



# WEEKLY UPDATE

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
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*Be a Light for All to See*  
Matthew 5:16

## Important News & Notes:

**Welcome!** We would like to welcome Miss Kasey Mannion to Monsignor Slade. Miss Mannion will be taking over for Mrs. Gilroy as the fourth grade ELA and social studies teacher. Miss Mannion will start on Monday, October 19. Mrs. Gilroy will co-teach with Miss Mannion through October 23 so that there is a smooth transition. Please give Miss Mannion a hearty welcome as she joins our community!

**Changes to the Daily Wellness Survey:** Soon, there will be a fourth required question added to the daily wellness survey that you complete prior to arriving at school. A “Yes” response to the question will exclude the student or staff member from being allowed entry into the school building. Below is how the new question will read:

**Since completing your or your child’s most recent wellness screening, are you, or if answering for your child, your child waiting for a COVID-19 test result, been diagnosed with COVID-19, or been instructed by any health care provider or the health department to isolate or quarantine?**

**Halloween at Slade:** Halloween will be celebrated on October 30, 2020, but it will look a little different at Slade this year. Students in grades Pre-K4-5 may wear costumes to school. Those costumes must be of simple design, no large or blow-up costumes are permitted. No Halloween masks may be worn, and no additional items that are carried as part of the costume may be brought to school. Students in grades 6-8 will be wearing black, orange and white. Students should follow all out-of-uniform guidelines found in the Parent & Student Handbook on pg. 46. All students are still required to wear cloth masks of at least two layers that day; however, they may be of another color or appropriate design. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to hold a parade this year. Please do not send in any food, drink, or treat items not requested by a teacher.

**Mode-of-Learning Commitment - REVISED:** We will be sending out a new intent form to parents early next week as we have learned that many remote learners are considering returning for in-person instruction for T2. A large influx of students, especially at the middle school level, could result in the need for a hybrid schedule; therefore, we may need additional time to develop a revised schedule. We ask that all families complete the intent form no later than October 23, 2020, whether or not your mode of learning is changing, so that we may adequately prepare classrooms to accommodate social distancing.

**Uniform reminders:** Beginning November 2, 2020, students will be required to wear their winter uniforms. Please consult pages 44-47 of the Parent & Student Handbook regarding the dress and PE uniforms requirements. Until then, students are welcomed to wear either their summer or winter uniform. Currently boys do not need to wear ties and/or belts. Please be reminded that the PE sweatshirt and hoodie cannot take the place of the sweater or vest.

## Important News & Notes (continued):

If families are in need of winter uniform items, please reach out to Mrs. Debbie Van Bergen, at [deborah.vanbergen@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.vanbergen@gmail.com), as we are unable to hold a used uniform exchange at this time. Please submit all requests by October 23, 2020. Any available requests will be prepared for pick-up and/or sent home with students on October 27/28, 2020. Requests will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be aware that there is little to no available stock of the winter P.E. uniform clothing. Those items can be purchased from our school uniform supplier, FlynnO'Hara Uniforms, at [www.flynnohara.com/school/md178](http://www.flynnohara.com/school/md178), or by calling 800-441-4122.

As the fall days become cooler and we look toward winter, please ensure that your student is prepared with needed outdoor wear to warm them in the mornings, at recess and lunch, and at dismissal. There will be times when teachers are taking students outside for class, so each student will need to be prepared for cooler days. Additionally, please remember that on rainy/snowy days it is important that children have jackets or raincoats with hoods.

**Happy Helpers for the Homeless:** For those of you who may not know, Monsignor Slade Catholic School has been supporting Happy Helpers for the Homeless since the late 90s. This organization was founded by an 8-year-old girl from Glen Burnie named Amber Coffman, who was volunteering with her mother at a local homeless shelter. She saw the tremendous needs of this vulnerable population and tried to figure out a way to help. She began simply by making lunches in her home to distribute to the homeless people living in the streets. Other people heard her story and volunteered to prepare and donate lunches to support her mission. In fact, our middle school students first began preparing lunches for the homeless as part of a religion project to support Amber in her efforts. Slade has been donating homemade lunches to the organization ever since.

Unfortunately, at this time, Happy Helpers cannot accept homemade lunches; however, we have learned of alternate means of supporting this worthy organization: "Bag a Breakfast" and canned food donations. Students and families can prepare a breakfast-to-go, including items such as small boxes of cereal or packets of oatmeal, granola bars, juice boxes and more. Currently, Happy Helpers is in desperate need of canned foods, especially items such as soup, stews, beans, etc. Since we cannot allow collection of canned goods within the school building at this time, we have decided to collect these items once a month on the same day as our "Bag a Breakfast" donations are collected. The first donation event will include 5th and 6th grades on Friday, November 6th, but anyone will be welcomed to donate canned goods. We will include further details on the items to include in the "Bag a Breakfast" in the coming weeks, but wanted to make you aware of this exciting new chapter of our community service with Happy Helpers for the Homeless.

**Thank you, Parents!** We would like to thank Mr. Matt Dzambo, who volunteers to cover our morning arrival by helping students safely navigate the parking lot every Monday through Wednesday. Additionally, we would like to thank the Driver family for their generous donation of gift cards to each of our teachers and staff members. Lastly, we would like to thank Stephanie Baker, Rosa Cruz-Penafiel, Michelle Edwards, Patricia Reno, Nick Rinnius, and Sharon Scriba for volunteering to help provide lunch and recess coverage during the day. Thank you all for your support!



## Important News & Notes (continued):

**Forgotten Masks:** Students have been doing a great job of remembering to wear their masks to school. On the few occasions when they have forgotten, the School is able to provide masks. The first time a student forgets, he/she is given a white mask for the day. For any additional time after that, the School will issue a green Slade mask and charge the \$5 cost on the family's FACTS account. Please note: Slade masks are still available for purchase for \$5 each through the school store. Orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



**Returning from Quarantine:** When students are returning to school with all books and materials following a quarantine period, parents may pull into the teachers' parking lot to unload all student items. If the items are too numerous or too heavy for students to carry, students can leave excess items inside the door and a staff member will carry them to class for the student.

## Grade Level Reminders:

**Grade 8:** The HSPT Registration Portal is now open. Click on the link to register your students for the December 2, 2020, test which will be held here at MSCS. The cost of the test is \$40 and must be paid online when you register. Be sure to select Monsignor Slade (005) as the site where your child will test. <https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php>.

**Grade 8:** Each year the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus awards three Catholic high school scholarship grants to sons and daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus and three Catholic high school scholarship grants to Catholic students in general. See the attached flyer for more information, or interested parents and students may obtain specific information and applications by writing to:

Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
State Scholarship Chairman  
P.O. Box 1468  
Bowie, MD 20717

**Grades 6-8:** Virtual High School Fair: On October 19, Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will host a Virtual High School Fair for all prospective families. From 5:00pm to 7:00pm, families will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from Catholic high schools throughout the diocese. The sessions will provide a glimpse into the admissions process, highlight signature programs, and share information regarding scholarships, financial aid, transportation, and much more! Participating schools will rotate live video sessions and families may register for up to three sessions. Please visit <https://www.archbalt.org/schools/our-schools/high-school-admissions/virtual-admissions/> to register for the event and to receive access details.



## From the School Nurse:



### Travel Tips:

- If you travel to an area that has a greater than 10% positivity rate, a negative COVID-19 PCR test is required in order to be able to return to school. Please email [absences@msladeschool.com](mailto:absences@msladeschool.com) for travel-related absences.



#wearamask  
#stopthespread  
#sladestrong

## From the School Nurse (continued):

- The following states have >10% positivity, as of 10/16/2020, and therefore, upon return from travel to these states, your student will REQUIRE a negative COVID-19 PCR test to be able to return to school:
  - Alabama
  - Arizona
  - Florida
  - Idaho
  - Mississippi
  - Nebraska
  - South Carolina
  - Texas
  - Virginia
- Please use this link to check current positivity rates for each state:  
[https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#testing\\_totalpercentpositive](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#testing_totalpercentpositive)
- Thank you for using the [covid19@mssladeschool.com](mailto:covid19@mssladeschool.com) email to report symptoms and keep the school updated on your children's status. Prompt notification allows us to contact trace, limit exposure, and keep the students safe.

## Advancement Announcements:

**Advancement Committee Meeting Change:** Due to the unexpected Internet outage on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the scheduled Advancement Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020. If interested in supporting recruitment, marketing, and alumni efforts for Slade, please contact [c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com) so that she can be sure you have log-in credentials.

**Seeking Parish Liaisons:** A Monsignor Slade community member is needed to serve as a liaison between our school and the following parishes: Our Lady of the Chesapeake, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, and Christ the King Catholic Church. Liaisons would be asked to share information regarding MSCS with the parish and parish groups, and also share news from those parishes with the school community, so that we can develop mutually beneficial communication and relationships focused on our mission and the Catholic faith. Please email [c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com), if interested.

**Tell your Slade story!** In a short video (1 minute or less) feature Slade students, families, or alumni. Mrs. Hilmer kindly requests .mp4 or .mov format. Inspiration and instructions are available via [slideshow](#) or the flyer shared. For specific questions or to discuss technical difficulties when sharing your files, please contact Mrs. Hilmer, [c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com) or 410-766-7130, ext. 107.



### October

#### Photo Challenge!

Even as we are social distancing and learning remotely, Monsignor Slade families can still ensure their student(s) shine in the spotlight on Monsignor Slade's website and social media feeds. We cannot wait to see your October Photo Challenge submissions!

## HASA Happenings:



**Charleston Wrap**  
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.

**Gift Wrap Sale:** Just a reminder to check out our fundraiser with Charleston Wrap, which kicked off on Monday, October 5th. We have attached information about the sale, including the link to the online catalog, which features over 2500 gift ideas, as well as information on how to share the catalog with family and friends. **Our gift wrap fundraiser ends next week on October 23rd, so time is running out!** Get an early start on your Christmas shopping by logging on and ordering today! All items are shipped directly to your home. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the purchase of additional water bottle fill stations for our school!

## Sports Section:

The Athletic Council needs your help to fill one position for this year and one starting next school year. Please consider joining our team!!! We need to fill the Lacrosse Co-Commissioner this year. This is a perfect opportunity to be trained by the current commissioner on the ins and outs of running the program before his child graduates this year. All interested parties please email [sladeacpresident@gmail.com](mailto:sladeacpresident@gmail.com) for more information on how to apply.

### Lacrosse Co-Commissioner

Earns all 12 required service hours each year.

The Duties of the Co-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.
- Work with the current Sports Commissioner on 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.

Visit us on the Web!  
[www.msladeschool.com](http://www.msladeschool.com)



### 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.

## **Scholarship Program**

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors is the sponsor of several High School Scholarships for its members and for Catholic students in general. Below is a summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

### **The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship**

Designed to assist those Brother Knights, in good standing and holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools; three grants of \$1,500.00 per year, for up to four years, will be awarded. Awards will be made based on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

### **The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship**

Three grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. This program is open to any **Catholic student** who is a resident of the State of Maryland, including children and grandchildren of any member, in good standing, of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

**Application period is from October 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2021.**



Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1468  
Bowie, MD 20717

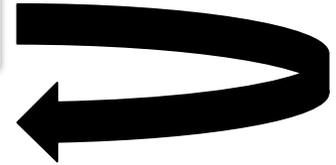
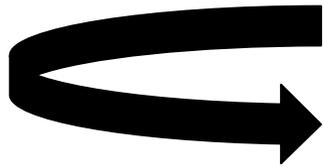
# A COVID-LIKE ILLNESS IS DEFINED AS...

**1** **Of the following:**  
Cough  
Shortness of breath  
Difficulty Breathing  
New loss of taste or smell

**OR**

**2** **Of the following:**  
Fever of 100.4F or higher  
Chills  
Muscle aches  
Sore Throat  
Headache  
Nausea or Vomiting  
Diarrhea  
Fatigue  
Congestion or runny nose

*Stay home if symptoms begin before school, or go to the school nurse if symptoms start during the school day.*



## When can I return to school?

### Positive COVID-19 PCR Test

May return 10 days after symptoms first appeared

**AND**

At least 24 hours no fever without taking medication

**AND**

Symptoms have improved.

Close contacts should stay home for 14 days from date of last exposure to confirmed or suspected (no alternative diagnosis) case.



### No COVID-19 PCR Test Done

May return 10 days after symptoms first appeared

**AND**

At least 24 hours no fever without taking medication

**AND**

Symptoms have improved.

**OR**

Doctor's note with a written alternative diagnosis and symptoms have improved/no fever for 24 hours without medication.

### Negative COVID-19 PCR Test

At least 24 hours no fever without taking medicine

**AND**

Respiratory symptoms have improved.



Close contacts *do not* need to stay home as long as they remain asymptomatic.





## Slade Testimonial Spotlights



Theme for the 2020 - 2021 Academic Year  
Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools



## Together, we will shine!

### Students & Families

- Share a testimonial video
- Record with a mobile device, computer, or digital camera
- Can feature parents, individual students, groups of students, families

### Teachers & Staff

- Share a testimonial video
- Record with a mobile device, computer, or digital camera
- Can feature why you teach/work at Slade, you and family, teams

### Alumni & Friends

- Share a testimonial video
- Record with a mobile device, computer, or digital camera
- Can feature individual alumni, class groups, alumni parents & students, coaches, volunteers, donors, etc.

## Helpful tips!

Videos should express what compelled you to become part of the Slade community; what you appreciate about Monsignor Slade Catholic School, or how your experiences impacted you/your family personally.

- Find a quiet place to record.
- Prepare & practice your content ahead of time
- Keep it **> 1 minute!**
- Record your video with a phone, computer, or digital camera.
- Orient the recording to **landscape** (horizontal), not portrait.
- Make sure the subject(s) are entirely visible (at least from shoulders up) in the frame.
- Seek the best lighting. (Light source should come from behind camera onto the subject.)
- Test run!
  - Check audio & sound. Is the speaker loud enough? Any competing sounds?
  - Is the picture still and clear? (Remember to clean your lens!)
- Record final version

## Simple Spotlight Option

Share a photo of a Slade community member holding a sign with a fill-in-the-blank message or record a very short video of one sentence. Use the following prompts or come up with your own!

- The Monsignor Slade community is \_\_\_\_\_  
The Monsignor Slade community \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR**
- Slade students are \_\_\_\_\_. **OR** Slade students \_\_\_\_\_.
- Slade teachers are \_\_\_\_\_. **OR** Slade teachers \_\_\_\_\_.
- Slade families are \_\_\_\_\_. **OR** Slade families \_\_\_\_\_.
- Slade alumni are \_\_\_\_\_. **OR** Slade alumni \_\_\_\_\_.
- Slade's (band/athletics/service) \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Inspiration: Student Edition

The Monsignor Slade value I most often exhibit is \_\_\_\_\_

How are you feeling about school this year?

If you could be principal for a day, what would you do?

What would you tell a friend who was interested in attending Slade?

What are your favorite activities or traditions at Slade?

Who is your favorite teacher? What has that teacher taught you?

What is your favorite subject? Why?

Why do you love being a Monsignor Slade student?

How do you live out the mission of Monsignor Slade in your life?

I am inspired by \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the best friend you have made at Slade? How did you meet? What makes them a great friend?

If Slade created a time capsule for this year, what item would you put in it? Why? (You can use props!)

## Inspiration: Faculty & Staff Edition

The Monsignor Slade value I most often exhibit is \_\_\_\_\_

How do you live out the mission of Monsignor Slade in your life?

If you could be principal for a day, what would you do?

Tell about a most memorable student or moment.

What are your favorite activities or traditions at Slade?

What have your Slade students taught you? How have they inspired you?

How are you feeling about school this year?

How has working or teaching at Monsignor Slade impacted you? How long have you worked at MSCS?

I am inspired by \_\_\_\_\_

What subject do you love to teach? Why?

Who is the best friend you have made at Slade? How did you meet? Why are they a great friend?

Why are you glad to be back at school this year?

If Slade created a time capsule for this year, what item would you put in it? Why? (You can use props!)

## Inspiration: Alumni & Friends Edition

Tell about a most memorable Slade moment.

Our core values are faith, knowledge, and service. What do those mean to you?

Where did your life's journey take you after Slade? What accomplishment(s) make you most proud?

How has Monsignor Slade Catholic School inspired you?

Why do you love Monsignor Slade?

How do you live out the lessons taught at Monsignor Slade in your life?

What are/were your favorite activities or traditions at Slade?

I am inspired by \_\_\_\_\_

What subject or teacher did you love? Why?

Who is the best friend you made at Slade? How did you meet? Why are they a great friend?

What's your advice for a current or future Slade student/parent/volunteer?

What has the pandemic put into perspective for you?

If Slade created a time capsule for this year, what item would you put in it? Why? (You can use props!)

If you could impact Slade significantly today, how would you?

## We are excited for your Slade Testimonial debut!

Videos can be shared via Google Drive, DropBox, or by sending through iCloud or WeTransfer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Carrie Hilmer, Advancement Director, [c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com) or 410-766-7130.

Videos may be edited for length or clarity and may be combined with other videos to create a testimonial feature. By submitting a video, you agree to allow Monsignor Slade Catholic School to upload the content to our website or social media channels.

Please do not forget to state your name and grade, or graduation year, if applicable.

Send videos to [c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com)



# ATTENTION! Please REGISTER NOW for Monsignor Slade Catholic School's fundraiser!

**It's super easy!** Please help support our fundraiser by following the steps below to register online today. When you register, we'll know you're committed to supporting our fundraiser and helping us reach our goals. To help our organization even more, send 10 email invitations to friends & family and spread the word about our need for help. With over 2,500 gift ideas, supporters can shop and check-off their holiday gift-list, all while supporting our important cause.

**Will you follow the instructions below and register today?** It's easy, it's simple, and it's important!

## Here's how to register today and help us spread the word!

Invite friends and family (even if they're out of town), online orders ship directly to the purchaser!

**Organization ID:**

**20455**

 **Step 1: REGISTER** at [www.charlestonwrapstore.com](http://www.charlestonwrapstore.com)  
(use organization ID to the left)

 **Step 2: Use our Email-Invite Generator** to invite out-of-town friends & family to shop and support! Plus, share your unique invite links via text and social media.



Participant Registration

*Ultra-Heavy Gift Wrap*



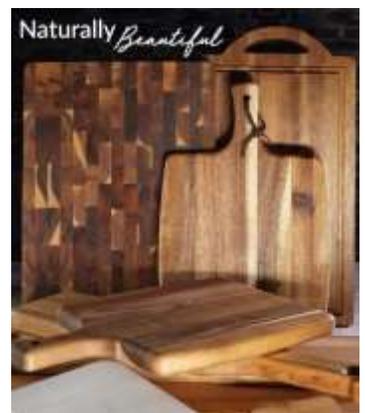
*Personalization*



*Holiday Décor*



*Kitchen & Home*



# Monsignor Slade Catholic School

## We Need Your Help!

Only with the help of caring parents like you will our school raise the extra resources we need.  
Thank you for doing your part and sharing your time to help our students!

The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards purchasing additional water bottle fill stations for our school!

**Our Goal: \$8000**

Extra Incentive ~~ All families that sell 10 items or more,  
will earn an out-of-uniform day!

## How can I do my part? *Participate!*

### Shop online and invite friends, too!

Invite friends and family (even if they're out of town)!



**Step 1: REGISTER** your student at  
[www.charlestonwrapstore.com](http://www.charlestonwrapstore.com)



Student Registration



**Step 2:** Use our **Easy-Email-Invite Generator** to invite out-of-town friends & family to shop and support!  
Plus, share your unique invite links via text and social media.



**Step 3: WIN A PRIZE TOMORROW** when you send out 10, 15, and 20 email invites!

**Our School ID:**  
**20455**

Start Here: Register Your Student!

z- School ID

Don't know your School ID? [CLICK HERE](#)

Parent Email

Why?

Parent Phone

Why?

**Get Started**

**Order Deadline**  
**10/23**

\*Online orders are subject to shipping and sales tax. \*FREE shipping available, see online for details.

**Online orders of \$85 or more, ship free!!**

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BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.