

## From the Principal

Happy Friday SLA Family,


Big breath, a long weekend coming up! Believe it or not, we are more than half way through the 1st quarter and life is not slowing down!

Take some time this weekend and enjoy one of the many wonders New England is known for, fall colors! What a great place to admire God's handiwork than in nature itself. As someone who enjoys seeing nature through a lens, fall always gives me a great excuse to throw the photo equipment on my back and head out on the trails.

Enjoy the long weekend, have an amazing Sabbath, and we'll see you back in school on Wednesday (teacher in-service on Tuesday).

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

## David Branum

## Upcoming Dates

October 8: 7:30 pm, SLA Concert @ CC
October 9: 11:15 am, Alumni Weekend @ CC
October 11-12: No school
October 15: Fall celebration
October 16: Children's Church @ SLA
October 18-22: 6-12 Week of Prayer
October 25-29: K-5 Week of Prayer
October 30: Fall Festival



We are going to celebrate the joy of New England's Fall with our elementary students P-8, Friday, October 15, weather permitting. We will be walking to the SNEC grounds for a scavenger hunt, snack, a reading activity, class picture, and fun enjoying nature. Please remember to return the permission slip that went home, to the child's teacher. Thank-you in advance!


Tired of stepping on Lego's you no longer use!? Consider donating them to the Lego Explore Club. Email Mrs. Gardner for more info, ogardner@mysla.org


## Family Spaghetti .Night

Enjoy Delicious Food
© Stay for a Wonderful Concert

6:00-7:00 pm at the College Church 337 Main St. Lancaster MA

## \$10 for adults <br> $\$ 8$ for children 12 and under

This week we are getting to know sisters, Diana \& Adriana: Q:What is your favorite food?
D: My Mom's Cooking! A: Mac \& Cheese
Q:What's your favorite SLA memory?
D: Going to Playoffs Freshman year A: Playing with my friends
Q:Who is your favorite Bible character?
D: Esther A: Jesus
Q:What do you want to be when you grow up?
D: A Nurse A: A Princess


## S\& ( S B B M name is Lorena Wada, a senior.

 My experience on senior survival was amazing! I got closer to God, I learned a lot of things about nature, what we can and cannot do. Another thing that happened was that I discovered that my classmates are family to me.During that week the challenges and activities taught us how to communicate better and to get along without fighting. This experience showed me how much my class has become my family. For example, when I got bit by a mosquito, I had an extreme allergic reaction. All my friends and the staff helped me. My friend Liz carried me for more than a mile because I could not breathe properly or even walk. When we got back to the camp, they helped me in so many ways, such as praying, bringing me water, and most importantly, they did not leave my side. I am incredibly grateful for the senior survival experience, even if initially I did not want to go.

This trip changed my perspective about everything!



## Vocé Retreat

By Rachel Gardner
Voce Retreat was an exciting and fun experience for us all! We sang, we talked, we laughed, we ate -- it was all so amazing! While work still had to be done in preparation for our upcoming performances, we still had a great time and bonded more through the fun games and activities Mrs. Cady planned for us. It was honestly a bit sad when it all ended, especially after all the fun we had on Saturday night, playing games. However, I am more than excited for and can't wait for the arrival of next year's Voce Retreat!

## Public Speaking Class Reads to First Graders



The First Grade students enjoyed the time spent with
Sophomore students during their Public Speaking class. They came over and read to the First Graders with a brief discussion after.
We loved having them visit our classroom!
Outdoor school 5 \& 6



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.


## Thayer Conservatory

BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER THROUGH MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Thayer Conservatory is very much alive and accepting new students for in-person or remote lessons. Instruments taught include piano, ukulele, violin, viola, cello, double bass, trumpet, trombone, French horn, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, percussion and guitar. Voice lessons are also available. There is Camarata orchestra for beginning to intermediate strings, and the Youth Ensemble of New England for intermediate to advanced students who want to play in orchestra as well.

We are also teaching drama, and hands-on math as well as reading instruction as a supplement for students. We have Thayer Chorus for homeschoolers and Preschool music classes as well. Please see the Thayer website ThayerConservatory.org or email ThayerConservatory@gmail.com for further information. Come and join in the fun and learn to make beautiful music. We have many fine teachers and eager students. Come enjoy making music with your friends.


We would like to thank all the parents that are complying with the illness quidelines 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


Did you know there is a group of dedicated parents and grandparents praying for your student and each member of the staff and faculty at South Lancaster Academy? This group of individuals also takes special prayer requests and needs to our Heavenly Father each week. Please consider joining this prayer team. We convene Sabbath mornings at 8 o'clock by conference call. If you're interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Morris (Elementary) or Ms. Cady (Academy). They will forward your contact information to me.

Looking forward to hearing your voice on the prayer line.



## SPORTS

## CALENDAR

- October 12
- 3:15 pm XC @ Parker
- 4:30 pm JV VB vs. North High
- 6 pm V VB vs. North High
- October 13
- 4 pm Soccer vs. Trivium
- 4:30 pm JV VB vs. Hudson
- 6 pm V VB vs. Hudson
- October 14
- 4 pm JV VB @ Burncoat
- 5:30 pm V VB @ Burncoat
- October 18
- 4 pm Soccer @ Sizer
- 4 pm XC @ Sizer
- 4:30 JV VB vs. Bethany Christian
- 6 pm V VB Vs. Bethany Christian
- October 20
- 4:30 pm JV VB vs. Nashoba
- 6 pm V VB vs. Nashoba
- October 21
- 3:30 pm XC @ North Brookfield

