

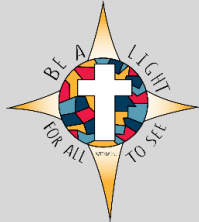


WEEKLY UPDATE

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Be a Light for All to See
Matthew 5:16

Important News & Notes:

Pivot to Virtual Learning: As a risk mitigation strategy following the Christmas Break, we will “pivot” to virtual synchronous learning on Monday, January 4th through Wednesday, January 6th. In-person learning will resume on Thursday, January 7, 2021. See letter attached from the Chancellor and Superintendent of Catholic schools, which was sent home to parents on December 17th.

Out-of-uniform day: Upon return to school on Thursday, January 7th, students may come to school out of uniform, perhaps wearing something new they received from Christmas. Please note: All out-of-uniform rules apply as indicated on pp.46-47 in the Parent & Student Handbook.

Patriot’s Pen Essay Writing Contest - Update: Last week, we shared the names of our VFW Patriot’s Pen contest school-level winners. The VFW has contacted us to share that we have additional winners at the Post and District level. Congratulations to Jayden Aleman (1st) and Alaina Whay (3rd) who won at the Post 160 level. Congratulations to Jayden Aleman (1st) and David Fritz (3rd) who won at the District #6 level. They will soon be receiving additional awards from the VFW. Jayden’s essay will now move on to the Department level for judging. Good luck, Jayden!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - Winners: The Knights of Columbus have announced the school-level winners of their annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.

Grades K-2:

1. Sydney Herbert

Grades 3-5:

1. Kara Mehta
2. Aria Stewart
3. Giada Jordan

Grades 6-8:

1. Isabelle Salazar
2. Allison Mehta
3. Zoey Greene

Congratulations to all the winners who will be receiving certificates. The first place winners’ posters will be forwarded to the Maryland State Poster Competition for judging. Good luck to Sydney, Kara, and Isabelle! Virtual students’ certificates can be picked up at the front office during school hours.

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.

Honor Roll Update: Congratulations to sixth-grader Liam San Jose who earned Principal’s Honor Roll (all As) for the first trimester. Liam was inadvertently omitted from the honor roll list published in last week’s update. Great job, Liam! Keep up the good work!

Weekly Update: Please be reminded that there will not be weekly updates sent out over the next two weeks. The next weekly update will be sent home on Friday, January 8th.

From the School Nurse:



New Public Health Advisory to Limit Gatherings to 10 or Less:

- The Maryland Department of Health issued a public health advisory warning Marylanders against all non-essential activities and holiday gatherings with people outside one’s immediate household. Under this advisory, all Marylanders should refrain from attending public and private gatherings of more than 10 people in one location and should practice physical distancing to the maximum extent possible.

Expanded Testing and Quarantine Requirements for Travel:

- The governor issued an emergency order requiring Marylanders to limit all travel to essential purposes only. All Marylanders who do travel outside of Maryland or any individuals who do travel to Maryland must either obtain a negative COVID-19 test result or self-quarantine for 10 days. This applies to all states, with the exception of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC.

Advancement Announcements:

Enrollment:

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.

Re-registration will open again after Christmas break. If you have any questions about the process or regarding enrollment for the coming year, 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. Please pardon the incorrect deadline shared in last week’s update; priority will be given to siblings of current students only if an application is submitted on or before January 30, 2021, not February 1, 2021, as previously stated.

Community Building:

LAST CALL for Slade Spirit! What’s missing from COMMUNITY? You!
Celebrate your Slade Spirit--display a yard sign at your home, business, or neighbor-



Advancement Announcements (continued):

hood. The Advancement Committee is ordering lawn signs to celebrate Monsignor Slade's reopening and draw attention to our school for the upcoming recruitment season. [Complete this Google poll to request a sign or signs.](#) You may also share the poll with grandparents or godparents who may enjoy supporting the school.

Development:

A Message from the Advancement Committee: In July, we kicked off Monsignor Slade's 2021 Annual Fund. Our goal is to have 100% participation from Slade families which will benefit us as we seek grants and awards elsewhere. Thank you to those who participated on GivingTuesday. There's still time to give and gifts can be restricted as the donor wishes. Each gift and every donor matters. Pledge or contribute online before the end of the year; your donation is tax-deductible. We prayerfully ask that families give as generously as they are able and that every family participates. As always, thank you for all you do to #SupportSlade!

Fun for the Family!

December Photo Challenge! Submit your photos via social media or to c.hilmer@mssladeschool.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.



December 17, 2020

Dear Monsignor Slade Catholic School Families,

As we reflect on the first half of the 20-21 school year, we are truly thankful for our ability to offer both in-person and virtual instruction to our students. We are especially grateful to our outstanding faculty and staff who have worked so tirelessly to deliver a quality Catholic education to our in-person and remote learners, while ensuring safety and social distancing protocols are adhered to. Their dedication and commitment demonstrates the outstanding caliber of educators here at Monsignor Slade Catholic School and in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The well-being of our students, faculty and staff remains our top priority. We have been vigilant in our commitment to proper safety measures, transparent communication, and responsibly adapting to emerging circumstances. **As a risk mitigation strategy following the Christmas Break, we will “pivot” to virtual synchronous learning on Monday, January 4th through Wednesday, January 6th.**

We realize this announcement may cause an inconvenience for your family, but hope you understand the necessity. It is important that we take this extra measure to allow for monitoring of potential symptoms and, if necessary, time to secure evidence of appropriate COVID 19 test results. We continue to be thankful for you, our educational partners, and to our faculty and staff for their commitment to Catholic Education.

Wishing You a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year,

Jim Sellinger
Chancellor of Education
Archdiocese of Baltimore

Donna Hargens
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Archdiocese of Baltimore

Celebrating Winter Holidays

Accessible version: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/winter.html>



Everyone Can Make Winter Holidays Safer

- Celebrating virtually or with the people you live with is the safest choice this winter.
- Stay home or cancel your gathering if you or someone who lives with you is sick or has been near someone who thinks they have or had COVID-19.
- If you do gather with people who don't live with you, outdoors events are safer than indoor events.

Wear a mask

- Wear a mask indoors and outdoors.
- In cold weather, wear your mask under your scarf, ski mask, or balaclava.
- Keep a spare mask in case your mask becomes wet from moisture in your breath or from snow or rain.



Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you

- Stay 6 feet apart from others, indoors or outdoors.
- Remember, people without symptoms or with a recent negative test result can still spread COVID-19 to others.

Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated indoor spaces

- Avoid crowds and indoors spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors. If indoors, bring in fresh air by opening windows and doors.

Wash your hands

- Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer.

Get a flu shot as soon as possible

- Getting a flu shot can help stop the spread of flu and lower hospital visits and serious health problems from flu.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Attending a Winter Holiday Celebration

Make celebrations safer by following the steps that everyone can take and take these additional steps.

- Plan ahead. Talk with the host about expectations.
- Bring your own food, drinks, plates, cups, and utensils.
- Avoid shouting or singing.

Hosting a Winter Holiday Celebration

If having guests to your home, be sure they follow steps that everyone can take to make celebrations safer. Steps you can take include:

- Plan ahead. Have conversations with guests to set expectations.
- Limit the number of guests.
- Provide unused masks for guests and ask everyone to wear them inside and outside.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between uses.
- If celebrating indoors, make sure to open windows.
- Have a separate space for guests to wash their hands or provide hand sanitizer.



Food and Drink at Holiday Celebrations

Food traditions are a part of many holiday celebrations. There is no evidence that handling or eating food spreads COVID-19, but always follow food safety practices. Make sure to:

- Use single-use options, like salad dressing and condiment packets, and disposable items like plates and utensils.
- Avoid sharing food and utensils with people who don't live with you.
- Use a touchless garbage can, if available.

Winter Holiday Travel

Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. **If you do travel**

- Check travel restrictions before you go.
- Get your flu shot before you travel.
- Always wear a mask in public settings and on public transportation.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from anyone who does not live with you.
- Consider getting a viral test 1-3 days before your trip, as well as 3-5 days afterward.
- Reduce [non-essential activities](#) for 7 days after traveling, even if your test is negative.
- If you don't get tested, consider reducing non-essential activities for 10 days.



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	1	2
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS SCHOOL CLOSED					
3	4 Virtual Classes resume for all students	5	6	7 In-person learners return to school Out-of-uniform Day Students may wear something new from Christmas	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Scantron Testing—Grades 2-8					
		Advancement Committee Meeting. 6:30 p.m.	Athletic Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m.		Interims distributed for Pre-K3—Gr. 2 Brown Bag Breakfasts Gr. Pre-K4 & Kdg.	
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day SCHOOL CLOSED	19	20	21	22	23
		Scantron Testing—Grades 2-7				
		8th Grade Mid-Term Exams				
24	25	26 Individual Picture Day Gr. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Edu-Care 2-yr-olds	27 Individual Picture Day Pre-K4, Kdg., 6, 7, 8 and Edu-Care 3-yr-olds	28	29 Tuition Assistance Out-of-uniform Day \$2 per student	30
31 Virtual Open House for Prospective Families 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.						