

# SLCSE NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2

- Labor day- No School

September 6 8-9am

- First Friday in the CASA

September 11 5-7pm

- School Community Council

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*Guest editors working with seniors on drafts of their college essays*

office, there may be some ripe tomatoes waiting for you to take home and enjoy!

## WELCOME!



Welcome back! We are so excited to begin another school year. Many innovative projects and experiences have been planned for this year so it is sure to be a good one.

Both atriums are bursting with life. The wetlands have a new family of ducks and the turtles can often be

spotted sunbathing during lunch. The garden boxes are exploding with ripe produce daily. Thank you to all of the students, parents, and teachers who have spent time cultivating these spaces.

Students are hard at work on college essays, an urban raptor population project, a brain study to understand mindset, and many other high impact endeavors.

It is wonderful to welcome back our past SLCSE families and a true pleasure to welcome in so many new SLCSE families. I look forward to working with you throughout the school year!

Britnie Powell

## SLCSE GARDEN

Ms. Moretz is teaching Agricultural Science again as a high school elective, we are so fortunate to have such a beautiful spot for our outdoor classroom. A big shout to our garden crew (led by Bella Loanardo) who worked throughout the summer tending, watering and harvesting in the SLCSE garden. If you would like a tour or want to enjoy some of the bounty stop by the





Stephen Hobbs

## NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

SLCSE would like to extend a warm welcome to Stephen Hobbs who joined us this year as the 9th grade Physics teacher. Stephen brings with him a wealth of experience teaching both math and physics in a range of education settings including the Salt Lake County jail. He is focusing his energies on building a strong classroom community where students feel comfortable working with others while studying physics. In his spare time he plays basketball and loves to play chess, we will be tapping into these talents by offering a Chess Club during high school Advisory time on Fridays.

## HOME VISIT PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that SLCSE will be participating in Parent/Teacher Home Visits this year, a voluntary program in which teachers and other school staff get to know their students and families outside of the classroom. Parents and teachers come together, in a unique setting at your home or other locations of your choice, to get to know one another and talk about your student's academic future.

The intent is to build positive relationships with families and to partner together to support your student(s) educational success. Stronger relationships between us really make an impact on school success, studies show that home visits increase student academic achievement and improve parent engagement in schools. They bring teachers and families closer together and create opportunities for better communications between home and school.

Visits last about 30 minutes, and during the visit, time is taken to share our experiences, expectations, and our hopes and dreams for our children. Your student and other family members are welcome to take part. This is NOT a parent/teacher conference. This is NOT a meeting to tell you what to do as a parent or to get you to sign up for anything.

Every family is eligible for a home visit: no one is targeted for any reason. The program is entirely voluntary. You may be contacted by phone to ask if you are interested in setting up a home visit this year.

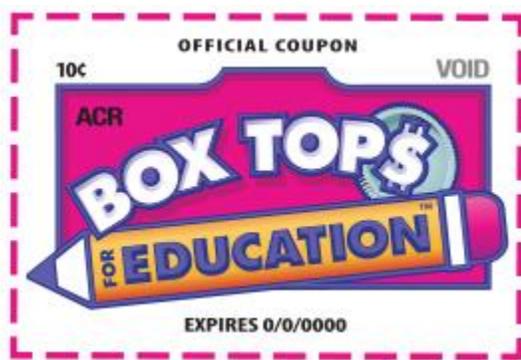
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2. Go to your account and click on "Inspiring Donations" or go to [www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/Inspire](http://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/Inspire). Search for and sign up our school "Salt Lake Center for Science Education" (org # UK796) to receive .5% of every purchase at Smiths!
3. Shop at SMITH'S and watch the Inspired Donations \$\$ roll into SLCSE!

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically

credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.

## FIRST FRIDAYS

On the First Friday of (just about) every month, we host a gathering from 8-9am in our SLCSE CASA space for parents/guardians/people connected to our students. Geography fact: the CASA is the class space just inside the front doors to the right!

It's a chance to come in and chat with a counselor (usually me), an administrator (usually Ms. Powell), other parents/guardians/people connected to SLCSE students, and maybe a teacher or two. We provide some refreshment and the chance to make some connections with each other.

Last year, we focused each Friday on a grade level, and because that seemed to work pretty well, we thought we'd do it again. But please know that if you show up to every single one, we are totally good with that too! So, following that idea, the dates for First Friday this year will be as follows:

Friday, September 6th 8-9 am, SEVENTH grade parents/guardians/people encouraged to come.  
Friday, October 4th 8-9 am, EIGHTH grade parents/guardians/people encouraged to come.  
Friday, November 1st 8-9 am, NINTH grade parents/guardians/people encouraged to come.  
Friday, December 6th 8-9 am, TENTH grade parents/guardians/people encouraged to come.  
Friday, February 7th 8-9 am, ELEVENTH grade parents/guardians/people encouraged to come.  
Friday, April 3rd 8-9 am, TWELFTH grade parents/guardians/people encouraged to come.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me! I'm looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and to meeting some new ones.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We invite all parents to attend School Community Council (SCC). SCC is an opportunity for families and school staff to work together to provide a rich and meaningful school experience for our students. We meet the second Wednesday of the month from 5:00-6:00 in the CASA. Our first meeting is on Wednesday, September 11th.

## JUNIORS & SENIORS

- If you are interested in taking or retaking the ACT the next two tests take place on September 14 (late deadline registration August 30) and October 26 (register by September 30)
- Free prep class for the ACT is available at the Day Riverside Library starting September 3 (5-6:30pm)
- Seniors, consider using this tool to get organized in your search for scholarships  
<https://stepuputah.com/files/StepUpScholarshipResumeCompressed.pdf>
- College Fair on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> at Juan Diego School from noon until 2:30pm

# SLCSE AFTER SCHOOL

**\$25 PER STUDENT ATTENDING**

SLCSE After-school program starts Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Programming runs Tuesday through Thursday until 5pm, Friday until 3:00pm.

## ACTIVITIES

**Homework Hall:** Supervised by a SLCSE teacher and tutors, students can receive help on homework and a quiet place to study. Homework Hall is available Tuesday-Friday.

**SAA:** Students meet on Wednesdays to plan and implement service projects within our community.

**MESA:** The purpose of MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) is to increase the number of ethnic minority and all female students who pursue coursework, advanced study and possible careers in mathematics, engineering, and science areas. Students in MESA attend field trips and after-school meetings that consist of fun educational activities, competitions, and industry and academic guest speakers. MESA meets on Thursdays.

**After School Sports:** Come and play a variety of sports on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. We welcome all skill levels. We'll do everything from soccer to climbing to archery and beyond!

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**Fall Theatre:** Come explore theatre opportunities. The project will include students creating their own play, which they will perform at the Grand Theatre! This program only runs in the fall starting September 17<sup>th</sup>. It'll be Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45.

**History Fair:** This is an opportunity for students to "do history." Come research a topic or interest and present findings. You'll build skills by researching at a university, analyzing primary resources, interviewing experts, writing, and presenting. We meet Fridays after school.

**First Tech Challenge:** This is the most accessible, guided, global robotics competition, helping students and teachers to build a better future together. The program is built around theme-based Challenges to engage children ages 9 to 16\* in research, problem solving, coding, and engineering. The foundation of the program is the FIRST® Core Values, which emphasize teamwork, discovery, and innovation.

Each season culminates with regional tournaments and championships where teams show off what they learned and invented, and compete with their robots.

**Spy Hop:** Come and play with digital media arts. Make movies and music with specialists from the field. You'll gain new skills with the gear you need to bring your artistic vision to life. Days/times TBD.

Afterschool Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>NO AFTERSCHOOL</b>	Homework Hall 3:30 – 5:00 <small>RM: 1027</small>	Homework Hall 3:30 – 5:00 <small>RM: 1027</small>	Homework Hall 3:30 – 5:00 <small>RM: 1027</small>	Homework Hall 1:30 – 3:00 <small>RM: 1027</small>
	Physical Activity 3:30 – 5:00 <small>Gym</small>	Physical Activity 3:30 – 5:00 <small>Gym</small>	Physical Activity 3:30 – 5:00 <small>Gym</small>	History Fair 1:30 – 2:30 <small>RM: 1077 and CL</small>
	Fall Theatre 3:45 – 4:45 *Begins 9/17 <small>Auditorium</small>	SAA ( <i>Social Action Association</i> ) 3:30 – 6:00 <small>Media Center</small>	MESA ( <i>Math, Engineering, science Achievement</i> ) 3:30 – 4:30 <small>RM: 1074</small>	
			First Lego League 3:30 – 4:15/4:30 <small>RM: 1028</small>	