



THE FUTURE OF THE PIONEER

SEMESTER ENDS



Sports Update

ANDREA BALDWIN

This week in sports has taken a turn for the varsity teams. Both with losses against Bromfield on Monday, January 8, 2024, and big wins against Sizer on January 11, 2024, these teams are showing their hard work through their games. Both teams are currently training and working to get ready for Texas. Our Varsity teams leave on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 to go to the Hoops Classic at Southwestern Adventist College.

Chris the Crusader is still quite the mystery at SLA. People have their suspicions and their thoughts on the matter but no one really knows who it is. I asked Nataly M. about the rumors that she is Chris the Crusader and

she said, "I feel very honored that people think it was me and I wished they had asked me but it is not the case. And I hope to know who brings life to Chris".

For the upcoming spring sports, we have Boys' Volleyball and now Girls Flag Football! So keep up with the newspaper for updates on those teams once they start up. And don't forget to go check out the SLA media YouTube channel to keep up with the basketball documentary!

(We will continue to have sports updates for every news issue so stay tuned!)

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Advice on Stress

ELIANAH WEAVER

Stress is something that every person has experienced at some point in their life. During such times days can seem harder to endure when focused on the challenges that are ahead of you.

If I ever feel stressed, I turn to God. I tell him how I feel, and surrender my situation over to him. I pray, listen to his voice & meditate on his truths. The only solution to stress is God.

Breathe and remember it's important to take breaks. Make sure you are taking care of yourself. Most people try and cram a truckload of information in their heads at the last minute before a big test. That's not wise. Study ahead of time and get some sleep. You'll feel much better when you do. Surround yourself with good friends who encourage you. It's okay to ask for help.

As I look back at my life, there have been countless times where I have felt overwhelmed about certain task I had to accomplish. But God strengthened me
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Banquet

ANDREA BALDWIN

The 2023 SA Masquerade Ball was an event worth going to! Especially due to the awards that were given out and the students who were selected to be royalty. Banquet Royalty has been a tradition in our school functions for many years. Every year it consists of a king, queen, prince, princess, duke, and dutchess. These six individuals are selected and voted by their very own student body and are announced at some point throughout the banquet. Some years it has come very close between people and other times these people win by a landslide. This year all the people were hit by a landslide!

The current student body of SLA was sent out a survey the day before the banquet to vote on who they wanted to fill these roles. The voting was closed towards the end of the evening and then announced. This year's king was Nikolas, the queen was Valeria, the prince was Jovan, the princess was Kaylee, the duke was Jason, and the dutchess was our very own SA President, Camilla. To go along with the royalty there were also

many awards given out this year. For the best-dressed girl and boy, we had Loy and Jacob. For the best couple, this was no surprise because these two were also both royalty, Nikolas and Kaylee. I asked Nikolas how he felt about this and he said, "meant to be, about to be a real couple and the best-looking girl there". Karleigh and Elon both won Best Crusader, this was their third year in a row winning it. Now for the best senior we have Eliannah, for junior we have Andrea, for sophomore we have our very own dutchess Camilla, and for freshmen we have Heloisa. Now for the most unexpected couple, this couple really lives up to the name, it was Shaily and Damon. Since the theme of the banquet was masquerade there had to be someone that dressed best to the theme and that was Patric, we asked him what inspired his hair and outfit and he said, "one word, Pinterest". And to go along with that award he also received the best hair for boys. The girl's one though went to Bella with her stunning half up half down look. Nataly won the biggest

party animal award and Anya got most likely to be a teacher at SLA in the future, will she follow in her mom's footsteps and work at SLA? we will see. This also came as no surprise that Connor and Will won best bromance. And to conclude the banquet night for the cutest couple that never was, was Bia and Julian.



The cast of the murder mystery.



Nik and Kaylee who won the cutest couple award.

The Future of the Pioneer

ANYA NEIDIGH

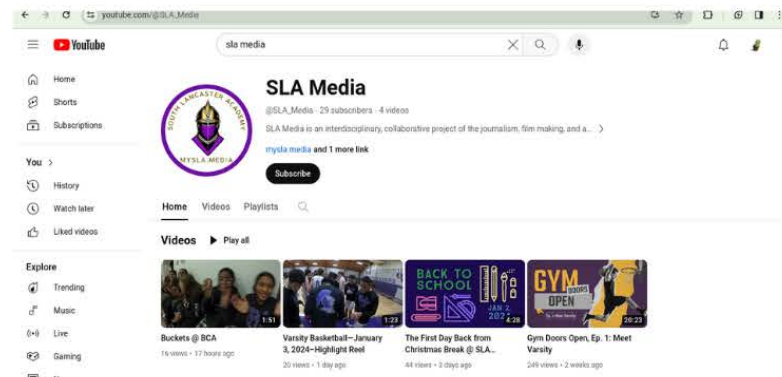
While having a journalism program isn't new to SLA it is new to the current students. We have the newsletter and the Fiat Lux. We have our social media and website, but the newspaper is special. It is *ours*. It is the student body's. For the students, by the students. We have a place for students to safely talk about their opinions and share it with the school. We can tell our perspective of events or our criticisms of SLA. Because if we never question things there is no room to grow. And if one thing is going to grow it's the Pioneer.

The reason you are not reading this newspaper in your hand is that we are not able to print the newspaper as often anymore. Printing is really expensive and we have had issues with the company we used to use. So we plan to have 4 major editions yearly, one for every quarter. Since we have already printed 2 editions we will print 2 more. Most of the rest of our productions will be moving to a digital space. Like this newspaper which will be released biweekly. We will also continue posting on social media and work on a podcast or video series.

However, for all of this exciting work, we need some manpower. If you are interested in any part

of what I just mentioned please consider joining the journalism class. We need people who can write articles and scripts, do video and audio editing, art, and photography. You wouldn't need skills already, our newspaper is still new and we are all learning as we go. All you need is creativity and a passion for journalism. If you have scheduling issues then you can talk to Mr. Prather and do an independent study.

We have expanded our horizons to include all aspects of journalism and all kinds of interests. We are working on many new things, some secret projects too. So, if you read the title thinking "What is the future of journalism at SLA?". This is it right here. We are the future.



Go visit SLA media on youtube!

School Stress

BRADEN MCLAUGHLIN



Semester Ends

ANYA NEIDIGH

Today marks the end of the 1st semester! A lot of students have worked very hard to turn in all of their assignments on time. Here is what some students have to say about the semester ending.

“This semester was easygoing but a lot of work. Especially towards the end of the quarter but I am glad it's over, now I need to prepare for the second semester.” -Jhennifer Martins

“This semester was hard and traumatic but I'm glad it is done.” -Patric Zabala

This semester has been full of many fun activities and assignments. This year we had Handshake, Banquet, Big E, Battleship Cove, and our Christmas activities. I asked a few students what their favorite activity this year has been and these are

their responses:

“Laughing with my friends in study hall and running around the ship at Battleship Cove”.
-Elianah Weaver

“My favorite thing from this year was bonding during the Battleship Cove field trip”.
- Elora Hubbard

While we have done many fun things this year so far, I am excited for what can come in the next semester. So see you there!



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and carried me through. It's only because of him I was able to have peace in the midst of feeling overwhelmed.

There are many different things you can do to help cope with feelings of stress. Ultimately the only solution to this is God. Remember that with God, you can do all things. Keep your focus on him. Look past your circumstances.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV