**. If your child has a fever, they cannot return to school until 24 hours have passed without a fever. 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 am 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 8:15 am 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 8:15 am, the lunch will not be credited.

Absent?



If your child is absent, please EMAIL the offices by 8:15 am if possible. Let us know if you need a hot lunch moved too! 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.

Mental Health Awareness



SLA teachers showing their support for Mental Health Awareness Week, which is the first week in October. It's a week used to educate and increase awareness about mental illness. Posters went up throughout the high school, reminding



the students to speak with others, and check in, and seek support when needed. A special Chapel was held, and a counselor guest speaker came in and spoke with the students about mental health. Stickers and wristbands were passed out to students, and everyone was encouraged to wear lime green on Friday. It was a week that helped every high school student learn more about the importance of mental health, and learn that anytime they feel like they need help, the most important step to take is to tell someone.

Financial Advice for Young Adults



Did you know high school seniors can already apply for financial aid for college? The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) became available on 10/1/2022 for the 2023/2024 academic year! Yes! That means high school seniors should already be working on completing the application and sending it to any college where they want to apply.

The FAFSA application uses tax information from 2021 so there is no need to wait on your 2022 tax returns. Most colleges have some aid awarded on a first come first serve basis, so don't wait!

Apply now!

JoAnn Shaul
SLA Treasurer, ext 101



Ski Club



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. 3, 2023 and will run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays with a makeup day planned for Feb. 14, 2023. 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:

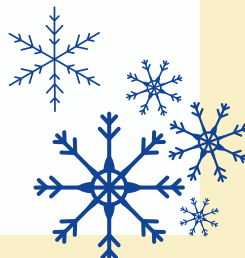
www.wachusett.com/schoolgroups Program code: STLA

Registration will begin in mid October. Fees increase after 12-1-2021 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



Aladdin Raffle is Postponed...

The raffle for the Aladdin Musical tickets has been postponed. The play itself has been postponed, and a new performance date is not yet scheduled.



Picture Day and Retakes!



Kindergarten ready for Picture Day!

Thank you Allen's Department Store

A HUGE THANK YOU to Gus Allen and Allen's Department Store in Leominster for getting our beautiful Walk-a-Thon shirts ready in time for the Walk-a-Thon!

Allen's Department Store in downtown Leominster has a huge supply of uniform bottoms at great prices. If you ever need uniform bottoms Allen's is an excellent option. There's plenty of parking behind the building too!



Fun with Chalk



Eighth Grade Class Trip Fundraiser

Eighth Graders are selling 100% cotton dishcloths as a fundraiser for their Eighth Grade Class Trip. Come to the Fall Festival tomorrow to see and buy the washcloths in person!



JOIN OUR COOKIE FUNDRAISER

ADVENTURER CLUB
Red Barn Cookies
Reimagining the Cookie

**\$45 PER PERSON
DIY COOKIE CLASS**

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4TH
AT 4:00PM

**CONTACT
ARIELLE FLORES
TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT**
ACADYFLORES@GMAIL.COM

COLLEGE CHURCH 337 MAIN STREET LANCASTER, MA 01523



QUEEN ESTHER

AS SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Calling 9th - 12th 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 4TH 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

BRING A FRIEND- INTRODUCE THEM TO AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD

FALL FESTIVAL

10.29.22 16:30-9 PM

LOCATION: SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY GYM.
198 GEORGE HILL RD, LANCASTER, MA 01523

ENTRANCE FEE: \$3

TABLE RENTALS: \$10 PER TABLE, FEE OF \$10 IF AREA IS NOT CLEANED

-SET UP TIME IS 6-
CONTACT: SHAILY.PEREZ@MYSLA.ORG OR KBISSON@MYSLA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION