



# WEEKLY UPDATE

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
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## Next week's calendar:

- Sunday, December 4, 2022
- Christmas at Slade, 9am-1pm
- Monday, December 5, 2022
- Merry Mondays #1, Ugly Christmas sweater
  - Christmas pageant rehearsal, Scene 7-11, 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 6, 2022
- Book Fair begins
  - Christmas pageant 6th & 7th grade helpers practice, 2:45-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 7, 2022
- Book Fair continues
  - No Christmas pageant rehearsal today
- Thursday, December 8, 2022
- Last day for Book Fair
  - In-school Mass
  - Christmas pageant rehearsal for all cast members (no middle school helpers) 2:45-4 pm
- Friday, December 9, 2022
- Honor Roll Assembly
  - Fall Sports Assembly
  - Christmas pageant rehearsal for all cast members and middle school helpers, 2:45-4pm
- Saturday, December 10, 2022
- MSCS presents *A Christmas Pageant*, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



**Super Slades**  
Week of 12/05/22-12/09/22

**Top Row:** Maddie Turnboo, Ryann Weatherstein, Owen Macey, Efosa Ede-Osifo

**Bottom Row:** Kooper Mundell, Karen Ramirez, J.J. Hernandez, Nick Venturella

**Not pictured:** Reese Kearney

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### Important News & Notes:

**Aluminum Drink Can Recycling:** Our Green School Club is reviving Slade's aluminum can recycling program to raise money so that we can purchase a birdbath for our butterfly garden. Twice a month on Fridays, beginning on **December 9, 2022**, we will be collecting aluminum cans. To participate in donating, please bag your washed and crushed aluminum drink cans for donation and bring them to the carport at morning drop off. Please start saving your cans to donate to us!



**Thank you, Slade families!** Thanks to the generosity of our families, this year's Apopka collection was a huge success! The Student Council packed up all the items yesterday, and Southwest Airlines came this morning to pick up **19 boxes of toys!!!** They are now on their way to Apopka, Florida, and should arrive by 4 p.m. this afternoon. The volunteers at Hope Community Center in Florida will soon be filling the shelves of their Christmas store. A huge 'thank you' to Southwest Airlines for complimentary shipment and to the Glen Burnie U-Store for donation of shipping boxes. Thank you for your generosity in this worthy project.



**Happy Helpers for the Homeless:** A big 'thank you' to our 7th & 8th grade families for your generous 'bag a breakfast' donations to Happy Helpers for the Homeless. Your generosity is much appreciated, especially considering the cold months ahead. We are happy to have had 134 breakfasts to donate this month. Many thanks to the parent volunteer committee for collecting and delivering our 'Bag a Breakfast' donations this morning. As always, we are most grateful for your help!

**Slade's Christmas Pageant (Charlie Brown) ticket reservation information:** We invite you to attend Monsignor Slade's *A Christmas Pageant* with your family. The performances will be held on Saturday, December 10th, beginning at 11 a.m.

To reserve tickets online, please use the following link:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/mssladeschool/christmaspageant>

We hope to see you there!

**Art Department request:** Since the calendar year is winding down, Mrs. D'Anna thought it might be a good time to request your donations of old wall calendars that include photos and/or illustrations to use in the art room. The children use the pictures for a variety of art projects throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

**Slade Christmas Book Fair:** The book fair will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week, December 6-8. See the attached flyers for more information.

**Christmas at Slade/Breakfast with Santa:** It's not too late to purchase tickets. You can find the link under the HASA Happenings section of this update.

**Merry Mondays begin next week!** See the details of how your child can participate under the HASA Happenings section!



## From the School Nurse:

### Fall Illnesses:

- Respiratory illnesses have been on the rise for the past few weeks. Please review the charts for important information regarding influenza, COVID-19, and RSV. If your child is diagnosed with any of the previously mentioned illnesses, please notify the school nurse at [j.albaugh@mssladeschool.com](mailto:j.albaugh@mssladeschool.com).

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## Advancement Announcements:

### Enrollment

Thank you! Our CyberMonday re-registration sale was a success! If you took advantage of discounted early re-registration on Monday, thank you! In one day, your commitment helped us to reach more than 75% retention for the 2023 - 2024 school year!

### Development

Thank you to all who supported Slade on #GivingTuesday; you were part of raising almost \$8,000 dollars via our GivingTuesday campaign. Your donations to our annual fund are vital for us to provide the most engaging opportunities for our students. If you have not yet supported Monsignor Slade's 2023 annual fund, remember all deductions are tax-deductible. There's still time to make a donation before the end of the year. [Give online](#) or via the My School Wallet app.

### Community Building

#### Holiday Prep!

As we all begin to prepare for and enjoy holiday festivities, please remember to scan your receipts with the BoxTops app and shop via [AmazonSmile](#), Weis4Schools (link code **87898** to your Weis loyalty card), or Office Depot GivesBack to Schools! This year, our teachers each have Amazon wish lists available via Monsignor Slade's [AmazonSmile](#) profile.

### Alumni Outreach

Seeking Class Agents for:

Holy Trinity School Classes of **1963 & 1973**

A.S.R.C.S. Classes of **1983 & 1993**

Monsignor Slade Classes of **2003 & 2013**

Please encourage alumni you know in the Slade community to contact Mrs. Hilmer via phone or email. She can be reached at 410-766-7130 or [c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com).



**Call for Nominations!** Monsignor Slade Catholic School will be accepting nominations for our Distinguished Graduate Award to be presented during Catholic Schools Week. Please nominate a deserving alumnus today using this link: <https://bit.ly/SladeDistinguishedGrad>

## HASA Happenings:

**Christmas at Slade: It's finally here!** Our annual Christmas at Slade/Breakfast with Santa event is happening this **Sunday, December 4th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Tickets for breakfast are still available through 12 noon on Saturday, December 3rd at:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/msladeschool/christmasslade>.



Even if you missed the opportunity to purchase breakfast tickets, you can still participate. There will be reindeer games, Santa's Secret Shoppe, the Basket Raffle and many other ways to have fun. **Please be sure to bring some spending cash** so you can purchase game tickets, buy items from the secret shop, or take a few chances in the basket raffle. Items can also be paid through the MySchoolWallet app as well, barring any technical problems. The basket raffle will take place at the end of the event. You need not be present to win. We hope to see you there!!

**It's not too late for your child to participate in our holiday fun during the Home and School Association's Merry Mondays.!** The merriment will begin this Monday, December 5th. Just send in \$5 per child on Monday, and your child(ren) can come to school wearing the various Christmas-themed items as follows: December 5 - "Ugly" Christmas sweater (wear your favorite Christmas sweater with the school uniform - no music-

playing sweaters, please), December 12 - Holiday Bling (wear holiday headbands or bows, Christmas socks, Christmas ties, holiday jewelry, light-up necklaces, etc.), and December 19 - Christmas Pajamas (wear your favorite Christmas pajama pants with a sweatshirt top).



We are proud to sponsor this fundraiser with all proceeds going to Happy Helpers for the Homeless. This organization is aiding so many homeless families in the area, including over 160 children!! Last year, the money raised by our Merry Mondays was used to purchase coats, blankets, and small toys for the children. Let's help make their Christmas a little brighter again this year!

## Sports Section:



**Lacrosse Registration** is now OPEN until January 15th for boys and girls teams. Please register now to confirm you have a spot on the team. Register here: <https://sladesports.sportngin.com>

**Check out our Slade spirit wear!!** All of our sports are available, and we even have Slade Athletics gear for those with multi-sport athletes.

Get your Slade Athletics gear here:

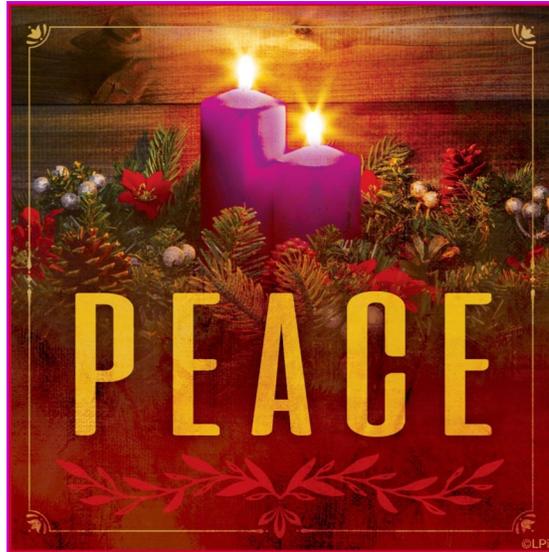
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## Terrapin Times:

Chessie has returned from her Thanksgiving vacation at Mrs. Slaton's house. Here is a short video of Chessie reacquainting herself with her tank:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MmOptnuBC4C1vzpbxm8yx5rumQ\\_VloD7/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MmOptnuBC4C1vzpbxm8yx5rumQ_VloD7/view?usp=share_link)



### A Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus, Master of both light and darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do  
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things  
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways  
long for the complete joy of your Kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy  
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking  
the light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

-Father Henri JM Nouwen



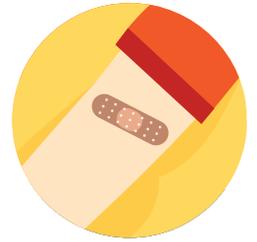
### Mission Statement

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.



# The Flu:

## A Guide for Parents



Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that between 6,000 and 26,000 children younger than 5 years have been hospitalized each year in the United States because of influenza. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

### What parents should know

#### How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

#### How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

#### What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.



### Protect your child

#### How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

#### Is flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

#### What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- **A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick.** When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.
- **Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu.** One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.

- **Flu vaccine can prevent your child from dying from flu.**  
A study using data from recent flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with high risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.
- **Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.**
- **Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others** who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.

## What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible to keep from getting sick yourself. If you or your child are sick, avoid others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Also, remember to regularly cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. These everyday actions can help reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you are sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness.

## If your child is sick

### What can I do if my child gets sick?

**Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.**

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is 5 years or older and does not have a long-term health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

Children younger than 5 years of age – especially those younger than 2 years – and children with certain long-term health problems (including asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at high risk of serious flu complications. Call your doctor or take your child to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.

### What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs, you should go to the emergency room:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish lips or face

- Ribs pulling in with each breath
- Chest pain
- Severe muscle pain (child refuses to walk)
- Dehydration (no urine for 8 hours, dry mouth, no tears when crying)
- Not alert or interacting when awake
- Seizures
- Fever above 104°F
- In children less than 12 weeks, any fever
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions



This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptom that is severe or concerning.

### Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first 2 days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at high risk of serious flu complications who get flu symptoms. Antivirals can be given to children and pregnant women.

### How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 5 to 7 days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

### Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

### When can my child go back to school after having flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C)\* or higher.

\*Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number can vary depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person.



# COVID vs Flu vs. Common Cold vs. RSV: What You Need to Know

VIRUS	LEVEL OF INFECTIVITY	TIME FROM EXPOSURE TO INFECTION	SYMPTOMS	PREVALENCE IN CHILDREN	VACCINE AVAILABILITY
 <p><b>COMMON COLD</b> <i>Rhinovirus</i></p>	<p>Less contagious</p> <p>Symptomatic individuals shed the virus during the first 2 to 3 days of infection.</p>	2 to 3 days	<p>Cough</p> <p>Low-grade fever</p> <p>Sneezing</p> <p>Sore throat</p> <p>Stuffy nose</p>	<p>Common</p> <p>Most children experience 2 to 4 colds per year; frequently associated with asthma exacerbations.</p>	None
 <p><b>SEASONAL INFLUENZA</b> <i>Influenza virus (A and B)</i></p>	<p>Contagious</p> <p>Viral shedding occurs 24 hours before symptoms appear, peaking around day 3 of illness.</p>	1 to 4 days	<p>Body aches</p> <p>Chills</p> <p>Cough</p> <p>Fatigue</p> <p>Fever</p> <p>Headache</p> <p>Sore throat</p> <p>Stuffy nose</p>	<p>Common</p> <p>Children younger than 2 are at highest risk for more severe disease.</p>	Multiple approved
 <p><b>COVID-19</b> <i>Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)</i></p>	<p>More contagious</p> <p>Viral shedding occurs 2 to 3 days before symptoms appear, peaking around day 3 of illness. However, there can be viral shedding without ever developing symptoms.</p>	2 to 14 days	<p>Body aches</p> <p>Chills</p> <p>Cough</p> <p>Diarrhea</p> <p>Fatigue</p> <p>Fever</p> <p>Headache</p> <p>Loss of smell/taste</p> <p>Nausea/vomiting</p> <p>Shortness of breath</p> <p>Stuffy/runny nose</p>	<p>Becoming more common, and asymptomatic children are possible</p> <p>Typically children have mild symptoms, and rarely they develop multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) weeks after a SARS-CoV-2 infection.</p>	<p>Two- and three-dose vaccine approved for ages 6 months–4 years</p> <p>Two-dose vaccine and booster approved for ages 5 and older</p> <p>Multiple vaccines and boosters approved for adults</p>
 <p><b>RSV</b> <i>Respiratory syncytial virus</i></p>	<p>Very contagious</p> <p>Symptoms can last 7 to 10 days, but some kids can develop a cough that takes up to six weeks to clear</p>	4 to 6 days	<p>Cough</p> <p>Runny nose</p> <p>Sneezing</p> <p>Fever</p> <p>Wheezing</p>	<p>Common</p> <p>Infants are at high risk for severe disease, including pneumonia or bronchiolitis, an inflammation of the small airways in the lungs.</p>	None



Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from

**Tuesday, December 6, to Thursday, December 8** in the MPR.

The Book Fair will also be open after school on Tuesday and Wednesday until 3:30.

### **Please come and visit with your child!**

Parents of younger students are encouraged to visit the Book Fair with their child during their class visit scheduled time.

Teachers will notify the parents of their class visit time and a schedule will be posted on the Parent Update as soon as the teacher sign up is completed.

### **Need Service Hours?**

We are in need of help! Please sign up here: [December Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#), or contact Mrs. Abrams at the email address below. You must be Virtus compliant to volunteer.

### **eWallet**

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. **Parents that have an eWallet balance will be contacted by Scholastic explaining how to transfer your balance to the current Book Fair.**

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mscs>

Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,  
Mrs. Abrams  
[l.abrams@mmladeschool.com](mailto:l.abrams@mmladeschool.com).





# Book Fair Schedule

December 6, 7, 8



➔ Parents may attend with their child during the scheduled class

Grade	Homeroom	Teacher	Day/Time
PK4	109	Mrs. Cameron	12/6 Tuesday 9:45-10:15
PK4	107	Mrs. Padencov	12/6 Tuesday 9:45-10:15
K	108	Ms. Kilkelly	12/7 Wednesday 9:45-10:15
K	106	Mrs. McFarlane	12/6 Tuesday 9:45-10:15
1	103	Miss Palazzo	12/7 Wednesday 9:15-9:45
1	102	Mrs. Fertetta	12/8 Thursday 8:15-8:45
2	206	Mrs. Wolfrey	12/7 Wednesday 11:15-11:45
2	204	Mr. Carter	12/7 Wednesday 10:15-10:45
3	208	Mrs. Ogilvie	12/6 Tuesday 1:15-1:45
3	210	Mrs. Winter	12/8 Thursday 8:45-9:15
4	310	Mrs. Fuecker	12/7 Wednesday 8:45-9:15
4	308	Mrs. Davis	12/8 Thursday 9:15-9:45
5	307	Mrs. Herbert	12/8/22 Thursday 1:15-1:45
5	306	Mrs. Johnson	12/6 Tuesday 9:45-10:15
6G		Mrs. Urbas	12/6 Tuesday 10:45-11:15
6W		Mrs. Lemanski	12/7 Wednesday 8:15-8:45
7G		Mrs. Urbas	12/6 Tuesday 12:15-12:45
7W		Mrs. Hondrum	12/6 Tuesday 9:45-10:15
8Y		Mrs. Hondrum	12/7 Wednesday 12:45-1:15
8G		Mrs. Hondrum	12/7 Wednesday 1:15-1:45