



# Looking Forward

Sept 2, 2022

## From the Principal:

Good Day SLA Family,



As most of you know, I have not been at school due to back surgery. The good news is that it appears that my surgery was successful and with the doc's clearance, I should be back in the office at least part time around September 8. I have to say, the mindset of being bored has taken on a whole new meaning for me!

I have been encouraged from the reports I have been receiving, that the school year is off to a great start! Mrs. Gardner has jumped right into the VP position and has done an excellent job while I have been away. Ms. Shaul has also done a great job in immersing herself into the Treasurer's position. I'd like to thank all of the SLA staff and teachers for making the start of this school year a great one!

I hope and pray that your children are enjoying their first days of school and I look forward to being back in school soon. Have an amazing Sabbath!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,  
David Branum

## Upcoming Dates

- September 2- Friday Night Lights
- September 5- Labor Day, NO SCHOOL!
- September 6- Hot Lunch Program begins
- September 7- Open House
- September 15- Board meeting
- September 16- Senior Survival
- September 30- K-8 spirit day, NEON Day

## SPORTS CALENDAR



- September 8
  - 4:00 pm Soccer @ Parker
  - 4:30 pm JV VB vs Innovation
  - 5:45 pm V VB vs Innovation
- September 12
  - 4:00 pm Soccer @ Trivium
  - 4:30 JV VB vs Blackstone
  - 5:45 pm V VB vs Blackstone
- September 13
  - 4:30 pm Soccer vs Sizer
- September 14
  - 4:00 pm JV VB @ Ayer
  - 5:30 pm V VB @ Ayer
- 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

# Traffic Safety

## DO NOT park across the street

and walk across the street to get your child, or have him or her cross the street to meet you! This is dangerous for everyone involved, and backs up traffic on the main road.



## DRIVE SLOWLY in the left lane

because cars pull out into the left lane suddenly.

## Elementary dismissal ENDS PROMPTLY

at 3:35 Monday - Thursday

at 12:20 pm on Fridays

## If you're LATE your child WILL GO to Daycare!

Too many parents are arriving late to dismissal and this next week kids will be sent to After School Care the moment dismissal is finished. Please plan accordingly.



If you have to strap your child into a car seat, please park your car and come with your number to pick up your child at the front door. This will help our dismissal line move more quickly.

# Save the Date

A graphic for a 140th anniversary celebration. It features a central text box that says "Celebrating 140 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION" with a school seal. Surrounding the text are various icons: a food truck, a building, a paint palette, a hot air balloon, a dog, a golf ball, a water bottle, and a camera. Below the graphic, text reads: "Join us to Celebrate turning 140! Food trucks, face painting, 9 holes of mini golf, silent auction a bouncy house and more! You won't want to miss it" and "198 GEORGE HILL RD. LANCASTER MA (PARKING @ THE SCHOOL WILL BE BLOCKED OFF)".

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You're Invited to our

## 140th Celebration Block Party

on October 9, 1-3 pm

in our soccer field. We cannot wait to share what we have been planning (hints in the photo!!). It's going to be a great time! Everyone's invited. So put it on your calendar and we will see you soon!!

# Dress Code Reminders

- Jewelry is not allowed (no earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc.)
- Skirts and shorts cannot be more than 3 inches above the back of the knee
- Shirts must be Black, Gray, White, or Purple
- Bottoms must be Black, Navy, or Khaki "uniform bottoms" No cargo pants/shorts.



If uniform orders have not yet arrived, students can wear solid colored polos in Black, Gray, White, or Purple. Pants can be Black, Navy, or Khaki, but must be "uniform pants" and not cargo pants or leggings.

Fridays are "Crusader Fridays"

Students can wear jeans along with either a school polo or any Crusader Gear on top!

# Recess Time



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## 2022-2023 South Lancaster Academy Directory

NAME	DEPARTMENT	PHONE EXT.	STAFF EMAIL
Baldwin, Joanne	7th/8th Grades	157	jbaldwin@mysla.org
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Brahmia, Tish	Secondary Science	167	tbrahmia@mysla.org
Branum, David	Principal	110	principal@mysla.org
Shelton, Kyle	Secondary Administrative Assistant	100	kshelton@mysla.org
Cady, Lira	Music	161	lcady@mysla.org
Collins, Ed	Secondary Behavioral Economics		ecollins@mysla.org
Bloom, Thomas	Secondary Social Studies	164	tbloom@mysla.org
Currie, Judy	After-School Care Director	112	jcurrie@mysla.org
Ford, Janice	3rd Grade	153	jford@mysla.org
Cole, Analyn	2nd Grade	152	acole@mysla.org
Girma, Kathy	Preschool/PK/K-4 P.E.	160	kgirma@mysla.org
Nicholas, Thomas	Secondary Religion/Campus Ministries	159	tnicholas@mysla.org
Gardner, Ollyce	Vice Principal/Registrar	105	vp@mysla.org
Shaul, JoAnn	Treasurer/Accounting	101	treasurer@mysla.org
Hernandez, Karl	Maintenance/Transportation	107	maintenance@mysla.org
Imperio, Mindy	Kindergarten	150	mimperio@mysla.org
Iria, Veronica	Secondary Art, Business	114	viria@mysla.org
Jones, Lauren	5th Grade	155	ljones@mysla.org
Larsen, Heidi	4th Grade	154	hlarsen@mysla.org
McLaughlin, Katrina	Treasurer Assistant	102	kmclaughlin@mysla.org
Argueta, Debora	Elementary Administrative Assistant	106	dargueta@mysla.org
Neidigh, Jonathan	School Board Chair		chair@mysla.org
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Oetman, Linda	Nurse	115	loetman@mysla.org
	P.E./Athletic Director	151	athletics@mysla.org
Olivera, Damarie	7th/8th Grades	158	dolivera@mysla.org
Simpson, Monique	1st Grade	162	msimpson@mysla.org
Vanegas, Nohemi	Secondary Spanish		nvanegas@mysla.org
Vinton, Michelle	Academy English	165	mvinton@mysla.org

Need to reach somebody?

Use the contact info here!

Dear Parent, Please save this information and use it if you need to contact any teacher or staff.

Email however is the preferred way of communication. We want to hear from you!!!

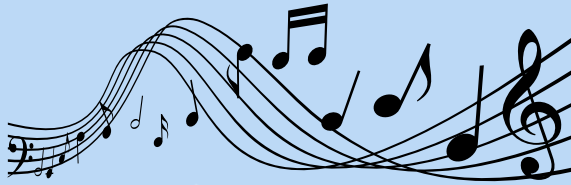
Dear SLA Family,

The Music Department is excited to announce that we are actively growing our new string program this year. Arielle Cady Flores, my daughter and mother to a new Kindergarten student here at SLA, will be offering violin lessons here on campus with the goal of having an SLA string ensemble in the near future! With 10+ years of experience in private lessons, ensembles and classroom teaching she is enthusiastic about building a strong stringed instrument element to SLA.

Lessons will begin in September so the time is now to contact her if you wish for your student to have a private violin lesson. Lesson times will be arranged on an individual basis. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Arielle at [acadyflores@gmail.com](mailto:acadyflores@gmail.com).

Have a great rest of your day!  
Mrs. Cady



SLA SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

## VIOLIN LESSONS

TAUGHT ON CAMPUS

This coming school year, violin lessons will be conveniently offered on campus during the school day!

TEACHER: ARIELLE CADY FLORES

WHEN: SCHOOL HOURS AND AFTER SCHOOL\*

COST: \$30 PER HALF HOUR

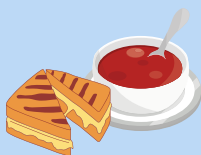
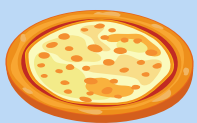
Contact Arielle at [acadyflores@gmail.com](mailto:acadyflores@gmail.com) for more information!  
\*Time arranged with homeroom teacher.

# What's for Lunch?



Hot lunches begin this coming Tuesday!  
(Monday is a Holiday)

- Monday: Hotdogs
- Tuesday: Cheese Pizza
- Wednesday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup
- Thursday: Cheese Pizza
- Friday: Empanadas



## School Lunch Program

Dear Parent, our Hot Lunch Program has begun. You can order meals for your child. Please keep these instructions for your convenience.



### THESE ARE THE AVAILABLE MEALS:

MONDAYS HOTDOGS (\$6) Junior Fundraiser	TUESDAYS PIZZA (\$6) 8th Grade Fundraiser	WEDNESDAYS GRILLED CHEESE (\$6) Sophomore Fundraiser	THURSDAYS PIZZA (\$6) Senior Fundraiser	FRIDAYS EMPANADAS (\$6) Freshman Fundraiser
2 Vegetarian Hotdogs Snack Juice	2 Slices of Pizza Snack Water	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Juice	2 slices of cheese pizza Snack Juice	2 Empanadas—choice of cheese or pizza Dessert Water Also sold in lobby \$2 each

### NOTES:

- ONLY PARENTS WITH A FACTS FINANCES ACCOUNT CAN PLACE AN ORDER
- All orders will be placed ONLINE from the PARENT PORTAL
- All orders must be paid at the time of purchase for it to be complete
- Orders **cannot** be charged to the school account
- Orders can be placed as early as Friday for the upcoming week, and only one week at a time. They may be placed as late as 9 a.m. the day of the meal. **After 9 a.m. the system will shut down and will not take any more orders**
- Meals will be credited **ONLY** if a child is sick or the school closes unexpectedly for the day. You must report to the office by 9 a.m. that your child is absent and you need a meal credit (parents please mention if your child was signed up for a meal that day as we do not always connect reporting a child absent for illness with the cancellation of the meal.)

### HOW TO CREATE AN ORDER:

- Login to [www.factsmt.com](http://www.factsmt.com), click on PARENT LOGIN, FACTS FAMILY PORTAL, - District Code: SL-MA; and your login information (username and password)
- When in Parent Portal click on the STUDENT drop down
- Click on LUNCH
- Click on the CALENDAR DAY to choose the day you want to order the lunch (remember just one week at a time is available)
- Then click on CREATE A WEB ORDER on top of the page. The weekly lunches will appear
- Click on the CHILD'S NAME you want to place the order for
- Choose LUNCH and QUANTITY (each student must have their own order)
- Click on the child's name to choose another sibling if applicable
- When done click SUBMIT ORDER at the bottom
- CONFIRM ORDER AND PAY
- Choose PAYMENT METHOD
- Click PAY AMOUNT NOW
- You should now see the message "THANK YOU. YOUR PAYMENT OF \$\$ HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED AND SUBMITTED."

Please call Mr. Shelton at extension 100 or Mrs. Argueta at extension 106 if you have any questions. **Do NOT wait until the last minute to place your orders**, especially the first time, to ensure that you get familiar with the ordering process and no technical difficulties present. **The ordering system closes at 9 a.m. the day of the particular meal.**

Thank you for supporting this program!

# A Letter from the SLA Board Chair



Dear SLA Parents,

Welcome to another year partnering with SLA teachers to train your children to serve, love, and achieve.

Every year brings changes along with the complications faced when applying new procedures and policies; this year is no different. However, we continue to work through issues such as the availability of uniforms caused by supply chain delays while maintaining focus on the long-term spiritual, physical, and academic growth of our children.

The last few years were difficult as we all reacted to the changes brought by the Covid pandemic. It is my sincere expectation that we've turned the corner and are entering a new normal. The energy and excitement of the first weeks of school this year matches the pre-Covid normal, giving me hope for a positive school year. As the chair of the SLA school board, I look forward to returning our focus towards building a better SLA.

As the board discusses and acts to carry out its operational oversight of SLA, it is important that we receive input from parents. One way we receive this input is from the Home and School Leader who becomes a voting member of the SLA board. This is an open position that the SLA administration and board is looking to fill.

The Home and School leader is a critical path of communication from parents to the board and helps everyone make better decisions. The quality of this communication depends on a Home and School leader who talks with and listens to a network of parents. Ideally, the parents of each grade form a group with one or more leaders who regularly communicate with the Home and School leader. This network of parents can effectively highlight areas where SLA shines, and identify those where we can improve. This feedback is needed by the SLA board to make the best decisions for our children.

If you are interested in leading a grade or taking on the role of Home and School leader, please reach out to myself or the SLA administration.

Wishing you all a wonderful school year!

Jonathan Neidigh  
SLA Board Chair  
chair@mysla.org

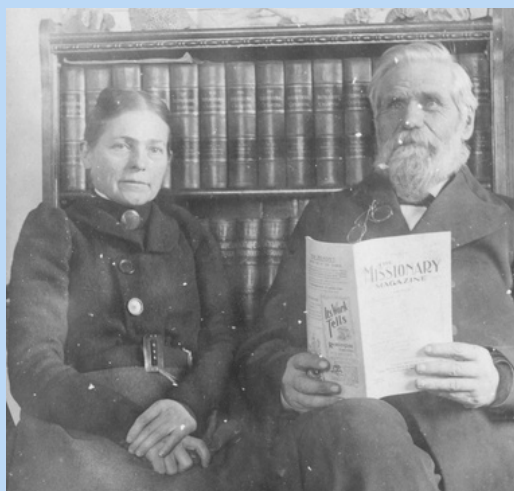


# Founders' Corner

Everybody who lives around here knows about our favorite little health food and bookstore, the ABC (Adventist Book Center). but do you know how it got started?

In our last edition of Founder's Corner, we talked about SLA's founder, Elder Stephen Nelson Haskell. Amazingly, SLA was not the only institution he helped to start. The ABC we now know and love was also an initiative of this intrepid Adventist pioneer. Originally called the Vigilant Missionary Society, this group shared books with local people, wrote letters of encouragement, and prayed for individuals. It even sent letters to such well-known Adventist leaders such as A.G. Daniells, W.W. Prescott, A.T. Jones, Dr. John Kellogg, and Ellen White herself.

The Lord has blessed South Lancaster Academy with a bounty of rich history we can draw inspiration from, and we are privileged to have such men of God in our past like Elder Haskell.



Dear parents and guardians,

We would like to invite you to join "Parents praying for SLA" a prayer team created by parents for the school. We 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.

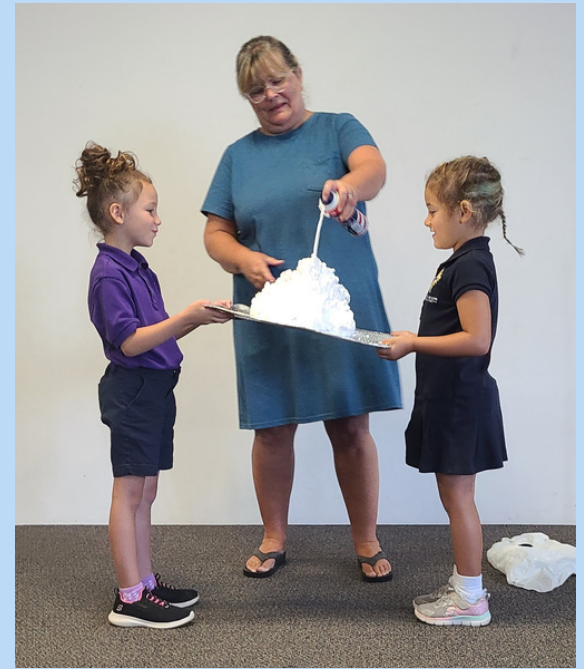


The Spanish class started with great enthusiasm, learning and practicing new words!

# A little kindness goes a long way...

SLA's first PreK - 2nd Grade Joint Worship was a wonderful success! Mrs. Gardner introduced the Get On Board theme for the 2022-2023 School Year, and everyone sang the song, and learned the importance of being kind.

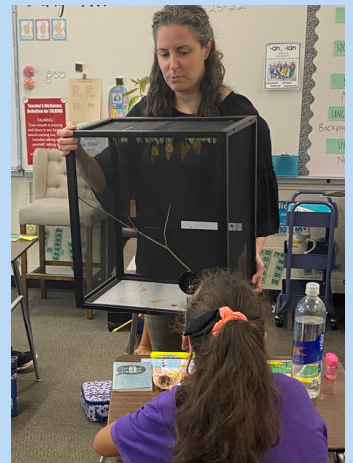
Then Mrs. Tina Jones showed the students how much shaving cream comes out of a single small can, to illustrate how kids may be small, but God can use them to do big things.

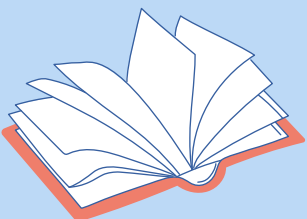


## Monarch Butterflies

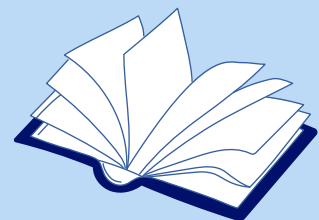
This week Mrs. Argueta (the elementary admin assistant) visited each class in SLA teaching about and showing Monarch Butterflies and Caterpillars.

She taught students about the monarch lifecycle, explained why they are now on the Endangered Species List, and let every student get a close up look at caterpillars and butterflies - some classes even got to watch as the butterflies emerged from their chrysalises!





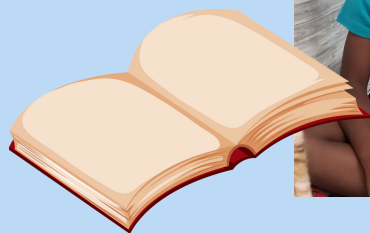
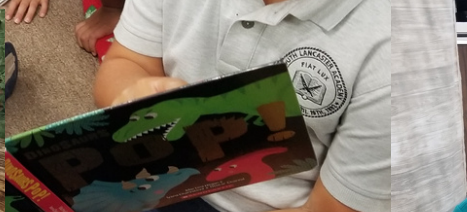
# Readers Unite!



The kids had a blast at the Summer Reading Celebration. They listened to Mrs. Gardner read *Books Books Books* and *Ron's Big Mission*, while having a lunch picnic and eating ice cream treats under the shade of the maple trees.



Buddy Reading Time  
Mrs. Larsen's 4th Grade Class  
reads to Ms. Simpson's 1st  
Grade Class.





HELP SUPPORT THE SENIOR CLASS!



# CAR WASH

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

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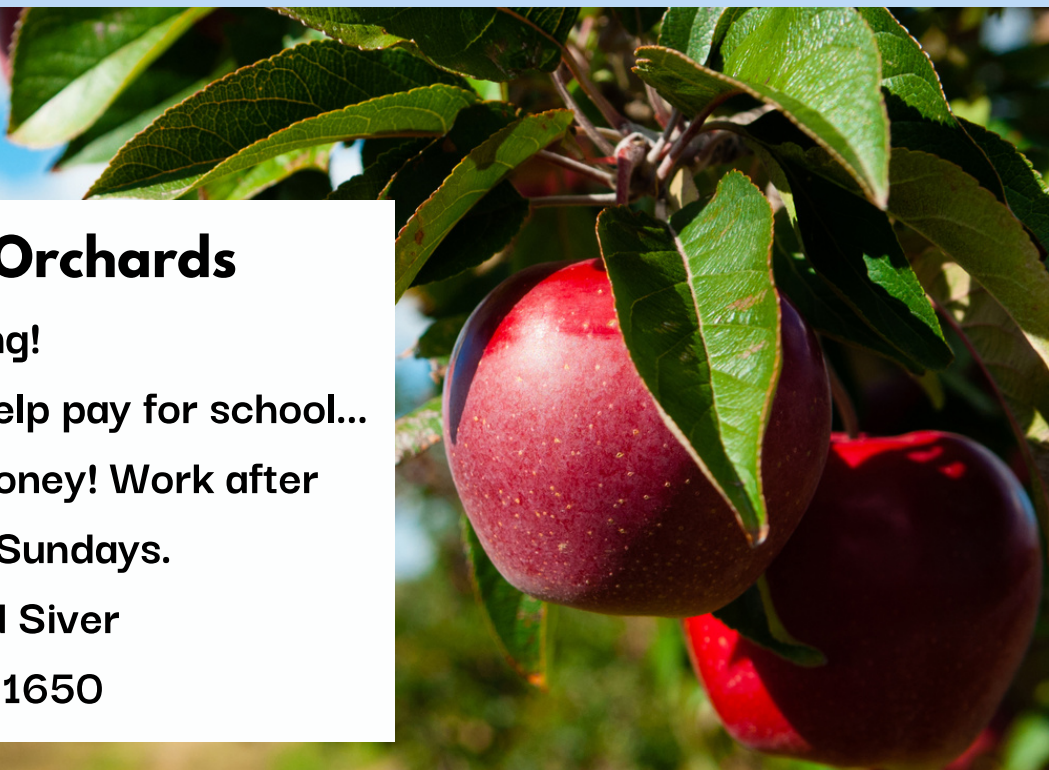
Make some money to help pay for school...

or just make some money! Work after

school or on Sundays.

Call Donald Siver

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# Robotics Clubs

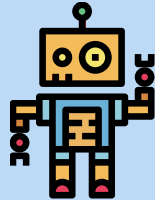


## Elementary Club - Grades 2-4

There is a \$100 club fee. If you have any questions please reach out to:

Mrs. Gardner: [vp@mysla.org](mailto:vp@mysla.org)

Mrs. Cole: [acole@mysla.org](mailto:acole@mysla.org)

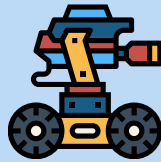


## Middle School Club - Grades 5-8

There is a \$150 club fee.

Application are due next

Tuesday, September 6

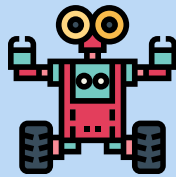


## High School Club - Grades 9-12

There is a \$250 club fee.

Applications are due next

Tuesday, September 6



Space is limited!

Late applications will NOT be accepted!

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND 6:45PM @ THE COLLEGE CHURCH OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS - RAIN OR SHINE (WILL BE HELD INDOORS IF IT RAINS) 337 MAIN ST. SOUTH LANCASTER, MA

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