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Insider

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Announcements

- **Calendar Note:** There is **no class** from **Monday, November 23, to Friday, November 27**, due to Thanksgiving Week break.

Classes resume remotely for all students on Monday, November 30. As a reminder, all classes in the Lower School and Upper School will be remote between Monday, November 30, and Friday, December 18.

We wish you a safe and warm Thanksgiving!

- **Head of School Office Hours:** The next Head of School Office Hours sessions will take place on **Wednesday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 16**. *View more details in the Events section of this Insider.*
- **KLS Turkey Trot Registration Extended:** You still have time to join in the KLS Turkey Trot! Registration has been extended until **Sunday, November 22**. Remember to record your best time possible when recording your run. Please refer to the email sent by Devin Harris, Director of Athletics, with detailed instructions on how to register. *Have fun and stay safe!*
- **New Financial Aid Management System:** In exciting news, this year our school has moved to a **new Financial Aid management system: SSS (School and Student Services)**. The aid application for next school year (2021-22) is now open. **Deadline for submitting a financial aid application on SSS and uploading required 2019 tax documents: January 4, 2021.** Please visit our [Tuition & Financial Aid page](#) for more information. This page also includes a [guide to applying for Financial Aid through SSS](#). *Questions? Please contact financialaid@khanlabschool.org.*
- **AmazonSmile:** Make a difference while shopping online this winter holiday season. Shop for gifts at smile.amazon.com/ch/46-5742553 to generate donations for KLS. *Learn more [here](#) about ways to support KLS.*

Challenge Success Survey of Student Experiences

We will be administering the Challenge Success Survey of Student Experiences on **Wednesday, December 9, to all IL6 and IL7 students**.

[Challenge Success](#), housed in Stanford's Graduate School of Education, partners with schools, families, and communities to embrace a broad definition of success and to implement research-based strategies supporting student well-being and learning. As a member school of the Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC), KLS is able to distribute this survey for free (the survey costs \$6,000 for non-member schools), and we are excited to take advantage of this resource.

This [information sheet](#) provides the **option to decline participation** for your child. If you do not want your child to take the survey, please **make a copy, sign, and return [the form](#)** to kim@khanlabschool.org.

Students will have the choice at the beginning of the survey to decline participation as well, and all questions are optional. No individual identifying information is collected from students. *We look forward to receiving the results and using the analysis to better support our students.*

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KLS Family Voices: The KLS Difference



We recently collected perspectives from Lower School and Upper School families about what it’s like to be a part of the KLS community in order to create a new article, KLS Family Voices, on our school website. Thank you to our families for sharing your voices in this article!

"We are among the first hundreds of families who are part of this bold mission: raising independent thinkers and problem solvers."

—Lower School Parent

"KLS prepares students not just for college, but for life."

—Upper School Parent

Read more for stories from current KLS families.

[Read more](#)

Sal Khan on Remote Learning, Khan Academy, and Khan Lab School



This school year has been one like no other, calling for greater use of remote learning tools and virtual classrooms. Our founder, Sal Khan, was recently interviewed by The Verge about remote education, Khan Academy, and Khan Lab School's transition to remote learning amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read more for the transcript and the podcast recording with The Verge.

[Read more](#)

Zoom Social Ideas: Keeping Lower School Students Connected While Remote



How have our teachers been facilitating social time for remote learners in our Lower School? Get an inside look into a few recent socials they've been hosting on Zoom, including a mug cake bake-along, show and tell, and Pictionary!

Read more for pictures and more about these activities.

[Read more](#)

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Head of School Office Hours



The next Head of School Office Hours sessions will take place on Wednesday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 16. Of course, if there is an important school-wide update that Rachel needs to share with the community before the next scheduled session, she will be in touch.

Read more for the link to join. If you are not able to join live, we encourage you to view the Zoom recordings that Chi-Ray sends out after each session.

[Read more](#)

Upper School Secret Snowflake: Join the Tradition



Upper School Students: Our student-led Leadership Team is continuing the Upper School's annual Secret Snowflake!

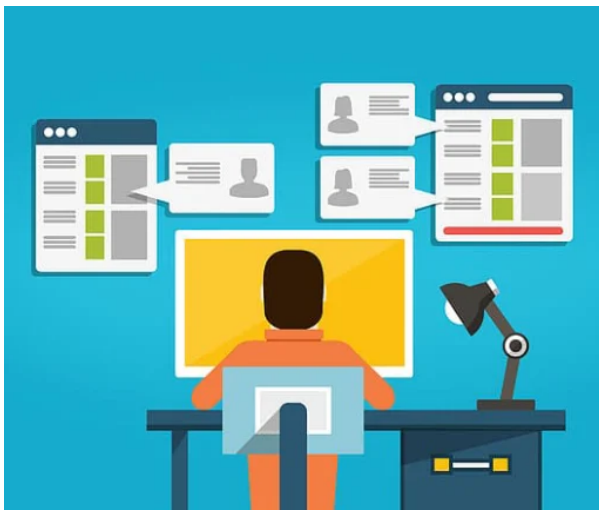
Secret Snowflake is an ongoing KLS tradition in the Upper School. Secret Snowflake is a secret gift exchange where participants receive a gift from your Secret Snowflake and you give a gift to someone else. The Leadership Team is continuing this tradition this year virtually through mail.

Interested in participating? To join the fun, Upper School students should fill out both the participation and interest forms by Sunday, November 22.

Read more for the links to forms and more details.

[Read more](#)

Family Education: Technology, Tweens, Teens, and the Pandemic



Today's kids are "digital natives" — they have grown up in a world of online access and ever changing media devices. Do you wonder how to teach your child responsibility and ethics online, how to ensure they are aware of their actions, and how to best mentor them in the digital age?

We invite all KLS families to a free, highly engaging, and informative live webinar on Thursday, December 3, from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Read more for registration details and a link to the event flyer.

[Read more](#)

Family Community Service: Holiday Stocking Drive



Give to those in need this winter holiday season by decorating stockings and filling them with gifts and candies for children of agricultural and food workers. The Farmworker Caravan organization has been providing emergency supplies to these essential workers during the pandemic and now they are aiming to deliver 4000 stockings for children.

The Family Association will be collecting donated supplies on campus at the back portico in the Suncast chest until Wednesday, December 9.

Read more for details about how to participate and donation guidelines.

[Read more](#)

Roundtable Chat for Parents/Guardians of Rising Middle & High School Students



We will be hosting roundtable chats for parents/guardians of rising middle and high school students in December.

Read more for roundtable dates and times, meeting details, and Zoom links.

[Read more](#)

Shadow Day Classes for Rising Middle & High School Students



In early January, rising Middle & High School students will be participating in a special Shadow Day for current KLS students.

As part of the visit, rising Middle & High School students will get to meet current Middle & High School students and teachers (respectively) and join a live class to experience, first-hand, what the next school division is like.

Stay tuned for more information, coming soon!

[Read more](#)

Join the KLS Turkey Trot



All KLS students, families, and staff are invited to compete in the Khan Lab School Cross Country Turkey Trot! This virtual cross country event runs from Friday, November 13, to Sunday, November 22.

During a time where being in community with one another is so important, we’re looking forward to participating in this safe, fun, and active event as a school community.

Read more for details about how you can participate.

[Read more](#)

To see all upcoming events:

KLS Calendar Page

To see Extended Day events:

Extended Day Landing Page

RESOURCES

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- Learn more about the [history and culture of the Mashpee Wampanoag](#), including a timeline of the Wampanoag Tribe's interactions with the first pilgrims at Plymouth in 1620 and more.
- **Parents/Guardians:** How can you talk to young children about racism? [This video from Khan Academy Kids](#) focuses on how to talk to kids about identity and race.

Want to share more resources and ideas with our community? Let us know at communications@khanlabschool.org.

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