



looking forward

AUG. 27, 2021

Upcoming Dates

August 31- HS Add/Drop Period Ends

September 6- Labor Day- NO SCHOOL

September 7/8- Cross Country & Soccer Seasons Start

September 8- Ice Cream Social for Summer Reading

September 9- Open House

September 10- Friday Night Lights (9-12)



From the Principal

Good Day SLA Family,

Welcome back to another amazing school year! So far, the Lord has blessed SLA in many different ways, starting with enrollment. We are currently at 276 students with 90 of those being at the high school level. This is well above our budget for this year and we have fully rebounded from our COVID year, with the enrollment of 220 students last year.

You may have noticed our new logo on the front doors, new flooring in the elementary hallway, new flooring in Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms, as well as new blinds in some of the classrooms.

With your student's safety in mind, we've installed a new security camera system. This is directly evident to you if you've attempted to come inside the buildings and you have pushed the button on the new camera/intercom system on the outside of the buildings (the unlocking process is a bit slower than our previous system, so please be patient as it might take a few extra seconds).

God has also blessed the school with three new teachers to add to our already professional and caring teaching staff. We welcome Ms. Simpson (1st Grade), Mrs. Larsen (4th Grade), and Mrs. Vanegas (HS Spanish). In addition, because of the enrollment, our faculty and staff are back to full strength.

I can keep going, but I think you get the picture. God is guiding, protecting, and prospering His school!

Lastly, I want to keep encouraging you to be diligent in helping us keep all of us safe regarding both COVID and the flu season. We stress regularly, the importance of frequent hand washing, cleaning of surfaces, and staying home if you are sick. Matter of fact, I just visited every elementary classroom on Tuesday, stressing this to the students. We want COVID to stay off of our campus and it takes every one of us to make this happen by following these simple and effective guidelines. Right now, masks are a choice on our campus, however, that can change depending on circumstances. Please continue to be diligent. Everyone showed their resolve last year as we were one of the few schools in our area that maintained in-class learning experience throughout the year.

Thank you, for trusting us with the safety and education of your child. Always feel free to share your comments, compliments, and concerns with me. We will always work towards hearing what our parents are saying, and make adjustments to our program that will work towards the betterment of our students. Let's have a fantastic school year and share in our students' academic and spiritual growth this year.

Be Blessed and Encouraged,

David Branum

Reminders

- If your child is taking a music class please send them with a mask
- Please send students with water bottles, the offices do not have cups for water





Yes we will be skiing this school year!!

We will be having our ski program once again this year. 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 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

loet:man@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 ear



After School Care P-8

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES:

Hours

- We are open during the following hours:
- Monday - Thursday 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m.
- Friday 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.



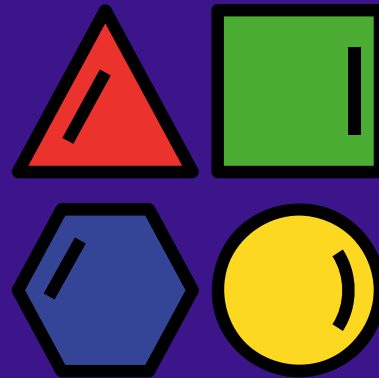
The program is not open on legal holidays, school vacations, snow days, or any other days that the school is closed.

Financial Information

It is very important that all aftercare fees are paid promptly to ensure that this program does not financially detract from the regular educational program. All parents/guardians are expected to pay prior to services being provided. For appropriate planning, payment and schedules are required to be made by Thursday 5:30 p.m. the week before service is requested.

Daily Rates (Hourly Rates are NOT applicable)

- | | Pick-up Time | Daily Rate |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| • Preschool/Pre-K | 3:30 p.m. | \$15 |
| | 5:30 p.m. | \$25 |
| • K-8th Grades | 5:30 p.m. | \$15 |
| • All Grades: | | |
| ◦ Half Days/Fridays: 12:20-3:00 | | \$25 |
| • Drop-In : | | \$30 Flat Rate |



Late Charge: \$10 per every 15 minutes after pick-up time

Application Fee:

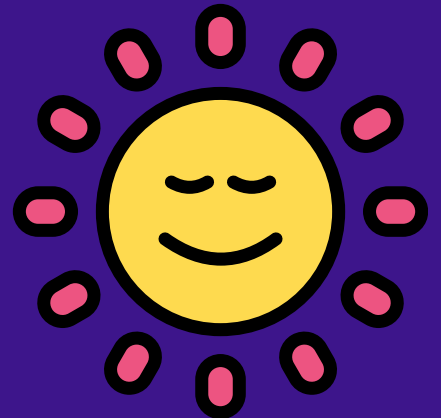
There is a one-time application fee of \$35 per school year

All fees for the week are to be paid by the prior Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Refunds

The only refunds allowed are for illness or snow days. In case of illness

For the After School Care information and policies click <https://www.mysla.org/after-school-care>.



OPEN HOUSE



You're invited!

Join us on **Thursday, September 9, 6:30-8**, to take a peek into your child's classrooms and meet their teachers. All students and families grades P-12 are welcome. We hope to see you and your families there!

*Welcome,
Señora Vanegas!*

Sra. Vanegas was born in Monterrey, México. She studied from kindergarten to high school at the Adventist Academy of Monterrey, and went on to do her bachelor's in accounting and administration from the Universidad de Montemorelos.

Sra. Vanegas came to the USA at the age of 24 with the purpose of studying English. She studied English as a second language at Clark University in Worcester. While in Worcester she met her husband, Abel at the Adventist Church in Worcester where they were married. God blessed them with two children, Amaris (SLA Graduate) and Daniel (SLA Senior).

She discovered her passion for teaching through homeschooling her children for over a decade. For the past five years she has served as a Substitute Teacher at SLA and the Worcester Adventist School.

Sra. Vanegas loves talking with people, and helping in whatever way she can! She also likes to collect mugs from different cities and countries.

We are thrilled she has become part of the SLA team and she says, "I am completely sure that God led the way to be the Spanish teacher of your children! Amen."



PICTURE DAY

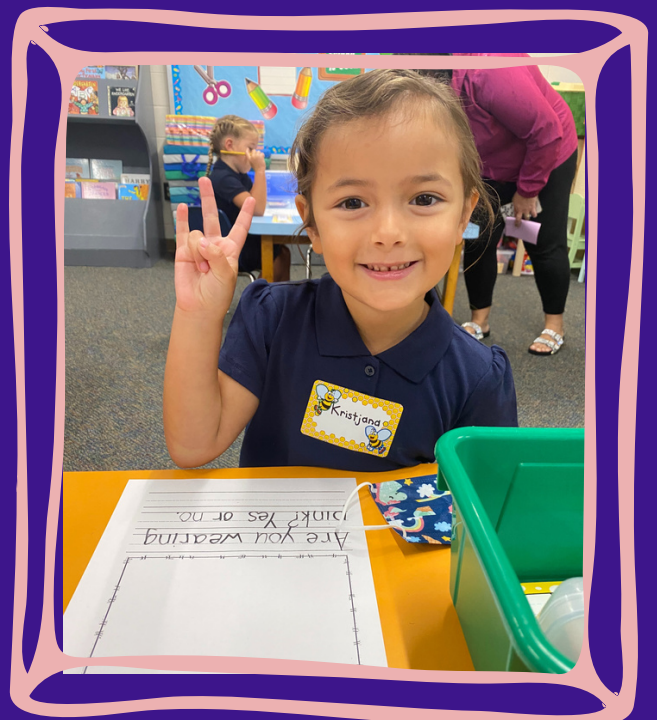
September 15

More details can be found at the end of this newsletter. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Iria, viria@mysla.org





Our first day of school included a Tornado Warning and students in both buildings had to shelter in place. We are so grateful for Pastor Luis for keeping the kids calm and safe in the HS building and for God for protecting our school!





Picture Day a whole new way

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- 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
Personaliza tus fotografías con una variedad de fondos y agregar 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 paga 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 fotografías!

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

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2021 - RETAKE

