

August 31, 2020



Dear SLA Parents and Students:

ready-set-
go!

Enjoy Monday's Labor Day holiday because we are back in session, in-person on Tuesday, September 8th.

We've got some catching up to do so you can swiftly proceed along your path to a high school diploma but our teachers are ready to make it happen for you and will be excited to see you back at school.

When you come to the school on Tuesday (remember school starts at 8:30 AM), your temperature will be taken and you will be asked about any other symptoms of COVID 19 that you might be feeling at the time (headache, stomach ache, cough, sore throat, etc.). Symptoms do not necessarily mean you have COVID19 as other nasty bugs are going around as well but we want to be sure we keep everyone healthy. Don't come to school if you are sick.

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK ALL DAY. We will also be giving you an SLA mask and filter, an SLA water bottle (please put your name on it), and all students at school on the first day of school, only, will receive an SLA T-shirt. Cool, huh? Coffee will be available starting at 8:00 AM but please stay at least six feet away from your friends. The school has been sprayed to disinfect the rooms, halls, and bathrooms and wiped down with disinfectant to ensure your safety and the safety of your teachers. If you want a face shield to wear or gloves, please ask for them as they are available. Wash your hands whenever you can and use the hand sanitizer in each classroom after each class. We will be fogging each room daily and asking you and your fellow students to clean your desks, chairs, and computers after each class. Do not share pencils or pens with others as we have plenty of them for everyone. Walk through the school only in one direction to reduce contact with others. Watch this video that Dr. Fowler did for your day back - <https://youtu.be/yW-uayxtuNg>.

**WE'RE
BACK!**

Welcome Home
We Missed You!

Note: Should circumstances drastically change before 9/8/20 and the COVID19 benchmarks have not gone down, if we have to change the start date, you will be called but at this time, we expect to open on Tuesday, September 8th.

COVID WAIVER. All students coming into the school are required to provide a liability waiver signed by your parent or guardian. If students choose to come to school to do their online instruction or if group home or special education students come to school for instruction, please be certain to bring the COVID Waiver enclosed signed by your parent or authorized guardian. This is important and you will not be able to enter school without the waiver and a mask. A mask with a filter will also be provided to you at the school. Students who come to school will be able to hookup their Chromebooks through the school's Internet and be given a quiet location to do their work, practicing social distancing. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided.



WANT ALL THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT SLA?



The latest information about school opening, events, schedules, sports, SLA's distance learning plan, COVID 19 precautions, and Safe Reopening Plan can all be found on our website- southwestleadershipacademy.com. Look under "News". Also, please be sure the school has your home phone number and email, the student's personal cell phone number and individual email so we can communicate with you.

GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE YEARBOOK ON SEPTEMBER 15TH

One of the first special events this school year is "school pictures" which is planned for Tuesday, September 15th. There is no charge for your picture to be taken by Lifetouch. Once they are processed, you can buy some or not. There is no pressure to buy but these pictures will be used for the annual yearbook so we would sure like to have everyone's photo in the yearbook. Plan to come looking your best with a big smile.



SEPTEMBER 28TH IS THE 40TH DAY OF SCHOOL – LET'S CELEBRATE!

If you were at SLA last year you will remember how much fun everyone had the afternoon of the 40th day. Besides a barbeque for lunch, there will be music, games, a dunking tank (who do you want to dunk?) and fun, fun, fun.

WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE OR BECOME A PLUMBER? NEED SOME MONEY TO DO IT? Plan on submitting the FAFSA application (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). On October 23rd, SLA is sponsoring a FAFSA training program so please sign up with our guidance counselor, Michelle Harris. Whether you are going to community college, four-year college, or trade school, and you may qualify for financial aid.



SPORTS START NOW-

Volleyball, football, soccer, and cheerleading will start the first week of school as we have team meetings, commence practice and improve our physical conditioning. Competition with other schools will begin in October and we want to be ready to win! Please be sure to sign up for your sport during the first week of school.

WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY- USE HAND SANITIZERS IN THE CLASSROOM OFTEN, SOCIAL DISTANCE AS BEST YOU CAN – WEAR YOUR MASK – COVER YOUR SNEEZE - DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE – CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES WHEN YOU GET HOME – RESPECT YOUR HEALTH AND THAT OF YOUR TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES.