



# WEEKLY UPDATE

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*Be a Light for All to See*  
Matthew 5:16

## Important reminders!

Monday, March 8, 2021:  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
for our annual Faculty  
Retreat.

Friday, March 12, 2021:  
Progress Reports will be  
emailed via SwiftK.

## Important News & Notes:

**Congratulations!:** Congratulations to 8th grader Alex Pfeiffenberger for representing Monsignor Slade so well in the Anne Arundel County Spelling Bee this past Saturday, February 27, 2021. Alex was one of 25 contestants and finished in the top 10. We are so proud of Alex's accomplishment!



**Happy Helpers for the Homeless:** Many thanks to our 3rd and 4th grade families for your 'bag a breakfast' donations to Happy Helpers for the Homeless. Your generosity is much appreciated! Once again, we would also like to thank our trusty volunteers, Mrs. Susan Pippin and Mrs. Rosa MacLean, who collected our 'Bag a Breakfast' donations this morning. Mrs. Pippin kindly delivered the donations to the Happy Helpers headquarters in Halethorpe later in the day. We are very proud to have had 135 breakfasts to donate this month!! Again, thanks so much to everyone who was involved. We appreciate your participation in this worthy cause!

**In-Person Learners:** If you have chosen in-person learning for your student(s), it is expected that your child will attend school each day. In-person learners should only remain home if they are ill or quarantined. If this is the case, please remember to contact Nurse Lydon at [absences@mssladeschool.com](mailto:absences@mssladeschool.com) or [covid19@mssladeschool.com](mailto:covid19@mssladeschool.com). We have found that when in-person learners' attendance is not regular, disparities are created which make it difficult for both teachers and students to ensure consistent learning and progress.

**Culture and Climate Survey** - As you learned in a previous e-blast communication, the Johns Hopkins University Institute for Education Policy is conducting a school culture and climate survey. Parents are asked to complete the survey on or before March 12, 2021. All responses are strictly confidential and will only be analyzed by researchers at JHU. School and Archdiocesan personnel will not have access to individual survey responses.

If your student is an **in-person learner for T2**, please use the following link:

[https://jhuedu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6h6j1SJh5f66kf4?Source=MonsignorSladeCatholicSchoolParentsInPerson](https://jhuedu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6h6j1SJh5f66kf4?Source=MonsignorSladeCatholicSchoolParentsInPerson)

If your student is a **remote learner for T2**, please use the following link:

[https://jhuedu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Muu3JyzMhIsHpc?Source=MonsignorSladeCatholicSchoolParentsRemote](https://jhuedu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Muu3JyzMhIsHpc?Source=MonsignorSladeCatholicSchoolParentsRemote)

We thank you in advance for your assistance and time spent on this important survey.

**T3 Returning Students:** Today, March 5, 2021, marks the start of T3. Many students returned to in-person learning for the first time this year. We are very happy to be welcoming back more students for this final trimester of the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents should have received a wellness survey; this survey should be filled out each morning prior to arriving on campus. A large sign with the last name and grade level of the youngest child should be placed in the passenger side front window. After being directed to a drop-off lane, please have students wait in the car until a staff member signals for them to step out. Students will then follow the yellow line down to a yellow cone where they will wait until a staff member directs them to safely cross and walk to the building.

## Important News & Notes (continued):

Students should enter through the following marked doors: Pre-K4-1st grade = carport door; 3rd, 7th, and 8th grade = middle stairwell door; and 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade = the far right stairwell doors.

### **OPERATION MATO GROSSO - Food Drive for Lent, February 17 - March 31 -**

Please be reminded that Monsignor Slade Catholic School is collecting food items to benefit those in need with our sister school in Peru, Lord of Polallucay, which is the only Catholic school in Yungay, Peru. The food collected will be used at the mission school, and also at soup kitchens and local hospitals, as well as others in need in the town of Yungay. See flyer attached for further information.

**Summer Uniform:** As a reminder, students may begin wearing the **optional** summer uniform to school on Monday, March 15th. Please refer to page 45 of the 2020-2021 Parent & Student Handbook for summer uniform guidelines. If you are interested in purchasing summer uniform pieces, you may contact our uniform supplier, FlynnO'Hara Uniforms, at 1-800-441-4122, or order online at [www.flynnohara.com/school/md178](http://www.flynnohara.com/school/md178).

**Uniform Reminders:** Please take the time to review the uniform policies listed on pp 45-47 of the Parent & Student Handbook. We have noticed some students wearing masks of the wrong color or with printing and/or patterns, socks and shoes that are of the wrong color and/or style, light-up shoes, and hair that needs trimming. Also, please be reminded that only plain water may be contained in water bottles; no juice, coffee, sodas, etc., are permitted.

**Yearbook Purchase:** Parents, if you are interested in purchasing a yearbook for your child, please complete the form by using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4INNggq-zzhWuquyestOZuWsf1WuDYrziVUoyerwcBXbpwRw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>. The cost of the yearbook is \$24.00 and will be charged to your FACTS account in April. **Please be reminded that eighth grade students do not need to order a yearbook.** The cost of the yearbook is included in their graduation fees.

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## Grade Level Reminders:

**8th Grade -** Parents, please use the following link to list high school acceptances, as well as scholarships and/or awards your child has received this year:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sAcTyWoDziTl0NufGu0Dmbm0ZnMnVZd-cbjTOSG2k3E/edit?usp=sharing>.

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## From the School Nurse:

### Active Travel Restrictions by Governor Hogan:

- On December 17, 2020:
  - 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.
  - “This Order remains effective until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.”

## From the School Nurse: (continued)

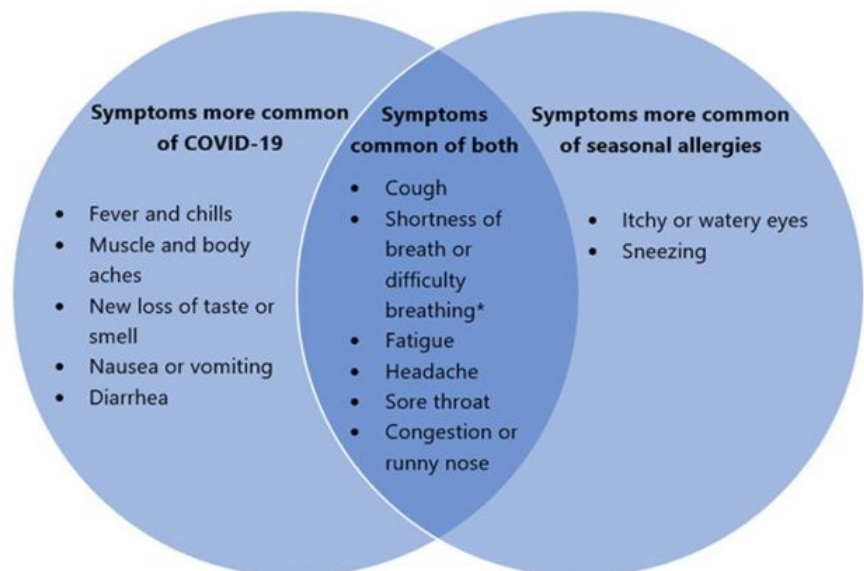
- Please note that the school requires a COVID-19 PCR test and does not accept rapid test results.
- <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Traveler-Testing-and-Quarantine-12.17.20.pdf>
- Please keep this Executive Order in mind as you plan your Easter break.

### COVID-19 Testing Pilot Update:

- As of March 3, 2021, the Archdiocese is changing the lab that our PCR tests are processed by. Instead of the Maryland State Lab, we will be sending specimens collected at school to Mako Medical Laboratories via FedEx.
- The type of swab performed remains the same. Both the rapid and PCR tests performed at school with consent are anterior nares swabs which are inserted less than 1 inch into each nostril.
- PCR test results will now be available through a patient portal on Mako's website that you can access using your student's information.

### Spring Tips:

- Please refer to the venn diagram below. COVID-19 and allergies have a lot of symptoms in common and only a physician is able to diagnose. Your child may be sent home if they have multiple symptoms.
- In order to limit this as much as possible...
  - If your child has seasonal allergies and the school does not have documentation, please have your physician fax documentation to the school at 410-787-0594.
  - Speak with your child's pediatrician about daily allergy medication if appropriate.



### COVID-19 FAQ and Reminders:

**What determines a COVID-like illness?** Please see the latest COVID-19 Decision Aid for Schools which is attached.

- One of the following:
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste or smell

## From the School Nurse: (continued)

- Two of the following:
  - Fever of 100.4 or higher
  - Chills
  - Muscle aches
  - Sore throat
  - Headache
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Fatigue
  - Congestion or runny nose
  
- ⇒ **If your child is showing COVID-like symptoms...** notify the nurse at [j.lydon@mssladeschool.com](mailto:j.lydon@mssladeschool.com) and contact your physician. You must then pick **one** of the following options and send documentation in order for your child to return to school:
  - ◆ Receive an alternative diagnosis from a physician (strep throat, ear infection, seasonal allergies, etc.)
  - ◆ Schedule your child for a COVID-19 PCR test and receive negative PCR results. We do not accept rapid results in order for your child to return to school.
  - ◆ Have your child successfully complete a 10 day quarantine and remain asymptomatic. Day 0 is the onset of symptoms.
  
- ⇒ **If your child is a close contact of someone at school...** you will be notified when the sick individual receives a test result or alternative diagnosis.
  
- ⇒ **If a parent or member of the household is sick...** please keep your child (who is a close contact) home from school to decrease the risk of transmission. Make sure the sick individual is isolating away from the rest of the household. Children can return to school once the sick individual receives a negative COVID-19 PCR test or an alternative diagnosis from a physician.
  
- ⇒ **If anyone in the household is awaiting results from a COVID-19 test...** All students must stay home while the family member is waiting for results. This also means that students who are waiting for their own test results must stay home.
  
- ⇒ **If a parent or immediate family member receives a positive test...** please try to isolate yourself as much as possible and follow the Maryland Health Department Guidelines. Children must quarantine for 10 days since the last exposure to the COVID-19 positive family member before returning to school. If isolation from the sick individual is impossible, the child's quarantine period begins when the affected individual's isolation period ends.

### 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](mailto: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:

**Enrollment Agreements** have been sent for the 2021-2022 school year. Please review the agreement in its entirety; the document has been revised for the coming year. If you have not received your student's enrollment agreement or have concerns, please contact Mrs. Hilmer at [c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com). If all enrollment agreements are complete, proceed to FACTS to activate your 2021-2022 account. All other checklist items or updated enrollment materials should be completed as soon as possible.

**Current Waitlists:** Pre-K2, Pre-K3 Full- and Half-Day classes, Pre-K4, 7th, and 8th grades have formed waitlists for next year. We also anticipate that Kindergarten and 6th grades will soon transition to waitlist status. Please share this information with anyone you may have referred to Monsignor Slade or any family you may refer in the future.

**Advancement Committee:** Mark your calendar! Our March meeting is scheduled to take place virtually on March 9, 2021. A reminder, agenda, and credentials will be sent next week.

**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 will be entered into a gift card drawing. Five winners will be chosen. Questions? Contact Carrie Hilmer, Advancement Director, at [c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com).

**March Photo Challenge:** Create some March memories; join this month's photo challenge! Submit photos via email or social media depicting an element of the photo challenge listed below.



**PHOTO CHALLENGE**

*March*

1. Signs of spring
2. Slade Spirit Day
3. Lucky charm
4. Inspired by Dr. Seuss
5. Women you admire
6. Happy Helpers Breakfast making
7. Green
8. National Foreign Language Month
9. Slade Cheer throwback!
10. Favorite craft/activity



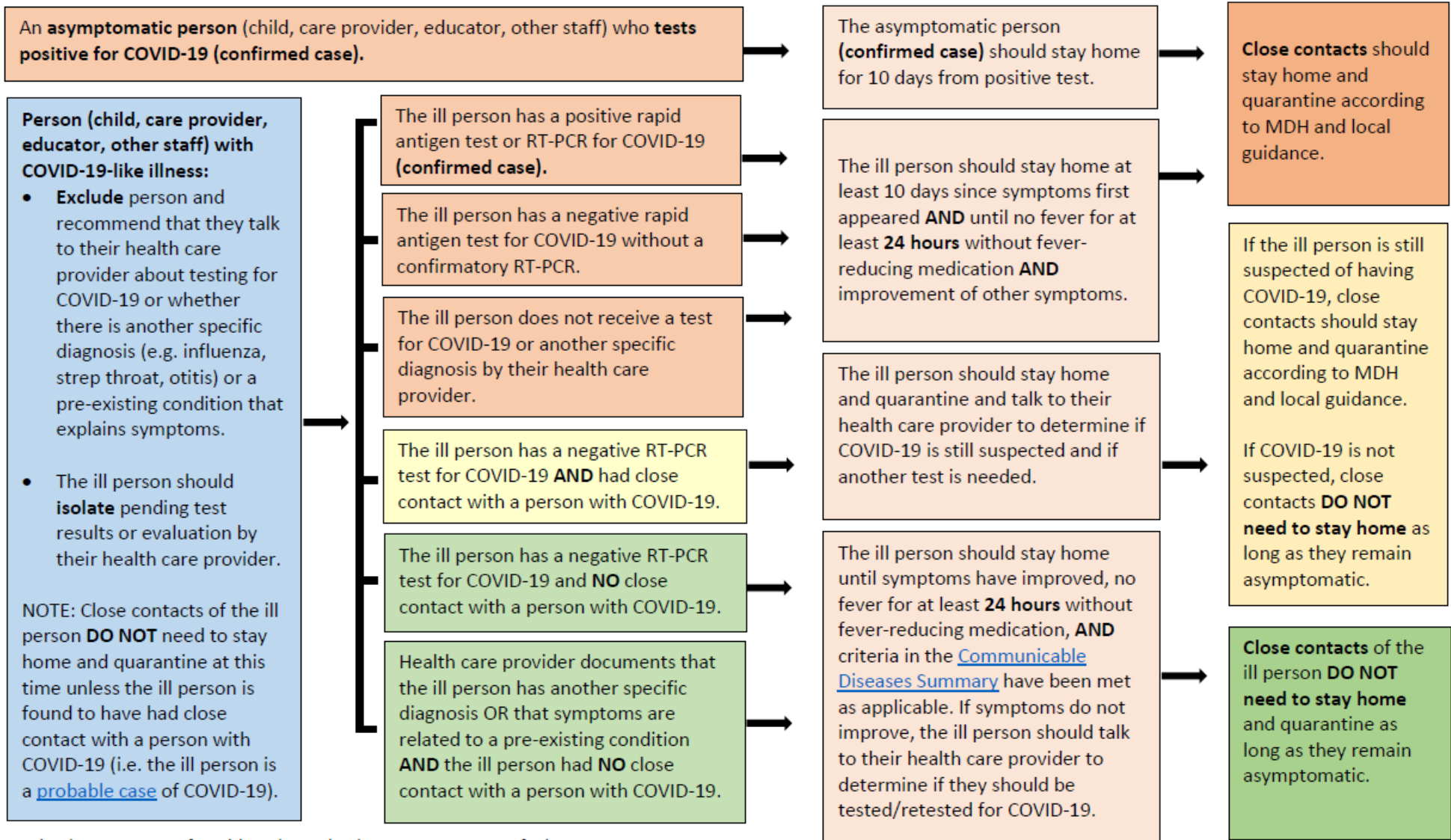
### Mission Statement

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.

## Decision Aid: Exclusion and Return for Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Persons with COVID-19-like Illness in Schools, Child Care Programs, and Youth Camps

**For the purposes of this decision aid, COVID-19-like illness is defined as: Any 1** of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, **OR At least 2** of the following: fever of 100.4° or higher (measured or subjective), chills or shaking chills, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and congestion or runny nose.

Person (child, care provider, educator, other staff) with **1 new symptom not meeting the definition of COVID-19-like illness.** → Exclude person and allow return when symptoms have improved, no fever for at least **24 hours** without fever-reducing medication, **AND** criteria in the [Communicable Diseases Summary](#) have been met as applicable. **If person develops symptoms of COVID-19-like illness, follow processes below for person with COVID-19-like illness.**



# OPERATION MATO GROSSO

## *Food Drive for Lent*



### **OPERATION MATO GROSSO** - *Food Drive for Lent, February 17 - March 31*

Monsignor Slade Catholic School is partnering once again with a Peruvian school named Lord of Polallucay, which is the only Catholic school in Yungay, Peru. During Lent, we would like to continue our mission work with our sister school and collect food items to benefit those in need.

**DURING THIS *LENT*, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND PEOPLE IN NEED.**

### **We will collect 6 staple food items:**

<b>PASTA</b>	Pre-K2, Pre-K3, Pre-K4 & Kdg.
<b>SUGAR</b>	Grades 1 & 2
<b>FLOUR</b>	Grades 3 & 4
<b>RICE</b>	Grades 5 & 6
<b>CANNED VEGGIES</b>	Grades 7 & 8
<b>COOKING OIL</b>	Grades 7 & 8

The food collected will be used at the mission school, local soup kitchens and hospitals, as well as others in need in the town of Yungay, Peru.

Operation Mato Grosso's objective is to fill an entire shipping container of food to send to Peru sometime after Easter.

# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Slade Night at Italia's Corner Café 4-9 p.m.	4 Trimester 2 ends	5 Trimester 3 begins Brown Bag Breakfasts- Grades 3 & 4	6
7	8 Faculty Retreat SCHOOL CLOSED	9 Virtual HASA Executive Board 5:30 p.m.  Virtual Advancement Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12 Progress Reports distributed	13
14	15	16	17 Slade Spirit Day <i>Students may wear Slade spirit wear or green &amp; white attire</i>	18	19 Tuition Assistance Out-of-uniform Day \$2 per student  Honor Roll Assembly	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			