



# WEEKLY UPDATE

**MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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*Be a Light for All to See*  
Matthew 5:16



## Next week's calendar:

Thursday, April 22, 2021

- Race for Slade
- Earth Day

Friday, April 23, 2021

- Interims emailed to remote learners and hand-carried by in-person learners
- Tuition Assistance Out-of-Uniform Day, \$2 per student



Race for Slade takes place on Thursday, April 22nd! Don't forget to send out those donation letters! Lace up your sneakers and get ready to race!!

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## Important News & Notes:

**2021-2022 Calendar:** The following tentative dates have been established by the Archdiocese for the 2021-2022 school year:

- \* August 30, 2021 - 1st day of school
- \* November 24, 2021-November 28, 2021 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- \* December 22, 2021-January 3, 2022 - Christmas Holiday
- \* April 15, 2022-April 24, 2022 - Easter Holiday
- \* June 1, 2022 - 8th Grade Graduation
- \* June 9, 2022 - Last day of school

**Scantron Performance Series Assessment - Spring Administration:** The spring Scantron Performance Series Assessment will be administered to grades 2-8 beginning on Monday, April 26, 2021. Students will be tested in reading, language arts, math, and science. Please see the schedule below for your child(ren)'s days and times. It is important that students receive a good night's rest and have a healthy breakfast the morning of testing. Testing will begin promptly at 8:35 a.m., so it is imperative that all students arrive/log-in before that time in order to get settled for testing. If students are late, they will not be admitted to their classrooms until there is a break between tests. Any missed test will need to be made up, so please ensure that your child is present and on time. Mrs. Cox will be sending home student log-in information for remote students at least one day prior to the start of a series of tests.

Grade(s)	Date	Time & Test
7 & 8	April 26, 2021	8:35-9:35: Reading 9:55-10:55: Language Arts
7 & 8	April 27, 2021	8:35-9:35: Math 9:55-10:55: Science
6	April 27, 2021	8:35-9:35: Math 9:55-10:55: Science
6	April 28, 2021	8:35-9:35: Reading 9:55-10:55: Language Arts
4 & 5	April 29, 2021	8:35-9:35: Reading 9:55-10:55: Language Arts
4 & 5	April 30, 2021	8:35-9:35: Math 9:55 -10:55: Science
2 & 3	April 30, 2021	8:35-9:35: Reading
2 & 3	May 3, 2021	8:35-9:35: Language Arts
2 & 3	May 4, 2021	8:35-9:35: Math
2 & 3	May 5, 2021	8:35-9:35: Science

## Important News & Notes (continued):

**Chess Wizards is an at-home online Chess Enrichment Program** for students in grades K - 6 who are interested in learning the game of Chess. The program uses an interactive, question-based curriculum design and is similar to a comedy sketch to get the students excited and participate in their own learning process.. The instructors, who dress like Chess Wizards, lead many exciting activities such as team games, puzzles, challenges, and tournaments, which are designed to make the learning experience both challenging and fun. Please see the attached flyer for specifics and to sign up.

**Summer Band Information:** Attached you will find information from the Instrumental Music Program and Slade's band director, Mr. Osment, about the Summer Band Program. Current band members have already received this information but for those students who may have been in the band program before the pandemic and who may be interested in rejoining in the fall, summer band would be an excellent opportunity for students to brush up on their musical skills. Please see the flyers attached for further information about the program, as well as registration information. If you have questions for Mr. Osment, please feel free to contact him at [sladeband@verizon.net](mailto:sladeband@verizon.net).

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## Grade Level Reminders:

**7th Grade Pre-HSPT Test:** Please mark your calendars as all Archdiocesan elementary schools will administer the pre-HSPT to all 7th graders on Tuesday, May 4th. This is a new initiative aimed at preparing rising 8th grade students for the fall 2021 HSPT administration. All in-person and remote learners will be taking this practice test on campus beginning at 8:30 a.m. In-person learners will take it within their cohort classrooms. Remote students will be taking the test in the auditorium and are asked to arrive in uniform between 8:00-8:15 a.m. in order to be temperature checked and have time to settle in prior to the start of the test. The test will last approximately three hours. More information will follow as the date draws nearer.

**8th Grade Graduation Information:** Parents, please be sure to complete the Release of Records form that was sent to you with the graduation letter on Tuesday, April 13th, and forward the completed form to the school registrar, Mrs. Joanna Buchanan, at your earliest convenience. Her email address is [j.buchanan@msladeschool.com](mailto:j.buchanan@msladeschool.com). Also, if you have not responded to the survey listed below, please be sure to add your graduate's information today. In order to be prepared for graduation, we need this information as soon as possible. If you have already responded, we thank you for your cooperation and support.

Please use the following link to provide information about high school acceptances, what high school your child will be attending, and any scholarships or special honors offered to your 8th grade student:

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

**From the 8th Grade Graduation Parent Committee:** We are asking for 3-5 photos of your graduate to use in the end-of-year video. Please begin gathering school-related photos (field trips, concerts, classroom parties, sports, etc.) that have been taken over the years. Group pictures with fellow graduates preferred. Please do not submit photos of students in swimwear. Send your photos to: [mcs2021photos@gmail.com](mailto:mcs2021photos@gmail.com).



## Advancement Announcements:

**BOOST scholarship deadline extended!** [Marylandboost.org](http://Marylandboost.org). This scholarship through the Maryland BOOST Scholarship Coalition is available to families who fall within the income requirements for free and/or reduced lunch. All students who would be considered eligible, whether transferring from public school, currently attending a private school or Monsignor Slade, are able to apply. **The deadline for submission of complete applications is 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2021.**

**2021 - 2022 Enrollment Agreements** have been sent out. If you did not receive your enrollment agreement, please contact Mrs. Carrie Hilmer, [c.hilmer@msladeschool.com](mailto:c.hilmer@msladeschool.com) or call 410-766-7130.

**Friendly reminder:** Enrollment agreements and FACTS accounts for the 2021-2022 academic year must be completed and activated on or before **May 1, 2021**. Families who do not complete these tasks will risk their student(s)' placement on waiting lists in affected grades.

**Middle School Information Night:** This virtual event will take place on April 29, 2021. Remember to refer friends and neighbors interested in 6th grade; there are still a few remaining seats! (Currently, we have waiting lists for 7th and 8th grade.) Families will need to RSVP for the event in advance in order to receive credentials to attend the virtual event.

## HASA Happenings:



**Race for Slade:** Next Thursday, April 22, 2021, the students will participate in our annual Race for Slade. Please note that all children will wear their gym uniform to school on Thursday for this event. Also, please consider sending in an extra water bottle for your child that day to ensure they have extra water during the race. Thank you to all the families who have already sent their donation letters. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dawn Keyton via email at [dawnslade2023@gmail.com](mailto:dawnslade2023@gmail.com).

## Sports Section:

The Athletic Council needs your help to fill two positions for the 2021-2022 school year. We need to fill the Lacrosse Commissioner and Council Secretary. This is a perfect opportunity to be trained by the current incumbent. All interested parties please email [sladeacpresident@gmail.com](mailto:sladeacpresident@gmail.com) for more information on how to apply.



### 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.

# Chess Class Has Moved Online!

Same exciting curriculum, now available online



Private lessons  
and group



Tactics, strategies,  
and puzzles



Safe and secure



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

## Sample Class Structure

### 15 minutes before class:

Login, homework review

🕒 10 Min

### 1 hour class:

Concept of the day

🕒 10 Min

Reinforcing puzzles

🕒 10 Min

Game play, with instructor review

🕒 20 Min

Variation games and fun activities

🕒 15 Min

Assign and explain homework

🕒 5 Min

## 1 Hour 64 Squares

### Infinite Possibilities

Themed classes and group classes (up to 6 children) are just a few examples of the amazing experiences our online classes have to offer!

Not sure what level to sign up for?

Here is the Chess Skill Level **PLACEMENT TEST**

All skill levels will run at the same dates and time. Kindergartners will sign up to the kindergarten class. Grades 1-6 will sign up for their appropriate classes



## Chess Wizards Online

**Grades:** 1st - 6th + K-Only

**Instructor:** 1:6 maximum

**Student Ratio**

**Tech** Computer or tablet,

**Requirements:** Microphone and Internet

**Skill Levels:** Kindergarten, Brand New, Beginning Wizard, Intermediate Wizard, Strong Intermediate

## Class Information

**School:** Monsignor Slade Catholic School

**Dates:** 04/22, 04/29, 05/06, 05/13, 05/20, 05/27

**No Class on:** N/A

**Class Day and Time:** Thursdays at 4:00-5:00PM EST

**Total # of Classes:** 6

**Price:** \$78



Classes available Monday - Saturday!

**Sign Up Today!**

**Call Us:**

1-866-949-4386

**Register here:**

chesswizards.com

**Mail Us:**

office@chesswizards.com

**Attention all school band members – both current and former band members:**

You are invited to join our top notch summer band program which is open to current and former members. Students will receive all new great music and perform in a concert. Former band members who miss playing their instrument or being in the school band --- use this summer to be prepared to play again in the fall with your friends. The registration form is attached to this newsletter and should be mailed to the Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact your school band director or call the Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore office at 410-442-5804.

## Summer Band Clinic - 2021

What a year it has been! We are excited to share the details of our upcoming summer band clinic. Playing a musical instrument is a year-round activity, and as we continue our path towards in-person instruction, we have developed a plan which will enable us to continue your child's musical development over the summer. Participation is especially important for beginning students.

**FORMAT:** The instruction aspect of the clinic will be an online activity, but we are planning a safe, socially-distanced in-person concert at the end of summer band. If we are not able to hold an in-person concert due archdiocesan or state rules, then a virtual concert will be held. The clinic will consist of three distinct bands: beginning (those completing their first year), intermediate and advanced; your school band director will determine the level. Summer band instruction will take place over 3 weeks and our 4<sup>th</sup> week will be our dress rehearsals and the concert.

**INSTRUCTION DATES:** The summer clinic will begin on Tuesday, June 29 and will be held three times per week ending Thursday, July 15. **Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 pm; Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 pm; and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.** Each session will be divided into three 45-minute activities: a sectional, band rehearsal, and music theory and games. A short break will be held between each activity. Students can complete all three activities in one day or they may divide them over the three days. The program can be tailored to fit individual family needs, and participants may attend as often as they like --- there is no limit. Note: the Tuesday sessions will be recorded for those students who need to miss that week; student names will not be recorded. Recorded sessions will be available for viewing upon request only; please contact your school band director for the link.

**CONCERT AND DRESS REHEARSAL:** The dress rehearsals and concert will take place outside during the evening hours the week of July 19. We hope to hold a dress rehearsal for each band at a local Catholic elementary school on Monday, July 19 with a rain date of July 20<sup>th</sup>. The time for each band will be posted as soon as possible. The concert will be held Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The concert report time and start time will be posted as soon as possible. While it is highly encouraged, participation in the dress rehearsal and concert is not mandatory in order to take part in summer band. **In the event we are unable to have an in-person concert, the dress rehearsals and concert will be held virtually.**

**FEE and REGISTRATION:** **\$112 per child.** Access to this program will be available ONLY to families who are registered. There is no limit to the number of sessions your child may attend. Access codes, times for specific levels and materials will be sent to you when we receive your registration form and fee. To guarantee you receive the code, times and materials prior to the start, registration forms and fee must be received in the band office by June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer to have the materials mailed to you rather than emailed, please indicate that on your registration form and include an additional fee of \$7.00 to cover the extra expense.

**EQUIPMENT:** To fully participate we ask that everyone have video capability and a device with a microphone, a cell phone or tablet should suffice.

If you have any questions, please call your teacher or the music program office at 410-442-5804, or check our website, [www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org](http://www.instrumentalmusicprogram.org).

Please return the summer band form by **June 15, 2021** to ensure you receive all materials prior to the start of summer band.



## Summer Band Registration Form 2021

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM-BALTIMORE \* P.O. Box 418 \* West Friendship, MD 21794**

School \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: \_\_\_\_\_ emailed \_\_\_\_\_ mailed (add \$7.00)

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please make all checks payable to Instrumental Music Program-Baltimore. The registration form above needs to be mailed along with your check to the above address. If you wish to pay by credit card (a small fee will be assessed), please call the music program office at 410-442-5804. Registration forms may also be emailed to [instrumentalmusic.baltimore@gmail.com](mailto:instrumentalmusic.baltimore@gmail.com).**