



WEEKLY UPDATE

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
120 Dorsey Road · Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061 · 410-766-7130

Volume 4, Issue 35

April 23, 2021

Be a Light for All to See
Matthew 5:16



2021-2022 Calendar:

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

- August 31, 2021 - 1st day of school
- November 24-28, 2021 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 20, 2021 - January 2, 2022 - Christmas Holiday
- April 15-24, 2022 - Easter Holiday
- June 1, 2022 - 8th Grade Graduation
- June 9, 2022 - Last day of school

Next week's calendar:

- Thursday, April 29, 2021
- Virtual Middle School Information Night, 6:30 p.m.

Important News & Notes:

Happy Helpers for the Homeless: Many thanks to our 5th and 6th grade families for your 'bag a breakfast' donations to Happy Helpers for the Homeless last Friday, April 16th. Your generosity is much appreciated! We would also like to thank Mrs. Rosa MacLean, who collected our 'Bag a Breakfast' donations at the carport and Mr. Brad from the maintenance department, who delivered the breakfasts to the Happy Helpers headquarters in Halethorpe later that day. We are very proud to have had 152 breakfasts to donate!! Again, thanks so much to everyone who was involved. We really appreciate your participation in this worthy cause!

Race for Slade: A hearty thank you goes to Mrs. Dawn Keyton, parent of 6th grader, Kaitlyn Keyton, for organizing such a successful Race for Slade event. We were fortunate to have a beautiful day for the students to get outside and run. Thank you so much to the many families who donated in support of a Leveled Library for use throughout the school. Donations are still being accepted either by using the attached donation form or online by using <https://www.msladeschool.com/giving/fundraisers/race-for-slade>.



Scantron - Spring Administration: The spring Scantron will be administered to grades 2-8 beginning on Monday, April 26, 2021. The schedule for administration was sent out last week. As your students' testing days approach, you will receive a grade-level specific letter explaining the test and log-in procedures in more detail. Parents of students in grades 3, 5, and 7 will find new information related to the social studies achievement test that your children will take. Please be sure to read the letter carefully.

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. 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.

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 further details.

Summer Band Information: Attached you will find information from 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 band information at-

Important News & Notes (continued):

tached 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@comcast.net.

Field Day: Field Day for K-8 In-Person Students Is Back! Parents, please see the attached flyer if you would like to volunteer. All volunteers must be VIRTUS compliant and can volunteer only for the grades in which their children are enrolled. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate siblings as volunteers, participants, or attendees. Thank you to the more than 50 parents who have already volunteered! This day could not run without you!!

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@mssladeschool.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.

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:mscs2021photos@gmail.com).

Rising 7th & 8th graders: Anne Arundel Community College is offering a Gen-Cyber fully funded by the National Security Agency and the National Science Foundation and is provided at no charge to selected applicants. Students will learn about safe online behavior, ethics and cybersecurity from experienced instructors. Topics will include application development, protecting information, password security, remote access and building your own computer with Raspberry Pi. They will participate in collaborative projects and learn how to solve problems, evaluate evidence, analyze arguments and generate hypotheses.

This camp is open to students ages 12 to 14 who have completed grades 6 or 7. The deadline for applications is May 21.

The application can be found at <https://www.aacc.edu/programs-and-courses/personal-enrichment/kids-in-college/genCyber-camp/>.

The program will be online beginning Friday June 25 – Friday July 2, 2021. The program will meet from 8:50 am – 3:30 pm.



Advancement Announcements:

BOOST scholarship deadline extended! 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.**

Enrollment: Just a friendly reminder that 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, at 6:30 p.m. 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 in advance to c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com in order to receive credentials to attend the virtual event.

~Mother's Day Fun~

Without a chance like "Muffins with Mom" to capture photos of our Slade students and their mothers or grandmothers, we have not been able to enjoy seeing our Slade moms in action with their kids! If you would like, submit a photograph of yourself and your uniformed Slade student(s) to Mrs. Hilmer for a special surprise. Photos can be sent via email to c.hilmer@mssladeschool.com or sent via social media message.

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 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.



DONATION FORM

On Thursday, April 22, 2021, students laced up their sneakers and ran together with their cohorts in our annual *Race for Slade*. This school year, money is being raised to help fund a whole-school guided reading library, which provides instructional resources and professional support to help children of all ages acquire the knowledge and strategies needed to develop lifetime reading skills. This library will be an invaluable resource for our teachers and students as well.

Once again this year, we have an online option for donating to the *Race for Slade*. Please visit our site at <https://www.msladeschool.com/giving/fundraisers/race-for-slade> to donate online. If you would like to donate via mail, please complete and detach the bottom portion of this form with a check for your sponsoring contributions no later than **Friday, May 21, 2021**. Please make checks payable to Monsignor Slade Catholic School, located at 120 Dorsey Rd, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061.

Thank you for supporting Monsignor Slade!

Student Name:

Homeroom:

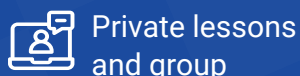
Grade:

Donation \$:

Sponsor Name:

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 4th 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 20th. The time for each band will be posted as soon as possible. The concert will be held Wednesday, July 21st with a rain date of Thursday, July 22nd. 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 15th. 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.

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

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 _____

VSC2021

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.