



Looking Forward

September 29, 2023

From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Families,

The days are just moving right along! This month alone has been packed with a lot of activities both inside and outside the daily classroom routines.

Let's see, to recap the month we have had the summer reading treat, open house, picture day, senior survival, MAP testing (grades 3-10), Teachers' Luncheon, 2 groups going to the Big E, cross country meets, soccer games, volleyball games, and this weekend Voce goes on their yearly retreat to Camp Winnekeag. Add to that the daily work the teachers and students do each day to keep the academics going, along with the adjustments to a new school year with new teachers. Whew! That is a lot and this is just September! (And don't forget the many students who attended the 70th Pathfinder Camporee!!!)

While we have been busy with all these activities, with many more to follow as we move forward, it is my prayer that we will not be so busy that we do not take the time to take it easy. Rest a while, enjoy the sunshine when it comes out, and enjoy the peaceful moments that you have with your family. Rest is a gift that God gave to us so we can renew our mind, body, and spirit.

May the Lord surround you with His healing peace so you can find the rest you all deserve. Have a blessed Sabbath!

Shalom!

Ollyce Gardner
Vice Principal, Registrar



These flowers that got picked for mom during morning recess were saved in a photograph. Enjoy Mom!



Upcoming Dates

- Sept 29 - Elem Spirit Day - Tie Dye Day
- Oct 4 - Battleship Cove Trip
- Oct 5 - Outdoor School Grades 5 & 6
- Oct 6-8 - Alumni Weekend
- Oct 9 - Columbus Day - NO School
- Oct 10 - Teacher In-service - NO School
- Oct 11 - PSAT NMSQT Testing
- Oct 15 - SAT Testing
- Oct 21 - Children's Church



Senior Survival

Senior Survival went from Friday, September 15 to the 22nd.



Sick? Stay Home!

If your child is exhibiting illness symptoms PLEASE KEEP HIM/HER HOME.

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.)



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.

Phone calls DO NOT count towards excusing a tardy or absence, the excuse must be in writing, thank you.

Please Email:

Elementary: dargueta@mysla.org

High School: dvelez@mysla.org



Drop Off & Pick Up

Elementary Building

Drop Off

Building doors open at 7:30am.

Pick Up

P/PK: 12-12:15 pm Monday-Friday

K-6: 3:15-3:35 pm Monday-Thursday

12:00 pm Friday

Academy Building

Grades 7 & 8, and 9-12

Drop Off


Building doors open at 7:30 am

Pick Up

3:00 pm Monday-Thursday

12:15 pm Friday

After School Care Reminder

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:

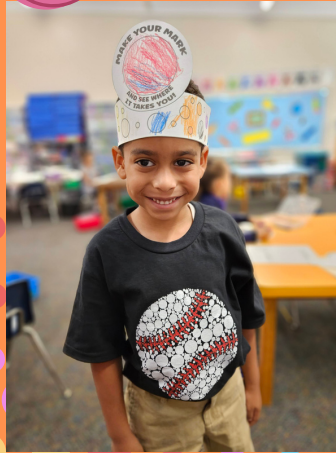
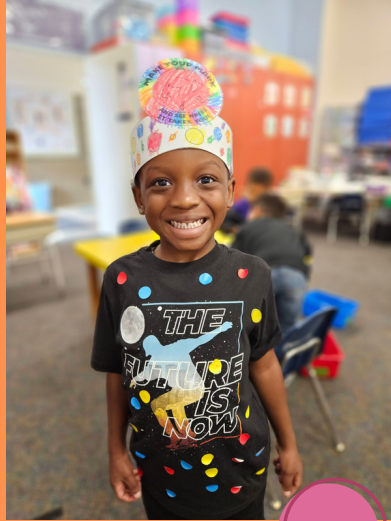
Monday - Thursday 12:00 noon to **5:30 p.m.**

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!

Dot Day!

The Kindergarten Class, along with Preschool, Celebrated Dot Day on September 15th. Students dressed up in all sorts of dotted outfits to celebrate.



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.

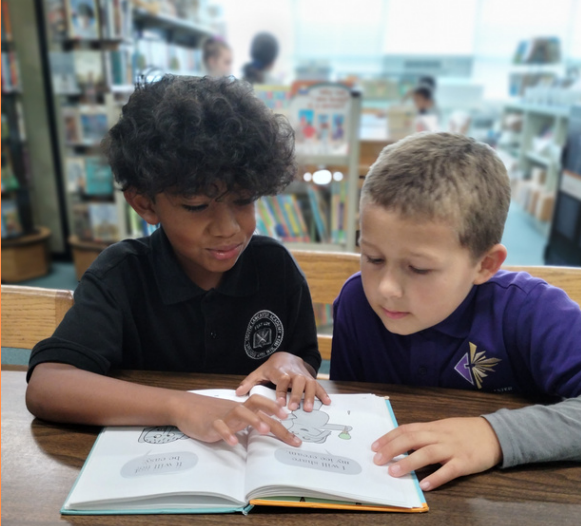
It is a day to use our energy, talents and time to make this world a better place. It is a day to make the world a more colorful place. Dot Day invites you to create bravely. It is a gallery of inspiration. A global festival of humans being amazing human beings. A celebration of human potential. A reminder 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

4th Grade Reading Partners

Mrs. Larsen's fourth graders taking time to read to Ms. Rodriguez's first graders in the elementary library.



Pictures from Picture Day are Ready!

School pictures are ready for you to see and purchase! Click on the link in Jostens email and login or create an account with them. You may have to search for your child and request access to the photos if you had a change in your email address.

Order your pictures online with Event Code: **FE134123**

Re-take Day is October 26!



Picture Day

Picture Day was on Friday, September 22. Every student has a picture taken for the yearbook, and once the photos are processed, parents have the option to order photos if they'd like.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

5K

COLOR RUN/WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH AT 10AM

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY'S
HEATING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

REGISTRATION:
\$25 (SHIRT INCLUDED)
\$15 (12 YRS & UNDER)
[BIT.LY/SLA5K23](https://bit.ly/sla5k23)

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OPERATING FUND

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	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

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

Alumni Weekend Events!

The Big E

The Big E is a premier exposition of all 6 New England states: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT. The high school went to the Big E on Tuesday, September 26, and the 7th & 8th Grade classes went on Sept 28th.



8th Grade

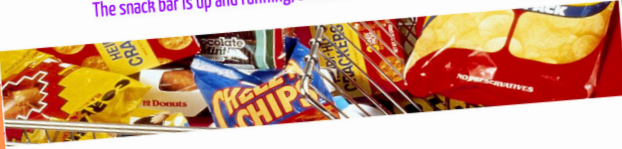




South Lancaster Academy
CRUSADERS

September 2023

The snack bar is up and running, but Crusader families...we need you!



Here is how you can help:

It's going to be run a bit differently this school year because *burnout* is a real thing! We want to make it super easy for families to support our Crusaders. All you need to do is sign up for one home game day. The snack bar will be cleaned, stocked, opened, and items priced. You just serve and sell at the window for one game day! That's it! We are asking for your time only. The athletic department will supply the items to sell. There will be Crusader-wear available for purchase too! Be aware that the boys and girls teams will typically play on the same night (home and away), so make sure you do not sign up to cover the snack bar if you want to watch your child play at the away game.

A big big thank you to you for making SLA Crusader Nation happen!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AaFns8qR173kdmbGpQO5De3qVxeZ058HxOQIOS2yJtE/edit#gid=0>

Keep an eye on scheduling updates.

<https://arbitrillive.com/Teams?entityid=21380>

Go Crusaders!

Crusaders Need Your Help!

Sign up to help in the Snack Bar:


<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AaFns8qR173kdmbGpQO5De3qVxeZ058HxOQIOS2yJtE/edit#gid=0>



Sports News



• **Support our Teams!**

- **See all UP TO DATE Game Schedules and locations on Arbitr Live** 
- Site is not mobile friendly, but there is an app available too!

• **Elementary and Middle School Basketball Practices**

- Girls: Sundays from 10am-12pm
- Boys: WE NEED COACHES! Please contact Rick if you can help

• **Open Gym for ALL Grades**

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





Hot Lunches

Hot 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.

EMPANADAS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH ORDER, AND ALSO SOLD IN THE LOBBIES FOR \$2 EACH ON FRIDAYS.

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



Instrument for Sale



Student 3/4 size Cello:

Used student Bellafina Cello. Might need new strings and a good tuning. \$50.

Please see/email Debora in the elementary office to purchase this cello.

College Church BBall Breakfast!

Sunday morning,
October 22nd!

Come support our Crusader's Basketball Teams and fill your stomach with yummy food!



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.

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

We recently received another shipment of school sweaters. If you need anything, please stop by.

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>

There is currently a 23% off Sale

Code: D6TJNUE4W2

Ends October 2nd

SHOP NOW | 23% OFF ENTIRE ORDER | PROMO CODE REQUIRED: D6TJNUE4W2

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
by TOMMY HILFINGER

CLOSET
CLEANOUT SALE

23%
off

SHOP
NOW

Now through October 2nd, 2023

PROMO CODE REQUIRED: D6TJNUE4W2

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.

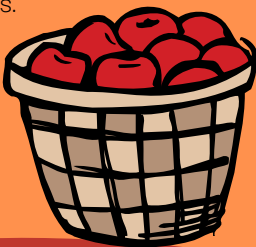


If uniform orders have not yet arrived, students can wear solid colored polos in Black, Gray, White, or Purple. Pants can be Black, Navy, or Khaki, but must be "uniform pants" and not cargo pants or leggings.

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

First Graders & Johnny Appleseed

First graders learned about the famous Johnny Appleseed this week. Next week they all go on a field trip to George Hill Orchards, where they will learn more about apples, and get to pick apples right off the trees.



Tie Dye Day

Today was Elementary Tie Dye Spirit Day! Spirit Days usually take place on the last Friday of the month for the Elementary Students. The Friday Reminders email will mention any upcoming spirit days in time for parents to prepare. Spirit Days for the entire year are also listed in the [Google Calendar](#).



Robotics Fundraiser



Order donuts with any Middle School Robotics Team member, or at the elementary and high school offices. **Order deadline is Oct. 13th.**

The **delivery date is October 25th.**

Learn More about your Teachers!

Want to learn more about the Faculty and Staff at SLA? Read fun bios on the Faculty & Staff Page of the school website. [Check them out HERE!](#)



LOST & FOUND



Several school sweaters and even a school polo or two have been found lying around school. None of these are labeled. If you are missing any uniform pieces, please stop by and look through the Lost and Found collections, or inquire at the offices.

Elementary Lost & Found is in the hallway to the right, by the library and bathrooms.

High School Lost & Found is just up the stairs to the right.

Please LABEL SCHOOL SWEATERS! Items that are not labeled might get taken by someone else, as nobody has any way of knowing who the rightful owner may be. If items are labeled, they can easily be returned to their rightful owners. Names can be written on the labels inside the left hip, on the inside of the logo, or along the red and white stripes at the neck.



Support the CPUsaders Robotic Teams!



Order your dozen delicious glazed donuts with a Robotic Team member!

\$14.00 for a dozen glazed donuts
Payment due at the time of order.

Everything is Better With Donuts