



Looking Forward

September 1, 2023

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Family!

AND WE'RE OFF!!!!

The school year has begun and we are off and running with all that the year has in store for us! Upon looking at the school calendar for September and the rest of the year, we are slated to have a busy school year!

It has been great to see all the returning faces these past 2 weeks, along with the many new faces we have this year! I hope to see many of you at our Open House this coming Thursday night so I can see the new parents that we have as well. It will be a good night!

As we begin this year, my prayer is that with the busy calendar schedule, we are also able to make this year a true success and blessing for our students and families. May the Lord's spirit fill our buildings, our students, our teachers, and our staff so that all we do is done to glorify Him to others around us!

Have a blessed weekend and stay healthy!

Blessings,

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar



SA Handshake

See page 3 for more Handshake details!



Upcoming Dates

- Sept 1 - Financial Aid Application Deadline!
- Sept 4 - Labor Day NO School
- Sept 5 - Hot Lunches Begin
- Sept 5 - HS Add Drop Period Ends
- Sept 7 - Open House 6:30-7:30 pm
- Sept 15-22 - Senior Survival
- Sept 22 - Picture Day
- Sept 29 - Elem Spirit Day - Tie Dye Day!

See everyone on Tuesday!



After School Care



If you are planning for your child to stay in After School Care the following week, please fill out an After School Schedule Sheet and turn it in to the elementary office by **Thursday of the week before services**. These green sheets can be found just outside the elementary office window, or you can download them [HERE](#)



After School Care Hours:

Monday - Thursday 12:00 noon to **5:30 p.m.**

Friday 12:00 noon to **3:00 p.m.**

Please pick your child up before closing times, as the After School Care Director and assistant often have somewhere to be soon after closing time. Thank you!



This next Thursday, September 7 at 6:30-7:30 pm!

See the classrooms and meet teachers!

Come early and watch our Lady Crusaders teams play their first volleyball home games starting at 4:30 pm that same day!



Uniform Fleece & Polo Deliveries are expected this weekend!

To visit the School Uniform Store and make a purchase, please see Denisse in the high school office, as the **uniform store is located in the high school building**. Fleecees will be available for purchase this coming Tuesday, and Polos on Wednesday. You can see all the inventory of the store by visiting this [Google Sheet](#) that will be kept up to date by admin (see pg 12 for more details on Uniform Store.)



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Handshake

On Monday, August 28, all of the high schoolers went to Salisbury Beach for the Student Association Handshake event. At this event, classes worked together in a team-building competition and a pie-eating contest. Then, many students were able to enjoy a pizza lunch.

Everyone was also able to have fun in the water, play in the sand, and toss around volleyballs and footballs. This was a great time for everyone to relax and bond with each other.

- Loy Blackwell



Sick? Stay Home!

PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN HOME if they are exhibiting illness symptoms!

If your child has a fever/vomiting/diarrhea, he/she cannot return to school until 24 hours have passed without a fever/vomiting/diarrhea (without the aid of medication). Your cooperation helps keep kids and teachers healthy.

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.)



Picture Day!

Picture Day is **Friday, September 22!**

Order your pictures online with Event Code:
FE134123

Retake Day: Thursday,
October 26



An advertisement for Jostens PIX Picture Day. At the top left is the Jostens PIX logo with the tagline "PREVIEW, PERSONALIZE & PAY." To the right, the text reads "Picture Day a whole new way" and "Día de fotografías de una manera completamente nueva". Below this is a dark banner with the text "A new school portrait experience designed by you, for you." and "Una experiencia nueva de foto escolar diseñado por ti, para ti." The central image shows a tablet displaying the PIX website interface, which includes a "WELCOME TO JOSTENSPIX" message, a "register your account or sign in" prompt, and a "YOUR PIX YOUR WAY" section. Two printed photos of a young girl are shown in front of the tablet. To the right of the tablet is a list of bullet points: "Preview your pictures before you buy", "Buy only what you want", "Personalize your photos with a variety of backgrounds and add text", "Photos ship directly to home", "High-res digital downloads", and "If you have more than one child, you can order everything together and pay only once". Below the list is a green circular logo that says "DON'T WEAR GREEN PLEASE!" and a note about "Green Screen" technology. At the bottom, a dark banner says "Get ready for Picture Day!" and "¡Prepárate para el día de fotografías!". The bottom of the ad features the text "SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY" and "EVENT CODE: FE134123" (with the code highlighted in a green box), "FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023", and "THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023 - RETAKE".

Drop Off & Pick Up



Elementary Building

Drop Off: Elementary doors open at 7:30am.

Pick Up: Parents, please have your child's pick up numbers **VISIBLY DISPLAYED** when you get in line so the patrols know who to call. If the number is not visible it slows down the entire line.

If you do not have a copy of your child's pick up number, or need more copies, please stop by the elementary office for copies for yourself or anyone who will be picking your child up regularly.

Remember that dismissal begins at 3:15 Monday - Thursday and goes until 3:35, and begins at 12 noon on Friday and goes until 12:20 pm.

Academy Building

Academy doors do not open until 7:30am. Please do not drop your child off before 7:30 or they will remain locked out until then.

Traffic Flow

Remember that there are two lanes of traffic. The right lane is for drop off, and the left is for driving through.

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 pm Monday - Thursday
at 12:20 pm on Fridays

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

Students that have not been picked up by 3:35 pm will be sent to After School Care and charged through FACTS. Please plan accordingly.

DO NOT get out of your running vehicle in the drop off lane in the morning...

Please park your car in a parking spot if you need to enter the building.

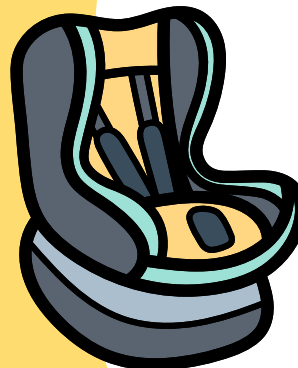


Absences and Tardies

If your child is absent or tardy, please email the offices by 8:15 a.m. This helps teachers and office staff keep track of attendance for the day, and prevents students from getting unexcused absences and tardies.

Please Email:

Elementary: dargueta@mysla.org
High School: dvelez@mysla.org



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.


Sports News



- **It's Almost Game Time!**

- First Volleyball Games: Sept 5 in Hopedale
- First Soccer Game: Sept 5 at SLA
- First Cross Country Meets: Sept 5 at SLA

- **Support our Teams!**

- See all UP TO DATE Game Schedules and locations on [Arbiter Live](#) 
- Site is not mobile friendly, but there is an app available too!



- **Elementary and Middle School Basketball Practices**

- Girls: Sundays from 10am-12pm starting Sept 10
- Boys: Times are yet to be determined

- **Open Gym for ALL Grades - Starts Sept 10!**

- Focus is on Basketball
- Sunday mornings 8-10 am

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OCTOBER	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

- OCT 06 - VESPERS & AFTERGLOW SERVICE
- OCT 07 - SABBATH SCHOOL & CHURCH SERVICE
- OCT 07 - VESPERS SERVICE & BANQUET DINNER
- OCT 07 - ALUMNI VS. STUDENTS COMPETITION
- OCT 08 - ANNUAL MEETING
- OCT 08 - 5K COLOR WALK/RUN
- OCT 08 - COMMITTEE OF 100 BANQUET

Alumni Weekend Events!

Learn more, register, & purchase meals tickets at: [MYSLA.ORG/ALUMNI](https://mysla.org/alumni) or email alumni@mysla.org

An Invitation for Celebration...

Inigo's parents would like to invite us all to celebrate his
life on Sunday, Sept 10 at 2 pm at The College Church.



THE VEGA FAMILY INVITE YOU
TO CELEBRATE

the life of their beloved son

INIGO ANTON VEGA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
2 P.M. TO 3 P.M.

THE COLLEGE CHURCH
337 MAIN STREET
SOUTH LANCASTER, MA 01561

Kindergarten Fun

A new generation of SLA Crusaders!



First Graders Learning



Hot Lunches

Hot Lunches begin this next week! Lunches are class fundraisers for our high school, and 8th grade classes.

All orders must be placed through your FACTS Family Portal under Student > Lunch.

Lunch orders close by 9am Monday mornings! Late orders will not be accepted.

If you do not get a receipt from FACTS after you paid for the lunches, then the order might not have been completed. You must complete the payment for the order to go through.

See the lunch instructional flyer for directions on how to place an order.

What's for Lunch?

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



Instruments for Sale

Student Snare Drum for Sale: Like new drum, only used for one semester of band. Includes drum, stand, drum sticks, and case on wheels. \$50

Student 3/4 size Cello: Used student Bellafina Cello. Might need new strings and a good tuning. \$50.

Please see Debora in the elementary office to purchase one of these instruments.



Financial Aid



The deadline for Financial Aid Applications is TODAY! For NEW students, parents have up to 30 days after enrollment to complete their applications!

- **Financial Aid APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sept. 1st**
- For any student, grades K-12
- Amount is based on financial need
- \$40 application fee per family per year
- Apply here: <https://www.mysla.org/financial-aid>



4th Grade - Survival In a Life Boat



New Teacher

Intro to Psychology:

Kelly Monteverde



Last year, Kelly Monteverde began providing on-campus therapy services to SLA students on Thursdays. This year, in addition to providing therapy on campus once a week, she has also joined SLA as an Intro to Psychology teacher.

Kelly is trained in evidenced based practices that include; cognitive behavioral therapy, dialectic behavioral therapy, solution focused therapy and more. She has extensive experience working with children, adolescents and adults that are struggling to maintain emotional control while managing mental health symptoms and difficult peer/family relationships.



Learn More about your Teachers!

Want to learn more about the Faculty and Staff at SLA? Soon, each teacher's photo on SLA's website will link to a separate page with fun and curious information about each person. This is a work in progress, so bear with me, but new fun bio pages will be announced in the newsletter as they are added to the site!



Uniform Buyback Program & Uniform Store

SLA now has a Uniform Store with new uniforms at full price, as well as gently used uniforms available for sale at 50% off retail price.

SLA is now buying back gently used uniform pieces at 30% of retail cost with logo fee. The monetary value of uniforms that are bought back will be credited to a student's account. Credit will be given for used uniforms that are in good shape, with NO holes, NO stains, NO rips, and that are NOT faded. **If parents happen to have new, unused uniform pieces with tags, SLA will buy these back at 100% of retail value including logo fee.**

New or used uniform pieces can be brought in to the elementary or high school offices anytime the offices are open.

To purchase uniform pieces from the store, please see Denisse in the high school office. The uniforms are kept in the high school building.

Because this will be the first year of the Uniform Store, and SLA is still building up inventory, parents may not be able to get the uniforms they need for this year through our store yet. You can see the current inventory [HERE](#).



SLA's uniform store will have limited styles and quantities, so to order online from our uniform vendor visit: <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/school/SOUT01>



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

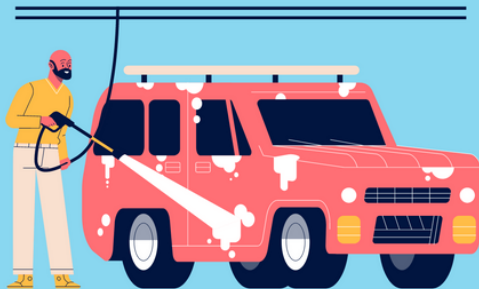
SENIORS

OPEN
12-3PM

CAR WASH

HELP RAISE MONEY
FOR THE SENIORS'
CLASS TRIP

SUGGESTED
DONATIONS
\$5.00+



SEPTEMBER 1, 2023
12-3 PM

337 MAIN STREET
SOUTH LANCASTER, MA
(COLLEGE CHURCH)

-FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
SHAILY PEREZ

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO
(978) 310-6521

TODAY



KING'S KIDS COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Thursdays at 6:00PM

College Church
337 Main St.

South Lancaster, MA

Sept-Dec & Jan-June

\$75
per
semester

Age 5-12

REGISTER AT
WWW.KIROSHA.COM/KINGSKIDSINFO



KINGDOM
Voice & Music
CREATE • CONNECT • CONTRIBUTE



King's Kids Community Gospel Choir registration
now open: www.kirosha.com/kingskidsinfo



10.27.23 • 7 pm



Overflow Worship

College Church Free Concert Series

Friday, October 27 at 7 pm

Because of His Love, I Know Who I Am

featuring musical guests, Everlasting Worship
and speaker Kevin Maldonado



Convenient Donations!

Get rid of all your old and broken electronics for free!

Then clean out your closets and get rid of all the clothing you never wear, and household textiles you never use - all while helping the Crusaders Basketball Teams!

RECYCLE

Your Old & Broken Electronics



Accepting any of the following starting Tuesday!
The more we recycle, the better!

- Phones
- Smart Tablets
- Laptops
- Desktops & Monitors
- Printers/Scanners
- Smart Thermometers
- Chromebooks
- TVs
- And more!

*Upcycle scrubs all personal information from the electronics.



Clean out your closets for South Lancaster Academy!

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

We are collecting gently used clothing. We need it delivered in durable garbage bags. We will collect through Sunday, September 24, or if necessary by special arrangement.

If you want to drop clothes off during the school day, please check in at the office.

Please spread the word and help us meet our goal of returning to Texas in 2024!

FUNDrive® Coordinator

Cameron
(508) 853-2102
cmloss@juno.com

Our Goal: \$500

125 Large Yard Bags (avg. 20 lbs.)

Fundraiser Dates:

07/11/2023 - 09/24/2023

Community Collection Days

September 24 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM
The College Church
337 Main Street
South Lancaster, MA 01561

FUNDrive®

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Recess is exhausting!