



WEEKLY UPDATE

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Be a Light for All to See
Matthew 5:16

Important News & Notes:

The winter Scantron Performance Series will be administered to grades 2-8 beginning on Monday, January 11, 2021. Please see the schedule below for your child(ren)'s days and times. It is important that students receive a good night's rest and have a healthy breakfast the morning of testing. Testing will begin promptly at 8:35 a.m., so it is imperative that all students arrive/log-in before that time in order to get settled for testing. If students are late, they will not be admitted to their classroom until there is a break. Any missed test will need to be made up, so please ensure that your child is present and on time. Mrs. Cox will be sending home student log-in information for remote students at least one day prior to the start of a series of tests.

Grade(s)	Date	Time & Test
7 & 8	January 11, 2021	8:35-9:35: Reading 9:55-10:55: Language Arts
7 & 8	January 12, 2021	8:35-9:35: Math
6	January 12, 2021	8:35-9:35: Math
6	January 13, 2021	8:35-9:35: Reading 9:55-10:55: Language Arts
4 & 5	January 14, 2021	8:35-9:35: Reading 9:55-10:55: Language Arts
4 & 5	January 15, 2021	8:35-9:35: Math
2 & 3	January 19, 2021	8:35-9:35: Reading
2 & 3	January 20, 2021	8:35-9:35: Language Arts
2 & 3	January 21, 2021	8:35-9:35: Math

Happy Helpers for the Homeless: Just a reminder that Pre-K4 and Kindergarten students will be asked to contribute two brown bag breakfasts on Friday, January 15th. Each student in Pre-K4 & K will receive two brown bags on Wednesday, January 13th, to use as they "bag a breakfast." Your breakfast donations should include one of each of the following:



1. Small box of cereal or packet of oatmeal w/cup & spoon
2. Pop Tart, Nutrigrain bar or granola bar
3. Applesauce cup, fruit cup, or box of raisins
4. Hot chocolate pack w/cup & spoon
5. Juice box
6. Napkin

Important News & Notes (continued):

Please note: If remote learners in Pre-K4 & Kindergarten would like to participate in the “Bag a Breakfast” effort for January, you can prepare the breakfasts as directed above and drop them off at the carport on Friday morning. If you would like, you could stop by the office on Wednesday or Thursday during school hours to pick up two brown bags, or simply use your own.

Interim Notices: All students will receive a T2 interim report. In-person learners will receive a copy to take home on Friday, January 15, 2021. All remote learners’ interim reports will be mailed on that same day. Parents should read and sign the interims and return them to their child’s homeroom teacher no later than Monday, January 25, 2021. Interims for remote learners should be scanned and emailed to the homeroom teacher by January 25, 2021. If remote learners do not receive an interim report via US Mail by January 22, 2021, please contact your child’s teacher.

Many Thanks!! The faculty and staff would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Monsignor Slade Athletic Council for providing lunch from Potbelly’s on Wednesday. Not only was it delicious, it was a wonderful way to start the new year!

In addition, the school staff and instructional assistants would like to thank the Home and School Association for the Amazon gift cards.

And, finally, many thanks to the Home and School Association for providing the funds to install a second water bottle filling station on the second floor. We truly appreciate your kind and generous support!



Grade Level Reminders:

8th Grade HSPT Results: Families who opted for HSPT results to be sent by email should have received them by Wednesday morning. If you did not, please check your spam and junk folders, as scores tend to end up there. For families who opted for mail delivery, you will need to allow additional time for results to be delivered. For any families who do not receive score reports and/or have any other issues, please call Scholastic Testing Services at 1.800.642.6787.

8th Grade Mid-Term Exams: 8th grade students will be taking mid-term exams on January 19-21. The schedule, which is also posted on homework sites and was sent out in an e-blast yesterday to 8th grade families, is as follows: Tues. 1/19 - History & Science; Weds. 1/20 - Spanish & ELA; Thurs. 1/21 - Math & Religion. Exams will be held from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. each day. Remote learners will need to take exams on-site all three days and arrive by 8:15 a.m. in order to be temperature checked and have sufficient time to settle in before exams begin. Students will need to be in uniform and should bring a snack and water for the break in between exams. Please refer to yesterday’s e-blast for additional information.

From the School Nurse:



COVID-19 Testing Pilot Program

- The COVID-19 Testing Pilot Program is entirely voluntary and meant to provide a safe, convenient and prompt means of having your child tested when COVID-19 symptoms exist. The Pilot Program provides onsite COVID-19 testing for students, teachers, staff and volunteers.

From the School Nurse (continued):

- If a student, staff member, or volunteer becomes symptomatic during school hours and has signed a consent form, the school nurse will administer a 15-minute RAPID test (Abbott's BinaxNOW Ag Card Test) and a PCR test which will be sent to the Anne Arundel Health Department Lab.
- **Students and staff who are symptomatic before and after school hours should remain at home and contact their physician or get a COVID-19 PCR test.**
- If you do not wish for your child to participate in this testing pilot and they are symptomatic, you will continue to have the option to have your physician provide an alternative diagnosis or have your child independently tested for COVID-19 and provide a negative test result to the school.
- Consent forms can be found on SchoolAdmin as a Checklist item.
- The type of swab for both the rapid and PCR test is an anterior nasal swab, which is inserted less than one inch into the nostril (process for specimen collection attached).

Advancement Announcements:

Catholic Schools Week Open House, January 31, 2021: This year we will be holding a virtual event. Any parents, ambassador families, or student ambassadors who would feel comfortable serving on a virtual panel during a ZOOM meeting, please contact Mrs. Hilmer, c.hilmer@msladeschool.com. All volunteers for the day of the event must be VIRTUS-compliant.

Current students must be re-registered by January 30, 2021, to hold their seats! Visit <https://msladeschool.schooladminonline.com> to complete the Intent to Enroll form and pay the re-registration fee for each student. If you would like assistance, please contact **Mrs. Joanna Buchanan**, registrar. She can be reached at 410-766-7130, ext. 108 or j.buchanan@msladeschool.com.

Please remember! Priority of Admission will apply to all new students. Priority will be given to siblings of current students only if an application is submitted on or before January 30, 2021.

Upcoming Advancement Committee Meeting Mark your calendars for 6:30 p.m. on January 12, 2021. We will meet virtually. Credentials will be sent to regular volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or assist in the advancement of Monsignor Slade, please contact Mrs. Carrie Hilmer c.hilmer@msladeschool.com.

Spirit of Slade Referral Program: Current families can earn \$500.00 toward future tuition payments for each family referred to Monsignor Slade Catholic School. Tuition credits will be applied after the referred student(s) has/have been enrolled for a year. Instruct applicants to put your current student's name or family name on any application submitted.

New year, new fun! January Photo Challenge is live. Submit your photos via social media or to c.hilmer@msladeschool.com



Sports Section:

The Athletic Council needs your help to fill two positions for the 2021-2022 school year: Lacrosse Commissioner and Council Secretary. This is a perfect opportunity to be trained by the current incumbent. All interested parties please email sladeacpresident@gmail.com for more information on how to apply. Voting for both positions will take place in March.

Lacrosse Commissioner

Earns all 12 required service hours each year.

The Duties of the Commissioner:

- Administer all aspects of the sports program to ensure its effective and efficient management while adhering to the Slade Athletic Policy, Slade Values Code, Archdiocesan policy, and school policy.
- Provide for consistency in operation among the individual lacrosse teams where applicable.
- Participate in Athletic Council meetings.
- Cast a vote as an active member of the Council.
- Manage all aspects of the Sports program budget, including the submission of annual budgets to the school administration.
- While in season, prepare and submit monthly reports regarding the Sports program to the Athletic Council.
- Conduct program scheduling and fields.

Secretary

Serves a three-year term starting 2021-2022 school year. Earns all 12 required service hours each year.

The Duties of the Council Secretary:

- Attend and keep an accurate account of the minutes for all council meetings.
- Distribute meeting minutes to council members prior to the next meeting for review and approval at the next scheduled meeting.
- Maintain a file of all incoming and outgoing communications and records to and from the Council.
- Provide advance notification of all members of the Council for both special and regular meetings.
- Maintain and keep the current text of the bylaws.

Prayer for the New Year

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.



Mission Statement

Rooted in Catholic faith and committed to academic excellence, Monsignor Slade Catholic School is dedicated to forming the whole child to know, love, and be disciples of Christ.

HOW TO COLLECT YOUR ANTERIOR NASAL SWAB SAMPLE FOR COVID-19 TESTING



Follow the instructions included with your sample kit. Use **only** materials provided in your kit to collect and store your sample, unless the kit says to do otherwise. Use **only** an approved sample collection kit given to you by your healthcare provider or personnel at the testing center.

Initial set-up

1. Open the sampling kit.



2. Apply hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.



Sample collection

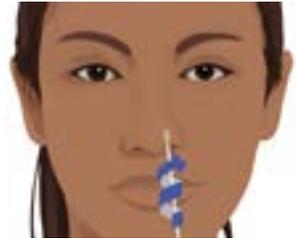
3. Remove the swab from the container, being careful not to touch the soft end, which is the absorbent tip.



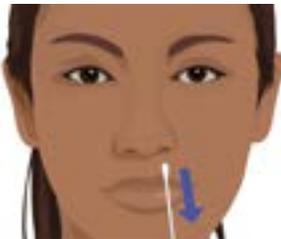
4. Insert the entire absorbent tip of the swab into your nostril, but do not insert the swab more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch (1.5 cm) into your nose.



5. Slowly rotate the swab in a circular path against the inside of your nostril at least 4 times for a total of 15 seconds. Be sure to collect any nasal drainage that may be present on the swab.



6. Gently remove the swab.



7. Using the same swab, repeat steps 4-6 in your other nostril.



Preparation of sample for return

- 8.** Place the swab in the sterile tube and snap off the end of the swab at the break line. Place the cap on the tube.



- 9.** Re-apply hand sanitizer.



- 10.** Place the tube containing the swab in the biohazard bag provided and seal the bag.



Returning the sample and clean-up

- 11.** Give the bag with the swab to testing personnel.



- 12.** Throw away the remaining sample kit items.



- 13.** Re-apply hand sanitizer.





LOGISTICS

Time and place: STEM Camp takes place at Notre Dame from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Academic activities end at 3 p.m. to allow time for swimming, crafts, and other activities.

Food: Snacks and lunch will be provided for campers throughout the week. Please send a reusable water bottle with your camper each day.

Clothing: Campers should wear comfortable clothing and footwear suitable for walking, running, and playing games. A bathing suit and towel are necessary if campers wish to participate in water activities. Certified lifeguards and staff will be on duty at the pool.

Medical: Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for all medical expenses. Notre Dame of Maryland University does not provide medical insurance.

PAYMENT AND FEES

Tuition: \$500

Non-refundable deposit due: June 21

Balance due: July 5

Discounts

1. Current NDMU Employees (both faculty and staff) – 15% off camper's tuition
2. Multiple siblings discount – 15% off 1st child's tuition, 20% off every other child (from the same family)'s tuition

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited, don't delay!

To reserve space for your child, complete the online registration form at ndm.edu/STEMcamp and submit a non-refundable \$100 deposit per camper by the date listed above.

A limited number of needs based scholarships are available on a first come first served basis. Please contact Juliann Dupuis for more information.

MORE INFO

ndm.edu/STEMcamp or

Juliann Dupuis | 410-532-5148 | jdupuis@ndm.edu

Lisa Pallett | lpallett@ndm.edu

Notre Dame of Maryland University reserves the right to dismiss any camper, without refund, for behavior deemed disruptive to the effective operation of the camp.



STEM
SUMMER
CAMP JULY 19–23

AT NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY



ndm.edu/stemcamp

SCIENCE IS EXCITING!



Theme: Explorations though Space

Registration: Open February 1st

Grades: K–8

We inspire elementary and middle school children to discover how exciting science can be!

Space exploration is an exciting and fascinating topic for students of all ages. The many resources and business partners available to us in Maryland make this topic very accessible! Campers will experience space exploration through five full days of STEM activities focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Each day will focus on science and will tie into the overall theme of “Explorations though Space.”



Notre Dame of Maryland University is endorsed by the Maryland State Department of Education as a leader in developing progressive STEM programs.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER

A typical day in the life of our campers might look like this:

8:30–9:30	Team Building
9:30–10:30	Engineering Activity
10:30–10:45	Snack
10:45–11:45	Engineering Activity
12:00–1:00	Lunch
1:00–3:00	Conclusion of Engineering Activity
3:00–3:30	Outreach with local partner
3:30–4:00	Arts & Crafts/Outdoor Activity with Afternoon Snack
4:00–5:30	Swimming

Campers are placed in small groups with a lead counselor who works with the group throughout the week. Counselors are teachers who have participated in the Leadership in Teaching: STEM program at Notre Dame of Maryland University. The camp is run by professors in STEM fields. Full biographies are available online at ndm.edu/STEMcamp.