

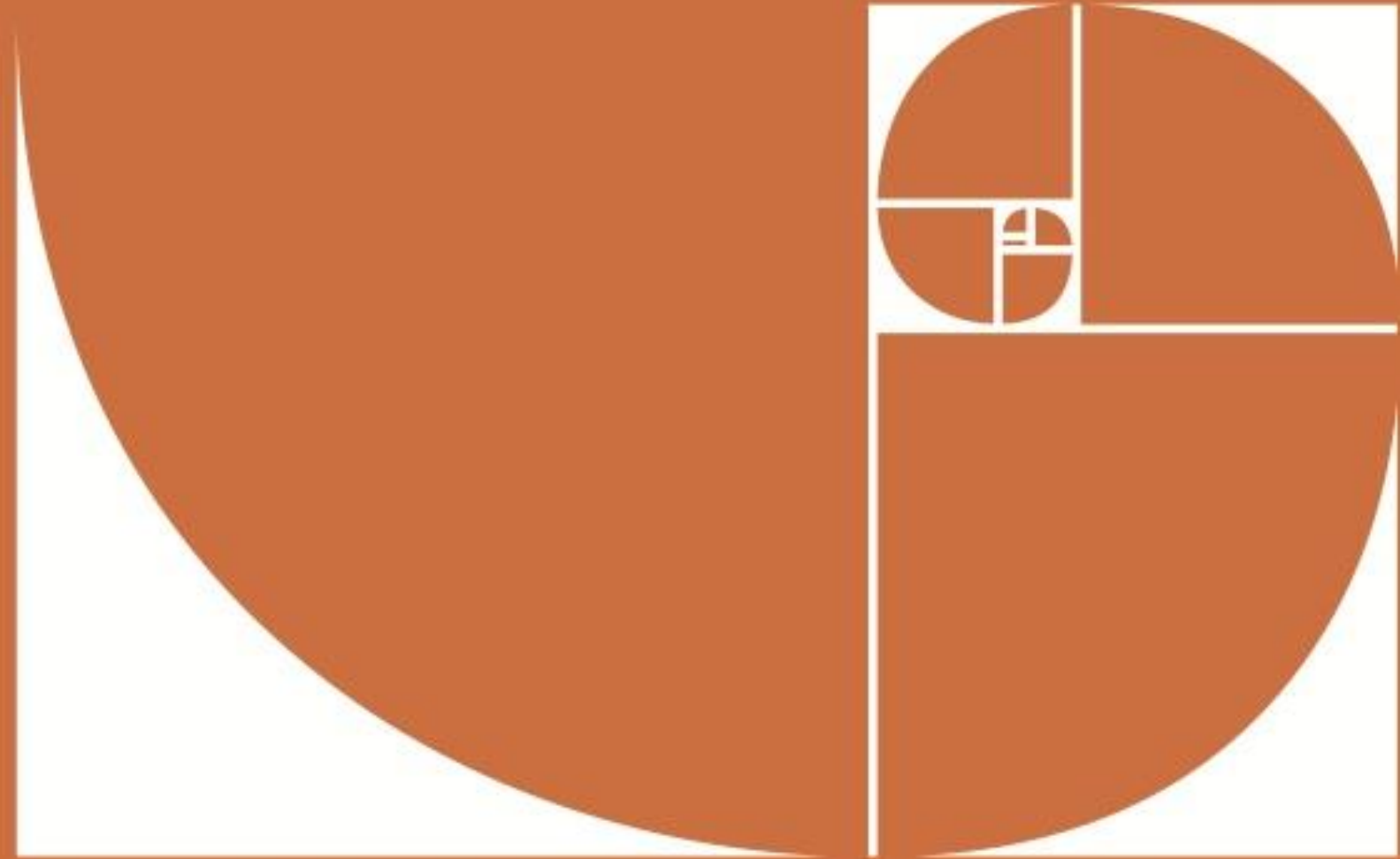
# Salt Lake Center for Science Education

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NEWSLETTER -

SEPTEMBER 2022

SALT LAKE CENTER



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# Note from Ms. Powell

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SLCSE Families,

We are thrilled to begin another school year! It's always fun to see so many familiar faces and to welcome all the new ones. Students have jumped right into learning and are already beginning exciting projects and experiences. Looking forward to another great year!

Britnie Powell  
Principal





# Important Dates

**September 14** School Community Council @6pm at SLCSE in the Media Center

**September 23** Midterm

**September 27 & 29** Parent-Teacher Conferences

**September 29** Half day

**September 30** No School

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SLCSE was recognized as the **top performing high school** in the Salt Lake School district. Graduation rate, the number of 9th graders passing classes, and ACT scores, end of grade level assessments, and participation in rigorous courses were some of the measures used to determine this recognition.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

September 27~ 4:00-8:00  
September 29~ 2:00-6:00  
Conferences will be on Zoom and information on how to sign up will be coming soon.





# Ninth Grade Retreat

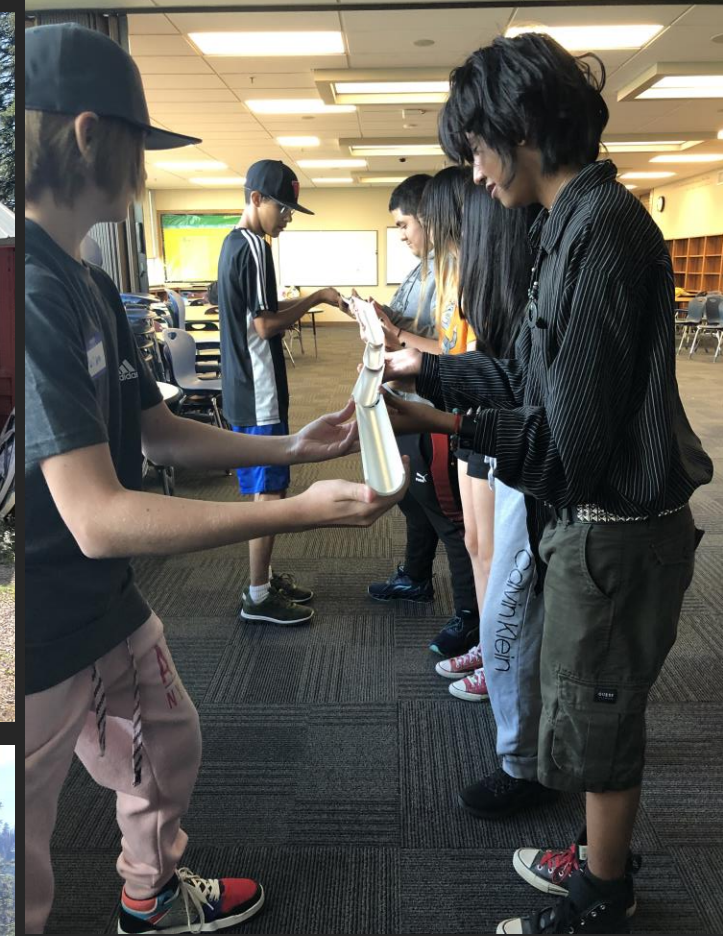
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Ninth graders were introduced to some of SLCSE's core values through experiential learning.

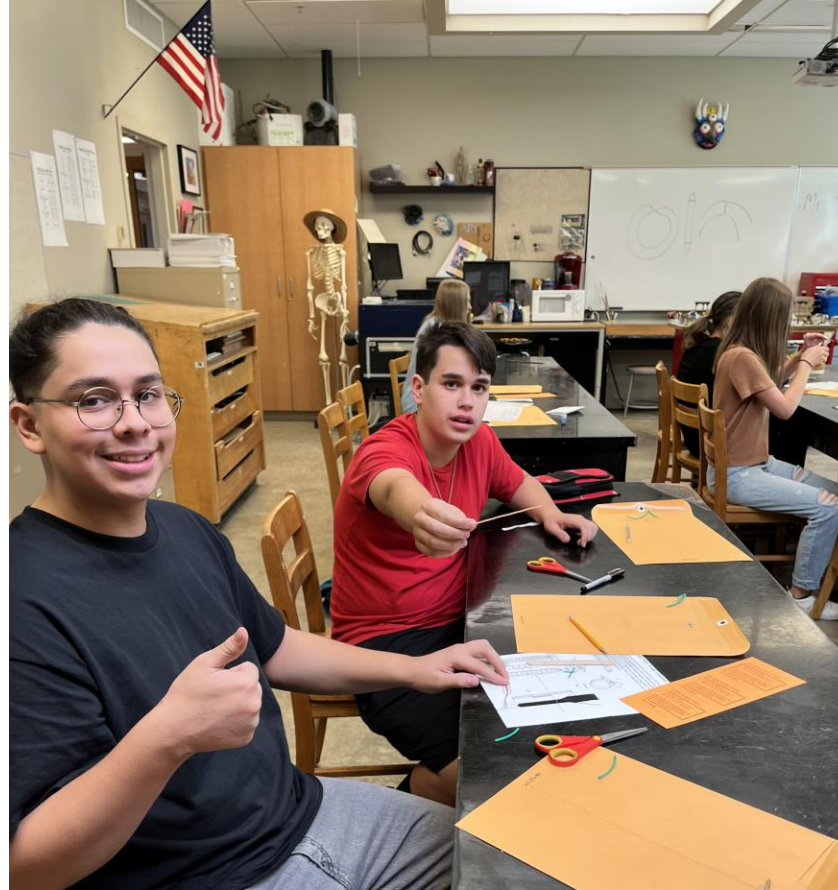
*"We take healthy risks"*

*"We use professional language and kindness to develop learning communities"*

*"We take care of our abundant resources"*







# First Week of School

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STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED IN HANDS-ON, MINDS-ON LEARNING

# Mr. Schoninger - U.S. History, Economics, Music, Culture and Society

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Geoff Schoninger graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's in Economics and began working as a financial analyst. Once he realized the office life was not for him, he packed his bags and moved to Popayan, Colombia to teach English as a Second Language where he fell in love with the culture, the people, and the JOB. His six-month contract quickly turned to two years. After his stint in Colombia, Geoff hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2016 before joining a non-profit that would allow him to teach leadership through service to thousands of students around the country. This opportunity brought him to Seattle where he met his amazing wife, Sarah. Before moving to Salt Lake, Geoff earned his Master's in Education from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Outside of teaching, Geoff is an avid outdoorsman and looks forward to exploring Utah.





Ms. Garcia – Secondary Math I

Ms. Chamberlin – Secondary Math II

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Hi, my name is Maria Garcia. My pronouns are she/her. I graduated from the University of Utah with my undergrad in Mathematics Teaching, with a minor in Special Education and Psychology. I went to SLCSE from 7th - 12th grade and also worked here as a paraprofessional. Now I am so excited to start off my first year of teaching at SLCSE!

Ms. Chamberlin - This is my tenth year of teaching, and I'm excited to be at SLCSE. I moved to Salt Lake from Montreal, Quebec where I was an aviation engineer specializing in aircraft engine accident investigation. In my free time I like to hike, backpack, and take advantage of all the natural beauty in Utah.





# Ms. Eiting - Physics

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My name is Amanda Eiting and I teach 9th grade physics. I grew up in Arizona and have been in Utah about a decade. I hold a degree from Weber State University in physics with an astronomy emphasis. In addition to physics, I love astronomy, running, biking, and a good book!







# Ms. Batra – 9th grade Directed Studies

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Radhika Batra is excited to join the SLCSE community this year as the 9th grade Special Education teacher! She is a Salt Lake newbie, hailing originally from Southern California. She has spent a lot of time on the east coast and most recently, she lived in Harlem in New York City where she taught 7th grade math. Outside of school, she enjoys cuddling her new baby, spending time with friends and family, being a foodie, and playing tennis. Fun fact: she's been to 35 countries!



# After School Programming

Starts September 12th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutoring: 7:45-8:28 Room: 1071- Mr. Davis	Tutoring: 7:45-8:28 Room: 1071- Mr. Davis		Tutoring: 7:45-8:28 Room: 1071- Mr. Davis	Tutoring (Odd Friday's only) 7:45-8:28 Room: 1071- Mr. Davis
Homework hall 3:30-4:30 Moani Room: 1031	Volleyball 3:30-4:30 Moani Room: Gym	Volleyball 3:30-4:30 Moani Room: Gym	Volleyball 3:30-4:30 Moani Room: Gym	YEEHAA- Equine Learning- Twice a month (must be in advisory with Sammi)
	Urban Cruising 3:30-4:30 Ms. Plummer Room: Bike Shop		Urban Cruising 3:30-4:30 Ms. Plummer Room: Bike Shop	
	Homework Hall 3:30-4:10 Ms. Chamberlain Room: 1076		Mock Trial 3:30-4:30 Room: Hobush 1030 (Begins end of Oct)	



# Opportunities for students

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## [TEEN EXPLAINERS](#)

Teen Explainers is a paid high school internship program focusing on communication and learning about museums. Teen Explainers engage NHMU guests and the public in interactive learning experiences.

Teen Explainers can participate in a school year cohort (October-April) or a summer cohort (June-August).

Apply before September 23

## [YOUTH VOICES](#)

A program at Hartland Partnership Center for high school students (primarily first-generation college goers, and youth of immigrant and refugee background), in which we use participatory research and arts to learn about social justice issues.

Students who participate in the program receive credit at the U of U.

Apply before September 12