



Looking Forward

September 30, 2022

From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

It's good to be back to work, at least "half time" for now. Full time will be in a week. I love the spirit that I feel on campus right now. It appears that we are all quite pleased that COVID is staying at bay and we are back to operating a normal school year with all of the events and outreach that we used to do before COVID.

Speaking of events, we have a major milestone coming up during Alumni weekend, which is in two weeks. SLA is celebrating 140 years of operations! We have a big party scheduled for that Sunday right on campus out in the high school soccer field. There will be food trucks, a bouncy house, speeches, and many other things to round out a day of celebration.

You may wonder what was going on in the world when SLA came into existence in 1882? Well, one of the most notable was Thomas Edison creating the first string of Christmas lights! On a side note, he also created the first commercial electrical power plant lighting up one square mile of downtown Manhattan.

Have an amazing Sabbath and a restful weekend!

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

David Branum

David Branum, Principal



Cross Country training at the Clinton Dam

Upcoming Dates

October 2- SAT

October 6- Outdoor School Grades 5 & 6

October 7-9 Alumni Weekend

October 9- 140th Celebration Party

October 10- Columbus Day NO School

October 11- Teacher In-service NO School

October 12- PSAT/NMSQT Juniors Testing

October 13- School Picture Day

October 14- Elementary Walk-a-thon

Basketball Practices Starting

Girls Grades 5-6

Sunday, October 2nd 10 am - 12 pm.

Girls in grades 4-6 can show up this Sunday, and **sign up will be during the meeting at the SLA gym.**

More information coming soon about the...

- Grades 7 & 8 Girls Team
- Grades 5 & 6 Boys Team
- Grades 7 & 8 Boys Team



Junior boys running the scoreboard for girls volleyball.



Little Kicks
SOCCER
GAME ON
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FALL 2022

Oct 6th - Nov 10th
Thursday Nights
6 weeks - Outdoor Turf Fields
Boys & Girls
Ages 3 & 4 - 4:00pm-5:00pm
Ages 5 & 6 - 5:00pm-6:00pm
\$125 per participant - Complete Session
\$30 per session - Single Session
gameonfitchburg.com

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SPORTS & PERFORMANCE
CENTER

Here is a great opportunity for SLA families with younger kids.
It's a soccer program called Little Kicks!

Little kicks link:

<https://www.gameonfitchburg.com/programs/little-soccer-clinic>

Vball link:

https://x2volleyball.com/page/1204/club_teams.ht...



SPORTS CALENDAR

- October 3
 - 4:00 pm Soccer @ IACS
 - 4:00 pm JV VB @ IACS
 - 5:00 pm V VB @ IACS
- October 4
 - 4:30 pm JV VB vs Main South (UPC)
 - 5:30 pm V VB vs Main South (UPC)
- October 5
 - 3:45 pm Soccer vs Trivium
- October 6
 - 3:30 pm JV VB @ Abby Kelley
 - 3:45 pm CC vs Burncoat
 - 4:30 pm V VB @ Abby Kelley
- October 11
 - 3:45 pm Soccer vs Keefe Tech
 - 4:30 pm JV VB vs South High
 - 5:30 pm V VB vs South High
- October 12
 - 4:30 pm JV VB vs Hudson
 - 5:30 pm V VB vs Hudson
- October 13
 - 3:45 pm Soccer vs Parker
 - 4:00 pm CC @ South High
- October 15
 - 7:15 pm V VB vs Leominster

Walk-a-thon 2022



SLA will be having a Walk-a-thon on October 14 (Oct 21 rain date). Packets went out last week. This year we are hoping to raise funds for three possible things depending on how much is raised:

- Computer Cart and 20 iPads
- Playground Equipment
- Fencing for the Soccer Field

The deadline for getting the Fun Guy Color-Changing Mood Pen is **THIS MONDAY!** Set up your child's Just Giving Page by Monday and share it in order for your child to get the Fun Guy Mood Pen! It's quick and easy to set up, just follow the instructions in the Walk-a-thon Packet you received last week.

As of yesterday, Sept 29, only 47 student pages had been set up, and over \$3,700 had already been raised! There are 199 elementary students, which means most students don't have their pages set up yet!

Please help your child set up his or her Just Giving page if you haven't done so yet. The more we raise, the more can be done for your child's class and the school! Remember that half of what a class raises over their class goal goes directly to that class, and that class that raises the most gets a Pizza Party!

If you have more than one child participating in the Walk-a-Thon, you may set up a single page and the funds will be divided equally between your children's grades.

For anyone who prefers to donate by cash or check they may bring their donations to the elementary office. Donate online here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/walkathon22>

WALKING
IN THE
SUNshine



THANK YOU ADAM GIRMA!!!

Again this year the Walk-a-Thon graphic on the t-shirt was designed by Adam. He is an artist and his specialization is in illustrations, cartoons and comics. Adam is also a SLA alum from the class of 2009. Adam's work can be viewed at adamjgirma.wordpress.com and he can be reached at snickersnee3@gmail.com. Thanks Adam for helping us out once again!



Lost & Found



Money Found

If your child lost any cash at school this week, please check with the elementary office. Parents, please teach your children to be careful with any cash they happen to bring to school so they don't lose it - one amount found was quite significant.

Our Lost & Found Collections are getting full of School Sweaters, and we also have three pairs of glasses, and a brand new Crusader hoodie with the tag still on it. 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.



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. 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 a.m. of the lunch week. If your child is absent on a day where you have ordered a lunch, please remember to email the office by 8:30 a.m. and ask Mrs. Argueta to move the order (dargueta@mysla.org).

Note: If the office is not notified to move the order by 8:30 a.m., the lunch will not be credited.

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: dargueta@mysla.org

High School: vp@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.

Inigo Vega

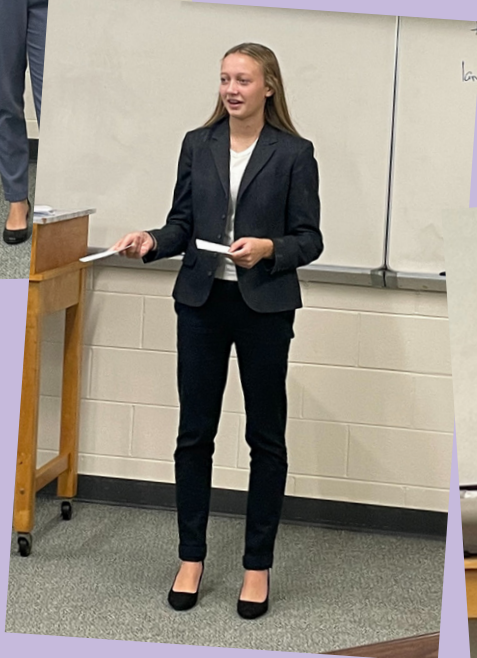
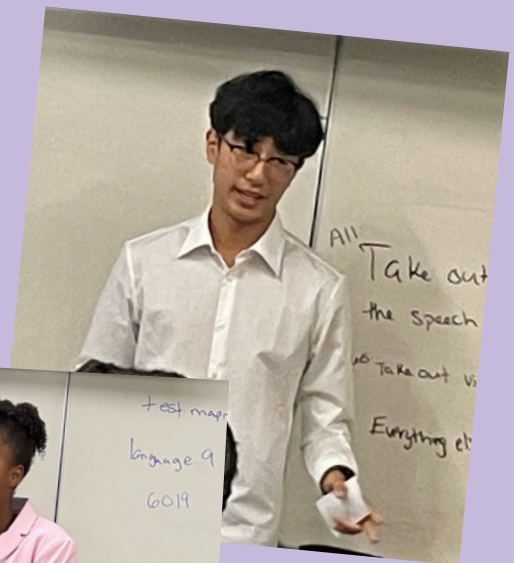
If you haven't had a chance to visit Inigo Vega's Go Fund Me Page yet, please do. Read his story, share his page, and give if you can. He is still a part of our SLA Family, and needs our help.

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

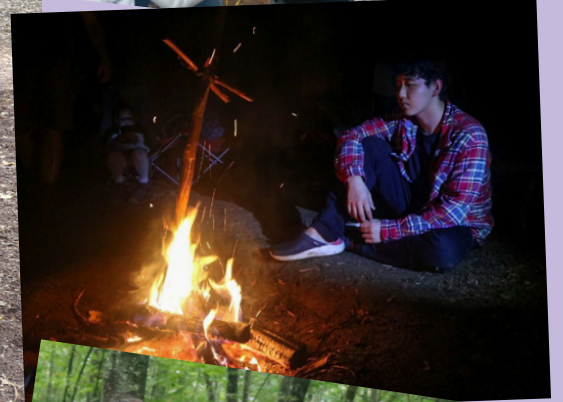


Sophomore Speeches

The sophomores were giving persuasive speeches about an invention they made.



Senior Survival



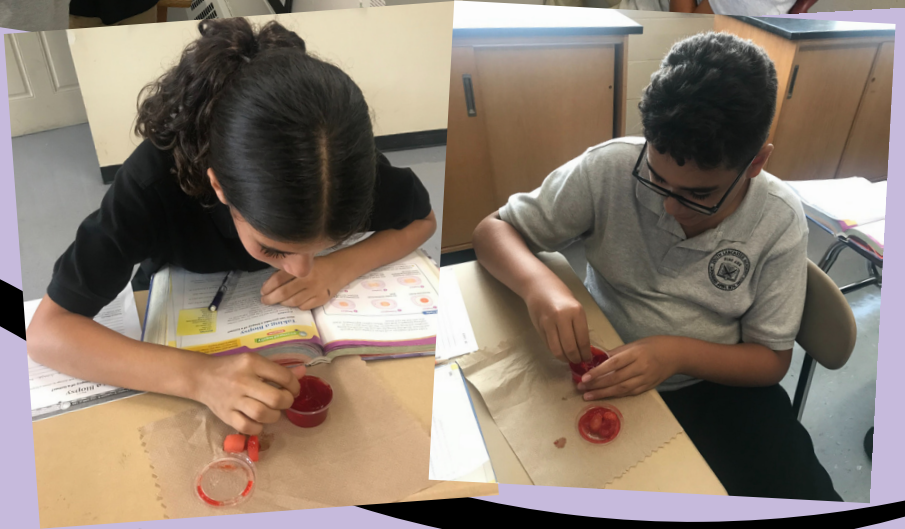
If you think Senior Survival is about surviving in the woods for a week; surviving against the elements and against the ferocity of nature, well, you would be less than 1/2 right. Senior Survival is much more about Spiritual Survival. Stripping away so many of the comforts of home is by design, and is to cause us to confront ourselves and God in our most vulnerable moments. We come back changed; embracing God's love for each of us; resolved to meet Him on the Bank of the River of Life!"

- Pastor Tom Nicholas



Eighth Grade

Eighth Graders working on a science biopsy activity and Genetics Disorder Project



Justine's PIX
PREVIEW, PERSONALIZE & PAY.

Picture Day

a whole new way

Día de fotografías de una manera completamente nueva

A new school portrait experience designed by you, for you.
Una experiencia nueva de foto escolar diseñado por ti, para ti.

- Preview your pictures before you buy
Pre-visualice en línea antes de comprar
- Buy only what you want
Compre únicamente lo que desee
- Personalize your photos with a variety of backgrounds and add text
Personalice sus fotografías con una variedad de fondos y agregue texto
- Photos ship directly to home
Las fotografías se envían directamente a su hogar
- High-res digital downloads
Descarga de alta resolución
- If you have more than one child, you can order everything together and pay only once
Si tienes más de un hijo, puedes pedir todo junto y pagar solo una vez

Our "Green Screen" technology allows you to personalize backgrounds. But it makes green clothing disappear into the background. **Don't wear green for picture day please!**
¡Por favor, no utilice ropa de color verde el día de fotografíate!

Get ready for Picture Day!
¡Prepárate para el día de fotografíate!

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

EVENT CODE: FE85222
código de evento:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3



Mrs. Vanegas' Students are cruising right along in Spanish Class!

Happy Birthday S&LA

You're Invited to our
140th Celebration Block Party

Our big birthday bash is only 9 days away! I hope to see you all there! Everyone is invited! Two hours of free fun! (except the food truck).



ALL GLOVED UP AND READY FOR THE MONKEY BARS!

These grippy fingerless gloves prevent the girls from getting blisters on their hands from the monkey bars.

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

Congratulations to S&LA!

Congratulations!

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South Lancaster Academy

FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF **#10**
Best Christian High Schools in
Massachusetts

September 2022

Luke Skurman
Luke Skurman, Chief Executive Officer

Niche's 2023 Best School rankings are live! We're happy to share that South Lancaster Academy achieved the rank of #10 in Best Christian High Schools in Massachusetts! Add your own review to help people learn more about our school!



Get Some Crusaders Gear!



The SLA Crusaders invite you to purchase some Crusaders gear and support them as they raise money for the program and a possible trip to Texas!

Crusaders t-shirts (both short and long sleeved) are for sale as well as great Crusaders beanies. Please consider purchasing one of these great products by October 14. **The t-shirts and beanies are being privately purchased and donated to the program.** For every single one sold, **100% of the profit goes to help the Crusaders** purchase new equipment, new uniforms, and possibly for the varsity programs (both girls and boys) go to Southwestern Adventist University for a basketball tournament in January!

Thank you for supporting the Crusaders. Students K-6, please give your order forms to Mrs. Argueta in the elementary office, and student 7-12 please give your order forms to Mr. DeOliveira in the high school. Make sure you are clear on the sizes and amount of t-shirts you are buying, what style you want, and how many beanies you want. There are only 50 beanies available to start, and if there is a demand for more, we will ask about getting more.

Please contact Mr. DeOliveira or Cameron Loss for more information.

Let's go, Crusaders Nation! Get your gear and let's wear our purple and white with pride!



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

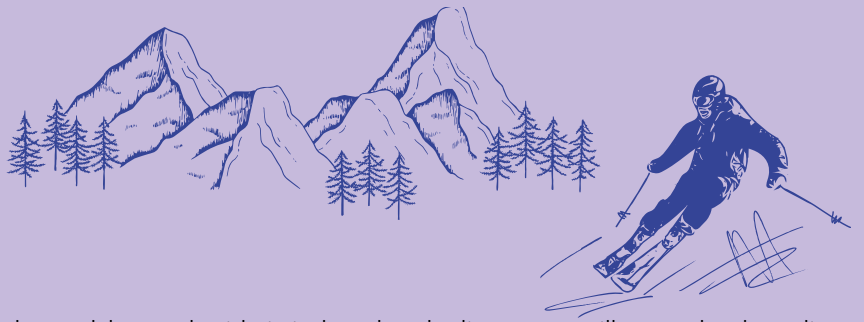
Becki Renzi- Faithful Servant

978-870-0266

tambolleo1953@gmail.com

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

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!!

October 6-12 Wachusett Mt. will hold their ski sale and swap. it is a great way to upgrade a growing child's equipment and also be able to sell equipment that they have outgrown.

After reading this information you find you have a question please call Linda Oetman, Coordinator @ 617-834-8797
loetman@mysla.org



Friends Annual Book Sale

October 1-2 & 8-9, 2022

Saturdays 9 am - 4 pm

Sundays 12 - 4 pm

Lancaster old Town Hall

695 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01523

Fill a bag!



Sept 30th \$25/bag 3-7 pm

Oct 1st \$20/bag

Oct 2nd \$15/bag

Members receive \$5 off/bag first weekend
Oct 8th \$10/bag, Oct 9th \$5/bag

\$2 hardcover, \$1.50 softcover, \$.50 paperbacks
Credit cards accepted

<https://ThayerMemorialLibrary.org> FriendsofTML@gmail.com

