



# Looking Forward

July 26, 2023

## From the Vice Principal

Dear SLA Families,

I hope you have been keeping cool and dry this summer! It has been a very interesting summer with the weather. If you have not had a chance to visit the beach or pool, I hope you get to squeeze that in before August 21.

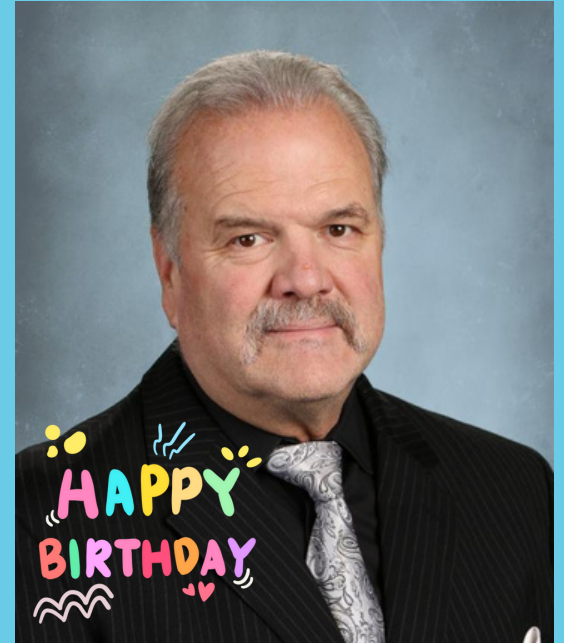
Things have been busy here at the school with the new floors in the 5th grade room and History room, ceiling tiles being replaced in many of our elementary classrooms, book orders coming in daily, enrollment coming in, tours to give, Camp Sonrise finishing up their successful summer run, and soooo much more. There is still a whole lot to do before we begin! Oh my!

Despite all the busyness, we look forward to starting a new school year! Please keep the school staff, administration, and teachers in your prayers as we do all we can to prepare for this new year. We will also keep you and your families in our prayers as you prepare for the year as well.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you all cool, dry, and safe these last few weeks of summer!

Blessings!

Ollyce Gardner  
Vice Principal, Registrar



Happy Birthday Mr. Branum!

## Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9 am - 1 pm

Closed Fridays

## Upcoming Dates

August 14-18 - Pre Week Work Bee  
August 21 - 1st Day of School  
Sept 1 - Financial Aid Application  
Deadline!

# High School and 7th & 8th Grade Schedule Change!!!

Mrs. Gardner worked very hard to make some adjustments to next year's high school bell schedule. Next year, **THE HIGH SCHOOL and 7th & 8th GRADES WILL BE STARTING at 7:50 am, and GETTING DISMISSED FOR THE DAY at 3 pm!!!**



## Enrollment/Reenrollment

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled/reenrolled in order to help us plan for next school year! **Next Monday is your last day to save on reenrollment!** Starting August 1st the fee goes up by an additional **\$100**.



Reenrollment Fee		
Must be paid to submit enrollment/reenrollment packet		
<b>Increases by additional \$100 per student starting August 1st</b>		
Grade	Fee up to July 30	Fee starting Aug 1st
P & PK	\$190	<b>\$290</b>
Elementary K-4	\$296	<b>\$396</b>
Middle School 5-7	\$375	<b>\$475</b>
8th	\$412	<b>\$512</b>
Grades 9-11	\$485	<b>\$585</b>
Seniors	\$527	<b>\$627</b>



### August 1st Changes:

- Enrollment Fee increases by additional \$100 (see chart above).

**The enrollment fee must be paid to submit packet.** Enrollment Fee includes: the fee for the yearbook, and my also include fees for classroom supplies, technology, Chromebook usage, and other things (fees depend on grade level).

See [23-24 Financial Obligation Form](#) on the school website under Student/Parent > Parent > Files & Forms to see all the details of the tuition and enrollment fees.



# Uniform Buyback Program & Uniform Store

Beginning this school year, SLA will be having a Uniform Store with new uniforms at full price, as well as gently used uniforms available for sale at 50% off retail price. Right now we have very limited quantities of new uniform pieces in stock, but we recently placed an order and hope to have more pieces in stock soon.

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 are unsure of the condition of uniform pieces, the elementary and high school administrative assistants can evaluate the condition of each piece when parents bring them in. **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 during summer hours.**

The elementary or high school administrative assistants will receive your gently used uniforms, fill out the form (seen on this page) with information about the student, parent, and pieces, as well as the monetary credit the family will receive towards the student account. A copy will be given to the parents for their records, and the original will go to JoAnn, the treasurer, so she can know how much to credit to the student's account.

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>



The form is titled 'SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY' with the tagline 'Serve, Love, Achieve'. It includes instructions for staff and parents, a section for entering student and parent information, a table for listing uniform pieces, and fields for signatures and dates.

Uniform Piece	Size/Style	Color	Condition	Credit
				\$
				\$
				\$
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				\$
Credit Grand Total				\$

# New & Used Uniform Store



To visit the School Uniform Store and make a purchase, please make an appointment with either the elementary or high school administrative assistants. Once again, you can see all the inventory of the store by visiting this [Google Sheet](#) that will be kept up to date by admin.



## Ordering Uniforms

To order uniforms use the following information:

School Code: SOUT01

<https://www.globalschoolwear.com/school/SOUT01>



### For the TOPS it is recommended that you:

- Buy 3-5 Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (depending on how often you do laundry), and be sure to order at least ONE PURPLE SHIRT for field trips, and special school events.
- Button up shirts and blouses are optional and NOT mandatory for anyone who prefers to wear a fancy shirt or blouse rather than a polo.
- Long sleeved polos are also optional and NOT mandatory. Students are allowed to wear a plain long sleeve shirt (MUST BE SOLID WHITE OR BLACK) under their short sleeve polo on chilly days.
- It is a good idea to order 1 Fleece Zip Up Sweater or other sweater for wearing inside on cold days as well. This is also optional and NOT mandatory, but most kids like to have a sweater for the cold days.

### For the BOTTOMS you can:

- Order however many bottoms you feel your child might need (depending on how often you do laundry).
- All bottoms must be uniform bottoms
- Skirts are optional and NOT mandatory for girls.
- Blazers are also optional and NOT mandatory.

# SLA's New High School Library

The English classroom is still under construction. The desks are in their place, the flag is hanging in the corner, and the floor has been shined. What's still under construction? You might ask. The library!

Mr. Prather is busy organizing and cataloging in order to make the English classroom library as close to a fully-functional high school library as possible. The goal is to have a resource that helps students not just in English class but in growing and learning in all areas.

So what does this have to do with you? Two things.

First, one of the best parts of Christian education is the transparency with which our teachers operate. As parents, you have a right to know what your child is being exposed to or what they have available to them in the classroom. That's why the SLA English classroom library is going to have a publicly available and searchable online catalog. You can see what your children have available and your children can search for resources, or just the next book they're going to read. The website is

[https://www.librarycat.org/lib/SLA\\_English.](https://www.librarycat.org/lib/SLA_English) 

Second, the catalog is still growing. Mr. Prather still has a few hundred volumes that he needs to add to the database. This also means that the English department is constantly on the lookout for new acquisitions. This means you can help in building a great library resource for your child and their peers.

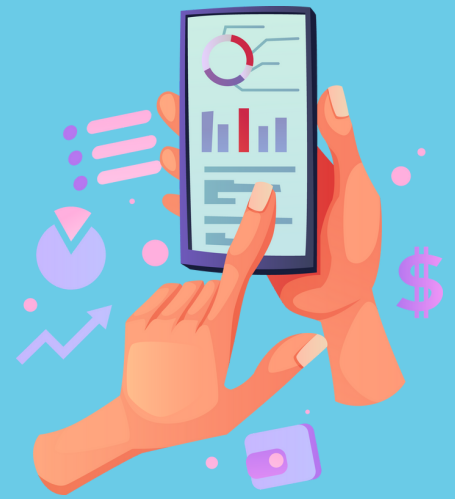
If you have boxes, stacks, or even a single book that you are looking to get rid of, please consider donating it to the SLA English classroom library. All genres and subjects are welcome, but Mr. Prather is particularly interested in classics of Western literature, diverse Bible translations, and fiction for young adult and middle-grade readers.

If you or your student wants to see what's available currently, you can visit the library's catalog website at: [https://www.librarycat.org/lib/SLA\\_English.](https://www.librarycat.org/lib/SLA_English) 



# Finances

There are several different scholarships that SLA Students can apply for. You will find the forms to complete linked below:



## 3 Way Plan Scholarship

- \$1400 discount per year (grades P-8)
- \$2800 discount per year (grades 9-12)
- Must be a member of ANY church
- Church treasurer signs and sends to SNEC with check



## Local Church Financial Aid Commitment Letter

- Requirement of the 3 Way Plan
- Church treasurer signs and returns to SLA
- Even if your church is NOT willing to help, getting this form signed lets SLA know, and financial aid can be adjusted accordingly



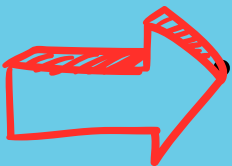
## SET Funds Scholarship

- For high school students only
- Amount is about \$1900
- Must be a member of a SNEC Church to qualify
- Fill out and return to SLA

## ○ **Financial Aid Application**

- **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>

- Please turn in all forms if you would like to see these discounts added to your child's tuition account. Discounts applied early will be REVERSED if forms are not turned in!



If your tuition bill is only split into 9 payments, and you would like to increase the number of payments, please email the treasurer, JoAnn, and let her know: [treasurer@mysla.org](mailto:treasurer@mysla.org)



# Karl and His High School Helpers

There is so much work to do in the elementary building, and Karl has been blessed by the help of a small group of 10th grade boys. They've been moving furniture and helping him with odd jobs so that he's been able to get work done on the ceiling tiles of the 4th grade room. There are still tiles to be replaced in a couple of other rooms, so he's not finished yet. With teachers starting to head out to the Teacher's Convention in Arizona soon, and school starting up on August 21, the time is running out to get everything done. Karl will be needing the help of adults as well, so if you are able to help, even for a few hours, please give him a call on his direct line: 978-598-5253 (this is not a cell phone so you can't text).



## New Floors!

Here you can see the new floor in the 5th grade room! Thank you Creighton Flooring for doing such an awesome job! The new floor here and in the history room are beautiful!

# Classes by Ed Collins this Next Year!

Ed Collins is teaching several classes this next year: Sociology, Behavioral Economics, and a new class called Core Performance, which will be a first semester course.

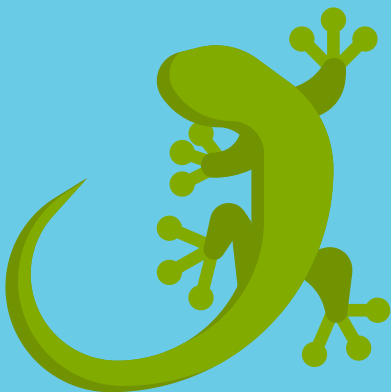
**Course Description:** Core Performance is a great exercise program for anyone, but it can especially benefit athletes. It delivers strength, endurance, a lean body, balance, flexibility, quickness, and power. When you move your body, it almost always involves core muscles in your abs, lower back, hips, and/or thighs. The focus on your core will help you stand taller, feel better, reduce the chance of injury, and prevent the back pain from which most people eventually suffer. This program enables you to totally transform your body.



NEW

## Lilo & Stitch

Mr. Bissell, SLA's new 6th grade teacher, has brought a collection of creatures with him. Meet Lilo and Stitch, two of his geckos.





# Summer Sports

- **HS Volleyball Camp going on now!**
  - Sundays 8:00-10:00am
  - Wednesdays 5:00-7:00pm
- **Grades 5 & 6 Basketball Camp - next week!**
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays
  - 5-6:30 pm



## Elementary Summer Reading

Elementary Students - don't forget to complete your summer reading in order to participate in our Summer Reader Celebration after school resumes! [You can find the packet on the school website HERE!](#)



## Supply Lists

Updated Supply Lists are now available!

**DO NOT USE OUTDATED LISTS !**

Use the following links:

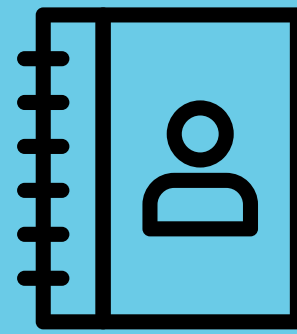
[Grades P-8 Supply List](#)



[Grades 9-12 Supply List](#)



# School Directory



Do you ever need to get in contact with someone at SLA, but you don't know how? Here is a complete directory for SLA Staff this school year!



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## 2023-2024 Staff Directory

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