



looking forward

SEPT. 10, 2021

From the Vice Principal

Greetings SLA Family!

It's "happy dance" time now that our remote learning is drawing to a close! Congratulations and thank you for making this experience run pretty smoothly.

The return to in-person learning on campus is our opportunity to have even greater unity as a school community. Though the devil seems to be doing his diligent best to create havoc and division, let's not allow that to happen. God brought us together at just this moment for a reason. We can claim the promise of Romans 8:28, "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them." We're all on the same team because we all love our children and want to provide the best opportunity for them to thrive. Though we each may have differing opinions of what that may exactly look like, let's keep having appropriate discussions and prayer sessions together, looking for God's guidance as we continue to educate our precious young people. Navigating through the ever changing and evolving issues associated with the Covid virus and variants is a challenge, so we thank you for trusting your school with your most valuable asset, your children!

Furthermore, thank you in advance for your cooperation by sending your children to school wearing masks and for keeping them home if they are showing signs of illness.

Have a wonderful weekend and we'll see you back on campus on Monday, September 13!

Blessings,

Ginnie Hakes



Upcoming Dates

September 10- Friday Night Lights

September 13- MAP Testing

September 13- Hot Lunch Program begins

September 15- First day of Hispanic Heritage Month

September 16- Board meeting

September 17- Senior Survival

September 24- K-8 spirit day, NEON

MASKS REQUIRED

Until further notice, masks are required inside of all SLA buildings, regardless of vaccination status



HELP WANTED



Do you love to cook? Do you know how to sew? Do you make soaps or candles?

We are currently looking for people who are willing to teach an interesting and exciting elective for our High School students second semester. The sky is the limit and we welcome your proposals, please send an email to vp@mysla.org with any ideas you might have.

Classes would begin January 10.

Time commitment:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Alternating Friday's for Period D only

Period D: 1:23-2:48 (85 min, Friday 60 min)

Period E: 2:50-3:40 (50 min)

*Possible small compensation can be discussed

PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 8
If you have any questions
please email Mrs. Iria,
viria@mysla.org

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. We convene Sabbath mornings at 8 o'clock by conference call. If you're interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Morris (Elementary) or Ms. Cady (Academy). They will forward your contact information to me.

Looking forward to hearing your voice on the prayer line.

Warm Regards,

Lanu Stoddart-Williams

WE'RE BAAAAAAAACK!
Kirosha Voice & Music Presents
KING'S KIDS
Worcester County Community Gospel Children's Choir
Ages 5-12
337 Main St. South Lancaster, MA
Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00pm
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW
Does your child love to sing? Do they have a knack for music harmony? Sign them up to join our fun, soulful choir, singing songs of praise to the King!
Register at KIROSHA.COM

WANTED
Mrs. Baldwin's Class

We are working on collecting all of the National Park quarters and need the following to complete our set!

- 2012 Chaco Culture National Historical Park
- 2019 American Memorial Park
- 2019 San Antonio Missions National Historical Park
- 2020 Weir Farm National Historic Site
- 2020 Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park
- 2021 Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site



EMAIL THE BOARD



Jonathan Neidigh
Chair
chair@mysla.org
Father of two
current SLA students
and one Alum

In order to give our parents and families a space to reach out, make suggestions and find out more information about what is happening on our school board we have created emails for our chair and vice chair. Please feel free to email them with any questions, concerns and suggestions you have for our school!



Alyssa Christoph
Vice Chair
vicechair@mysla.org
SLA Alumna

What's for Lunch?



School Lunch Program

Dear Parent, our Hot Lunch Program is beginning next week, September 13. You can order meals for your child. Please keep these instructions for your convenience.



THESE ARE THE MEALS AVAILABLE FOR NOW:

MONDAYS - RICE & BEANS (\$6) Sophomore Fundraiser	TUESDAYS - PASTA (\$6) Junior Fundraiser	WEDNESDAYS - HOT DOGS(\$6) Senior Fundraiser	THURSDAYS - PIZZA (\$6) Eighth Grade Fundraiser
White Rice & Black Beans Corn Gummies Juice	Pasta with Red Sauce Salad with Italian Dressing Fruit Snacks Juice	2 Veggie Hot Dogs Fruit Snack Juice	2 slices of cheese pizza Snack Juice

NOTES:

1. **ONLY PARENTS WITH A FACTS FINANCES ACCOUNT CAN PLACE AN ORDER**
2. All orders will be placed **ONLINE** from the **PARENT PORTAL**
3. All orders must be paid at the time of purchase for it to be complete
4. Orders cannot be charged to the school account
5. 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**
6. Meals will be credited **ONLY** if a child is sick or 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 cancelation of the meal.)

HOW TO CREATE AN ORDER:

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

Please call Ms. Ilana at extension 100 or Mrs. Morris at extension 106 if you have any questions. We suggest that you 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!



SPORTS CALENDAR



- **September 13**
 - 4:30 pm Soccer vs Sizer
 - 4:30 pm XC vs Sizer
 - 4:30 pm JV VB vs. Leominster
 - 6 pm V VB vs Leominster
- **September 16**
 - 4 pm JV VB @ Hudson
 - 5:15 pm V VB @ Hudson
- **September 20**
 - 4 pm JV Vb @ IACS
 - 4:30 pm Soccer @ Trivium
 - 5:30 pm V VB @ IACS
- **September 22**
 - 4:30 pm Soccer vs IACS
- **September 23**
 - 4:30 pm JV VB @ Monty Tech
 - 6 pm V VB @ Monty Tech

A LETTER FROM HOME & SCHOOL



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am so excited to have our kids back to school and we hope we will have a great year! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the new students and families. We are so blessed to have our enrollment higher than it was prior to COVID.

My name is Liz Olivera-Mustard, I am an SLA alumna (class of 1989) and the President of the Home and School Association (HSA). The HSA has been very active in the last few years and we hope to continue working closely with the school and families to make SLA a great school. We are committed to supporting our school through various fundraising activities, town hall meetings, and as the voice of the parents on our school board.

We are already planning various fundraisers and activities and we will be rolling out a Volunteer Program that will incentivize families that participate. We would like to kick off the year with our very first virtual meeting and everyone is invited to attend on Monday September 13th at 7:30. We will share with everyone the new volunteer program and activities we have planned for the year. Please put this time and date on your calendars and we will provide the link to the meeting next week. Until then we are already working on our major fundraising activity, the Snack Bar!! The HSA runs the snack bar for all home games for all sports. All funds raised are shared with the Athletics Department. To date this has been our most profitable fundraiser and that is thanks to all of you!!! Everything we sell at the snack bar is donated and the snack bar is run by volunteers. This year is no different.

The volleyball and soccer seasons has begun. We are currently taking donations for the snack bar (snacks, candy, drinks) and are looking for volunteers to help sell snacks and beverages during the games starting next week. Click here to access the sign-up sheet for volunteers to run the snack bar at the home games, <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17TojUBVmOVwdZz-z7ISOefr03R6Zqboxjpm5gxbRi-l/edit?usp=sharing>

If you cannot volunteer to help run the snack bar, please consider donating some of the following items:

- Bottled water
- Juice boxes
- Soda
- Gatorade
- Chips (individual snack size)
- Candy (chocolate bars, M&Ms, skittles, starburst, etc.)
- Bags of corn chips (for nachos)
- Grated cheese
- Salsa
- Popcorn kernels (for popcorn machine)
- Popcorn butter
- Snack size cookies (oreos, chocolate chip, cheez-it)

If you don't have time to shop we will accept cash donations to purchase items.

I look forward to meeting you all!

Topic: Home & School Meeting

Time: Sep 13, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76894472051?pwd=ek1aQzRFWDBrZ29kUjEVEbVjVTzdDdz09>

Meeting ID: 768 9447 2051

Passcode: 3DuZ4R



SKI CLUB



Yes, we will be skiing this school year!!

We will be having our ski program once again. It will begin January 4, 2022 and run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays. Wachusett Mt. has awesome programs for beginners that want to learn the sport at reasonable prices when you participate in a school sponsored program. Our bus will leave school at 1:30 pm on Tuesdays and return to the school by 7 PM. There is a fee associated with the Ski Club and you must sign up with the SLA's program to be allowed to leave school early. Ski Club is open to grades 4-12.

Information for the school program sign up will be coming in late September. So mark your calendar and enjoy

fall in New England as we

think about lots of snow in January!!

For more information contact ski coordinator:

Linda Oetman

617-834-8797 or email

loetman@mysla.org

Looking forward to an awesome winter and skiing with your children.

Linda Oetman

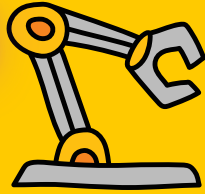
DRESS CODE

Our dress code can be found on pages 50-51 in our School Handbook. As we are in our last year of transition before full uniforms the following items are allowed:

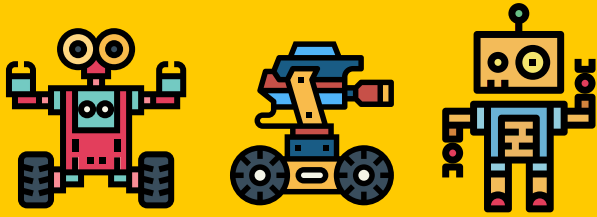
- School shirt polos of any color, with the SLA school logo
- Jeans, dress pants, of any color, shorts, skirts no higher than 3 inches above the back of the knee
 - NO leggings, sweatpants, exercise clothes outside of gym class, spandex, pajama bottoms, or pants with holes, allowed
- Outwear with the SLA logo
 - NO sweatshirts, vests, sweaters, jackets without SLA logo allowed
- Clothes must be appropriately fitted
- Shoes must be worn at all times
- Hats are not permitted indoors
- **NO Jewelry**
 - Including anything on your wrist that is not a hair tie, a watch, or a medical alert bracelet
 - Jewelry will be confiscated if seen again after being asked to remove
 - This includes pierced ears & nose



ROBOTICS CLUB



Applications for grades 2-4 is due Monday, September 13. There is a \$25 application fee. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Gardner, ogardner@mysla.org



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:

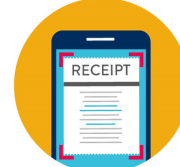


HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY
BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN
CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



SLA Home & School Association

Get Your Mask On! Order Form

BANDED



STREAK



The Home & School Association is proud to present the **Get Your Mask On Fundraiser!** Please fill out the order form below and return to the office with payment. The cost for each mask is \$10 or you can buy 4 masks for \$38. Let's support our Crusaders sports teams and Get your Mask On!

Parent Name:	Date:
Student name:	Grade:

Type	Quantity	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> BANDED		
<input type="checkbox"/> STREAK		
Total		

Please make checks payable to SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

Get your orders in now! Thanks for your support!

2021-2022 South Lancaster Academy Directory

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NAME	DEPARTMENT	PHONE EXT.	STAFF EMAIL
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Brahmia, Tish	Secondary Science	167	tbrahmia@mysla.org
Branum, David	Principal	110	principal@mysla.org
Cady, Ilana	Secondary Administrative Assistant	100	icady@mysla.org
Cady, Lira	Music	161	lcady@mysla.org
Collins, Ed	Secondary Behavioral Economics		ecollins@mysla.org
Creitz, Randy	Secondary Social Studies	164	rcreitz@mysla.org
Currie, Judy	After-School Care Director	112	jcurrie@mysla.org
Ford, Janice	3rd Grade	153	jford@mysla.org
Gardner, Ollyce	2nd Grade	152	ogardner@mysla.org
Girma, Kathy	Preschool/PK/K-4 P.E.	160	kgirma@mysla.org
Gracia, Luis	Secondary Religion/Campus Ministries	165	lgracia@mysla.org
Hakes, Ginnie	Vice Principal/Registrar	105	vp@mysla.org
Harr, Randy	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
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McLaughlin, Katrina	Treasurer Assistant	102	kmclaughlin@mysla.org
Morris, Cacilda	Elementary Administrative Assistant	106	cmorris@mysla.org
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Neidigh, Shauna	Development Director	108	development@mysla.org
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Olivera, Adrian	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	159	mvinton@mysla.org

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!!!