



WEEKLY UPDATE

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

Important News & Notes:

Family Income Survey: Final Reminder—Each year, the Maryland State Department of Education tasks the Archdiocese of Baltimore schools with collecting family income data. Historically, families have received a paper form that is filled out and returned to school. This year, the information will be collected through a secure Google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgzg7It0zs4nQXaAiWsZf9fMw0wOlm8d4ISVvKHZrW0CQ2_yQ/viewform. The information gathered through this survey is completely confidential and will assist Monsignor Slade Catholic School in receiving state textbook funding and grants. Families are asked to **complete one survey per student** enrolled in Pre-K-8th grades at Monsignor Slade. The survey takes approximately 2-4 minutes to complete, and it **must be submitted by October 15, 2020**. We appreciate your prompt attention to this very important matter.

Fall Parent Conferences: Parent conference letters were sent to all families on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, with information about your appointment date and time. Just a reminder that conferences are mandatory for parents of students in Pre-K4 through 2nd grade and all new families in grades 3-8. If your child is in grades Pre-K4 - 2, or a new student to Slade, you should have either received a printed letter (if your child is an in-person student) or an email (if your child is a remote learner). Teachers may have also requested a conference for your returning student in grade 3-8. Please respond to Mrs. Kathie Sullivan, Support Programs Coordinator, to confirm your appointment date and time. Her email address is k.sullivan@mssladeschool.com.

In addition, please be reminded that, if you did not receive a request for a conference concerning your returning student in grade 3-8, it simply means that the teacher(s) did not feel it was necessary to conference at this time; however, if you have some concerns you would like to discuss with your child's teacher(s), you may request a conference by emailing Mrs. Sullivan at k.sullivan@mssladeschool.com. The dates for parents to request a conference are Friday, October 9, through Monday, October 12th, by 3:00 p.m.

Mode-of-Learning Commitment: As a reminder, sometime during the first week of November, we will be sending out a new intent form to parents so that you can indicate whether your child will be an in-person or remote student during the second trimester, which begins November 30, 2020. All families will need to complete the intent form, whether or not your mode of learning is changing, so that we may adequately prepare classrooms to accommodate social distancing.

Temporary Remote Learning Reminder: All books and materials will be sent home for students who are designated as temporary remote learners and are required to be out several days to two weeks due to the need to quarantine until a COVID test result or alternate diagnosis is received. If a student is going to be absent for just a day or two, we ask that students and parents not request that all materials be sent

Important News & Notes (continued):

home. Students, if well enough, are still welcomed to join classes remotely. Should parents desire that their student bring home all materials nightly, students are welcomed to do that; however, Chromebooks will not be sent home on a nightly basis. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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:



Nut Allergy Reminder:

- Please avoid packing food products that contain nuts in your child's lunch. I understand that in previous years there was a nut-free table in the cafeteria to limit exposure for students with allergies, and lunches containing nuts were allowed at the other tables. However, due to COVID-19 related changes and the changing of seasons, students will be eating in classrooms consistently in the upcoming months. According to page 23 of the Parent and Student Handbook, "All K-8 classrooms in Monsignor Slade Catholic School are peanut/tree nut free. Please do not send in any peanuts, peanut butter or food containing nuts or nut products to be eaten in the classroom." We must be vigilant when it comes to allergies and protecting those who have severe reactions to nuts.

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@mssladeschool.com for travel-related absences.



From the School Nurse (continued):

- The following states have >10% positivity, as of 10/9/2020, 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:
 - Virginia
 - Florida
 - Texas
 - Arizona
 - Alabama
 - South Carolina
 - Nebraska
 - Mississippi
 - Idaho
- Please use this link to check current positivity rates for each state: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#testing_totalpercentpositive

Thank you:

- Parents, thank you for your kindness, understanding, and support this school year.
- Thank you to those who have been using the covid19@mssladeschool.com email to report symptoms and keep the school updated on their children's status. Prompt notification allows us to contact trace, limit exposure, and keep the students safe.

Advancement Announcements:

The Advancement Committee meets virtual next Tuesday, October 13, 2020. If interested in supporting recruitment, marketing, and alumni efforts for Slade, please contact c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com so that she can be sure you have log-in credentials.

Don't forget to shop **AmazonSmile** and select Monsignor Slade as your supported charity when shopping for fall decor, wardrobe updates for the new season, the perfect Halloween costume accessories or the tools to play the spookiest Halloween trick!

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 or 410-766-7130.



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: Our first fundraiser of the year has just begun! We are happy to announce the kick-off of our fundraiser with Charleston Wrap. A letter and prize brochure was sent home on Thursday, October 8th. In the letter, you will find 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. Help your family earn great prizes while getting a jump on your holiday shopping! All 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 the Sports 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 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



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.

Fall Conference Procedures

Please be reminded: Conferences for students in Pre-K4 through 2nd grade and conferences for all new students in grades 3-8 are mandatory. Conferences for returning students in grades 3-8 may be requested by either the teacher or the parent. This year, all conferences will be held virtually due to COVID-19. After all conference appointments have been confirmed, your child's teacher will contact you individually with log-on information for your scheduled conference.

1. All teacher-requested and mandatory conference dates and times will be sent home in a printed letter for in-person learners or by email for remote learners on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.
2. Please confirm/accept your scheduled conference time by email to Mrs. Kathie Sullivan, Support Programs Coordinator, at k.sullivan@mssladeschool.com by Friday, October 9, 2020.
3. Parent requests for conferences will be accepted on Friday, October 9, and Monday, October 12, 2020, for students in grades 3 through 8. These requests are to be emailed to Mrs. Sullivan at k.sullivan@mssladeschool.com no later than 3:00 p.m., on Monday, October 12th. Please be sure to state your child's full name and grade in the request.

Parents who have requested conferences will receive an emailed confirmation of their scheduled date and time by Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

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.

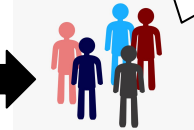
Negative COVID-19 PCR Test

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.





RAISING FUNDS TASTES GREAT!

Join us at Ledo Pizza for a
FUNDRAISER to support

Monsignor Slade

Ledo Pizza: LEDO PIZZA MILLERSVILLE
8531 VETERANS HWY
MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108

When: October 14, 2020 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Online Code: 306-159-855

(Please enter the code into the Promotion Code area at Checkout
for the organization to receive Credit)

CARRYOUT • DINE IN • ONLINE

Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone,
enter the code for online orders, or just mention
you are here to support this fundrasier and 20%
the proceeds will be donated to the organization.

Ledo
Pizza.

ORDER.LEDOPIZZA.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
(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



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!!

Charleston Wrap[®]
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.