

SLA WINTER / SPRING NEWSLETTER

June 2026



Sandy Lake Academy in 2025

Christmas passed effortlessly, ushering in a new year filled with hope, anticipation, and excitement as we welcomed students back to our cherished halls. With graduation approaching and the joy of winter and spring activities shining in every child's smile, Spring 2025 became even more special as we celebrated SLA's 50th anniversary, a milestone that resonated deeply with current and past students, families, and the surrounding community.

Opportunities at Sandy Lake Academy

We are currently seeking individuals to serve as Substitute Teachers. If you are interested, please email your resume to principal@sandylakeacademy.ca

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TEA PARTY THURSDAY

JP/P and the 1/2 class enjoyed a truly bougie tea party, filled with laughter and charming little moments. The students embraced the experience with excitement, turning an ordinary day into something memorable and sweet.



FIRE SAFETY DAY



It was an exciting Fire Safety Day for the Grade 1/2 students. A guest from the fire department visited and walked them through the entire lesson with engaging demonstrations. The students listened eagerly, asked thoughtful questions, and learned important tips to help keep themselves and their families safe, building real confidence through hands-on learning.

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SKI CLUB



Ski Club 2026 was amazing! We had many first-time skiers and snowboarders, including students, parents/chaperones, and staff, join at the beginning of the season, and by the end they were all confidently enjoying the slopes together. It was a wonderful season filled with fun, learning, and beautiful winter weather, perfect for the sport. The growth, courage, and teamwork shown by everyone made each trip to the hill unforgettable. Moments like these highlight the power of shared experiences in building community.

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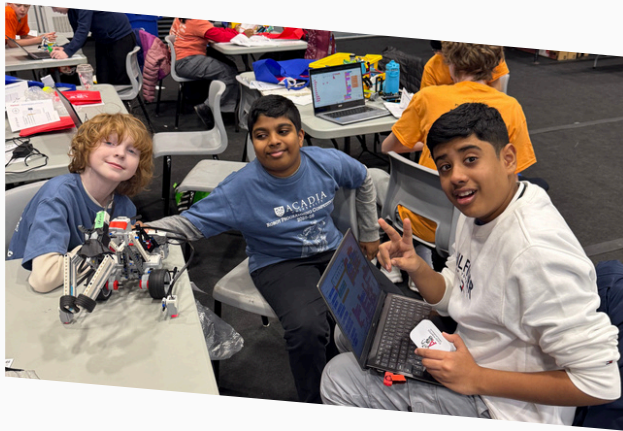
SLA SPIRIT WEEK



Students and Staff enjoyed a vibrant School Spirit Week hosted by the Student Association, with each day bringing a new burst of creativity and fun. Themes like Rhyme Without a Reason, Professionals, Wacky, Travel, and Mr. Scott Day kept the excitement high all week long. Students embraced each theme with enthusiasm, showing off their creativity and school pride. Staff joined in the fun as well, helping make every day feel special and memorable. It was a joyful week that highlighted community, imagination, and the spirit that makes our school shine.

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SLA ROBOTICS TEAM



The SLA Robotics students are being proudly highlighted for their outstanding participation in the recent robotics competition. The team showcased impressive creativity and strong teamwork as they approached each challenge with confidence. Their performance reflected the dedication and many hours they invested in preparing for the event. We are celebrating their achievements as they continue to inspire future innovators through student robotics.

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SLA MOTTO IN ACTION

NORTHWOOD INCARE LIVING FACILITY



The SLA students from Grades 9–12 once again dedicated their time to supporting residents in our community. These students rolled up their sleeves to take on outdoor projects, helping to refresh and maintain the grounds with care and enthusiasm. Their efforts—pulling weeds, clearing debris, and restoring garden spaces—made a visible impact and brought renewed beauty to the environment. Staff and residents deeply appreciated not only their hard work but also the kindness and positive energy they shared throughout the day. Their ongoing commitment continues to strengthen community connections through service and leadership.

CAMP PUGWASH

The SLA students from Grades 9–12 recently attended their annual spiritual retreat at Camp Pugwash, where they embraced the opportunity to serve the camp community. Throughout their stay, students worked together to pull weeds, cut grass, clear debris, and paint cabins around the grounds. Their hard work and positive energy helped refresh and beautify the camp, creating a more welcoming environment for future visitors. The students' commitment to service continues to strengthen community bonds through leadership and compassion.



ELEMENTARY MULTICULTURAL EVENT

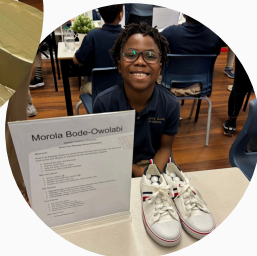
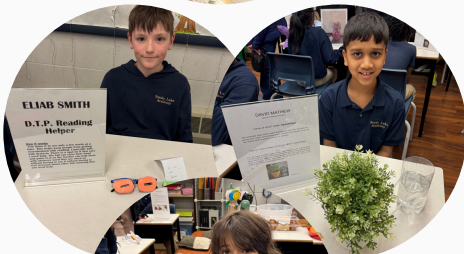
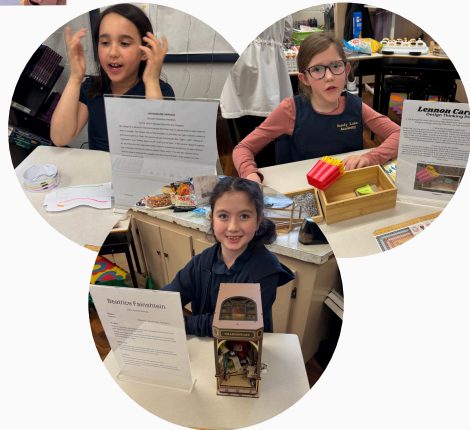
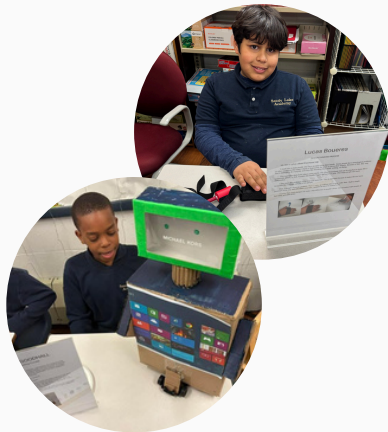
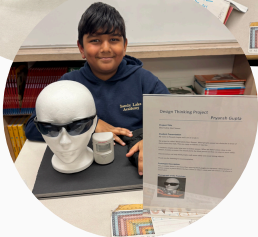
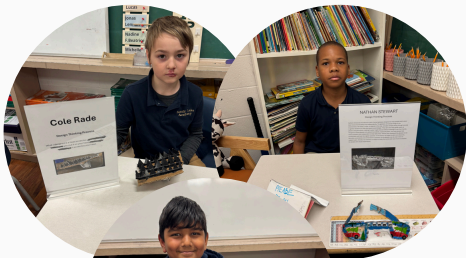
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The Elementary Multicultural Day was a vibrant celebration of the many nationalities represented within the SLA community. Families grouped together by heritage to share traditional foods and cultural displays, giving everyone the opportunity to experience and appreciate cultures beyond their own. Students and families also showcased talents representing their countries, providing wonderful entertainment for all in attendance. The event beautifully highlighted our diverse ethnicities while reminding us that we are united in heart. It was a joyful day that strengthened our sense of community through culture and connection.

DESIGN THINKING PROJECT

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The Grade 3/4 students proudly presented their Design Thinking Projects, transforming real-life problems into creative, thoughtful prototypes. Families, students, and staff filled the room with enthusiasm, making the event truly special for the young designers. Each child identified a meaningful challenge, brainstormed solutions, and built a prototype to demonstrate their ideas in action. Their confidence, creativity, and problem-solving skills were on full display, turning the showcase into an inspiring celebration of innovation and learning.

SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER

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The SLA Spring Week of Prayer, facilitated by Mike and Rene Lemon, was a deeply engaging and spirit-filled experience for our school community. Each presentation invited students to reflect, connect, and grow in meaningful ways. The activities were interactive and uplifting, capturing the attention of the entire student body. Students thoroughly enjoyed every session, leaving each day encouraged and inspired. This special week continues to strengthen our spiritual community through faith and reflection.

SPORTS DAY 2026

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The Elementary Sports Day was filled with energy, laughter, and friendly competition as students enjoyed a full lineup of outdoor activities. Children cheered one another on, showing great teamwork and school spirit throughout the day. The excitement peaked with the famous all-school relay, a highlight that brought everyone together in celebration. Students wrapped up the event with refreshing popsicles, the perfect treat after an active sunny afternoon. We are grateful to our high schoolers and parents, whose support helped the day run smoothly and ensured the children had a blast.



SPRING CONCERT 2026

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The 2026 SLA Spring Concert will long be remembered as one of the school's most inspiring musical events. From the youngest singers to the seasoned high school performers, contributed something unique and unforgettable. The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium was alive with music, pride, and community spirit.

The evening opened with Gospel Glow, a warm and deeply moving performance that immediately connected with the audience.

Decked out in their brown palette, the elementary choir looked absolutely stunning under the stage lights. Their voices blended beautifully, and their action-packed choreography filled the theatre with excitement. Also, the newly formed Elementary Honours Choir added offering pure, heartfelt melodies that left a lasting impression.

The high school choir followed with a magnificent performance showcasing exceptional tone, balance, and musical maturity. Their soloists were equally breathtaking—confident, expressive, and deeply moving. At the end of the evening, the entire auditorium rose in a thunderous standing ovation.



SENIORS

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The Senior Class of 2026 enjoyed soaking up their final moments together on the beloved elementary playground, laughing on the swings, climbing the monkey bars, and racing down the slides as they relived childhood memories. They spent time around the picnic tables playing games, talking, and cherishing the friendships that have shaped their journey. Before the school year ended, they made sure to take a meaningful final walk as a class to the famous SLA Point, following the wooded trail to the lakeside, a tradition filled with reflection and gratitude. We proudly congratulate our seniors and send them off with warm wishes for the exciting paths ahead. Their legacy continues to inspire our school community through unity and growth.