



Looking Forward

SEPT. 16, 2022

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family,

In the Elementary Building you will see our beautiful bulletin board (designed and created by Mrs. Argueta) that says "Get On Board The SLA Train". This is our theme for the elementary - middle school grades to encourage them to be on our train of learning here at SLA. A train filled with the skills they will need to learn how to serve, love, and achieve all that they can with Jesus by their side.

Along with this theme there is a phrase from a song that keeps playing in my mind that says "that train keeps a rollin'." And boy has it been rollin' along! We have been in school for a month now, and the students, teachers, and administrators are settling into their schedules and routines. And, just like any journey, it hits some interesting curves and hills, but we just keep on rollin'.

Our prayer is that the Lord will keep our "train" strong and in good working order as we roll along.

We are entering into a busy time of the school year filled with fundraisers, picture day, field trips, projects, school-wide activities, spirit days, and the list just goes on and on. Please make sure that you don't get left behind as we travel through these next three months of activities.

Take time to read the Friday newsletters, the emails, and look up our online school calendar (that gets updated regularly) so you are aware of these activities.

Let's have a wonderful and exciting ride on this SLA Train so that we can have a successful and marvelous school year!

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar

4th Grade Friendships



Upcoming Dates

- September 16- Senior Survival
- September 19 to 30- MAP Testing
- September 20- Big E Grades 7 & 8
- September 23- Friday Night Lights
- September 28- SA Big E Trip
- September 30- K-8 spirit day, NEON Day
- October 2- SAT
- October 6- Outdoor School Grades 5&6



Mrs. Vanegas' Spanish Class learning about Spanish-speaking countries

Goodbye Mr. Olivera...

Adrian Olivera came to SLA in 2017 as the Athletic Director. He grew SLA's Athletic program from mainly high school basketball, to the 16 sports teams of today. In 2020 Mr. Olivera's role at SLA grew to include teaching in addition to being the Athletic Director. As an SLA Alum, Mr. Olivera was grateful to be able to give back to the school that had given him so many memories.



Early this school year Mr. Olivera accepted a position as the Director of Business Operations at Game On Sports Center; Performance Center in Fitchburg, and he had to leave SLA on September 2nd. His thoughts and prayers will continue to be with SLA, and he wants students to remember to always work hard, do their best, and let God take care of the rest.

We are grateful for the time he has been here at SLA and will miss him greatly. Thank you Mr. Olivera!

...Hello Mr. DeOliveira



SLA's new Athletic Director and PE Teacher, Henrique DeOliveira, was also an SLA student at one time. Having transferred to Clinton High School in his Junior year, he still feels regret about not having graduated as a Crusader. Because of his love for SLA, he has coached SLA soccer



and basketball teams, and has continually supported SLA Athletics over the years.

Mr. DeOliveira has work experience as a PE teacher, and more recently as a Therapeutic Mentor with Seven Hills Behavioral Health/You Inc in Worcester, MA. Besides his interests in health, sports, and working with youth, Mr. DeOliveira enjoys reading, writing, soccer, team sports, and going to renaissance fairs.



Mr. DeOliveira is looking forward to starting at SLA this next Monday, September 19th, and is excited about sharing his knowledge about physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health with SLA students. Welcome back to SLA Mr. DeOliveira!



Founder's Corner - Special Issue



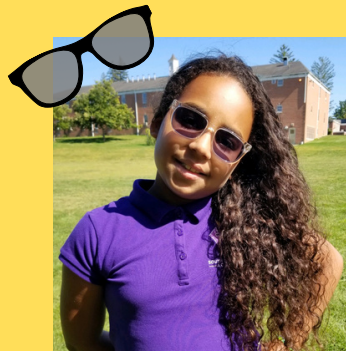
Some may be surprised to learn that Ellen White herself has ties to SLA. Not only was she a close friend of its founder, Elder Haskell, but she visited the Academy more than once. Most amazingly, spiritual revival started here during meetings in 1888, in response to the Christ Our Righteousness message. She even described the experience as seeming to "breathe in the very atmosphere of heaven."

The words she had for SLA's students in 1885 still ring true today: "To the students of South Lancaster Academy I would say: 'Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.' Never be ashamed of your faith; never be found on the side of the enemy. 'Ye are the light of the world.' Your faith is to be revealed as precious truth, truth which all should have and all must have if they are saved. As a people, we are in the minority. We are not popular. Our enemies will be watching us for evil, to betray us and to ruin our souls. They will not appreciate our motives. They will misinterpret our earnest zeal and our intense desire to have others see and understand the truth, that they may do the will of God by obeying all His commandments. But we should fight the good fight of faith, and be found 'steadfast, unmovable, always aboutnind in teh wrok of the Lord.'"

Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 520

What's for Lunch?

- **Monday**
 - Vegetarian Hotdogs
 - Snack & Drink
- **Tuesday**
 - 2 Slices of Cheese Pizza
 - Snack & Water
- **Wednesday**
 - Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup
 - OR 2 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
 - Snack & Juice
- **Thursday**
 - 2 Slices of Cheese Pizza
 - Snack & Juice
- **Friday**
 - 2 Cheese Empanadas
 - OR 2 Pizza Empanadas
 - Snack & Juice



Soaking up the rays at recess

SPORTS CALENDAR



- **September 19**
 - 5:00 pm JV VB @ Whitinsville
 - 6:00 pm V VB @ Whitinsville
- **September 21**
 - 4:30 pm JV VB vs Ayer
 - 5:45 pm V VB vs Ayer
- **Sept 22**
 - 3:45 pm Soccer @ Monty Tech
 - 4:00 pm JV VB @ Monty Tech
 - 5:15 pm V VB @ Monty Tech
- **September 27**
 - 3:30 pm Soccer @ Keefe Tech
 - JV VB vs St. Bernard
 - V VB vs St. Bernard
- **September 28**
 - 4:00 pm JV VB @ Groton
 - 5:00 pm V VB @ Groton
- **September 29**
 - 4:00 pm Cross Country vs Clinton
 - 5:00 pm Soccer @ North MiddleSex
- **October 3**
 - 4:00 pm Soccer @ IACS
 - 4:00 pm JV VB @ IACS
 - 5:00 pm V VB @ IACS

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Dot Day

What is DOT DAY?

Dot Day is a celebration of creativity and art. A celebration of innovation, of community - locally and globally - a celebration of "dot connecting." Dot Day is a celebration of great teaching and inspired learning. Self-discovery and self-expression. It is a celebration of bravery - of vision - seeing the possible - seeing the solution before it even exists. Dot Day is a celebration of impact - a time to think of how we all can make our mark.

It is a day to use our energy, talents and time to make this world a better place.

It is a day to make the world a more colorful place. Dot Day invites you to create bravely. It is a gallery of inspiration. A global festival of humans being amazing human beings. A celebration of human potential. A reminder to think of each day as a NEW day... a blank page... a chance to make it the best day yet.

A chance to splash, shine, share and inspire.

Dot Day can be today, tomorrow, next week...
it can be EVERY day!

- PETER H. REYNOLDS

www.InternationalDotDay.org



Kindergarteners
celebrating
Dot Day



Walk-a-thon 2022

SLA will be having a Walk-a-thon on October 14 (Oct 21 rain date). Packets will be going out next week. This year we are hoping to raise funds for several things:

- Blinds for the last 2 rooms in the Elementary Building
- 2 Assemblies for the whole school
- Technology Accessories
- Playground Equipment
- ...and more!

A Go Fund Me Page to Share Far and Wide

Thursday morning before school, Natalia from 5th grade sent Mrs. Gardner the following email...



Inigo Vega is Natalia's classmate, and despite having been homeschooled since the start of the pandemic, he is still very much a part of our SLA Family.

Hi Mrs. Gardner,
I'm not sure if you know about indigo's health issues but this last week they discovered a new tumor on his spine. His family is looking for help and they have setup a go fund me account. I was hoping the link or a spot talking about their desperate need for help could be added in the school's newsletter because he is part of the SLA family and we help many families that go around handing business cards to parents in the car pick up line.

Below is the link.

<https://gofund.me/83f0e17c>

Thank you,
Natalia



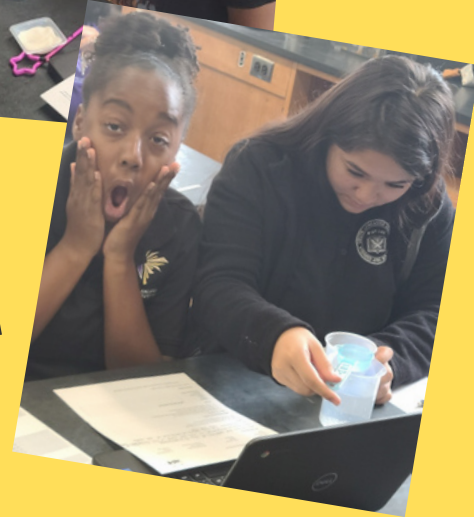
Inigo's father, Alfonso Vega, tells his son's story on the Go Fund Me page, and he begins like this...

"It is challenging to start this story, but it is time to share some of our journey. It's also come time to launch a fundraising campaign for Inigo. As we continue Inigo's fight against cancer, we need financial help. We have had many of our friends and family reach out to ask if we had set up a fund that they could donate to. We were focused on the acuity of Inigo's health, but now the time has come when we can not wait any longer to ask for a different type of help. That being said, we are thankful to everyone who has been gracious and kind to us through this. We know that we have so many of you that are praying for us. So many of you have sent so many sweet and kind cards and letters with wonderful words of encouragement. It's beautiful to know that we have a community around us that cares for us, loves us, that lifts us up in prayer. Above it all, we know that you all love Inigo."

Read the whole story at: <https://gofund.me/83f0e17c>

Science Classes with Mrs. Brahmia

These Biology students are doing a lab called Fizzy Observations where they make observations about carbonation.



This Lab is called Observation and Experiment. They make observations on the combination of different chemicals. Observations include gas formation, temperature changes and color changes.



In this Chemistry class, students are doing a mini lab called Solid or Liquid. They make a substance that feels like a solid when they hit it fast, or when hard pressure is applied, but it feels like a liquid when touched gently or allowed to sit in one's hand.



Save the Date!

You're Invited to our
140th Celebration Block Party

We cannot wait to share what we have been planning. It's going to be a great time! Everyone's invited. So put it on your calendar and we will see you soon!!

Lost & Found



Our Lost & Found Collections are starting to grow in both the elementary and high school buildings.

Some very unique pieces to show up at the elementary office are two pairs of black glasses (believed to belong to a parent or grandparent), and a brand new, and very small Crusader hoodie with the tag still on it. Please stop by the offices and take a look at our Lost & Found items.

BIRD'S NEST ITALIAN STREET FOOD

South LANCASTER ACADEMY
FIAT LUX
FOUNDED APRIL 19, 1882

Celebrating

140 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 9, 2022
1-3 PM

- FOOD TRUCKS
- FACE PAINTING
- MINI GOLF
- BOUNCY HOUSE
- PHOTO BOOTH
- SILENT AUCTION
- AND MORE!!

'ALL FREE EXCEPT THE FOOD TRUCK AND SILENT AUCTION'
PARKING WILL BE BLOCKED OFF AT THE SCHOOL

Violin Lessons

It's not too late to sign up for violin lessons if you or your child are still interested. Lessons take place during the school day and are taught right on campus!

Contact Arielle Flores at acadyflores@gmail.com for more information



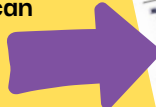
Yearbook Personalizations

The Yearbook Staff is hard at work creating your 2022 South Lancaster Academy yearbook. Yearbooks are included in school tuition. Many students choose to personalize their yearbook cover with their names and/or icons. This identifies your yearbook as uniquely yours with your personality.

Also, as you hand your yearbook to other students to be signed, you will be sure which one is yours. Please consider ordering your personalized copy today by visiting www.JostensYearbooks.com or calling toll-free 877-767-5217.

In addition to ordering your personalization online, you can turn in the form and payment to the office no later than January 31, 2023.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Iria, viria@mysla.org



South Lancaster Academy
YEARBOOK ORDER FORM
ORDER BY:
January 31, 2023

STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PACKAGE
YEARBOOK \$9.00

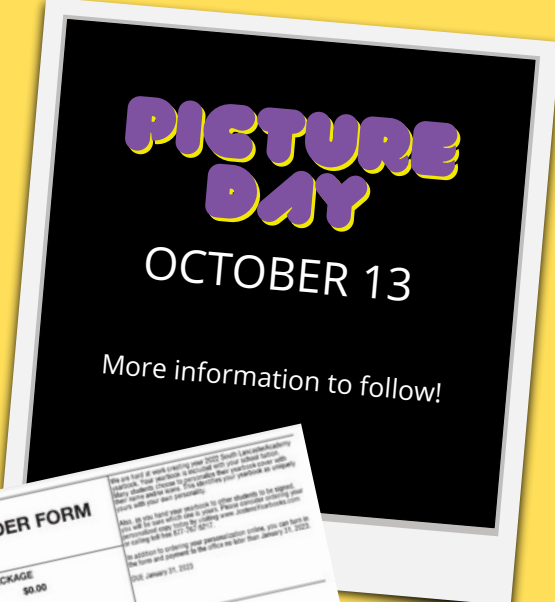
STEP 2: PERSONALIZE YOUR YEARBOOK FOR \$10.00
NAME: _____

STEP 3: ADD ICONS FOR \$0.50 EACH
Grid of icons for selection.

STEP 4: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND TOTAL YOUR ORDER
Student Name: _____
Grade: _____
Room: _____
Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

Item	Quantity	Total
Yearbook	1	\$9.00
Personalization	1	\$10.00
Icons		
TOTAL		\$19.00

*** THANKS FOR ORDERING! ***



*Parents Praying
for SLA* 🙏

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.

They meet on a weekly basis to pray for our school, student prayer requests, our faculty and staff, and local area concerns. If you are interested, please text Lanu Stoddart at (978) 514-4163 so she can send you the prayer line information.



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