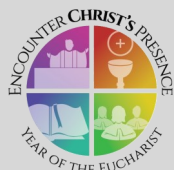




WEEKLY UPDATE

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Next week's calendar:

Monday, February 14, 2022:

- Happy Valentine's Day! ♥
- Aladdin rehearsal, 2:50-4:00 p.m., Auditorium

Tuesday, February 15, 2022:

- Aladdin Rehearsal, 2:50-4:00 p.m., Auditorium

Wednesday, February 16, 2022:

- HALF-DAY, Dismissal 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 17, 2022:

- In-school Mass, 10:00 a.m., Auditorium

Important News & Notes:

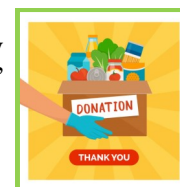
Letter from the Archdiocese: All families should have received a communication from Mr. Jim Sellinger, Chancellor of Education, and Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent, today. The letter is attached for your convenience. See the information listed below in the "From the School Nurse" section for further details about this new policy.

Social Ministry Convocation: Each year the Baltimore Committee of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) sponsors a Social Ministry Convocation. This year's Convocation is entitled "50 Years of CCHD: Rooted in Justice" and will be held VIRTUALLY on Saturday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Bruce Lewandowski. The Convocation will feature nine workshops (offered twice), a social ministry fair, and an awards ceremony. Please see the attached flier for complete information.



Paul's Place Winter Project: Slade is partnering with Paul's Place on Ward Street in Baltimore City for our winter service project. They are in desperate need of NEW Men's and Women's underwear, undershirts, and socks in all adult sizes, as well as gently used blankets/comforters. This service project will continue through the month of February. Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission to serve others.

A big 'Thank you' to all of our families who contributed so generously to the St. Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry during Catholic Schools' Week. The volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul were very excited to see such a large amount of donated items. Rest assured that your contributions have made quite a difference!!



Super Slades Week of 2/14/22-2/18/22

Harlow Patilano - Respect
Elliana Meulemans - Hard Work
Genevieve Penafiel - Responsibility
Pape Bado - Self-knowledge
Addison Jun - Hard Work
Timothy Arthur - Hard Work

From the School Nurse:

COVID-19 Updates (as of 2/11/22)

Masking:

- Masking will now be a parental choice.
- It is the parents' responsibility to speak with their child about continuously masking throughout the school day if they want their child to be masked.
- School staff and school administrators will not be responsible for enforcing masking.
- Students exhibiting COVID-like symptoms will be required to put on a mask upon arrival to the health room.
- With the removal of the masking mandate for Monsignor Slade, it is to be expected that students will contract other illnesses that are prevalent in the winter months such as strep throat, influenza, RSV, etc. These illnesses also present with the same symptoms as COVID-19. It is recommended that if your child becomes ill, you should consult your doctor regarding testing in addition to COVID-19 testing.

From the School Nurse (continued):

COVID-19

Protocols:

- Protocols concerning symptomatic children and family members have NOT changed.
- **Please continue to monitor your child(ren) each day for ANY ONE of the following:**
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

If your child has any of the previously listed symptoms, please keep them home and alert the health room by phone at 410-766-7130 OR by email at covid19@mssladeschool.com.

- Students exhibiting ANY of the previously listed symptoms will be sent home from school.
- Students exhibiting ANY of the previously listed symptoms are required to get an alternative diagnosis from a physician (strep, flu, RSV, ear infection, etc.) OR a negative COVID-19 PCR test.
- We do not accept home test results unless they are positive. If your child is experiencing symptoms and you received a negative result on a home test, they must seek outside PCR testing or an alternative diagnosis.
- If a family member has any of the symptoms on the list, please keep your child home (if they are unvaccinated) until you receive a negative COVID test or alternative diagnosis for the family member. If the student is vaccinated, they are able to remain in school but must be masked.

Close Contact Information

- **Due to parental choice masking, schools will not be performing in-school contact tracing beginning 2/14/22. Parents will still be notified of positive cases in the grade level, but will not be notified of any close contact designation.**
- If an individual is exposed to COVID-19 and is identified as a close contact by the health department or other health officials, they must remain masked in school for the remainder of their quarantine period.
- Unvaccinated individuals who are identified as close contacts will be required to quarantine for 5 days with the eligibility to return on day 6 (if asymptomatic). They must remain consistently masked at school for days 6-10.
- Vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact. However, they must remain consistently masked in school for 10 full days.
- Again, it is the parent's responsibility to speak with their child about consistent masking if their child meets the criteria of a close contact. School staff and administrators will not be responsible for enforcing masking.

From the School Nurse (continued):

COVID-19 Positive Information

- Students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate at home for 5 full days and can return if asymptomatic on day 6. However, they must continue to mask on days 6-10.

Questions?

- Please contact covid19@mssladeschool.com.

Advancement Announcements:

Enrollment

Re-registration for the 2022-2023 academic year has ended. Current students who have not re-registered will be assessed a late re-registration fee of \$100 per student. These fees will be applied to the student's enrollment agreement for the 2022-2023 academic year. For questions or assistance, please contact Mrs. Joanna Buchanan, Registrar, at 410-766-7130, ext. 108 or j.buchanan@mssladeschool.com.

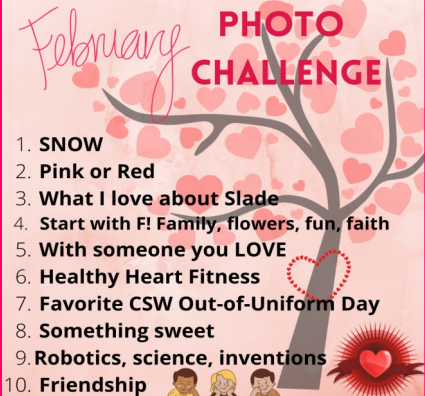
Enrollment agreements for the 2022-2023 academic year will be sent on **March 1, 2022**. Please complete the agreement for your student(s) once you have received it. Families cannot move forward to activate their 2022-2023 FACTS account until **all** agreements for **all** students in the family have been completed. All other checklist items or updated enrollment materials should be completed as the coming school year nears.

Refer New Students to Slade!

Spirit of Slade Referral Program: Current families can earn \$500.00 toward future tuition payments for each family referred to Monsignor Slade Catholic School. Tuition credits will be applied after the referred student(s) has/have been enrolled for a year. Instruct applicants to put your current student's name or family name on any application submitted.

Share the good news about Slade! Write a positive review on our Facebook page, Google, GreatSchools, Niche, Private School Review, etc. Send a printed copy (whether screenshot or print-out) to Mrs. Hilmer with your name and student's name included. **Reviews which can be confirmed can either earn ½ service hour for the reviewing family or entry into a gift card drawing.** Five winners will be chosen before Easter Break. Questions? Contact Carrie Hilmer, Advancement Director, at c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com.

February Photo Challenge: Seeking some February fun? Join this month's photo challenge! Submit photos to c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com or social media depicting an element of the photo challenge listed here.



February PHOTO CHALLENGE

1. SNOW
2. Pink or Red
3. What I love about Slade
4. Start with F! Family, flowers, fun, faith
5. With someone you LOVE
6. Healthy Heart Fitness
7. Favorite CSW Out-of-Uniform Day
8. Something sweet
9. Robotics, science, inventions
10. Friendship

HASA Happenings:

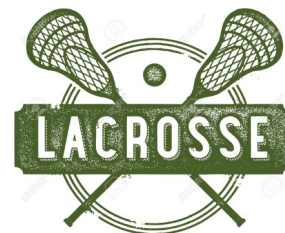
Our first annual HASA Family Night was a success! Even though the original event was rained out during Catholic Schools Week, families and students got together and had a fun evening of ice skating this past Thursday, February 10th. Maria D's Sub Shop was kind enough to offer a second Spirit Night on Thursday as well, so families were able to grab a quick bite to eat before heading home. Many thanks to Mrs. Kripas for making all the arrangements! We hope to sponsor this fun night again next year!



Sports Section:

Kindergarten to 2nd grade Girls Lacrosse Registration Open! Want to play lacrosse but missed the registration deadline? Registration has been reopened for girls in grades K-2 to add additional players to our Sticklettes team. Interested players should register by Monday, February 28th. Sign up today!

<https://monsignor-slade.sportssignup.com/site>



Slade Soccer: Slade will be having a soccer program this Spring! **Registration is open now** until March 13th with practice beginning the week of March 21st.

Here's the link to sign up today:

<https://monsignor-slade.sportssignup.com/site>

NOTE Please select the "Pay with Check" option until it is confirmed we have enough participation to run the program since this is our first year offering soccer in the spring.

Need Volunteer Hours???

The Athletic Council needs to fill the following positions: Field Hockey Commissioner, Basketball Co-Commissioner and the Athletic Council President for next school year. All interested parties please email SladeACpresident@gmail.com for more info.

Terrapin Times:

We hope you like the video of Poppy enjoying a live ruby red minnow.
(Parental discretion is advised.)



[Poppy's Lunch.mov](#)

Let all that you do
be done with
Love
I Corinthians 16:14

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



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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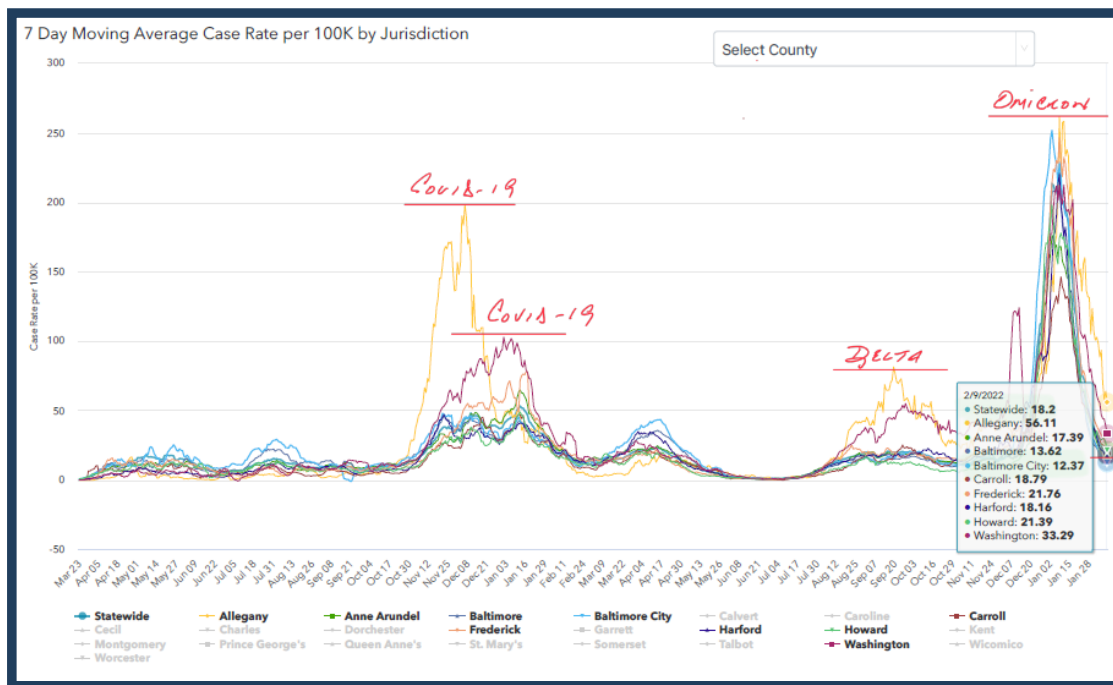
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Dear Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

We would like to provide an update regarding the COVID-mitigation protocols in our Catholic schools. The Department of Catholic Schools remains committed to following health and safety measures relative to the coronavirus pandemic and will continue to evaluate our policies as the COVID landscape evolves in the region.

Since March of 2020, we have received COVID guidance from distinguished health and infectious disease experts, including former Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Director and current Senior Public Health Advisor to Governor Hogan, Dr. Robert Redfield. Their consultation and guidance has helped shape our COVID-mitigation strategy, which has enabled our schools to operate safely for in-person instruction.

Following recent discussions with this team of health experts, we have decided to update the masking policy for our schools. This policy change comes at a time when our region is witnessing a significant decline in COVID transmission rates from the Omicron variant that emerged in November and resulted in the highest daily case rate since the beginning of the pandemic. Please see the graph below showing the different rate hikes and drops since March 2020.



Beginning on **Monday, February 14, 2022**, the Department of Catholic Schools will transition all archdiocesan schools, where jurisdictions allow, to optional masking. For students, this option will be based on parental choice. Staff and visitors will also have the option to wear a mask or not. This applies to all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.

* Catholic schools located in Baltimore City are required to continue following the order issued by the Baltimore City Health Department, mandating masks in all schools until lifted by Mayor Brandon Scott.

** Face masks are required for all individuals while on public transportation conveyances, including public and private school buses and vans. School buses are subject to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention order requiring masks on public transportation, which was issued in January of 2021.

Anyone who would like to wear a mask may continue to do so, and is fully supported in their decision and should be treated with respect. Parents of child(ren) of any age or vaccination status may request their own child(ren) wear a mask; however, enforcement of this request is between the parent and child, not the school administration, faculty or staff. The movement to parental choice masking is about a parent's personal accountability and responsibility for the health and well-being of their children.

While the archdiocese is implementing parental choice for masking, all Catholic schools will adhere to CDC guidance relative to individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have been identified as a close contact outside of school by the health department or other health officials. Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and those who are unvaccinated and identified as a close contact, are required to wear a mask following their respective period of isolation or quarantine for five additional days. Those who are vaccinated and identified as a close contact are not required to quarantine; however, they must wear a mask while in school for 10 days following the date of exposure.

Please remain vigilant and monitor the health of all members of your household. Our ability to offer in-person instruction is dependent on your partnership. If a child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, RSV, or Influenza, they should remain home to avoid exposing the school community to illness.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority. While COVID-19 vaccinations are not mandated in our schools, we encourage vaccination for all eligible students and staff to reduce the potential for serious illness and hospitalization. Catholic schools will continue to provide rapid antigen testing and surveillance testing to confirm symptomatic and identify asymptomatic cases that might contribute to an outbreak within a school community.

Let us pray that the road ahead offers hope for an end to illness and life under the shadow of COVID.

Thank you for your partnership and support.

Yours in Christ,



Mr. James Sellinger
Chancellor of Education



Dr. Donna Hargens
Superintendent

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Dear Monsignor Slade Catholic School,

Thank you for your help in serving the needy communities in our area. Please find below a list of the most-needed items this winter.

Items needed:

New underwear - Men and Women sizes: S-M-L
New Undershirts - Men and Women sizes: S-M-L
New Socks - Adult Men and Women
Long Johns - new or gently used - Men and Women sizes: S-M-L
Blankets/Comforters - new or gently used
Hand Warmers are always needed

Find out more about our organization on our website:

<https://paulsplaceoutreach.org/>

Our Mission is to be a catalyst and leader for change, improving the quality of life in the Southwest Baltimore communities. Paul's Place provides programs, services, and support that strengthen individuals and families, fostering hope, personal dignity and growth.

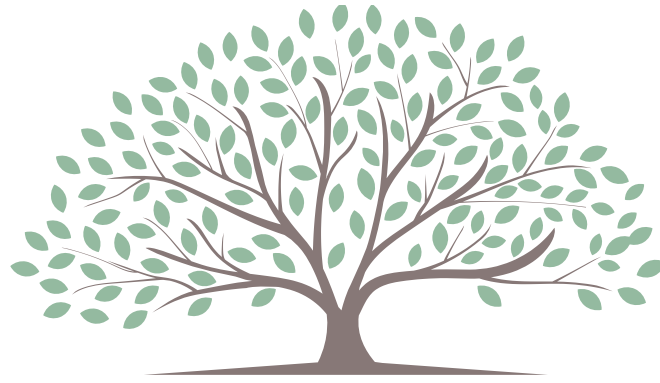
Paul's Place has been a steadfast source of support for residents of the Southwest Baltimore communities going on 38 years – starting as a two-day-a-week soup kitchen and becoming a one-stop destination with a wide array of resources for hundreds of individuals every day. Paul's Place now offers more than 20 programs to help guests along a path to self-sufficiency.

Last year there were...



43RD ANNUAL SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION

CHANGE OF DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022



50 YEARS OF CCHD:

**Rooted
in Justice**



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

VIRTUAL EVENT: WWW.ARCHBALTSMC.ORG

Keynote speaker: Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.,
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, Urban Vicar and Episcopal Vicar for Hispanic Catholics

SCHEDULE

9 – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome, Celebrating 50 Years of CCHD, and Opening Prayer Msgr. Richard Bozzelli
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Address: Bishop Bruce Lewandowski C.Ss.R.
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Morning Workshop
12 – 1 p.m.	Lunch & Social Ministry Fair
1 – 1:15 p.m.	Break
1:15 – 2 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
2 – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Workshop
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45 – 4 p.m.	Closing Prayer Service

WORKSHOPS

1. Year One of the Maryland Catholic Labor Network

Clayton Sinyai, US Catholic Labor Network; Fr. Ty Hullinger, St. Anthony, St. Dominic, & Most Precious Blood; Chuck Hendricks, Unite Here; Maureen Daly, Maryland Catholic Labor Network

Over the past year, the Catholic Labor Network, a national CCHD Strategic Grant Recipient, has worked with area Catholic social justice advocates to build a Maryland chapter. The Maryland CLN has worked to promote justice for ticket sellers at the Strathmore, secure right to recall for hotel workers in Baltimore, and launch a dialogue between labor and the Maryland Catholic Conference. Join us to learn more about the historic first year of the MD Catholic Labor Network and what we are fighting for in the MD 2022 Legislative session.

2. We Are All Part of God's Plan(et): The US Church's Commitment to Pope Francis' Laudato Si Action Plan on the Care for Our Common Home

Catholic Climate Covenant Staff

AM Spanish/PM English

How do we embrace and act upon the teachings of Laudato Si' to care for creation? How can your family, your parish, your school, your diocese participate in the Vatican's global Laudato Si' Action Platform. In this breakout session we will explore Pope Francis' call to care for our common home and brainstorm ideas of how to bring Laudato Si' to life in our communities.

3. CCHD – Dreams from the Past and Dreams for the Future

Marge Trenkle, Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Come and hear about how CCHD has impacted social justice ministry in our country and archdiocese in the past and dream with us about the future.

4. **ABC's of Social Justice**

Johnny Zokovitch, Pax Christi USA

Back by popular demand, this workshop describes the basic principles of social justice based on Catholic Social Teaching. Participants will explore these basic principles directed at the local parish community and how to incorporate them into daily parish life, through liturgy, social mission, cooperation with other like-minded groups, and otherwise.

5. **Dreaming of a Church that is Inclusive and Welcoming to LGBTQ+ Catholics**

Panel of LGBTQ+ Catholics, Families and Allies

In the spirit of Pope Francis and Synodality, let us join the voices of all LGBTQ+ Catholics, Families, & Allies to share our “Dream for a Church that is loving, inclusive, and welcoming!” All Are Welcome Parish Ministry is committed to making that dream become a reality. Also, meet Fr. Matt Buening, recently appointed as the Coordinator of Pastoral Care for the LGBTQ+ Community of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

6. **Rooted In Justice: Together Beyond Our Parish**

Sherita Thomas, Office of Black Catholic Ministries – Archdiocese of Baltimore; Darron C. Woodus, Holy Family Randallstown.

Where we are today as Black Catholics in Baltimore, rooted in social justice, and charged with the mission of evangelization and oneness in the church today.

7. **Right to Counsel for Renters**

Matt Hill, Esq., Maryland Public Justice Center

A crucial issue for low income renters is the guaranteed right to counsel for those who face legal action and potential eviction from landlords. Most low income renters in Baltimore City and Baltimore County do not have counsel to represent them and consequently are at a severe disadvantage in court appearances. This workshop will discuss the right to counsel for renters, local and state legislation concerning this right, and prospective programs that can be developed.

8. **Accompanying the Global Migrant**

Pat Jones; Silvia M. Peart, PhD; Fernando Paniagua, PhD

AM Spanish/PM English

Pope Francis states, “The Church is mother and her motherly attention is expressed with special tenderness and closeness to those who are obliged to flee their own country and exist between rootlessness and integration.” This workshop will address local community and congregational actions that promote the integration of which Pope Francis speaks. Speakers will detail the global movement of migrants in the world today and the ways in which we as a pastoral presence in our communities and congregations can Walk the Journey with migrants who come seeking accompaniment and a place to call home.

9. **Equity Now: Unconscious Bias and Baltimore's Equity Mission**

Dana Moore, Chief Equity Officer for the City of Baltimore

Baltimore City is hyper focused on assuring that access to opportunity and services is equitable. What does that mean, how is this being accomplished, and how can you be part of the effort? Attendees will get the answers to these questions and, have a roadmap for co-creating equity right where they are.

AWARDS

The **P. Francis Murphy Social Ministry Recognition Awards** are presented to parishioners who exemplify a commitment to social justice in service or advocacy, and are nominated by their pastors. All nominations are due March 11, 2022.

The **John Hook Parish Award** is given to an individual who has shown an outstanding consistent commitment to social justice ministry through a parish setting through direct service, advocacy, community organizing, and solidarity with the broader community over an extended period of time. This parishioner has also drawn others into the ministry of charity and justice.

The **Doris Johnson Community Award** is given to an individual who has worked for justice within the community in harmony with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. The award recipient has made a positive difference to those around them as well as those indirectly impacted by the issues addressed.

The **International Peace and Justice Award** honors an individual who is dedicated to peace, development, advocacy, and activism on issues involving international concerns consistent with Catholic Social Teaching.

For more information about awards, contact **Amy Lamke** at SVDPChurchLady@mail.com.

REGISTRATION

Because this year's event is virtual, we are asking all participants to register online. Online registration can be done at WWW.ARCHBALTSMC.ORG. This is also where you can access all Zoom links the day of the convocation.

Cost: \$10

Scholarships are available

If you need assistance with registration or scholarships please contact Sarah McIlvried at 667-600-2020 or smcilmvried@cc-md.org.

