



# WEEKLY UPDATE

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## Next week's calendar:

Monday, December 6, 2021:

- Merry Monday - Wear an 'ugly' Christmas sweater w/ uniform (no musical sweaters)
- Charlie Brown dress rehearsal, 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021:

- In-School Mass

Thursday, December 9, 2021:

- Charlie Brown dress rehearsal, 2:45-4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 10, 2021:

- Honor Roll Assembly

Saturday, December 11, 2021:

- A Charlie Brown Christmas, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.



## Super Slades Week of 12/06/21-12/10/21

Griffin Perry - Responsibility  
Agder Colon-Cruz - Responsibility  
Daniel Landestoy - Hard Work  
Kendall Parks - Cooperation  
Tyler Ferguson - Hard Work

Not pictured:

Nora Herdeman - Responsibility

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## Important News & Notes:

**Thank you!** 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 the boxes. They were flown to Apopka, Florida, and should arrive by 3 p.m. this afternoon. The volunteers at Hope Community Center will soon be filling the shelves of their Christmas store. Thank you for answering the call to serve others! Your faithfulness will help so many to have a joyous Christmas!



**Happy Helpers for the Homeless:** Thank you to our 7th & 8th grade families for your generous 'bag a breakfast' donations to Happy Helpers for the Homeless. We are happy to have had 131 breakfasts to donate this month. Many thanks to Mrs. Rosa MacLean and Mrs. Bethany Butters for collecting our 'Bag a Breakfast' donations this morning, and also to the Brack family for delivering the donations to the Happy Helpers headquarters in Halethorpe. We really appreciate your help!

**Early Dismissal Policy:** All early dismissal requests must be made in writing by the parent/guardian, either by a handwritten note delivered in the morning to the homeroom teacher in the child's take-home folder, or emailed from the parent/guardian's email addressed to the child's homeroom teacher and [absences@msladeschool.com](mailto:absences@msladeschool.com). The teacher will notify the receptionist of where the student will be at the time of pickup.

Included in this request for early dismissal should be the time of dismissal and the person's name that is picking up. The person responsible for pickup will need to show a driver's license to the front office and sign the early dismissal log. After this process is completed, the child will be called from the classroom.

For your convenience, we have sent home an excuse pad today with your oldest/only student. These notepads are designed to aid in writing a quick note to your child's teacher. They can be used for early dismissal, as well as late arrival, notes about homework, etc. We hope that they will prove to be useful for your family.

**Calendar Changes:** The Archdiocese has granted all schools the ability to convert three full days to half days in order to provide more professional and wellness development time for teachers and staff. Parents, please note the following changes to our academic calendar:

- Tuesday, December 21st - 12:15 dismissal. PreK-2 and PreK-3 classes will also dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Extended Care is closed.
- Friday, February 4th - 12:15 dismissal for grades PreK-4-8th grades only.
- Thursday, April 14th - 12:15 dismissal. PreK-2 and PreK-3 classes will also dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Extended Care is closed.

**Hallow - Catholic Meditation:** If you are looking for an app to find peace, sleep better, pray more, and deepen your relationship with God, check out Hallow, the #1 app for Catholic Meditation & Prayer. Hallow is running a special for a limited time in which you can unlock all of Hallow's features with a three-month trial subscription. What a perfect time to try it out for Advent to help you connect with your friends, family, prayer group, parish, & community to share prayers, intentions, or journal reflections and grow together in your faith.



## Important News & Notes (continued):

**Help Wanted:** The MSCS Maintenance Department is looking for a full-time/part-time assistant to the Facilities Director. Full-time hours are Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Part-time hours to be negotiated. No experience necessary, however, a high school diploma is required. Any experience in maintenance work or in a trade is a plus! The full-time position is benefit eligible. Hourly salary is commensurate with experience. If you know someone who might be interested, please call Mr. Lee at 443-889-0698.

### From the School Nurse:



#### NEW COVID-19 GUIDELINES AS OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021:

- **New modified quarantine option for unvaccinated students who are exposed to a positive classmate while both students are properly and consistently masked.**
  - Test-to-stay option:
    - ◆ If asymptomatic, close contacts may continue to remain in school as long as they are tested on days 1, 3, 5, and 7 following exposure. The exposed student(s) should continue to wear a mask in school settings and monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
    - ◆ Testing will be performed at school using the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag CARD.
    - ◆ Consent is required for all testing at school.
    - ◆ If the close contact student becomes symptomatic, they will need to remain home and receive a COVID-19 PCR test.
    - ◆ This option does not apply to unmasked contacts, or contact with positive adults, family members, or other children outside of the school building.
- **Other options for unvaccinated students:**
  - Test on day 5, return day 8:
    - ◆ If asymptomatic, students are able to receive a PCR test on day 5 after exposure and return to school on day 8.
    - ◆ Monitor for symptoms for a full 14 days after exposure.
  - Quarantine for 10 days, no testing required if asymptomatic.
    - ◆ Monitor for symptoms for a full 14 days after exposure.
- If the student is fully vaccinated (2 weeks after the second dose in their COVID-19 vaccination series), they must receive a COVID-19 PCR test between day 5-7 but may remain in school if asymptomatic.
- The 10-day isolation period for individuals positive with COVID-19 has not changed.

#### TRAVEL GUIDANCE:

- **Domestic Travel:**
  - Currently there are no specific restrictions, testing or quarantine requirements relative to domestic travel being required by the CDC or the State of Maryland.
  - Domestic travel includes travel to any destination within the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and all U.S. possessions and territories.
- **International Travel:**
  - For those planning international travel, you are referred to the guidance offered by the CDC regarding preparations for and returning from international travel. Please carefully review the following webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

## From the School Nurse (continued):

- Specifically with regard to returning from international travel, you are referred to the section on the above referenced webpage entitled “After Arrival in the United States”. Those returning from international travel are expected to comply with the following guidance issued by the CDC:
  - **ALL International Travelers**
    - ◆ Get tested with a COVID-19 viral test 3-5 days after travel.
    - ◆ Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
    - ◆ Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements after travel.
  - **If the traveler is not fully vaccinated, in addition to the testing guidance above the individual must comply with the following requirements:**
    - ◆ Stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if you test negative at 3-5 days.
    - ◆ If you don’t get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- As a reminder, the above protocols are subject to change if there are changes with regard to the spread of virus. If changes are required, families will be updated. However, families must comply with the guidance in force at the time of travel.

## 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 2022 - 2023 school year!

Please remember! Priority of Admission will apply to all new students. Priority will be given to siblings of current students only if an application is submitted on or before January 28, 2022.

### Development:

Thank you to all who supported Slade on #GivingTuesday. By your generosity, we collected \$8,170.61 on this day. 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 2022 annual fund, remember all deductions are tax-deductible. There’s still time to make a donation before the end of the year. Give online: [bit.ly/SupportSlade](https://bit.ly/SupportSlade)

### Community Building:

Show your Slade Spirit! **What’s missing from COMM\_NITY? You!** Celebrate your Slade Spirit--display a yard sign at your home, business, or neighborhood. The Advancement Committee is ordering lawn signs to publicize Slade’s 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.

### 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](#) or Office Depot GivesBack to Schools! This year, our teachers each have Amazon wishlists available via Monsignor Slade’s [AmazonSmile profile](#).

## Advancement Announcements (continued):

### Alumni Outreach:

Seeking Class Agents for:

Holy Trinity School Classes of **1962 & 1972**

A.S.R.C.S. Classes of **1982 & 1992**

Monsignor Slade Classes of **2002 & 2012**

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@msladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@msladeschool.com).

**December Photo Challenge!** Send your submissions to [c.hilmer@msladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@msladeschool.com)  
We cannot wait to see what you share!



## HASA Happenings:



**HASA Giving Tree:** The annual HASA “Christmas Giving Tree,” where teachers have the opportunity to write ‘wishes’ on little paper ornaments and parents can come in and select an item from the tree to purchase as a gift from their child, is still on hold this year due to on-going COVID restrictions. Instead, teachers will post a link to an Amazon Wish List on their homework site, Google classroom or in their weekly email/newsletter to parents. You may also find the teachers’ wish lists through Amazon Smile; just look for Monsignor Slade. Pre-K2 and Pre-K3 teachers will post the wish list link in their weekly newsletter.

All gifts purchased through Amazon should be sent directly to the teacher at the school address (MSCS, 120 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061). There is a gift message section on the Amazon order page so that you can send a note from your family/child. Thank you in advance for your participation in this “virtual” Christmas Giving Tree. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year!

## Sports Section:

### Need Volunteer Hours???

The Athletic Council still needs to fill the Lacrosse Commissioner position this year! Without a Commissioner, we will not be able to offer the lacrosse program this Spring. We also need to fill the Field Hockey Commissioner and the Athletic Council President for next school year. All interested parties should email [SladeACpresident@gmail.com](mailto:SladeACpresident@gmail.com) for more info.



## Terrapin Times:

Measurement	September 29, 2021	December 3, 2021
Weight (grams)	14g	48g
Carapace Length (mm)	32.2mm	60.7mm
Plastron Length (mm)	26.4mm	52.6mm
Shell Height (mm)	15.6mm	27.4mm
Shell Width (mm)	29.1mm	50.7mm



Currently, Poppy is the largest of the 38 terrapins that are spread among schools across the state of Maryland. Because of her growth, she will soon have liver and live fish introduced into her diet.

### 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.

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2. Seamlessly check out and get eGift cards and use reloaded money faster by securely paying online with a bank account or credit card.

**The last order for physical cards to be received before Christmas will be placed on Monday 12/13. Please get your orders in before then and beat the rush!! If you have any questions please contact Jonathan at [MSCS.Scrips@gmail.com](mailto:MSCS.Scrips@gmail.com)**

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Apopka toy drive ends In-school High School Placement Test—Gr. 8, 8:15-11 a.m.  Spirit Night at Italia's Corner Café, 4-9 p.m.	2 Apopka toys prepared for shipment	3 Apopka toys shipped Brown Bag Breakfasts - Gr. 7 & 8  Student Snack Sale Progress Reports emailed	4 Parent Cleaning Day (Rescheduled from 11/06/21)
5	6 Merry Monday #1 Ugly Christmas sweater (Wear w/Uniform)	7	8 In-school Mass	9	10 Honor Roll Assembly	11
	CHRISTMAS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR					A Charlie Brown Christmas 12:00-3:00 p.m.
	Charlie Brown Rehearsal 2:45-4:00 p.m.		Charlie Brown Rehearsal 2:45-3:45 p.m.	Charlie Brown Rehearsal 2:45-4:00 p.m.		
12	13 Merry Monday #2 Holiday Bling (Holiday accessories)  Aladdin Spring Musical Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14  Showchoir Rehearsal 2:45-3:45 p.m.	15 Showchoir & Band Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m. Livestreaming & Ticketed Event—2 tickets per family	16 In-school Showchoir & Band Concert  Aladdin auditions, Grades 6-8 2:45-4:30 p.m.	17 Tuition Assistance Out-of-uniform Day \$2 per student	18
19	20 Merry Monday #3 Christmas Pajamas (Pajama pants & sweatshirt)  Aladdin Call-backs 2:45-5:00 p.m.	21 Last day of school before Christmas holidays (Students may wear Christmas and/or red & green attire) Dismissal 12:15 p.m.	22	23 Aladdin cast list posted	24	25
			CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS SCHOOL CLOSED			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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