

WEEKLY UPDATE

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Next week's calendar:

Saturday, October 9, 2021:

 Special Outdoor Parent Cleaning Day, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
 (See flyer attached)

Monday, October 11, 2021:

• Charlie Brown rehearsal, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Wednesday, October 13, 2021:

 HASA General Meeting with Guest Speaker, Mrs. Katie Dragos, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Thursday, October 14, 2021:

- Advanced Band lessons
- HASA Spirit Day/Night at Maria D's in Glen Burnie, 11am-8pm (See flyer attached)

Friday, October 15, 2021:

• SCHOOL CLOSED, Parent Conferences

TOMORROW MORNING!

Special Parent Cleaning Day Saturday, October 9th!

Mr. Lee needs help with some outdoor work. See the flyer attached for more details.



October 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

An Outdoor Murder Mystery Dinner Party for guests 13 years and older.

See the attached flyer to order tickets.

All proceeds will benefit Monsignor Slade Theater Department.

Important News & Notes:

HASA General Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 6:30pm

We would like to invite all parents and guardians to our first Home and School Association (HASA) general meeting of this academic year. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the executive board, hear updates and discuss events for the upcoming year. This is an adults-only event.

We will also have a guest speaker, Katie Dragos, Marketing Expert, Community Cultivator and Solutions Coach for Busy Moms. Katie Dragos is a mom, wife, danceparty enthusiast and a woman with a passion for life! Over the past 17 years, Katie has worked in a variety of marketing and community outreach roles, including planning events, leading initiatives, and cultivating communities.

Currently working in marketing for a local pediatric practice, Katie gets the chance to talk to a lot of parents - which has led her to develop her greatest initiative - a positive community and solutions coaching program for moms and caregivers.

During her talk, Katie will provide helpful resources on a variety of topics for our children as well as mindset and self-care tips for those in the caregiving role.

Due to COVID restrictions, we are permitting only 75 adults to attend in the gymnasium and social distance. Please note: Masks must be worn at all times during the meeting. **Win an out-of-uniform day for your child's class!** At the end of the evening, attending parent's names will be used for a raffle to win an out-of-uniform day for their child's homeroom class. Please use the following Sign-Up Genius link to RSVP: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BABA723A6FA7-hasa

Muffins with Moms: Many thanks to Mrs. Lenore Rath and her committee of volunteers for their hard work and excellent execution of our annual Muffins with Moms event. It was great to spend some time together with all of our wonderful moms and a delight to see the children enjoying themselves. We hope that many of you were able to attend one of these special mornings with your children. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with the slightly



adjusted arrival procedures for these two special days. Everything worked out great, and we will look forward to having this event again next year!











Help Wanted: The MSCS Maintenance Department is looking for a full-time assistant to the Facilities Director, Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This apprentice position requires at least a high school diploma. Any additional experience in maintenance work or in a trade is a plus! This position is benefit eligible and salary is commensurate with experience. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please call Mr. Lee at 443-889-0698.

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Important News & Notes (continued):

Donations of disposable masks: For those of you who are able, we are asking for donations of disposable masks. There have been many instances of children coming to school without masks, or they need a replacement throughout the day for various reasons, and our supplies are running low. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated! As always, please be sure to pack an extra mask in your child's school bag just in case they should need an extra one during the day.

Grade Level Reminders:

8th Grade Parents - If you intend to have your student apply to a Catholic high school, please don't forget to register your student for the December 1st HSPT which will be administered here at Slade. If applying for a Catholic high school in the Baltimore archdiocese, then students must take the HSPT at Slade. Please use the following link to access the registration portal: https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php

From the School Nurse:



Fall Allergies

If your child has a previous diagnosis of seasonal allergies and requires allergy medication, please medicate your child. If his/her allergy medication is not working, he/she will be required to be evaluated by his/her pediatrician and provide a doctor's note before returning to school.

COVID Symptoms

- Any ONE of the following:
 - Sore throat
 - Cough
 - Fever (100.4 or higher)
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea or vomiting
 - New onset of severe headache (especially with fever)
 - New loss of taste or smell

COVID Protocol

- According to protocol created by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, if your child has any ONE of the COVID symptoms listed above he/she must:
 - Receive an alternative diagnosis (strep throat, ear infection, flu, RSV, etc) OR;
 - Receive a negative COVID-19 test which <u>must be PCR</u> OR;
 - Ouarantine for 10 days.
- I recommend that you first consult with your pediatrician regarding your child's symptoms. There are many other viruses that are being spread among children besides COVID-19.

COVID Protocol for positive individuals

- 10-day isolation from the onset of symptoms or positive test results.
- Individuals must be symptom free in order to return to school.
- This excludes loss of taste and/or smell which can take months to regain.

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From the School Nurse (continued):

COVID Protocol for close contacts

- Quarantine for 10 days with day zero being the day of last exposure and day 11 being the day able to return to class OR;
- If asymptomatic, the student may be tested for COVID-19 via <u>PCR test only</u> on day 5 at the earliest with the ability to return on day 8 if asymptomatic. Parents must continue to monitor their children for a full 14-day period and get them tested if they become symptomatic after an exposure to a positive case of COVID-19.
- The health department is involved in contact tracing for positive cases of COVID-19. If an outbreak occurs (2 or more cases within the same cohort) it may be required that the entire cohort quarantine for 10 days. This is managed on a case-by-case basis with involvement from the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Anne Arundel County Health Department.

FAQs

- Can my child receive a negative rapid COVID-19 test and return to school?
- NO. If your child receives a negative rapid test and does not have an alternative diagnosis, a confirmatory COVID-19 PCR test is required for return to school
- If my child is vaccinated, do they need to stay home while my other child is sick and has a pending COVID-19 test?
- NO. If your child is fully vaccinated (2 weeks from 2nd dose) they may continue to remain in school.
- If your child is not fully vaccinated, they must stay at home while their symptomatic sibling (or parent) has a pending COVID-19 test.
- If my child receives an alternative diagnosis but is waiting on a COVID-19 PCR result can they return to school?
- NO. Any individual that is symptomatic (according to the list above) must remain home while their PCR is pending.

Advancement Announcements:

Did you know? During the 1971-72 school year, Holy Trinity School (now Monsignor Slade Catholic School) had a student newspaper? Today, graduates of Monsignor Slade Catholic School still stand out among their peers for their excellence in grammar and writing thanks to outstanding ELA lessons from teachers like Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Benitez, Mrs. Urbas, Mrs. Briggs, and Mrs. Hondrum.



Does your family have a favorite fall or Halloween book? Share a book review. Mrs. Hilmer will feature your family's review (with permission from the author or publisher). Book reviews can be a short video sharing the title, book cover, and favorite part of the story or it can be written and emailed to Mrs. Hilmer. If you send an email description, please include a photo of your Monsignor Slade student(s) and the book. Older

^{**}Protocols are subject to change at any time. If a change occurs, I will provide the updated information in a future weekly update. **

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Advancement Announcements (continued):

students are welcome to participate on their own with parental permission, too. Participants will receive a Halloween treat!

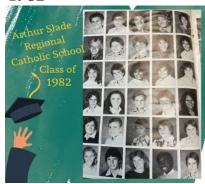
Tell your Slade story! In a short video (1 minute or less) feature Slade students, families, or alumni. Mrs. Hilmer kindly requests .mp4 or .mov format. Inspiration and instructions are available via <u>slideshow</u> or the flyer shared. For specific questions or to discuss technical difficulties when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

Seeking alumni from the following years:

1972



1982





October Photo Challenge! Even as we are social distancing and learning remotely, Monsignor Slade families can still ensure their students 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:

Spirit Night at Maria D's: Each year, the Home and School Association partners with area restaurants who offer "spirit nights" to local schools to help with fundraising. To kick off our spirit nights for this year, we have our first event scheduled for next Thursday, October 14th, at Maria D's in Glen Burnie Town Center. The event actually takes place throughout the day, beginning at 11 a.m. and running through until 8 p.m. Please see the flyer attached for further details.

The HASA Gift Wrap Sale began on Monday, October 4th, and runs through Friday, October 22nd. You should have received your 'sneak peek' catalog last week from your oldest/only child. We have also attached the parent letter from Charleston Wrap to this update. The letter includes the link to the online catalog, which features over 2,500 gift ideas, as well as information on how to share the catalog with family and friends. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the purchase of the guided reading library for our school!

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HASA Happenings (continued):

Register your spot now for Slade's first Trunk or Treat! Spaces are filling up quickly!! Consider decorating your trunk with not-so-spooky decorations and give out some candies. You can earn service hours if you decorate a trunk. All participants must be VIRTUS compliant. You can arrive at 6:00pm to prepare for the Trunk or Treat. Mrs. MacLean will direct you where to park. Please use the sign-up genius below to reserve your spot for this amazing event.



When: Friday, 29 Oct 2021 Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Monsignor Slade parking

POC: Rosa MacLean, 301-653-6097, sullydesi2003@yahoo.com

Link to sign-up for Trunk or Treat: https://www.signupgenius.com/

go/20F0C4AAAAC2EA7FB6-monsignor

Sports Section:

Basketball registration is now OPEN!!!! Please check out https://monsignor_slade.sportssignup.com/site to register. If you have any questions about the basketball program, you can email the Basketball Commissioner at msladebasketball@gmail.com.

Cheerleading registration is now OPEN! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

We are still looking for volunteers for Lacrosse Commissioner! Without a Commissioner, we will not be able to offer the program this spring. We are also in need of a Field Hockey Commissioner. If interested, please email SladeACpresident@gmail.com for more info.

Terrapin Times:

Poplar Island, in Talbot County, Maryland, is home to a variety of fish and wildlife thanks to a restoration project carried out through a partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Port Administration, and the Maryland Environmental Service (MES).

Once about 1,100 acres, it supported a human community of farmers, fishermen, and village business owners. Over time, increasing erosion drove people off the island. By the 1990s, the island's total area was only about five acres. Today, Poplar Island is about three miles long.

Named for her home, Poppy, our diamondback terrapin, is one of nearly 40 terrapins who are being raised around the state of Maryland. In later spring, she will be returned to her island to continue growing in her natural environment.



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 a disciple of Christ.

OUTSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021 7:30—12 Noon



Please meet on the parking lot. Bring your garden gloves, a rake, a shovel or handsaw. Bring your travel mug, bottled water or anything else that will jump start your morning (a snack, an i-Pod, a work buddy).

Because parents do not need to be VIRTUS compliant, CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE *NOT* ALLOWED!

Come help us make Slade shine! THANK YOU!



Slade Day/Night

at



Thursday, October 14th
11 am – 8 pm

Maria D's will be donating 20% of sales to our school. No flyer necessary. Must mention the school before ordering. Valid for carryout and dine-in orders only. You can call in your order ahead at **410-766-9850**.

111 N. Crain Highway

In the Glen Burnie Town Center (Next to Food Lion)

https://www.mariadsgb.com/

Join us for





October 23, 2021, 7:00 pm

Monsignor Slade Theater will host a night of glamorous intrigue:

A Murder Mystery Dinner Party

Relax and enjoy family-style Cajun cuisine, sweet tea, and New Orleans jazz at the posh mansion of Marshall Inglewood, Governor of Louisiana. Dinner attire is suggested and we ask that you please wear your most extravagant and decorative Mardi Gras-inspired medical mask.

However, something strange is afoot! You'll find yourself immersed in a mysterious event, so please beware as the plot unfolds!

You are invited to this extraordinary evening, which will benefit the performing arts of Monsignor Slade Catholic School. Join our initiative to update all of our performance technology to allow for 21st-century creativity.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!

Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Please send in the clip-off below to your homeroom teacher. Tickets will be delivered to you prior to the event..

Cost: \$60 per person (ages 13 years or older); we will seat tables of 8. You can also buy a whole table for \$440.

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Table x \$440 =
You may pay by check or you can choose to have the total cost added to your family's FACTS account.
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Thank you for supporting performing arts at Slade!